

## **AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2018 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 CLOSINGS**

Monday, September 3, 2018-Labor Day

### **Special Programs**

Cemetery Walk-Sunday, September 16, 2018-  
Riverside Cemetery

### **Regular Programs**

Children's Story Times, Monthly Lego Clubs,  
Adult Book Club and Teen Book Club

### **FIND US ONLINE**

Facebook: Sterling Public Library-Look for our  
logo

Website: [www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org](http://www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org)

### **Email:**

Director: [SPL-Director@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-Director@comcast.net)

Interlibrary Loan: [SPL-BookLoans@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-BookLoans@comcast.net)

Genealogy: [SPL-Genealogy@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-Genealogy@comcast.net)

Young Adults: [SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net)

**Apply for your passports here  
during normal business hours.**



# It's Story TIME

## Toddler Time

**All 18 months-3 years old are welcome**

**Each Monday 9:30-10:00 AM Beginning September 10, 2018**

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

## Preschool Story Time

**All 3 -5 year olds are welcome!**

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

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

## Fall Story Time Themes

**September: *Things that Creep, Crawl or Fly***

**October: *Fall Fun!***

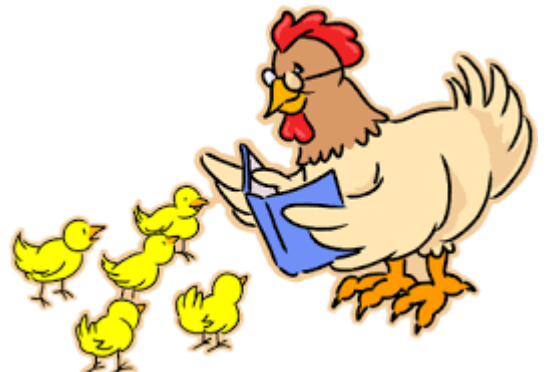
**November: *Leaves and Owls-Hoot Hoot!***

### Story Time Dates:

**September 10, 17 and 24**

**October 1, 15, 22 and 29**

**November 5, 12, 19 and 26**



# **LEGO CLUBS**

**Building Challenges with regular Lego**

**For Grades K-4**

**10:00-11:00 AM**

**Saturday, September 1 & 22**

**Saturday, October 6 & 20**

**Saturday, November 3 & 17**

**For Grades 5-8**

**Building Challenges using computer  
software**

**11:30-12:30 AM**

**Saturday, September 1**

**Saturday, October 6**

**Saturday, November 3**

**You must register for each class. You may register at the  
Children's Desk , call the library at 815-625-1370 or register  
online through the Sterling Public Library webpage.**



## **Genealogy and Local History**



Looking at the old school bell from the Como School will remind many of you who have contributed memories and photos of Whiteside County schools. Whiteside County Genealogists have been documenting all rural schools from twenty-two townships. So much of this information was being collected and entered on a jump drive by Donald Mulnix with the hope that in the next few months we would have a publication for sale of Whiteside rural schools. Much of that material was collected by the Sterling Public Library and turned over to Don.

Don Mulnix passed away recently, but two of our members have stepped up to continue collecting material. The book will be finished and dedicated to Don. In the meantime, if anyone has any more information to be used in the book, please drop it off or call Marilyn at 625-1370, extension 20.

Don was involved in three publications the genealogy society published in recent years and placed in the library genealogy and local history collections. A few of these publications are still for sale. One publication is titled "Whiteside County, Illinois History and Families" which focuses on the county's history from 1839 to 2013. The other names all of Whiteside County's Civil War veterans that we could find, what unit they served and where they are buried.

### **Annual Cemetery Walk**

Our next big project will be our annual cemetery walk at Riverside Cemetery to be held on Sunday, September 16th, 2018. Tours will begin at 1:30 PM. Dress comfortably and put on your walking shoes!

This year with the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the state of Illinois to be celebrated on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be portraying and telling the stories of the first settler's of Sterling, many of whom will be having their 200<sup>th</sup> birthday about the same time of the state's celebration. We will have portrayers telling the story of Hezekiah Brink the first settler in Sterling who was born the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 1809. Hezekiah was our first settler and arrived in 1834. Hezekiah has many descendants, and they have visited Sterling many times.

We will have a horse and buggy on the grounds for anyone who would like to ride around the cemetery. A bag-piper will be on hand to finish the cemetery walk. Many more stories will be told. More information on the cemetery walk will be available on the library website soon.

# YOUNG ADULTS



## YA Meetings

Thursday, Sept 20, 5:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, Oct 18, 5:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, Nov 15, 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



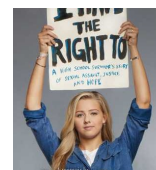
**From Twinkle with Love by Sandhya Menon**— Aspiring filmmaker and wallflower Twinkle Mehra has stories she wants to tell and universes she wants to explore, if only the world would listen.

**Unsinkable by Jessica Long**— The top Paralympic swimmer in the world, double amputee Jessica Long delivers an inspirational photographic memoir.



**Devils Unto Dust by Emma Berquist**— Daisy Wilcox, known as Willie, sets out across the desert in search of her father in this western zombie thriller.

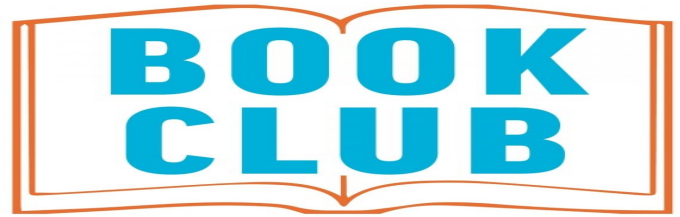
**I Have the Right To by Chessy Prout** — A young survivor tells her searing, visceral story of sexual assault, justice, and healing in this gutwrenching memoir.







## ADULT PROGRAMS



### Fall Garden Cleanup

**Friday 8/17/18 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

**Join University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Bruce Black as he discusses what garden activities need to be done in the fall to prepare your gardens for winter.**

**This program will offer a monthly checklist of end of the year garden tasks including plant division, planting spring flowering bulbs, and more.**

**Bruce will also walk through the steps of dividing a perennial.**



The second Tuesday morning of the month the library hosts an Adult Book Club. Copies of the books 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.

### Books and Meeting Dates

#### **September**

***One More Step: My Story of Living with Cerebral Palsy, Climbing Kilimanjaro, and Surviving the Hardest Race on Earth* by Bonner Paddock**

#### **October**

***Ten North Frederick* by John O'Hara**

#### **November**

***Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS* by Joby Warrick**



# **Calling all Adults**

**Trivia Tuesdays begin  
Tuesday, September 4  
at 10:00 AM in the  
library community room**

**Are you a Wise Guy or Gal? A Smarty  
Pants? Go head to head against others and  
prove it! Refreshments will be served,  
“prizes” will be awarded, and it’s free!  
So come out and test your knowledge,  
exercise your mind and have a good time!**

## **Trivia Tuesdays and More Dates**

**Tuesday, September 4 at 10:00 AM**

**Tuesday, September 18 at 10:00 AM**

**Tuesday, October 2 at 10:00 AM**

**Tuesday, October 16 at 10:00 AM**

**Tuesday, November 6 at 10:00 AM**

# CHAPTER FOUR: SHARE YOUR LIFE STORY

**FRIDAYS 8/24-9/21  
10-11:30 A.M.  
STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Recording your life story, treasured memories, and special moments leaves a legacy for generations to come. This writing workshop will explore how to get started in sharing your life story and will include writing sessions and activities. Series is a continuation of the 2017 writing workshop; participation in past workshops is not required. Join the series at any time!

**The series is FREE and open to the public.  
Previous writing experience not required!**

Please pre-register online at  
**[go.illinois.edu/2018lifestorysterling](http://go.illinois.edu/2018lifestorysterling)**  
or by calling 815.632.3611.

For more information, contact Karla Belzer  
at [kbelzer@illinois.edu](mailto:kbelzer@illinois.edu) or 815.632.3611



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## **Director's Corner-Jennifer Slaney**

**There are many exciting things happening at the library. First off, THANK YOU to the volunteers that passed out 1,100 lunches at the library for Feed the Children. Good Job!**

**I'm proud to announce that the library purchased two passes to the Putman Museum in Davenport. The passes are available to current adult resident library card holders. The pass allows for up to five people to the museum. It does not include admission to the Putman IMAX theater. There is a \$20 refundable deposit. It is due back in three days. The library will have the passes available for a year.**

**Did you by chance get a Kindle? If you haven't logged on to the library website or maybe you have, you might have noticed a little tab on the right entitled Tutorials. The library now offers Niche Academy, a tutorial based application that provides a video on how to load an e-book onto your device. Of course, it also has videos on how to use Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat-if you always wondered how to get started on these popular apps.**

**For the local authors of our community, the library started a new service called BiblioBoard Library. It works similar to Overdrive or Axis360 in that it lets you download e-book and audiobooks to your device. However, where OverDrive/Axis360 focus on popular fiction and nonfiction, Biblioboard focuses on indie authors. It's a great way for self-published authors to get their books into libraries (across Illinois) and to make sure their work is discovered by our patrons. The biggest difference is that BiblioBoard library has two very useful add-ons (Pressbook and Self-E) that help authors format their e-books (for free) and submit them to the Indie Illinois Collection. In other words, you use Pressbooks to create your e-book—either writing into the editor or uploading the finished files. Then you can use Self-E to share it with the rest of Illinois. Books submitted to Self-E are even reviewed by Library Journal. The best of them are featured in indie collections all over the United States. Check it out on the library's webpage under the digital library tab. If you or somebody you know is an author watch the library's webpage and Facebook page for training seminars coming this fall.**

**I am happy to announce that the library will be hosting its second annual Author's Fair on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. This fair gives local authors an opportunity to display their work and to network with the public and other authors. Authors must register to take part in this event. Registrations forms will be available soon. Please contact me for more information either by telephone-815-625-1370 or email [SPL-director@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-director@comcast.net).**

# **There will be no Fall 2018 Used Book Sale**

**At this time we do not have enough books to make a good sale. We will have a sale in early April 2019. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.**

**We do take donations but we do have guidelines that we ask that you follow. The guidelines are as follows:**

- We do not take Reader's Digest books, textbooks, dictionaries or encyclopedias of any type
- We do not take multiple copies of one title
- Do not take VHS tapes
- Do not take music cassettes
- Audio books must also have a publication date of 2013 or newer
- Local authors' donations must be approved by the library director
- Books must have a publication date of 2013 or newer-this is all books-children's, adult and young adult-fiction and nonfiction
- DVDs must have a release date of 2013 or newer
- Music CDs must have a release date of 2013 or newer

We do not just take books when people want to just drop them off. We ask that you respect these guidelines. Please sort through your donations to be sure they match our guidelines. When our book sales are over we have to find a place for what is left. Self Help Enterprises will take books to recycle and some of the resale shops will take all of the above.

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