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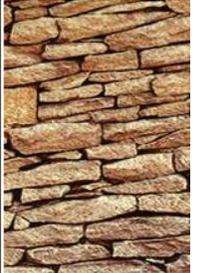
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The Official Newsletter of the Genoa Public Library District



# GPL News



this month >>>

## In Concert: Mr. Steve!

With a funny grin, a contagious laugh, and an impish childlike enthusiasm, Steve Lundquist is not your run-of-the-mill entertainer. His 27 years of experience has taken him all over the United States, and he has even performed in Africa.

Mr. Steve will be back at GPL with his Christmas show on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. There will be music, magic, ballooning, and more! This all-ages show does not require registration.

**For more information, call 815-784-2627.**



## CELEBRATE THE SEASON

### *Santa Claus is Coming to Genoa!*

We would love to have you join us as the magic of Christmas comes alive in Genoa! The Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to our upcoming hometown tradition, *Celebrate the Season*, on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6 - 8 pm in downtown Genoa.

*Celebrate the Season* is filled with traditional holiday activities, including FREE wagon rides, a live petting zoo, warming fires, Christmas caroling, holiday music, free hot chocolate, cookies, coffee and our annual tree lighting ceremony. The whole evening begins with our Jingle Bell parade at 6:00 pm with the arrival of Santa in Genoa! After the parade, join us for the lighting of our community Christmas tree next to Heartland Bank & Trust Company. Mayor Mark Vicary will welcome visitors, and with the help of

Santa, announce this year's winners of the children's coloring contest, the winner of the Annual Gingerbread House contest, and the winner of the Merry Main Street competition!



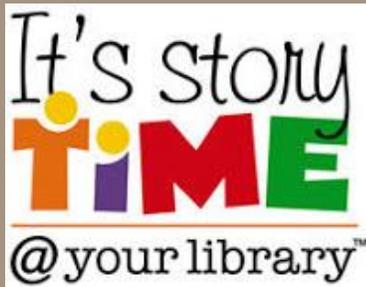
Visit the library Event Room to write letters to Santa, make a craft, and grab some goodies to eat. Like Christmas music? Come listen to the GKHS Jazz Band perform a 35-40 minute set of Christmas favorites in the main library starting around 6:30 pm.

Downtown Genoa will be so full of holiday fun on December 7<sup>th</sup> that the Grinch himself would not be able to resist the Christmas spirit (although he may be there to try...)! We guarantee there will be something for everyone!

for the young ones >>>

# Preschool Storytime

Join Miss Alyssa on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 - 11 am. We have lots of fun reading stories, singing songs, making crafts, and doing activities. Our program is geared for children ages 2 - 5 although younger siblings are most welcome! No registration required.



## Special Themed Storytime Dates

Gingerbread House Decorating

December 12, 2018

Static Electricity Day

January 9, 2019

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

January 23, 2019

Valentine's Day

February 13, 2019

*\*No Storytime on 12/26, 01/02 or 03/27\**



craft times >>>

## Get Organized in 2019!

Start the New Year right by making a Paint Chip Monthly Calendar to help you stay on track on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm – 3 pm. All of the supplies to make the project will be provided in the class. Open to ages 14+. Please register by January 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a 15 person max to the class.



**For more information or to register, call 815-784-2627**



## Novel Newts!

Our newest addition is our Youth Book Club and Creative Writing Group aimed for those in grades 5 - 8.

Join Miss Alyssa once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except November when they will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) from 6 – 7:30 pm where books and how to write creatively will be discussed. Snacks and drinks are always provided.

**For more information or to register, call 815-784-2627**

# Local Author to Visit GPL

The Genoa Public Library is proud to host a special event for families on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm with local author Greg Forbes Siegman. He is the author of *The First Thirty*, a NSDLA Multicultural Relations Book of the Year, *The Silhouette Man*, and the forthcoming *The Milkshake Man*.



*The First Thirty* tells the story of a young person trying to fulfill his dream to make a difference in the community, and the grandparent who mentors him along the way. It is geared toward students between 5<sup>th</sup> grade and college. The expanded edition of the story for adults is called *The Silhouette Man*.



On Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Greg Siegman will be at the library to do a sneak peek reading of *The Milkshake Man* (the upcoming illustrated edition of the story) for children (Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade). The reading will begin at 1 pm and is appropriate for kids of all ages (parents and grandparents too)!

You may purchase signed copies of *The First Thirty* and *The Silhouette Man* in advance of the event at [www.gregforbes.com/store](http://www.gregforbes.com/store). Copies of both books will also be available for sale and signing at the event.

Copies of *The First Thirty* and *The Silhouette Man* are available for checkout at the library.



## Monthly Adult Book Club

Our long-running adult book club meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (except on a holiday) at 7 pm in the Program Room. Books are provided to club members whether a library card holder or not. For more information, contact Adrienne at the library 815-784-2627.

## Turn “On” Your Reading History

One of the questions we get asked the most at the library is whether we can tell a patron what they have checked out previously. Due to confidentiality laws, our circulation system does not store that information. However, patrons can turn “on” their reading history in their account. Here’s how:

- Click on the “My Account” link at the top of our website at [genoalibrary.org](http://genoalibrary.org)
- Enter your barcode number and pin (last 4 digits of your barcode)
- Click on your name at the top right side of the page to open your account
- Select “Reading History” on the left side of your account page
- Select to “Opt In” to the reading history and that’s it!

Note: The list starts generating titles from the moment you activate your reading history; you will not be able to access your history prior to activation.

### database spotlight >>>

## Rocket Languages



Rocket Languages is an award-winning interactive online language-learning system. The multi-faceted system allows patrons to learn new languages at their own pace. Library patrons have access to downloadable lessons, games and much more.

Rocket Languages includes 15 major languages of the world like French, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese plus American Sign Language, a unique feature not included in many language learning databases. Rocket Languages is used by libraries around the globe, and was an “Editor’s Choice” by PC Magazine in its analysis of online language learning solutions.



# our services...

The Genoa Public Library is more than just books (or ebooks)! We have DVDs, magazines, audio books, music CDs, and large print books that are available for circulation. We have 8 patron computers available plus two catalog computers and one self-checkout kiosk. We provide free WiFi for all of your devices. The library is also equipped to provide you with copy and scan services as well as faxing. We have recently added more electronic databases and resources to our offerings – check out our website for a complete listing.



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*We pride ourselves on providing quality programming to our patrons. Please check out our calendar below:*

## Holiday Closures

The Library will be **closed** on the below dates in order for staff to celebrate the holidays with their families:

December 24  
December 25  
December 31  
January 1

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4	Novel Newts	6 – 7:30 pm
5	Preschool Storytime	10:30 am
7	Celebrate the Season	6 – 8 pm
12	Preschool Storytime	10:30 am
17	Board Meeting	7 pm
17	Book Club	7 pm
19	Preschool Storytime	10:30 am
24	Christmas Eve	CLOSED
25	Christmas Day	CLOSED
27	Mr. Steve Christmas Concert	6:30 pm
31	New Year's Eve	CLOSED