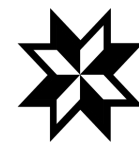


Off the Shelf



July/August 2011

**Galesburg
Public Library**
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Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed



Galesburg Public Library Mission Statement

To serve the community as a general center of information, and to provide opportunity and encouragement for people to use its services and materials to meet their educational, personal, professional, recreational and cultural needs.

Library Closed

Monday, July 4

New at the Library

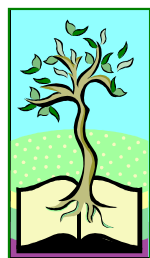


The books on the shelves in the Non-fiction area of the library have been rearranged. In response to numerous patron suggestions, the section has been arranged to flow more naturally. Logistically that has not been possible until now. The books are still shelved by the Dewey number. They still start under the clock in the large reading room area but now go all the way to the back wall, turn and come back up the same aisle, on the opposite side, and continue to “snake” back and forth, up and down the aisles. There is no longer any awkward break. The books flow in a similar manner in the fiction section. The library staff hopes that this will be a more user-friendly arrangement.

There is a special bulletin board in the entryway to the library from the city parking lot which will be a central location for people to read about upcoming library and library-sponsored events. While information about these programs may be found in other locations around the building, online, in the newsletter, on the radio and in the local paper, this will give the big picture of what’s happening at GPL.

Two new online reference sources are available on the library’s website. Salem History provides access to the *Historical Encyclopedia of American Business and Decades* series 1930-1970. Salem Health provides access to *Magill’s Medical Guide*. Click on “Electronic Resources” on the library’s home page, www.galesburglibrary.org. Next click “Research Databases” to find these new sites listed or go to www.galesburglibrary.org/electronic.html for more direct access.

Genie Lock-In



If you would like to begin working on your family tree, have been researching for a while but need a little help, or would just like to talk with other genealogists, the library is offering a casual afternoon workshop to help you. The lock-in will take place on Sunday, July 24 from 1:30 until 4 p.m. at the library. Anyone interested in finding ancestors who settled in this area is welcome to come and join us. The library doors will be open a limited time from 1:15 to 1:30 p.m. Only those interested in doing genealogy work will be allowed in. The library will not be open to the general public, and you will not be able to check out books, DVDs, etc. during the afternoon. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you on July 24.

Summer Reading for All Ages



The summer reading program, “A Midsummer Knight’s Read,” continues for all ages **through Saturday, July 30. That is the last day to get credit for books read.** See page two of the newsletter for details about special programs in July for children and young adults.

Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick

Is there any Christian group that formally believes in reincarnation?

The short answer is no, not as we commonly think of reincarnation, and certainly not among the more orthodox denominations of Christianity.



Dr. George Marshall, a Unitarian-Universalist minister, states that since Unitarianism has no formal creeds or doctrines, some of its members may have a belief in reincarnation. Unitarians accept some tenets of Christianity as well as some from other faiths and understandings. Mormonism, a variation of Christianity that also diverges from the mainstream, does not espouse what we usually think of as reincarnation, but it does teach “a pre-mortal existence during which we lived with our Heavenly Father. Man progresses eternally, and mortality is one phase in that progression,” according to Richard Eyre, a Mormon author and lecturer.

Historically, Origen, an early Christian scholar, believed in something a bit similar, namely the pre-existence of souls, which he derived from Plato. Again, this is not really reincarnation, although it does at least bear some similarity. To compare religious beliefs, you might enjoy looking at the excellent book *How Different Religions View Death and Afterlife* (291.23/How).

Teen News by Melinda Jones-Rhoades

Thursday, July 14 from 3-4 p.m. Wii Open Play On the eve of the opening of the final Harry Potter movie, come experience your favorite Harry Potter moments with this interactive video game on the library’s big screen. This event is open to children and teens. No registration is required.

Friday, July 22 from 6:30-9 p.m. A Midsummer Knight’s Lock-In for Teens You are invited for an evening of fun and adventure exploring the library after closing, going on a scavenger hunt, competing in a banana-jousting battle and feasting on snacks. This is open to only 20 teens, entering 7th grade-12th grade. All attendees will be “locked in” for the duration of the party. Registration and permission slip are required. Sign up at the Reference Desk or call 343-6118.

Wednesday, July 27 and August 31 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Animanga Mania Come draw manga-style.

Thursday, August 4, 7:00-7:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Board Calling all teens! Join the Galesburg Public Library Teen Advisory Board for our first meeting of the new school year! We’ll meet upstairs at the library to plan upcoming library programs, eat snacks and have fun. New members are welcome!

Children’s Room Summer Reading Programs

Saturday, July 9 at 10 a.m. Laura Ernst Come see this performer, who has been on *America’s Got Talent*, juggle, tumble and perform acrobatic feats. No registration is required.

Thursday, July 14 Lego Harry Potter Wii for children and teens from 3-4 p.m. Come celebrate the last Harry Potter movie. No registration is required.

Friday, July 22 Craft Day Come anytime between 10 and noon *or* between 2 and 4 p.m. There is no fee, but please register by calling Children’s Services at 343-6118 to be sure there are enough supplies for all.

Thursday, July 28 at 4 p.m. Eragon Book Discussion and Activities This program is for ages 9-13.

Saturday, July 30 Last Day This is the last day of the summer reading program and is the last day to redeem prizes.

Sunday, August 7 at 2 p.m. at the Orpheum Theater Anyone who has participated in the summer reading program is invited to enjoy *Pete’s Dragon* (©Disney). Doors will open at 1 p.m. There will be free pop and popcorn for the kids. Door prizes and the grand prizes will be awarded before the movie starts.

Local History by Patty Mosher, Library Archives



During hot July weather I tend to think of some sort of an activity that would be refreshing, such as the “Nestea Plunge,” if you are old enough to remember that old TV commercial. But how about ice skating?

Galesburg’s first ice skating rink was actually a pond created at Cedar Fork Creek around 1860. It was owned and operated by William M. Ferris and was located in the low area between McCabe Scrap Metal, Willis Steel and Cedar Fork to the south. The precise location of the pond on the 10-acre plot of land that Ferris owned is not known, but he created it by damming the creek. The area slowly filled up with water and froze. The exact date when the skating pond was first established is not known, but on Dec. 5, 1864 a petition was presented to the Galesburg City Council asking that the dam be removed. Four days later the aldermen rejected the petition. Perhaps the council members had received some strong opinions from parents who wanted their children to have some much-needed outdoor activity during the winter months

For the hot summer days there were no swimming facilities in Galesburg, except perhaps a chance swimming hole. But in 1866, another dam on Cedar Fork was sought for use for a proposed public lake during the summer months by stopping the flow of the creek between Kellogg and Prairie streets. The city council gave a thumbs down on that plan and further stated that all dams on Cedar Fork were to be removed. It has been said that the creek had become a virtual sewer because businesses along the creek, including, as some sources say, a saw mill and a slaughterhouse, poured their refuse into the stream. Sources also say that the smell was extremely offensive, not to mention unhealthy. What many consider to be the “good old days” were actually the “hard old days.” We must thank our city fathers who helped establish our park systems and built a public swimming pool.

Another lake that has occasional fleeting mention in newspapers was located somewhere near Henderson and Main Street and was called Crystal Lake. It was used for boating and likely swimming and skating. Its exact location is not known or how long it existed. A photograph of it can be viewed on a photo website that the library shares with other institutions at www.umvphotoarchives.com. If you have any information about the mysterious Crystal Lake please feel free to contact me at pattym@galesburglibrary.org or at 343-6118 ext. 107.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library had a successful books sale in May. Receipts totaled over \$3,000. Money from the Friends’ book sales is used for library programming or for equipment purchases the library cannot otherwise afford. Many thanks go to all the volunteers who sorted books, prepared for the sale and worked at the sale.

Donations of clean, non-damaged books, DVDs, CDs and other audio materials are accepted on a daily basis throughout the year. Donations may be brought to the Circulation Desk.

The next book sale will be in September, the same weekend as Art in the Park, the Stearman Fly-in and the Cardboard Regatta. The sale will take place on Saturday, September 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a follow-up sale on Monday, September 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Odds & Ends

Radio Personalities Listen to library staff members talk about upcoming library programs and events on **WGIL-1400 AM on Tuesday, July 5 at 8:30 a.m.** and on **WAIK-1590 AM on Monday, July 25 at 8:45 a.m.**

Civil War Monuments and Memories in Galesburg On **Tuesday, July 26 from 6:30-7:45p.m.** Barbara Schock and Mike Hobbs will present a program on Civil War societies and monuments in Galesburg. They will discuss the G.A.R., the Women’s Relief Corps, Mother Bickerdyke, those peoples’ activities during and after the war and monuments in Galesburg that commemorate the war. No registration is required.

Meeting Room Please note that groups are required to be out of the library meeting room at least 15 minutes before the library closes: Monday - Thursday by 7:45 p.m.; Friday and Saturday by 4:45 p.m. Groups that stay in the meeting room more than once past the time to vacate will no longer be allowed to reserve the meeting room. In addition, all paperwork must be completed within 24 hours of a meeting room reservation or the reservation will be cancelled and the room made available to others. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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Book Clubs

July - In keeping with this year's summer reading program, *A Midsummer Knight's Read*, the two adult book clubs will read *A Time Traveler's Guide to Medieval England* in July. Medieval history expert Ian Mortimer transports readers to jolly, squalid old England for a thorough, tongue-in-cheek survey of everyday 14th century life. The **Tuesday Book Club will meet on Tuesday, July 12, at 1:00 p.m. at the library. The Thursday Book Club will meet at the Beanhive Coffeehouse on Thursday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m.** The discussion on July 12 will be followed at 2:00 p.m. by *Discoveries Ireland: Castles and Ancient Treasures* (©Bennett-Watt Master). This hour-long program explores Ireland's castles, abbeys, moats and fortified houses. You are welcome to watch the program even if you do not attend book discussion; if you arrive early, please take a seat and wait for the discussion to conclude. The library book clubs are open to all. Newcomers are welcome! Copies of the books are available at the Check-Out Desk.

August - August is a good month for a fun and relaxing read, so the two adult book clubs will enjoy *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley. Heroine Flavia De Luce is an aspiring chemist and amateur sleuth who lives in an ancient country home in 1950s England. As author Charles Todd writes, "While Flavia De Luce is winning your heart, she may also be poisoning your tea. She's the most wickedly funny sleuth in years, brilliant, unpredictable, unflappable—and only eleven." The **Tuesday Book Club will meet at the home of club member Melvin Siverly on Tuesday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m.** Contact the Reference Desk (343-6118) for the address, or meet at the library Reference Desk at 12:45 p.m. to carpool. **The Thursday Book Club will meet at the Beanhive Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m. on August 11.**

Movie Club

July - The Movie Club will meet the evening of **Tuesday, July 19** for a pay-your-own-way viewing of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2* at the Showplace 8 Theaters. We'll head to Perkins Restaurant afterwards for discussion. **Part 1 will be shown at the library at 5:15 p.m. on July 18.** Newcomers are always welcome.

August - The Movie Club will meet the evening of **Tuesday, August 16** for a pay-your-own-way viewing of a new movie at the Showplace 8 Theaters. With luck, we'll see *The Help*, based on the best-selling book by Kathryn Stockett. Whatever movie we see, we'll head to Perkins Restaurant afterwards for discussion. **Newcomers are always welcome.** Send an email to reference@galesburglibrary.org to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

Harry Potter

Harry Potter book discussions continue in July with *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* on **Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m.** and *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* on **Thursday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m.** The discussions will include treats and prizes. Both returning Harry Potter fans and new readers of the books are encouraged to attend, and readers of all ages are welcome.

Movie at the Library

One bullet killed the president, but not one man. In the wake of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, seven men and one woman were arrested and charged with conspiring to kill the President, Vice President and Secretary of State. The woman, Mary Surratt, owned the boarding house where John Wilkes Booth and others met to plan the simultaneous attacks. Frederick Aiken, a 28-year-old Union war hero, reluctantly agreed to defend Surratt before a military tribunal. As the nation turned against her, Surratt was forced to rely on Aiken to uncover the truth and save her life. The movie *The Conspirator* (©American Film Company), based on these events, never played at a theater in Galesburg, but it will be shown at the library on **Thursday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m.** Rated PG-13, the movie stars James McAvoy and Robin Wright.