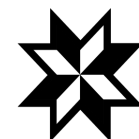




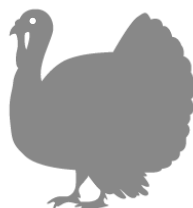
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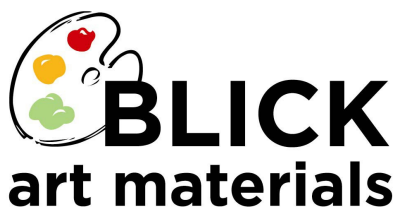


Galesburg Public Library Mission Statement

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.

Library will close at
5:00 p.m.,
Wednesday,
November 23
and will be
closed
Thursday,
November 24

Dick Blick Charity Walk



Dick Blick presented a gift of over \$6,350 to the Galesburg Public Library at the annual Blick Art Materials Walk for Charity on October 5. All told, Dick Blick employees raised \$15,876.08 through various donations. These funds were matched by Dick Blick and evenly distributed between the selected charities. In addition to Galesburg Public Library, Dick Blick selected VFW 2257, Hospice

Compassus, Christmas in Action, and Big Brothers Big Sisters as this year's charities. The charities were chosen by companywide vote.

The library would like to extend our thanks to participants in the Walk for Charity and Dick Blick Art Materials for their generous donation.

Kindle ebooks Now Available



Galesburg Public Library's ebook collection is now compatible with the Amazon Kindle. The Alliance Digital Media Library (ADML) is the library's downloadable audio and ebook service. More than 60 area libraries in central Illinois participate in this service hosted by OverDrive, Inc.

Visit <http://www.alliance.lib.overdrive.com> to view the collection. Or you may go to the Galesburg Public Library homepage, www.galesburglibrary.org, and click on the "download audiobooks and ebooks" icon found at the bottom of the page. Your home library must be a participating library in order to download purchased titles, but you can check out public domain titles without a library card.

With new titles added monthly, ADML strives to provide titles for readers of all ages and interests. Please let library staff know if there are additional ebooks you would like to see in the digital collection. You can suggest titles by filling out a form on the ADML site (log onto "My Account" and click on "Suggest a Title") or by emailing reference@galesburglibrary.org.

Farewell

Sandy Peake will be retiring from Galesburg Public Library at the end of November. Sandy has been with the library for 20+ years. As a valued member of the Children's Room staff, she conducted story hours and assisted with summer reading program. Join us in congratulating Sandy on her retirement! She will be missed.

Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick

How did toasting get started?



The tradition of raising a glass in honor of someone goes so far back into the mists of time that no one really knows exactly when it originated. We do know that the ancient Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, Persians, Hebrews, Huns, and Saxons ALL did it (see the fascinating <http://toastsbook.com>). But why did they do it? One writer theorized that it originated as a gesture of good faith; i.e. "I, the host, will take the first sip in your honor in order to prove that no one has poisoned the punch. To your good health, friend!"

This act of politeness and comfort was not known as a "toast" until people began adding a small piece of toast to the glass of wine to mellow the flavor (bad wine, anyone?). One source claimed that this went all the way back to the Romans, but a second, possibly more reliable one dated it to 16th century England.

Even today a complex tradition surrounds toasting, especially at weddings. And anyone who's going to be toastmaster for an evening and wishes to keep his wits about him might think of investing in a "toastmaster's glass," which looks like a full-sized glass but has been specially designed to hold only ¼ as much. These date all the way back to the 18th century English gentlemen's clubs!

If you have an occasion of "speechifying" coming up, check out *Diane Warner's Complete Book of Wedding Toasts* (808.51/War), *Last Minute Speeches and Toasts* by Andrew Frothingham (808.51/Fro) or another good book from the 80s. If it's Thanksgiving you're toasting and you're looking for quotes, try *The Thanksgiving Book* by Laurie C. Hillstrom (394.2649/Tha/Hillstrom).

Teen News by Melinda Jones-Rhoades

Thursday, November 3, 7:00-7:45 p.m. Teen Advisory Board. Calling all teens! Join the Galesburg Public Library Teen Advisory Board. We'll meet upstairs at the library. Come and make your mark on the library by helping us plan upcoming programs for teens. New members always welcome!

Monday, November 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Yoga and Smoothies for Teens. Back by popular demand! Join Inner Wisdom yoga instructor Laura Bush for a fun introduction to yoga poses, breathing and meditation. Wear comfy clothes and bring a towel or yoga mat. After the class, stay for a refreshing fruit smoothie. Open to teens 12 and up (or grades 6-12); registration required. Call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to reserve your spot.

Wednesday, November 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Build a robot! Win prizes! Learn about technology! Come see a robot in action as the Knox County 4-H Megabytes Robotics Team demonstrate their design for the *FIRST*® LEGO® League 2011 Challenge. Participants will get a chance to build their own robot and compete for prizes. Limited to 18 teens aged 12-18 (or grades 6-12); call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

Tuesday, November 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Chapter Chompers Teen Book Club. Young adults aged 12 and up are invited to join us for Chapter Chompers, a book club designed just for you! We'll talk about books you love to read, do book-related activities, and pig out on snacks. On Nov. 22, we'll be discussing *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick. Copies of the book will be available at the Check-Out Desk about a month in advance. No need to register in advance; just show up to chat and chomp!

Wednesday, November 30, 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.

Children's Room

Tuesday, November 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Lego Night in the Hiler Room. No reservation is necessary. The theme for the evening is partners.

Friday, November 11, 1-3:30 p.m. Penguin Day. Enjoy the movie *Happy Feet* (© Warner) followed by penguin crafts and a snack. A \$1 registration fee is due in the Children's Room by November 4.

Thursday, November 17, 6-7 p.m. Family Book Discussion. Discussion of Paolini's *Inheritance*. Participants will be able to make a "dragon egg" and there will be a drawing for a copy of *Inheritance*.

Decorate a Gingerbread House. The annual "Decorating of Gingerbread Houses" will be **Thursday, December 15 from 3-7 p.m.** There will be only 100 houses to decorate, so reserve your house early with the \$5 registration fee, payable in the Children's Room.

Local History by Patty Mosher, Library Archives



In 1900, a local man built a model of what he hoped would be affordable, and if need be, portable housing for low-income families in Mexico. He probably also hoped it would become a booming business for himself and his partner, Simon Weinberg, who was living in Mexico City at that time.

Ed Chalstran, a lifelong Galesburg resident, city council member and building contractor, showed a bright yellow prototype of the portable home he designed to a local newspaper reporter. Set up in an open area near Frost Manufacturing on S. Henderson Street, it was a twenty-by-sixty-foot home, made of sixty separate sections of Compo-Wood, a forerunner of plywood. It was set in steel frames and held together by clamps also made of steel. Each section was covered in a waterproof paper, making it practical during rainy weather, and the clamps would actually tighten if any of the sections were strained in any way. Also, most of the sections were interchangeable, so if you got tired of the view from one part of the house, you simply took off the clamps from a different section and, presto, you had a new view. Also, each section was double-sided so that an air-pocket helped insulate the home. Included was a large piece of canvas that you could hang from the ceiling to store your clothing for night or day use.

The walls of the house were actually partitions set on casters so the walls were interchangeable. Want a bigger room? No problem. Slide a wall here and another wall over there, and now you had a bigger bedroom or dining area, whatever you needed. Need to move somewhere else? That was also possible. Simply remove the clamps and pile the sixty sections onto a wagon, take off and set it up again at your next destination. Apparently, Ed also hoped that campers might find this portable home attractive, purchase one, and take to the great outdoors during the summer months.

It is not known if any further houses were made besides the prototype, or if Ed and his partner made any profit from their venture. There is no mention of a company owned by Ed in his obituary of August 19, 1947, but it is another interesting side note in Galesburg history.

Thanks to C&R's Smokehouse

The library would like to thank C&R's Smokehouse for sponsoring our first-ever technology petting zoo this October. Restaurant goers got the opportunity to test drive new technologies available at the library, including the Playaway View and Alliance Digital Media Library. Thanks again to C&R's for the use of their space and generous gift card donations. Would you like to see more events like this? Tell us what you think by emailing the library at reference@galesburglibrary.org. *Galesburg Public Library-more than you think.*

Odds & Ends

Radio Personalities Listen to library staff members talk about upcoming library programs and events on **WGIL-1400 AM on Tuesday, November 1 at 8:30 a.m.** and on **WAIK-1590 AM on Monday, November 28 at 8:45 a.m.**

Happy Birthday, 40 East Simmons! Come celebrate the 50th anniversary of our library building on **Friday, November 4 at 3:30 p.m.** Cake and cookies will be served. Check out a display of the library's history as well.

Music Morning On **Saturday, November 12 at 10 a.m.**, Rachel Stenzel, soloist with the Knox-Galesburg Symphony, will be presenting a program about the violin upstairs at the library. The program is free and open to all ages.

Frommer's Travel Display A big thanks to all who voted for GPL's armchair travel display on facebook. The library finished in 4th place and won 50 free travel guides. Check one out today!



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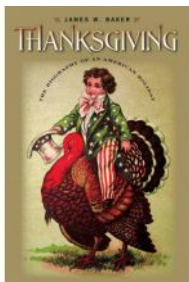
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Book Clubs



In *Thanksgiving: The Biography of an American Holiday*, author James Baker sweeps away lingering myths and misconceptions to show how this celebration day was born and grew to be an essential part of our national spirit. The book is an intelligent and illuminating introduction to a beloved holiday and a fascinating cultural history of America and Americana.

The **Tuesday Book Club** will discuss *Thanksgiving* on **Tuesday, November 8, at 1:00 p.m.** at the library. The **Thursday Book Club** will meet on **Thursday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Beanhive Coffeehouse. Copies of the books are available at the Check-Out Desk.

The library book clubs are open to all. Newcomers are welcome!

The library is considering starting a monthly **SciFi/Fantasy Book Club**. If you are interested, please contact Jane Easterly at jane.easterly@galesburg.org or at the Reference Desk at 343-6118.

Movie at the Library

The story of Thanksgiving, with its costumed Pilgrims, turkeys, and pumpkin pie, zigzags through America history with some surprising twists. To find out more, come watch the 2008 History Channel program *The Real Story of Thanksgiving* on **Tuesday, November 8, at 2:00 pm** upstairs at the library. Free! You are welcome to 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.

Movie Club



The Movie Club will meet the evening of **Tuesday, November 15** for a pay-your-own-way viewing of a new movie at the AMC Showplace. We may see *J. Edgar*, *The Tower Heist*, or *Puss in Boots*. The exact title and time will be announced the week before. We'll head to Perkins Restaurant afterwards for discussion. **Newcomers are always welcome!**

The Movie Club will also make a special trip to the AMC Showplace the evening of Tuesday, November 29, to see *Breaking Dawn Part 1*, based on the book by Stephenie Meyer. The exact time will be announced the week before.