



JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER TENTATIVELY OPENING WEDNESDAY JULY 15th

LOCATION

102 West Third Street
Phone: 815-625-1370

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Programs

Summer Reading for all ages

FIND US ONLINE

Facebook: Sterling Public Library
YouTube: Sterling Public Library
Website: www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org

Email:

Director: SPL-Director@comcast.net
Interlibrary Loan: SPL-BookLoans@comcast.net
Young Adults: SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net



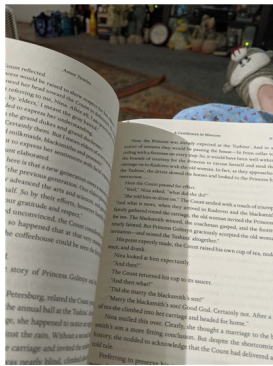
Summer Reading, 2020 — online version

The kids (and adults) have been enjoying the program so far.

Here are a few stats at the 4 week mark:

PreK–5th grade have read 9,211 minutes

Teens and Adults have read 48 books



Kids Programs (online): Find them on Facebook, YouTube and our website. When you watch, listen for the secret code to get points toward your reading program.

PreSchool: Mondays, July 6 & July 13, 10 am.

K–5th grade: Tuesdays, July 7 & July 14, 1 pm

The program ends on July 19, so make sure you get all your reading and activities logged by then. Participants of all ages who complete the program will be entered into a drawing for gift cards.

As required by state mandate, **all patrons 3-years and older are required to wear a face mask.** If you are unable to wear one because of health reasons, the library staff are here to select material for you to pick up via the library's curbside service. Upon entering the building, patrons are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer placed at the entrance and throughout the building. Reusable book bags will also not be allowed within the library. Library staff will provide you with a bag(s) for your materials when you check out. Elevator usage will be limited to only those who need it.

Once we open, **patrons are required to continue to put all materials they are returning to the library in the book drop located on the east side of the building across from the dental office.** The book drop will be emptied once a day, and all material will be quarantined for three days before being checked in and returned to the shelf. To help patrons remember to place their materials in the drop box, the Juvenile (north) entrance will be the only one open for the first month or two.

We have made many changes to the interior of the building to keep our patrons and staff safe. Furniture has been spaced or removed to accommodate the social distancing requirements. Newspapers and magazines have been removed for safety reasons as the coronavirus can stay on paper for three days. Patrons are also asked not to reshelv material they do not wish to checkout, but to place them on designated carts for the staff to disinfect and shelve. Four internet computers in the adult department and two internet computers in the children's department are available for use and have been placed with social distancing in mind. In the children's department, all toys, puzzles, iPads and the Switch have been removed.

The library's community room and study rooms are closed to the public.

Story times will continue online. The summer reading program is officially over on July 19th. Please get your points registered on READSquared by July 19th. There will be no online story times on July 20th or 27th. Story times for preschoolers will begin again online Monday, August 3rd at 10 a.m. Craft packets for August story times will be available the week of July 27th.

Curbside pick-up will continue when the library opens. Please call or let staff know when they call to notify you of requests whether you will come into the library or prefer curbside.

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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