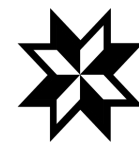


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May 2010

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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.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, May 15
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
and
Monday, May 17
9 a.m. - 2p.m.

Library Closed
Monday,
May 31

Big Write Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Big Write 2010, Galesburg Public Library's creative writing contest. By category they are:

Adult Short Story

1. *Charles Murphy* by Ted Williamson
2. *My Girl* by Jane L. Carman
3. *The Heart Amulet*
by Christine Sackfield

Adult Poetry

1. *for goodness sake*
by Gary M. Armstrong
2. *Birthright* by Jack A. Engelsen
3. Tie: *Isle Royale*
by Susan Fleming Holm
Charley Plays a Tune
by Michael Lee Johnson

High School Short Story

1. *To Wait* by Marlena De Luna
2. *A Geometric Quest* by Stephanie Saey

High School Poetry

1. *Bird's Eye View* by Allison Buel
2. *Rituals of the Night* by Stephanie Saey
3. Tie: *Wake Up There* by Kristina Daniel
The Iris by Tanner Nygard

Middle School Short Story

1. *The Price of a Vote* by Carli Brucker
2. *Pollux and Castor* by Catharine Leahy
3. *The Mysterious Letter* by Sara Saey

Middle School Poetry

1. *Impression* by Catharine Leahy
2. *The Stranger Called* by Travis Gerling
3. *The Ending* by Sharon Schisler

Grade School (3rd-5th) Short Story

1. *Autumn Walk* by Brian Nelson
2. *How the Jellyfish Got Its Name*
by Claire Robinson
3. *The Fox Who Lived By the Toad*
by Ryan Jones

Grade School (3rd-5th) Poetry

1. *My Dog* by Gillian Allison
2. *Fire* by Ryan Jones
3. Tie: *My Favorite Oak Tree*
by Dean R. Skinner
The Assassination
by Elizabeth L. Day

High School Graphic Story

1. *Brrriinnng!* by Aurora Callaway
2. *Backyard Treasure* by Eleia Lam

5th Grade to Middle School Graphic Story

1. *The Snatcher* by Ryan M. Block
 2. *The Fish and the Pig* by Jacob R. Allen
 3. *Madusa's Lair of Stone*
by Kelsey Lamb
- Honorable mention:
Jay by Ryan H. Bresnahan
Lipstick by Meredith Krisher

Thank you to all who participated. There were 163 entries from 91 individuals.

Special thanks go to the judges for their time and careful consideration. The judges were: Susan Bailey, William Goering, Heather Norman, Emily Oliver, Marnie Shure, Cathy Walters and Joel Ward.

Grateful appreciation also goes to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the event.



Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick

I'm interested in John Newton, the guy who wrote "Amazing Grace." Did he write any other poetry?

Many people have heard that the author of "Amazing Grace" was a slave trader who experienced a Christian conversion. He had been exposed to religion, but his mother, who was a very religious woman, died when he was only about seven. He turned against it during his teen years. His father was a ship's captain, and Newton served on both his ship and others, including being press-ganged by the British Royal Navy. An escape attempt ended in capture and a severe whipping. Later his ship took on men from a slave trader, and Newton was given to them in exchange. This was how he first got involved in the slave trade.

His next "job" was for a slave trader who had a lime plantation on an island off the African coast. Trapped there, Newton was forced into the life of an actual slave himself—no pay, poor food and clothing and forced labor with the other slaves. The trader also took Newton on voyages in search of slaves, but whenever the trader left the ship, Newton would be locked in irons on the deck with only a little rice. He sometimes spent 30-40 hours out in the rain. He was only able to leave this miserable existence because of the arrival of another English trader. Newton began to turn back to religion because of several later sailing experiences, one involving a shipwreck, during which he felt he was saved from almost certain death by his prayers.

Newton only made three voyages as the commander of a slave ship. Perhaps because of his own experience of slavery, he was rather more humane in his dealings with the slaves than many traders. He refused to pack them in as tightly as was usually done. Few ships made the voyage without the loss of many slaves to sickness, suicide or mutiny. Newton is known to have made at least one voyage without the loss of a single slave, making him one of the few captains in history to have done this. Still, like many of the time, he did not feel slavery was wrong until years later, at which point he wrote a pamphlet against it. Because of illness, Newton left sailing and took a job in customs. During this time, he studied religion, becoming ordained at the age of 39 in 1764. He met the great poet William Cowper. During their friendship, they jointly wrote the words to some hymns now known as the Olney Hymns. "Amazing Grace" is actually one of these. Others that Newton wrote may be viewed online. Just Google "poems of John Newton."

Teen News

Tuesday, May 11 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Board Bring - a - Friend Party

Calling all teens! Join the GPL Teen Advisory Board for a pizza party. We'll meet at the library to plan programs and more. Bring a friend. Hope to see you there!

Monday, May 24

Early sign-up for the Summer Reading Program begins. This year's theme is "Make Waves at Your Library." The program begins June 7 and runs through July 31.

Wednesday, May 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Animanga Mania

Teens, join us for Animanga Mania Afternoons at Galesburg Public Library! We'll be watching an anime series and drawing manga-style. No registration required. Just show up to watch and draw!

Thursday, May 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tales of Beedle the Bard Discussion

Come join the discussion of this book by J. K. Rowling. In June, the library will host *Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine*. In anticipation of this small traveling exhibit, Harry Potter fans of all ages will discuss Rowling's book of wizard fairy tales, *Tales of Beedle the Bard*.

Children's Room

American Girls Club will be having crafts, games and food tasting from the time of the Revolutionary War. American Girl Felicity on **Saturday, May 1 from 11 a.m. - noon. (\$1 registration was due by April 24.)**

Singer and songwriter Katie Badge will be presenting a program on Saturday, May 22 at 10 a.m. The program is free. Come and enjoy.

Early registration for summer reading will begin on Monday, May 24. The theme is "Make a Splash at Your Library." The reading program begins June 7 and runs through July 31. A schedule of events for the summer will be printed in the June newsletter and available on our website or at the library.

Local History by Patty Mosher, Library Archives



Who wants to be a movie star? That was the question printed in a May 1922 *Republican Register* newspaper article. The newspaper had contracted with the Hudris Film Company of New York and Los Angeles to come to town to film a motion picture called *Romance of Galesburg*.

Casting call announcements were printed in the newspaper and stated that “no outside talent” would be brought to Galesburg and that all of the acting parts would be filled by local citizens. Auditions were held at the public square on May 25th. Actors were chosen by the film company’s director with no interference from the newspaper. Irene Freidman, a Knox College student with experience in college plays, was chosen to be the heroine. Mayor Hawkinson was chosen to play her father and Emery Peterson to play the hero. Filming began on May 27th. The first scene took place in the alley next to the fire station (now the Community Center) on Simmons Street. Other locations for the film were Boone’s Alley, Cherry and Main, Kellogg and Main, Central Congregational Church and the Knox County Courthouse.

The movie’s story begins with three men who, after being fired by a factory owner, decide to take revenge by blowing up the factory. The hero, an employee at the same factory, overhears them, follows them and it is assumed saves the day. In one scene in the countryside, he proposes to the heroine. Crowds followed the film company and actors as they worked their way across town. Everyone had a good time watching the filming.

The finished film was shown at the Colonial Theater from June 5th through the 9th. Newspaper ads stated that the theater was packed for each showing. A writer from the *Republican Register* called the film “a dandy picture” but that it sent the audiences into “convulsions of laughter.” He also made a note of the hero’s fine kissing ability and claimed he was the “kissingest kissing bug that ever gave such an exhibition.” The crowd watching the filming of the scene was reported to have let out whistles, hoots and hollers. When the lead actress was asked by her friends if the director had rehearsed the scene that way she responded, “Of course not! Such an idea!” The advertisements claimed that the film was so funny that “you wouldn’t trade a farm with the mortgage lifted for this treat.” Sadly, it is not known if this film still exists.

Friends of the Library

In a recent meeting the Friends of the Library voted to use funds from their book sales for the following:

Big Write prize money - \$600

Diaper changer - \$350

Summer reading prizes for teens - \$200

Two P-Touch label makers for

Technical Services department - \$120

Two chair pads for Circulation Department - \$132

Word processing computer for public use - \$1000

Five receipt printers for Circulation, Children’s Room, Technical Services and Reference - \$1597.10

Two rolling chairs: one for the Archives, one for the Circulation Department - \$272

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The next book sale is Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Monday, May 17 from 9 a.m. - 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, May 4 at 9:15 a.m.** and on **WAIK-1590 AM** on **Monday, May 24 at 8:45 a.m.**

Big Write Reception

On **Saturday, May 1 at 2 p.m.**, there will be a Big Write Winners’ Reception at the library for the creative writing contest winners, entrants, friends, family and community. Refreshments will be served. The winners will have the opportunity to read their entries. The graphic short stories will be on display.

Summer Reading Program

Early sign-up for the library’s Summer reading programs (“Get your Feet Wet ” for adults, “Make Waves at Your Library” for teens and “Make a Splash at your Library” for children) will begin **Monday, May 24. The actual reading program begins June 7 and runs through July 31.**



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Book Clubs

In May, both adult book clubs will discuss *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane*. In this debut novel by Katherine Howe, a Harvard grad student discovers an ancient key in a 17th-century Bible along with a scrap of parchment containing a name: *Deliverance Dane*. Details about the student and her discovery are revealed as the timeline moves between present day and one of the most fascinating and disturbing periods in American history – the Salem witch trials. The **Tuesday Book Club will discuss the book on Tuesday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m.** Author Katherine Howe will join the group by phone. The 70-minute History Channel documentary *Witch Hunt* will be shown at 2:00 p.m. after the discussion. You are welcome to come watch the movie even if you do not attend book discussion; if you arrive early, please take a seat and wait for the discussion to conclude.

The **Thursday Book Club will discuss *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane* on Thursday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Kaldi's Coffeeshouse. The library book clubs are open to all. New members are welcome! Copies of the books are available at the Check-Out Desk about one month before discussion.**

In June, the library will host *Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine*. This small traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine and the American Library Association examines important ethical topics such as the desire for knowledge, the effects of prejudice and the responsibility that comes with power. The next newsletter will contain information about the programs that will take place in June in conjunction with the exhibit. In anticipation of the exhibit, a **discussion of J.K. Rowling's *Tales of Beedle the Bard* will take place at the library on Thursday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m.** The *Tales* are five of the fairy tales that wizarding children grow up with. An Amazon.com review notes: "Offering the trademark wit and imagination familiar to Rowling's legions of readers – as well as Aesop's wisdom and the occasional darkness of the Brothers Grimm – each of these five tales reveals a lesson befitting children and parents alike: the strength gained with a trusted friendship, the redemptive power of love, and the true magic that exists in the hearts of all of us."

Movie Club

The Movie of the Book Club will meet the evening of **Tuesday, May 18** for a pay-your-own-way evening viewing of a new movie (with literary ties, if one is playing) at Showplace 8. 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 welcome.** Send an email to reference@galesburglibrary.org to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

On the Bright Side

Special thanks to Joe Mangieri, owner of Mangieri Electric. Joe provided new ceiling fixtures and track lighting for the upstairs meeting room, donating \$1300 in labor and materials. The new fixtures create additional exhibit space for art and photography. The board and staff are grateful for his generosity.