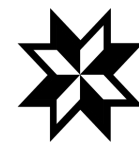


# Off the Shelf



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KNIGHT'S READ  
SUMMER READING  
2011  
*Something for All Ages*

## 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.

## From the Retiring Director Pam Van Kirk



I will officially complete my duties as director of the Galesburg Public Library on May 27. I am retiring after 35 years of library service. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as library director and to be actively engaged with the Galesburg community. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to work with such a caring, hard-working library board of trustees, Foundation board, Friends of the Library group and staff. A special thank you to residents, who have used library services, attended library programming and provided support for the library. I hope my legacy as director has demonstrated that libraries and communities are really inseparable.

## Ebooks



The Alliance Digital Media Library is the library's downloadable audio and ebook service. Each month approximately 50 titles are added to this electronic collection. A wide range of devices can be used. In the past several months iPhone/iPad, Android and Blackberry have become compatible with this service. Currently Amazon's Kindle reader is not, although Amazon has announced that the Kindle will be useable with library ebooks by the end of the year. To see what is available in the collection and to learn how to download to your digital device, go to <http://alliance.lib.overdrive.com>. Or you may go to Galeburg

Public Library's home page, [www.galesburglibrary.org](http://www.galesburglibrary.org), and click on the blue and green Over Drive icon found at the bottom of the page. Your home library must be a participating library in the program for you to download titles purchased for the collection. Public domain titles are available without a library card.

## Summer Reading for All Ages



"A Midsummer Knight's Read" is the theme for the 2011 Summer Reading Program at the library. There will be events and rewards for all ages. Early registration began Monday, May 23. The actual program begins Monday, June 6 and runs through July 30. Teens and adults may sign up at the Reference Desk. Children can be registered in the Children's Room. Further information about each of the reading levels can be picked up at the time of registration. Come join this fanciful take on relaxing reading and fun programs this summer. There are prizes for each age level. See page two of this issue for more details about special programs for children and young adults and page four regarding the adult program. For further information contact the Children's Room or the Reference Desk (for the adult and young adult programs) at 343-6118.

## Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick

**How much do Congressmen make? Do they pay Social Security? How much pension do they get when they retire?**



An ordinary rank and file senator or representative makes \$174,000 a year. The Speaker of the House, however, makes \$223,500, and the majority and minority leaders each make \$193,400.

Yes, they do pay Social Security, at least since Jan. 1, 1984. Previous to this date, they had their own pension plan. Under this plan, they did not pay into Social Security, or receive it on retirement. Now they pay like we do, with an amount withdrawn from each check and with a pension paid on retirement based on their last earnings.

In addition, if they wish to, they can participate in the Civil Service Retirement System. This is rather like a pension plan that your company would handle for you if, for example, you worked for the railroad, the city or Caterpillar. One percent of their basic salary is deducted per paycheck; that is matched by the agency. The congressperson can also add extra money into the plan, just like we can if our company has a pension plan. This Civil Service Retirement plan is tax-deferred, so, like a traditional IRA, after retirement they can either withdraw it all at once or have a monthly check in the amount they specify. For a fee, they can purchase an annuity, which is a kind of fund insurance. If they do this, it guarantees some sort of payment for the remainder of their life.

## Teen News by Melinda Jones-Rhoades

**Monday, June 6 through Saturday, July 30.** Register at the Reference Desk for this year's teen summer reading program, *A Midsummer Knight's Read!* Read (or listen to) books from the YA or Adult sections and record them for chances to win one of our three grand prizes: a \$25 Stone Alley Books gift card, a \$25 GameStop gift card or an overstuffed "Royal Reading" basket of books and treats. The first 25 readers to record a book receive a special Stone Alley Books coupon! Teen summer reading is open to teens ages 13 through 18 (or entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up). Early sign-up began Monday, May 23.

**Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** **Teens and adults:** join us for a Monty Python-themed afternoon! Come enjoy this comedy classic on the library's big screen, show off your Monty Python knowledge in a trivia contest. . . and beware the killer rabbit! No registration is required.

**Wednesday, June 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Animanga Mania** Teens, join us for Animanga Mania Afternoons! We'll be watching an anime series and hosting an open-draw session upstairs in the Sanderson Room. You can even cosplay if you want! No registration required; just show up to watch and draw!

## Children's Room Summer Reading Programs

**Saturday, June 11 Craft Day from 10 a.m. - noon** There is no fee, but please call the Children's Room at 343-6118 to register so that there will be plenty of supplies.

**Tuesday, June 14 Magician David Casas 10 a.m.** Come enjoy this entertaining, professional and very funny man of magic whose specialty involves beautiful, live birds. All ages are welcome. Registration is not required.

**Monday, June 20 Tea Party at 2 p.m.** Come for tea with author Sandra McCone. The program is free but limited to 40, so sign up early. Call the Children's Room at 343-6118.

**Monday, June 27 Medieval Foods at 10 a.m.** Come sample food common to medieval times. Angel Wright, from the University of Illinois Extension, will be presenting the program, which is free with no registration required.

## Local History by Patty Mosher, Library Archives

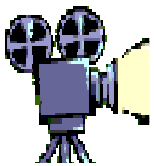


In 1914, when he was about 5 years old, Bryce Landon and his father Luther, a postal clerk for the C. B. & Q., would walk from their home at 863 E. Berrien St. to ride the 10-cent Lombard Street trolley once a month to pay bills, or “scatter our wealth” as his father called it. First they would go to City Hall to pay the water bill. They then went to the Fidelity Savings & Loan on the corner of S. Cherry and Simmons St. to make the \$18 monthly house payment. The next stop was the post office across the street where his father was friends with some of the clerks. There, father and son would rest their legs while passing the time with the men.

Next, it was on to the Republican Register newspaper building on Simmons St., where Bryce’s father paid his bill and spent about an hour chatting with his old friend, Omer N. Custer. Luther had taught school near Rio for about three years in the 1890s. In those days, Mr. Custer stopped at the school every day to drink the cold well water and eat his cheese or bologna sandwich and piece of fruit out of a paper sack. Omer did not know the Rio area very well, so he would ask Luther a lot of questions. They developed a life-long friendship. Bryce said that when they walked into the newspaper office, a bell rang. Omer would look to see who it was and always say to his father, “Lou, do you have a few minutes to spare? I need some information, please.” Bryce knew that they would chat for a good while in Custer’s office, so Bryce would tell his father to pick him up at the fire station. Bryce had some friends there to visit as well.

Bryce first walked downtown to Rinella’s fruit and vegetable store on Main St. to buy or “mooch” some old fruit and vegetables. He would then tote his treasure to the South Prairie St. fire station to see his good friend fireman Amos Swanson and his special friends the fire horses. Amos would pick up the 5-year-old boy and tell him, “You’re the best friend my steeds have.” After feeding the horses the much-enjoyed produce and hanging around the always-fascinating fire station awhile, Bryce could expect his father to come from the newspaper to fetch him. Off they would walk downtown to Woolworth’s five and dime store to buy a 10-cent fairy-tale book for Bryce. Then they would stroll to the Swift Packing Company to visit Carl Sandburg’s brother Martin. Luther was friends with Carl as well, having met both while attending Lombard College. While Luther and Martin visited, Bryce would go in to look at the cooler and visit another employee, Harry Frakes. When their busy morning was done, Bryce and his father would walk home, all their money spent, including the one thin dime for the trolley fare home, but they’d had a satisfying morning in downtown Galesburg.

## Movies of Galesburg’s Past



On Monday, June 20 from 6:30-8 p.m. movies taken of Galesburg from 1911 to the 1930s will be shown. Featured will be movies of East Main Street businesses and streetcars from September 1911, the building of the C.B.& Q. depot, Highland Park, the Marsh Horse Market fire and the first beer to reach Galesburg after prohibition ended. Come enjoy a view into Galesburg’s past and take a trip back to the “good old days.”

## Odds & Ends

**Radio Personalities** Listen to library staff members talk about upcoming library programs and events on **WGIL-1400 AM on Tuesday, June 7 at 8:30 a.m.** and on **WAJK-1590 AM on Monday, June 27 at 8:45 a.m.**

**Email Updates** Would you like to receive a brief email update several times a month about upcoming activities at the Galesburg Public Library? If so, please send an email message requesting this service to [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org).

**Pet Rabbits** On **Saturday, June 18 at 1 p.m.**, bunny lovers of all ages are invited to meet rabbits from the Guardian Angels and learn about owning a pet rabbit.

**Monty Python Afternoon** On **Saturday, June 18 at 2 p.m.**, join us for a Monty Python-themed afternoon. Come enjoy this comedy classic on the library’s big screen, show off your Monty Python knowledge in a trivia contest. . . and beware the killer rabbit! No registration is required.



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### Book Clubs

At the 1936 Olympics, American swimmer Sydney Stringfellow falls in love with the son of a Nazi diplomat. Seventy years later, as she is dying, Sydney tells her life story to her son. Booklist says sportswriter Frank Deford's novel *Bliss, Remembered* "defies categorization. There's romance in it, but it's not a love story. It's set against the backdrop of a world war, but it's not a war story. There is heartrending tragedy, but it's not a tragedy. This multilayered, finely crafted, and elegantly constructed novel will appeal both to readers of historical fiction and to those who crave any kind of writing that is genuinely inspiring."

Both book clubs will read and discuss *Bliss, Remembered* in June. The **Thursday Book Club will meet at the Beanhive Coffeehouse on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m.** The **Tuesday Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 14, at 1:00 p.m. at the library.** Copies of the book are available at the Check-Out Desk.

The discussion on June 9 will be followed at 2:00 p.m. by *Lost Worlds: Hitler's Supercity* (©History Channel), which looks at Hitler's vision for post-war Germany. You are welcome to watch the 50-minute documentary 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!**

### Movie Club

The **Movie Club will meet the evening of Tuesday, June 21**, for either a pay-your-own-way viewing of a new movie at Showplace 8 or a newly released DVD at the library. The exact title and time will be announced the week before. Whatever movie we see, we'll have a fun time discussing it at Perkins Restaurant afterwards. **Newcomers are always welcome.** Send an email to [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) to be added to the club's email distribution list.

### Harry Potter

Harry Potter fans are invited to prepare for the release of the eighth and final Harry Potter movie by attending discussions of the books in the series by J.K. Rowling. Discussion will continue in June and July at 6:30 p.m. at the library on the following dates:

<i>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</i>	Thursday, 6/2
<i>Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire</i>	Thursday, 6/16
<i>Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix</i>	Tuesday, 6/28
<i>Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince</i>	Tuesday, 7/12
<i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows</i>	Thursday, 7/28

### Adult Summer Reading

The adult summer reading will require reading eight books from a variety of categories. Upon completion, participants will receive a \$5 coupon courtesy of Innkeeper's Fresh Roasted Coffee. Come broaden your reading horizons, let books take you on new adventures.