



AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

LOCATION

102 West Third Street
Phone: 815-625-1370

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 10am—6pm
Friday 10am—5pm
Saturday 10am—2pm
Curbside Pickup Available

FIND US ONLINE

Facebook: Sterling Public Library
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Interlibrary Loan: SPL-BookLoans@comcast.net
Young Adults: SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net

Programs

Monday Online Preschool Story
Times



Summer Reading 2020 Review

The Summer Reading Program has ended and the top readers have received their awards. This was the first year we have done an all online program. We had 86 children enrolled with a total of 18,748 minutes recorded as read. The activity programs were viewed 188 times on the library's website, Facebook, or YouTube.

Thank you to everyone who participated. We appreciate the feedback that we have received. This feedback will help us to plan for next summer's programs.



Online Preschool Story Times

During these online story times, the children are encouraged to participate with the stories and follow the activities while learning to listen. A new story time is posted every Monday at 10:00 AM on the library's webpage, Facebook, and YouTube. Please pick up the packet of craft materials to go with the program. They are at the children's desk.

August Themes-The Alphabet

August 3-Alphabet Soup

August 10-W is for Walrus

August 17-X is X-Ray

August 24-Y is for Yellow

August 31-Z is for Zoo



Director's Corner

We have opened the doors to allow the public to come in and select material. It has been great to see our regulars coming through the doors! We are still offering curbside pick-up as well.

Many of you have asked how things have been going with the copper banding. I am happy to report that it should be completed either the end of July or the first couple of days in August. I have asked Sterling Commercial Roofing about all the marks/hand prints on the copper. They will not be polished because that will cause uneven weathering. The

manufacturer suggests to leave it, and the markings will not be visible once patina begins to form in a couple of months.

Inside the building, we are taking the time to paint the stacks walls and ceiling. This will be completed by the second week in August.



Weekly video book talks!

YA Librarian, Beth, will be posting weekly booktalks on young adult books.

These will be short videos spotlighting one new book and one hidden gem from our Young Adult collection. They will be posted on our webpage, facebook page, and YouTube channel every Wednesday evening at 7.



STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY TO PARTNER WITH STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Making sure every Sterling student has access to books

All SPS students who reside outside the city limits and are in Pre-K through 12th grade can get a public library card. Parents/guardians can email proof of their student's enrollment to the public library at SPL-director@comcast.net. Just send a picture/screenshot of the child's Skyward page listing their name, address, grade and school. Please also provide a phone number. The library cards will provide access to the Sterling Public Library digital collections as well as print materials when the library is open.

Have you used the Sterling Public Library Online Library? All you need is a valid Sterling Public Library card! Go to sterlingpubliclibrary.org and click on the digital services page for a tutorial on how to use the sites.



They will show you how to read books and view media from local and nationwide independent authors and artists. Of course, you can always call us with questions!

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