

AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

LOCATION

102 West Third Street
Phone: 815-625-1370

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
Friday-9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Saturday-8:00 AM-5:00 PM

LIBRARY BUILDING CLOSING

Monday, September 4, 2017-Labor Day
Thursday, November 23, 2017 and
Friday, November 24, 2017 for
Thanksgiving

Programs

Monthly Lego Clubs, Adult Book Club
and Teen Book Club
(Times and dates are listed on the
pages that follow)



Toddler Time

All 18 months-3 years old are welcome

Each Monday 9:30-10:00 AM Beginning September 11, 2017

This is an interactive story time where the toddlers are encouraged to participate in stories and play while learning to listen and share.

September: *We've Got Rhythm*

October: *Animals! Animals!*

November: *Winter is Coming!*

Preschool Story Time

All 3 -5 year olds are welcome!

Each Monday 10:30-11:00 AM Beginning September 11, 2017

Stories, poems, finger plays/songs and craft at each story time.

September: *Apples and More*

October: *Duck and Goose*

November: *Get Ready*



LEGO Clubs

Building Challenges with regular Lego

September and October

For Grades K-4

Saturday, September 16, 2017 10:00 AM

Saturday, October 14, 2017 10:00 AM

**Building Challenges using the
computer and Lego**

For Grades 5&6

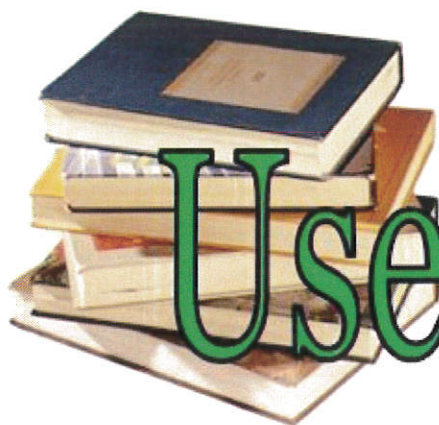
Saturday, September 16, 2017 11:30 AM

Saturday, September 30, 2017 10:00 AM

Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:30 AM

Saturday, October 28, 2017 10:00 AM

You must register for each class. You may register at the Children's Desk or you may call the library at 815-625-1370 to register.



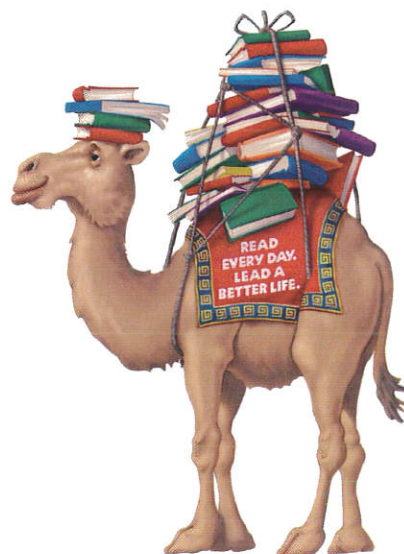
Used Book Sale

Saturday, October 7, 2017

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

The prices of these used books are as follows:

Adult Books	\$1.00 Each
Books on Tape/CD	\$1.00 Each
DVD's/Videos	\$1.00 Each
Children's Books	50 Cents Each



NEW!

YOUNG ADULTS

Coming in September

Book Subscription Boxes

Boxes will be released monthly and include a newly published YA book and other fun surprises. Library cardholders ages 12 and up may participate.

Ask at the library for details.

YA Meetings

NEW MANGA SERIES:



Thursday, September 21, 5:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, October 19, 5:30-7:30 PM

All students in grades 6-12 are welcome. There are a variety of activities for teens that could include book discussions, board games, movies, and there is always good conversation and food!

NEW BOOKS

Cold Summer by Gwen Cole — Today, he's a high school dropout with no future. Tomorrow, he's a soldier in World War II. There's no time like the present in this time-travel romance.

Eliza and Her Monsters by Francesca Zappia — Eighteen-year-old Eliza Mirk is the anonymous creator of Monstrous Sea, a wildly popular webcomic, but when a new boy at school tempts her to live a life offline, everything she's worked for begins to crumble.

Want by Cindy Pon — An edge-of-your-seat sci-fi thriller, set in a near-future Taipei plagued by pollution, about a group of teens who risk everything to save their city.

Alex, Approximately by Jenn Bennett—The one guy Bailey Rydell can't stand is actually the boy of her dreams—she just doesn't know it yet.



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
EXTENSION

Wits Fitness

Brain Exercise Classes



August 22

September 26

October 24

November 28

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Library Community Room

**Registration is recommended through
the Extension at 815-716-8922**

**Interactive activities designed to
exercise the brain and to maintain
cognitive function and memory.**



The second Tuesday morning of the month the library hosts the Adult Readers' Book Club. Copies of the novels are available for cardholders of the Sterling Public Library. The monthly book discussion takes place on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the library conference room.

Serious Readers' Groups Novels

August

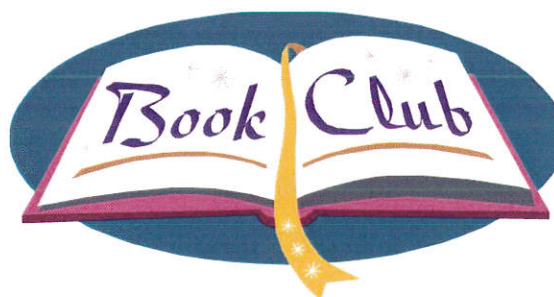
Flash Boys: a Wall Street Revolt
Michael Lewis

September

The Good Father by Noah Hawley

October

The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens



Genealogy and Local History



The arch at First Avenue and Third Street welcomed soldiers when they returned home from World War One. After numerous accidents and near accidents, the city council was informed that the arch obstructed the view of drivers and pedestrians and the city could be held liable if the arch wasn't torn down. The arch was torn down after a vote of the City Council in July 1921. In the above photo, the building to the right of the arch is the Lawrence Building. There is a lot of talk in Sterling right now about the new apartments being built in the upper floors of the Lawrence Building. That building holds lots of local history. The first floor at the present time is occupied by a branch of the Whiteside County court system. At one time there was a Woolworth store located there and the radio station WSDR was located in the basement.



Join the Sterling Public Library and the Whiteside County Genealogists for their annual cemetery walk as we tell the stories of the World War One veterans who are buried at Riverside Cemetery. The walk will take place on Sunday the 8th of October. The lives and accomplishments of other prominent local citizens will also be told. Stay tuned for further details. Call the library at 625-1370 or Marilyn at 625-1370 extension 20 for more information. We hope to have Jim Mocklin and his horse and buggy for rides and a bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace."

Summer Reading Fun



Summer Reading Grand Prize winners were:

Carra Conklen, Traizen Falls, Fatima Zaragoz and Alexis Lengfelder

5 Fun Library Facts

1. The Guinness Book of World Records holds the record as the most frequently stolen library book.
2. Public libraries feature prominently in famous scenes from many well-known movies, including Ghostbusters, The Day After Tomorrow, Philadelphia, Breakfast at Tiffany's and Citizen Kane.
3. The lions that lounge outside the beautiful New York Public Library's main building at Fifth Ave. and 42nd Street are named Patience and Fortitude.
4. Some famous librarians throughout history include Jacob Grimm, Mao Zedong, Golda Meir, Laura Bush, Marcel Proust, Melvil Dewey, and Lewis Carroll.
5. The Future Library Project in Oslo is growing the trees that will be needed to publish 100 books 100 years from now.

Director's Corner



Ramp Closure

Great News! In January, the Director received word from the Illinois State Library that the library was awarded a Library Service and Technology Grant (LSTA) in the amount of \$48,000 to offset the cost to replace the landing, stairs and ramp to the main entrance of the library. The total cost to replace the ramp is \$96,000+. The ramp was installed with the first addition to the library back in 1986. Over the years, weather and settling issues have forced the Library Board to address the ramp for safety issues. The Library Board has accepted bids and will award the contract to begin the work soon. The goal is to start the project Monday, September 11th with completion by the end of October. What does this mean to our library patrons? The main entrance and ramp will be closed and unavailable. We encourage our patrons to use the Children's entrance located on the North side of the building. The elevator will be available to the main floor. We understand that not all of our patrons are able to use stairs or are willing to use the elevator. Don't worry the staff is willing to bring materials down to the juvenile desk for checkout.

Patron Feedback

Patrons occasionally make comments about the library. The following are some of those comments.

- “The new additions made to the library really maintained the integrity of the Carnegie building. (These additions were added in 1985 and 1995)
- “Wow, there are so many great things here for my children to do!”
- “The interior is beautiful.”
- “If the library didn’t have Internet on their computers I don’t know how I would do my taxes.”
- “Why should I spend money on novels when I can get them all here free.”
- “The large print section is great. Arranging novels by genre makes it so much easier to find what I want.”
- An out of town genealogy researcher praised the helpful staff and the beautiful interior and the flow of the building.

**Sterling Public Library
102 West Third Street
Sterling, Illinois 61081**