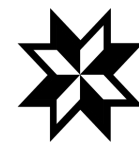


# Off the Shelf



September 2011

**Galesburg  
Public Library**  
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#### Hours of Operation

*Monday - Thursday:*  
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
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*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,  
September 5**

## Library Welcomes New Director



The Galesburg Public Library Board of Trustees is happy to announce the appointment of Harriett Zipfel as the new library director. She will begin work on August 29. She was the director of the Belleville Public Library in Belleville, Illinois for the past five years. Harriett and husband Bob Wiswall have one son, Nathan Wiswall, who graduated from Knox

College and now lives in Wisconsin, and a retired greyhound named Ice. Harriett is excited to be joining the staff of the Galesburg Public Library. Please stop by the library's free community ice cream social on Saturday, September 10, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. to meet Harriett.

## Book Sale and Ice Cream Social

The Friends of the Library will also be having their fall book sale on Saturday, September 10 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and on Monday, September 12 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The library will host a free, old-fashioned community ice-cream social on Saturday, September 10, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. All ages are invited to come to the library for free ice cream and other fun activities, including balloon sculptures and face painting. If the weather is nice, the ice cream will be served outside the library in the garden area on Cherry Street. If the weather is bad, the event will be held inside.



## Gallery Available

The Galesburg Public Library has space available in the Sanderson Room upstairs for displaying artwork for no charge. If anyone is interested in this showcase place for their original artwork, photographs or fabric art, please contact the Reference Desk at 343-6118 regarding filling out an application for this privilege. Exhibits on display must meet standards established by the library personnel. Library personnel reserve the right to reject any exhibit in full, or in part. Exhibits will normally be limited to a period of two months with definite display dates established in advance. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to set up and remove the exhibit in accordance with the established schedule. If assistance is required, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide such assistance. Prior to display, the exhibitor will provide the library with an itemized list of art items to be on display. Artists are encouraged to post a statement about their works. The library's insurance covers only items owned by the library. Artists must provide their own insurance coverage. All exhibitors are required to sign an agreement that releases the library from responsibility for any items in the exhibit.

## Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick

### How do I get rid of squirrels in my attic?

It's that time of year again, when all the little critters start looking for a nice warm apartment, and squirrels are among the worst when it comes to stopping them from doing something they really want to. Many people have tried placing various deterrents in the attic: mothballs, super-sonic noise machines (the FTC says they don't work unless they're big industrial-sized ones), ammonia, bleach, human hair. Apparently none of these really work. One thing that might—definitely worth trying as a cheap and easy first attempt—is predator urine, which garden shops usually sell. If this doesn't work, live trapping and relocation (to a distance of at least 10 miles) is another option. However, if the squirrel has babies, this won't work unless the babies are old enough to be running around; you'll only get the mother, and you will have to go into the attic and remove the babies by hand or you will be left with the smell of little squirrely corpses. If you do trap a squirrel, check its sex. If female, there will almost certainly be babies.

A better trap than the simple single-animal live trap is a type that has a one-way door. The squirrel can exit the attic but not get back in or, in another version, enter the trap but not exit it. These would need to be bolted on or near the hole through which the squirrel enters. They can sometimes be tricky to set up, but they are very effective.

Finally, you must fix the hole the squirrel used and cover any open vents with steel screen. Also check for damage of any sort to wiring, insulation, etc. You'll probably want to clean as well! If all this is just too much, you might want to hire a licensed wildlife removal professional ([www.wildlife-removal.com](http://www.wildlife-removal.com)).

The best information on this subject that I've found so far is the website [www.squirrel-attic.com](http://www.squirrel-attic.com). For good squirrel-in-chimney help, see *The Critter Control Handbook* (632.6/Her). The latter describes what to do for many other animals as well. For just plain fun reading, lots of information on squirrels, and help with the bird-feeder problem, see *Squirrel-Proofing Your Home & Garden* (632.6936/Har).

## Teen News by Melinda Jones-Rhoades

**Thursday, September 1, 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.

**Thursday, September 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Angry Birds Live!** You've played it on your phone – now come see everyone's favorite puzzle-based video game brought to life at Galesburg Public Library. Make and decorate your own Angry Birds, then use rubber band slingshots to launch them into obstacles. This is one free-for-all you won't want to miss! Open to young adults ages 12-18 (or grades 6-12). Registration required; please call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

**Tuesday, September 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Chapter Chompers Teen Book Club.** Young adults ages 12 and up are invited to join us for Chapter Chompers, a new 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 September 27, we'll be discussing *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk about a month in advance. No need to register in advance; just show up to chat and chomp!

## Children's Room

**Tuesday, September 13, 4:30-5 p.m. Lego Night in the Hiler Room** No reservation is necessary.

**Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m.-noon** American Girl's Club featuring Kanani. \$1 registration fee is required. Sign up in the Children's Room by September 10. Participants will be able to make a lei, learn how to surf with the Wii and make shaved ice.

**Thursday, September 22, 6 p.m. Constitution Week is September 19-24**, so join "Martha Washington" (a.k.a. Pam Johnson, President of the local DAR chapter) for a first hand look at what the U.S. was like when the constitution was written. Martha will be at the library in the Sanderson Room. No registration is necessary. Her program is designed for children in the 1st-6th grades.

**New! Field Trip Packs from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources** Early childhood educators may borrow this resource at the Galesburg Public Library. Field trip packs were developed for loan to early childhood educators (grades pre-kindergarten through third). Each pack is a backpack that contains hands-on equipment to encourage young children to engage in nature exploration. Suggestions for educators on how to incorporate natural resources-related topics into the curriculum are also included.

## Local History by Patty Mosher, Library Archives



On June 24, 1930, Galesburg inaugurated a new miniature golf course on the northwest corner of E. Main and Chambers St. called the Nu-Way Putt-Putt Golf Links. The sport of miniature golf was raging across the country, becoming “epidemic,” and Galesburg joined in on the fun.

Stockwell and Read, who specialized in building the courses, built the course in only seven days. Using a mixture of cottonseed hulls, sand, oil and dye, a suitable artificial green was put down. The builders installed ingenious twists and turns that packed in all of the interest of an 18-hole golf course in order to “entice even veteran golfers” to leave the links and give this form of golf a try. Two clubs were used, a putter and the now obsolete “mashie.” Another factor that the builders mentioned about the popularity of the new craze was that it had “the It factor,” a term usually reserved for glamorous and enticing ladies from the motion pictures such as Clara Bow and Jean Harlow.

The first players on the court were Bert Bunker, city golf champion Jess Pico, Charley Charlson from the Soangetaha Country Club and Bill Rogers from the Register Mail. Bert Bunker, after whom Bunker Links was later named, got a hole in one on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, but Pico still beat him by 10 strokes. Many others joined in and with the installed overhead lights they were able to keep the links open until late that night.

An indoor course on W. Simmons Street was also built where a greenhouse had been. You can view the course at [www.umvphotoarchive.org](http://www.umvphotoarchive.org). I have heard there was a course on the second floor of the Bondi Building. But the miniature golf courses most Galesburg citizens remember today are the Putt-Putt course that was on Henderson Street next to the old A&W Root Beer stand and across from Northgate Lanes and the course that was out at the old Holiday Inn. Those were the good old days.

## Thanks to All for Summer Reading

Thanks to all the sponsors for the Children’s Room 2011 summer reading program: Friends of the Library, Budde’s Pizza, Discovery Depot, Lakeside Water Park, Galesburg Martial Arts Academy, Celebration Belle, Peoria Chiefs, Peoria Rivermen, Uncle Billy’s Bakery, McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Hardee’s, Target and Stone Alley Books and Collectibles. The teen program was sponsored by Stone Alley Books and Collectibles and the Friends of the Library. Innkeeper’s Fresh Roasted Coffee provided all the gift coupons for those finishing the adult summer reading program. And finally, thank you to all who participated in the reading program. It makes for pleasant entertainment, enlightenment and escape from the heat. The adult program had 117 participants, with 47 finishing. The Young Adults had 97 people sign up, with 57 completing the program. The Children’s Room had 1,071 participants with 640 completing it. More people than last year participated and finished. Join in next year, whether you’ve done this before or are new to the program.

## Odds & Ends

**Radio Personalities** Listen to library staff members talk about upcoming library programs and events on **WGIL-1400 AM on Tuesday, September 6 at 8:30 a.m.** and on **WAIK-1590 AM on Monday, September 26 at 8:45 a.m.**

**Reminder** If you received a \$5 Innkeeper’s Coffee certificate for participating in the adult summer reading program, be sure to redeem it before it expires on September 15!

**New to the Library** A bottled pop machine has been located in the new fiction area of the lobby. Covered drinks are allowed in the library. Patrons are reminded to replace bottle caps when not drinking from the bottle. The library also sells coffee for a patron’s own cup with cover or a cup with cover from the library. Pop and coffee are \$1.50 each.

**New Audiobooks and DVDs** New audiobooks and DVDs are now featured across from the Check-Out Desk in the audiovisual area of the library. Older audiobooks are located beyond the reading room at the eastern end of the library.



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### Book Clubs

September brings the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. The library's adult book clubs will reflect on the anniversary by reading and discussing *Falling Man* by Don DeLillo. *Falling Man* begins in the smoke and ash of the burning towers and traces the aftermath in the intimate lives of a few people. *Newsweek* describes *Falling Man* as "the clearest vision yet of what it felt like to live through that day."

The **Thursday Book Club** will discuss *Falling Man* on **Thursday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Beanhive Coffeehouse. The **Tuesday Book Club** will discuss the book on **Tuesday, September 13, at 1:00 p.m.** at the library.

The Tuesday discussion will be followed at 2:00 p.m. by the 2008 History Channel program *102 Minutes That Changed America*, which won three Emmy awards. This program pieces together video and audio from over a hundred sources, including amateur and professional photographers, voicemails, emergency dispatch recordings and network out-takes, to present the attack as it was experienced. The program is about two hours long. 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.

### Movie Club

The Movie Club will meet the evening of **Tuesday, September 20**, for a pay-your-own-way viewing of a new movie at the AMC Showplace or a newly released DVD at the library. We'll head to Perkins Restaurant afterwards for discussion. The exact title and time will be announced the week before. **Newcomers are always welcome.** Send an email to [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

### Attention All Book Clubs Beyond the Library

Exciting news for book clubs! The library is now offering **Book Club Kits** for checkout. Each kit contains six to twenty copies of a book, along with discussion questions. One book club member can check out the kit and distribute the books to the rest of the club, then collect the books after discussion and return them to the library. The checkout period for the kits is six weeks. There are twenty-four different titles available for checkout. If the kits are popular, additional titles will be added. The kits help make it easy to start your own book club. The kits are located near the Spanish Collection in the first row of the non-fiction section. Please ask at the Reference Desk if you have any questions about the kits. If you'd like tips on running a successful book club, or would like to suggest a title for a kit, please talk to Jane Easterly, the leader of the library's two adult book clubs.



### How Busy Were We?

In July the library checked out 9,397 adult fiction books, 4,579 adult non-fiction books, 1,023 periodicals, 901 audiobooks and cassettes, 804 CDs, 5,890 DVDs and 32 videos. In July the Reference Desk answered 1,522 questions, answered 361 phone calls, answered 35 emails and gave technical assistance to 668 people. On average 120 people used the public Internet computers each day and a total of 109 people logged on with their laptops in July. The Children's Room circulated 9,412 fiction books, 1,456 non-fiction books and 221 audio-visual materials. Phew!