

April 2023 Newsletter

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Programs at a glance:

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

PreSchool StoryTime: Mondays and Tuesdays 10am

LEGO Club: Sat, Apr 1 & 15, 10am

Saturday Storytime: Apr 8, 10am

5 Star Reads: Sat, Apr 8, 11:30-12:30pm

Teen Game Night: Tues, Apr 11, 5:30-7:30pm

Reading Roulette: Tues, Apr 18, 5:30-7:30pm

Used Book Sale: Sat, Apr 22, 9-12:30

ARKS: Tues, Apr 25, 6pm

FIND US ONLINE

Facebook: Sterling Public Library

YouTube: Sterling Public Library

TikTok: @sterlingpubliclibrary

Website: www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org

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

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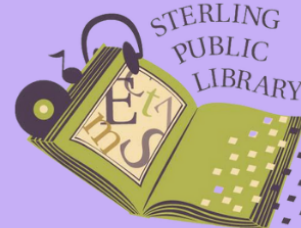
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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

APRIL 2023



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join us for storytime **every Monday and Tuesday morning*** from 10-10:45am for Preschool Storytime. We will sing songs and rhymes, read books, play games, and make a craft. The theme and craft will be the same for both the Monday and Tuesday sessions of each week, but patrons are welcome to attend both. These storytimes are geared toward preschoolers, but all ages are welcome!

***Storytime is every Monday and Tuesday in April!**

****No storytimes in May while we get ready for the Summer Reading Program!**

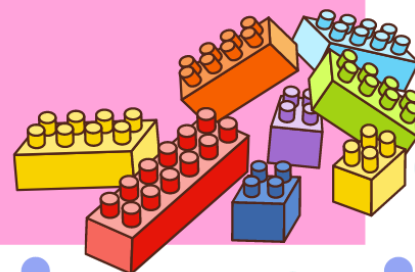
SATURDAY STORYTIME

Join us during our new storytime hour on the **second Saturday of the month (April 8)** from 10-10:45am. This storytime will be geared towards children preschool through first grade, but all ages are welcome. During this storytime, we will read books, sing songs and rhymes, and play games.

LEGO CLUB

Join us during Lego Club to create whatever you can imagine! This program is for grade school children, and registration is required. You can register at the Children's Desk or call the library at 815-625-1370.

Saturday, April 1
Saturday, April 15
10-11am



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STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRESENTS



STAR WARS SUPER HERO DAY

Join us
Saturday, May 6th
10am - 1pm
in your most SUPER
costume!

Door Prize Drawings
Crafting for kids
Photos with costumed characters
Trivia
Giveaways
LEGOS
Storytime @ 10am
Kid's Star Wars Bingo @ 11am



Draw Along Party

Draw alongside Jarrett J.
Krosoczka in the (digital) flesh!
The creator of Jedi Academy
and Lunch Lady will be hosting
a virtual Draw Along Party in
our Conference room @ 10am!



A.R.K.S. Book Club

Adults Reading Kid's Stuff

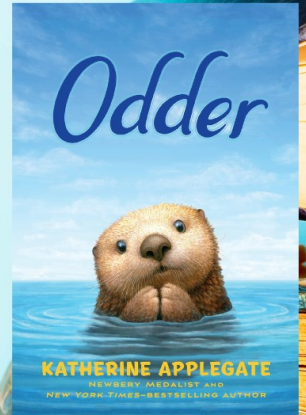
Tuesday, April 25, 6-7pm

Held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month

Join us at the library to discuss children's books with other adults who enjoy children's books!

For our April meeting we will be reading *Odder* by Katherine Applegate. If you would like to borrow a copy, please stop by the library and ask at the adult desk.

If you have any questions, please call the library or reach out to Abbigail at abbigail.mcwilliams@sterlingpubliclibrary.org.

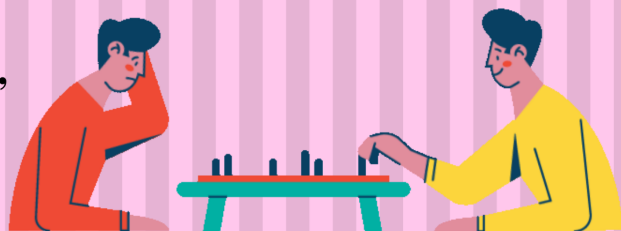


Teen Game Night



Tuesday, April 11,
5:30-7:30 pm at the
Sterling Public Library
in the conference room

**Teens 6th – 12th
grade are invited
for a night
of games, snacks,
and discussion.**



STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Presents

READING



ROULETTE

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 • 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

Read, Rate, Repeat

You get to randomly select a mystery book with a wrapped cover. Read any part of the book you like for 5 minutes. Rate it from 0-5 stars, and then repeat the process as many times as you like until time has run out. Then at the end of it all we all rip open our favorites to find out what we liked. All the books are available for check out afterwards as well.

FREE

**No registration
or sign up
necessary**



**Saturday, Apr 8,
11:30-12:30pm**

Excited about a book you've read?
Share your 5 Star Reads with
others who will do the same!
Maybe you'll hear about your next
favorite book!





INTRO TO SPANISH

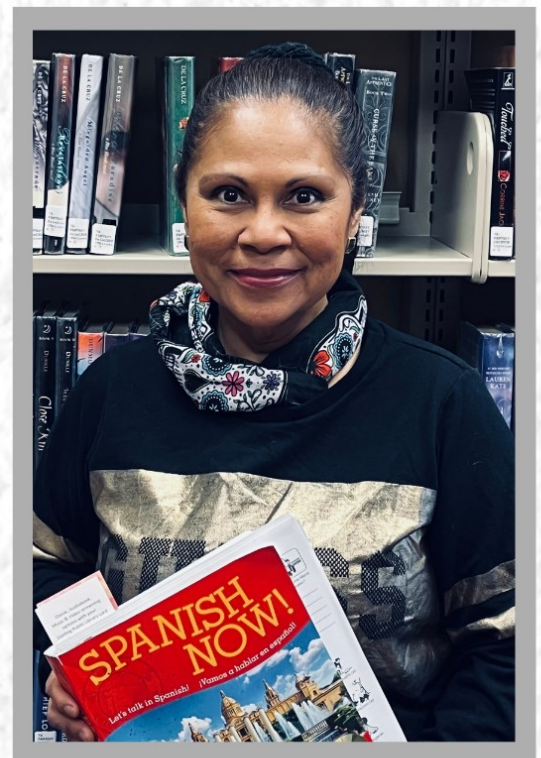
Enroll Online
Now!

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From June 15 -
July 21

Taught by Native
Spanish Speaker:
Ana Lara

- 2 hour classes
 - 1 pm - 3 pm
- 2 days a week
 - Thurs & Fri
- 6 weeks long
- \$20 to reserve your seat
- All ages are welcome



STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

USED BOOK SALE



SATURDAY,
APRIL 22

9AM - 12:30PM

ADULT BOOKS - \$1 EACH

BOOKS ON CD - \$1 EACH

DVDS/VIDEOS - \$1 EACH

CHILDRENS BOOKS - 50¢ EACH

REDEEM THIS
COUPON FOR



ONE FREE BOOK

AT THE STERLING PUBLIC
LIBRARY'S USED BOOK SALE

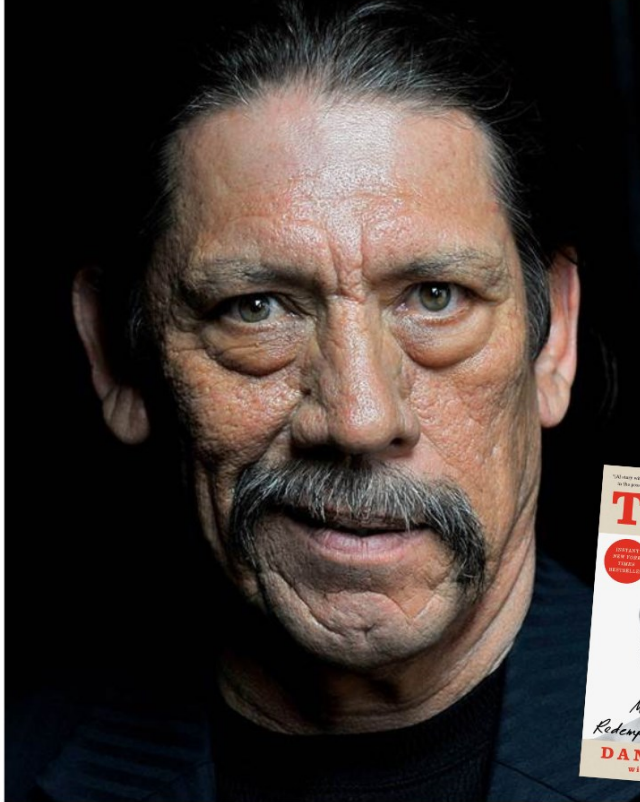
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

9AM - 12:30PM

(ONE COUPON PER CUSTOMER)



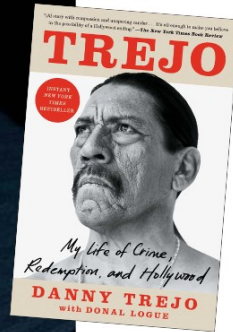
We will also be
selling used
board/party
games at the sale.



DANNY TREJO

Talks Tacos, Hollywood, & Redemption

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7 pm



This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.



Secrets of a Puzzle Master: A Conversation with Will Shortz

An exclusive puzzle created for the event will be emailed to all registrants after March 14!

Tuesday, April 25
at 7PM



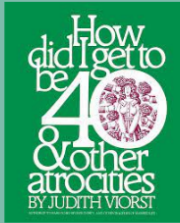
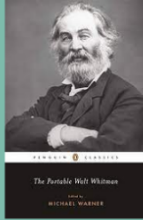
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Reader's Advisory

Poetry and Novels in Verse

Adult

The Portable Walt Whitman edited by Michael Warner is full of poetry and prose originally published between 1855-1891. Whitman is classic poetry. Much of what he wrote about still applies today.



How did I get to be 40 & other atrocities by Judith Viorst was originally published in 1973. Same as Whitman, Judith's poetry still rings true 50 years later. Male or female, you will feel something in her poetry when you read it.

Teen

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds



A fast and furious, dazzlingly brilliant look at teenage gun violence told in short, fierce staccato narrative verse

Vinyl Moon by

Mahogany Browne
A teen girl hiding the scars of a past relationship finds home and healing in the words of strong Black writers.



Middle Grade



Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

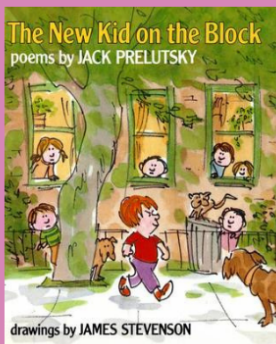
Follow Jude and her mother as they move from Syria to the United States to live with Jude's uncle's family. Over time Jude gains confidence and makes new friends but not without some hiccups along the way.

Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton

This historical fiction novel in verse follows half-Black, half-Japanese Mimi after her family moves to a new town. As she struggles to fit in and make friends in a town where almost everyone looks differently from her, we go along for the ride with the lyrical poems that tell the story from Mimi's perspective.

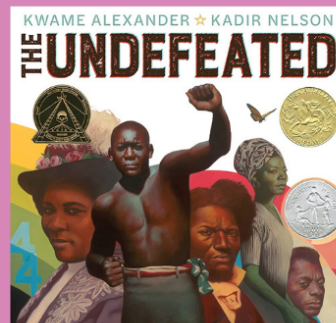


Children's Poetry Books



The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky

Full of goofy poems that you will have a ball reading aloud with the children in your life. Start with "My Mother Says I'm Sickening" (my favorite).

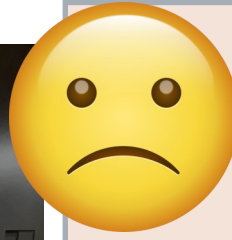


The Undeclared by Kwame Alexander

This beautifully illustrated poem is a tribute to Black Americans through history to the present. The back of the book provides more information for learning about the people mentioned throughout the poem.



Improvements to the elevator are possible with the help of state funds administered by the State Librarian.



Due to circumstances out of our control, the elevator project will not be completed for some time. Our best guess is the end of April. But watch our website and Facebook for updates.

While the elevator is down, please take advantage of our curbside service or outdoor lockers for easier pickup. We are always happy to bring your books to you!

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