

April 2022 Newsletter

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LOCATION

**102 West Third Street
Phone: 815-625-1370**

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday

9 AM-8 PM

Wednesday-Friday

9 AM-5 PM

Saturday

9 AM-1 PM

Curbside Pickup

Monday-Friday

9 AM - 4 PM

FIND US ONLINE

Facebook: Sterling Public Library

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Website: www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org

Programs at a glance:

Preschool Story Time: Mondays at 10 AM

LEGO Club: April 2 & 16, at 10 AM

Dungeons & Dragons: Mondays 3:30-7:30 PM

Teen Game Night: Tue, April 12, 5:30-7:30 PM

Earth Day programming: Sat, April 23

Star Wars/Superhero Day! Sat, April 30

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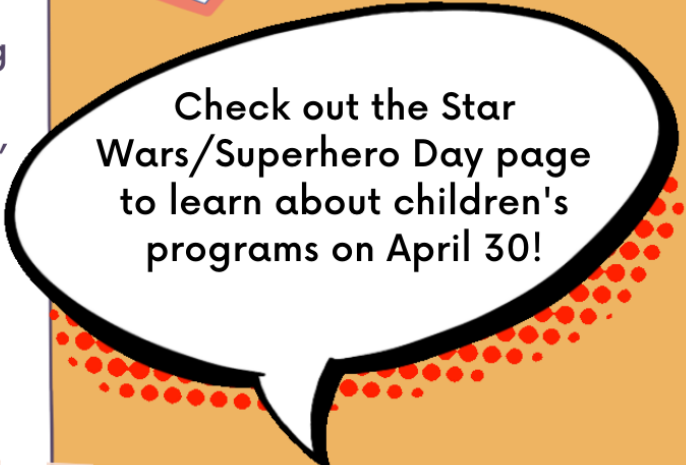
Children's Department



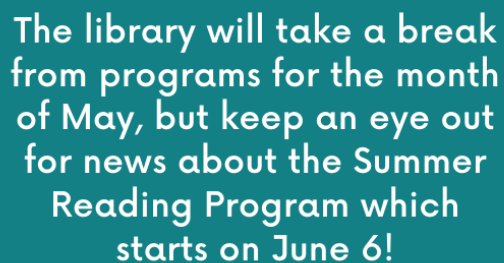
Preschool Storytime

Storytime is every Monday morning 10-10:45am. Come join us as we read books, sing songs and rhymes, play games, and create a craft. These storytimes are aimed at preschoolers, but all ages are welcome.

April 4: On the Count of 3
April 11: Books about Babies
April 18: Funny Bunnies
April 25: What Happens at Night



Check out the Star Wars/Superhero Day page to learn about children's programs on April 30!



The library will take a break from programs for the month of May, but keep an eye out for news about the Summer Reading Program which starts on June 6!

If you have any questions or suggestions about programs, the library's collection, or anything else, please let us know! You can contact the library at 815-625-1370 or email the Children's Librarian, Abbigail, at abbigail.mcwilliams@sterlingpubliclibrary.org

Lego Club

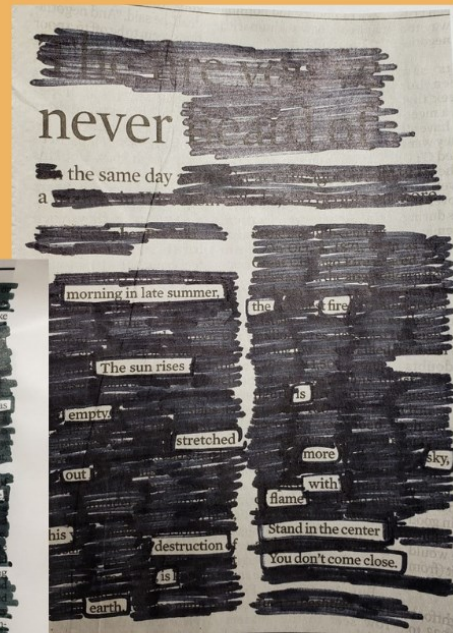
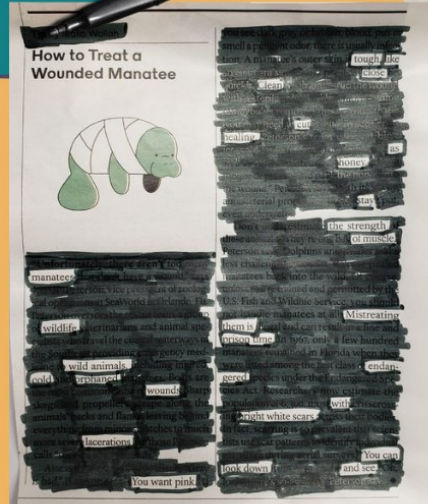
Join us on Saturday, April 2 OR April 16, 10-10:45am to build with LEGOs! This program is for grade school children, and registration is required. Children will be able to sign up for one Lego Club session per month that way we can have as many kids as possible participate. You can register at the Children's Desk or call the library at 815-625-1370.

April 2022



Children's Department Continued National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month! Visit the children's department during April to create your own black out poetry or to add a leaf to our "poet tree."



Celebrate Earth Day at SPL

Saturday, April 23, 2022
(the day after Earth Day)

10am: Earth Day Storytime --
Join us in learning about the planet and how to take care of it through fun stories, rhymes, and songs! This program is geared towards preschool through 1st grade, but all ages are welcome.

11am-12:30pm: Earth Day Drop-In --
Stop by the community room anytime during this timeframe to make upcycled crafts. Geared towards children of all ages, but teens and adults are welcome!

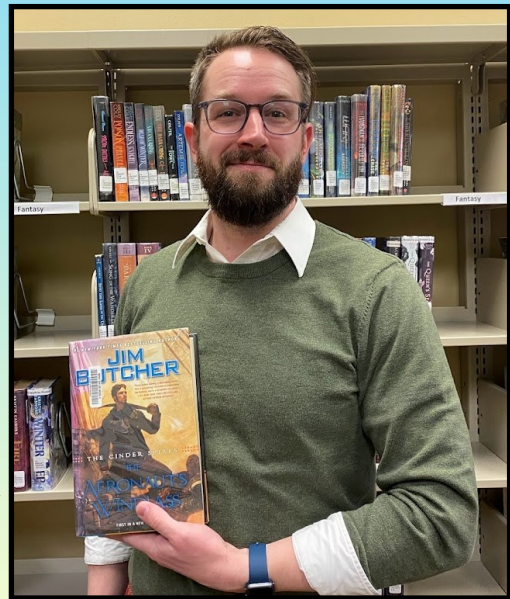


Hello, Ben!

Ben Knapp is joining us as our new Adult Services Librarian.

Ben is coming to us after spending 4 years in the insurance business. (A place he is overjoyed to leave). 😊 He has also been a part of theater productions at Dixon Stage Left and regularly assists budding screen writers with their scripts. Ben's interests are all over the place and he would love to expand his knowledge with you.

He is excited to geek out over his love of books with other book lovers. He prefers sci-fi and fantasy novels, but is actively expanding his repertoire all the time. If you have any suggestions for new books to try, he would love to hear about it. Some of the things he is looking forward to most is holding workshops for authors, whether they are writing novels or scripts, and financial workshops to help people wade through the muck that can be our daily lives.



Goodbye, Mary!



**Thank you to everyone
who came out to wish
Mary a Happy
Retirement!**





Star Wars/ Superhero Day



April 30, 2022
Sterling Public Library
10am - 1pm

- Superhero Storytime
@ 10am
- Photos with
characters
- LEGO
- Door prize drawing
- Games
- Make and take
- Giveaways
- Trivia





Teen Game Night



Teens 6th – 12th grade

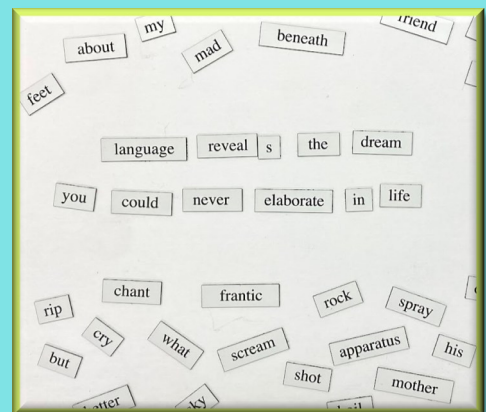
games, snacks, and discussion

Tuesday, April 12,

5:30–7:30 pm



April Celebrates
National Poetry Month
This is a haiku



Come to the Young Adult Department and create a poem with
our magnetic poetry kit!

Also, check out our many books written in verse.

Illinois Libraries Present

An Evening with Nick Offerman and Jeff Tweedy

Wednesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. CST | Zoom



We are truly honored to welcome this beloved Illinois native, actor, humorist, and woodworker. Best known as Ron Swanson on NBC's *Parks & Recreation*, you may also know Nick as Forest in FX's *Devs*, Karl Weathers in the FX series *Fargo*, and as co-host and producer of NBC's *Making It*, alongside old pal Amy Poehler. Nick will be discussing his newest book, *Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves*

to Walk Outside.

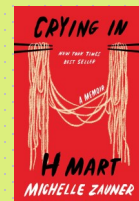
As the founding member and leader of the Grammy Award winning American rock band Wilco, Jeff Tweedy is one of contemporary music's most accomplished songwriters, musicians, and performers.



An Evening with Michelle Zauner

Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. CST | Zoom

Fresh off a tour with her band Japanese Breakfast, Michelle will join an ILP conversation exploring the intersection of food, culture, family, identity, and loss, lovingly chronicled in her bestselling memoir, *Crying in H Mart*.



Keep an eye out for more information on this upcoming program

On June 15, **Chef Kwame Onwuachi** will present on his exciting career in food, as chronicled in his bestselling memoir, *Notes from a Young Black Chef*.

Find the links to register
for these free programs
on our website —>



These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

Director's Corner

National Library week is April 3-9! The theme, “Connect with Your Library,” promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology and resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, and ideas—in addition to books. Most importantly, libraries also connect communities to each other. I hope you will take the time during this week to speak to your neighbors, friends, and family about the importance of the library to you and to the community as a whole.

The infusion of new employees at the library brings about a lot of changes inside as well as outside in the community. Starting on the first Saturday in May, Abbigail, Ben and Beth will be at the Farmer’s Market showcasing the many events and materials the library has to offer. This might be a good time to pick up not just food for your body but food for your mind. They will have a table for you to register for a library card, learn about the services the library provides for you, and of course learn about upcoming events.

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