

August, September, October 2019 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 2, 2019 Labor Day

Regular Programs

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

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Instagram-Look for sterlinglibrary

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Email:

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Interlibrary Loan: SPL-BookLoans@comcast.net

Genealogy: SPL-Genealogy@comcast.net

Young Adults: SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net

Planning a trip that needs a passport?

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



Preschool Story Times

Toddler Time



All 18 months-3 years old are welcome

Each Monday 9:30-10:00 AM Beginning September 9th, 2019

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

September: Harvest Time!

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 9 2018

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

September: Farm Fun!

October: Apples, Pumpkins and More!

November: Winter is Coming!



LEGO CLUBS

Building Challenges with regular Lego

For Grades K-4

September 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM

September 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM

October 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM

October 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM

November 2, 2019 at 10:00 AM

November 16, at 10:00 AM

For Grades 5-8

September 7, 2019 at 11:30 AM

October 5, 2019 at 11:30 AM

November 2, 2019 at 11:30 AM

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.



This program offers one on one reading mentoring for grade school children. The reading mentors will be high school students trained for this program. Sign-up online at the Sterling Public Library or at the library's Children's Desk.

**Fall Kick-off is Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at
6:00 PM**

Several students took advantage of this program when we did it during June and July.

Call the library today to sign your student up!

This program will be offered the second and fourth Wednesday in September, October and November.



Young Adults



After Hours Teen Event

Friday, August 9, 5pm-10pm

Open to all teens going into 6th-12th grade. Pick up a permission slip at the Desk and return it by Monday, August 5 to register.

Teen Read Month!

For the month of October, we will have some special emphasis on YA books! Come in to check out what's going on!

YA Meetings

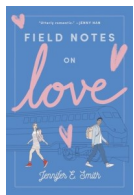
Thursday, Sept 19, 5:30-7:30 PM

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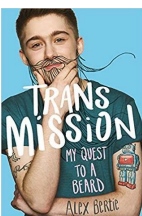
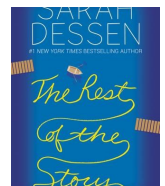
All students in grades 6-12 are welcome. There are a variety of activities for teens that could include book discussions, board games, movies, and there is always good conversation and food!

New Books



Field Notes on Love by Jennifer E. Smith — Hugo and Mae want get their lives on track. What they're not expecting to find is each other.

The Rest of the Story by Sarah Dessen — A big-hearted novel about a girl who reconnects with a part of her family she hasn't seen since she was a little girl – and falls in love, all over the course of a magical summer.



Trans Mission: My Quest to a Beard by Alex Bertie — A brave first-hand account of online personality Alex Bertie's life, struggles, and victories as a transgender teen, as well as a groundbreaking guide for transitioning teen.

With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo – A story of a girl with talent, pride and a little bit of magic that keeps her fire burning bright.





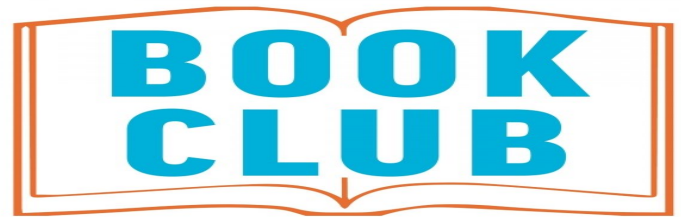
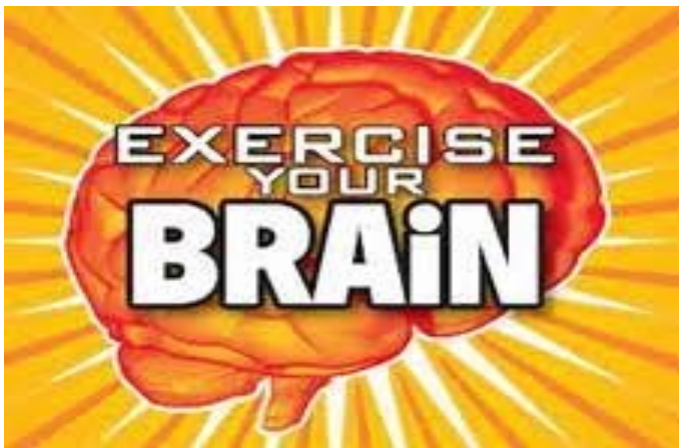
ADULT PROGRAMS



WitsFitness

August 27, 2019
September 24, 2019
October 22, 2019

Join University of Illinois Extension Educator Karla Belzer each month as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. Get started training your brain in this fun and informative class. Class is free and open to the public. You are welcome to join any time. Call 815-632-3611 or register online: go.illinois.edu/witsfitness



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

August 13, 2019

Red Notice : a true story of high finance, murder, and one man's fight for justice by Bill Browder

September 10, 2019

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

October 8, 2019

Black Flags: The Rise of Isis by Joby Warrick



The History of Libraries in the United States

Part 1

Before public libraries spread across the United States after the Revolutionary War, people were looking for outlets to access and discuss literature. During the Enlightenment, these came in the form of literary salons, which gained popularity in France and Italy. Salons were spaces for conversations about art, politics, and literature. They were particularly empowering for women, who had been barred from formal learning spaces and now had a place to exchange ideas, read and share their writing, and debate. Decades later, libraries offered a similar opportunity for women to enter the workforce and academia in new ways, too.

With the rise of non-religious texts and literacy rates in the 1700s, private book clubs among wealthy men evolved into subscription libraries. Subscription or membership libraries were funded by membership fees or donations, with collections accessible only to paying members. While today there are fewer than twenty membership libraries in existence in the US—many of which focus on special collections or rare material, rather than a varied book selection—from the late 1700s to the mid-1800s, they sprang up in cities across the country. The first of these libraries was formed in Philadelphia, under the direction of Benjamin Franklin, and would come to be known as the Library Company.

In pre-Revolutionary War America, books were hard to come by for anyone who was not wealthy or a member of the clergy. The expense and rarity of books meant that members of the middle or lower classes did not readily have access to reading material.

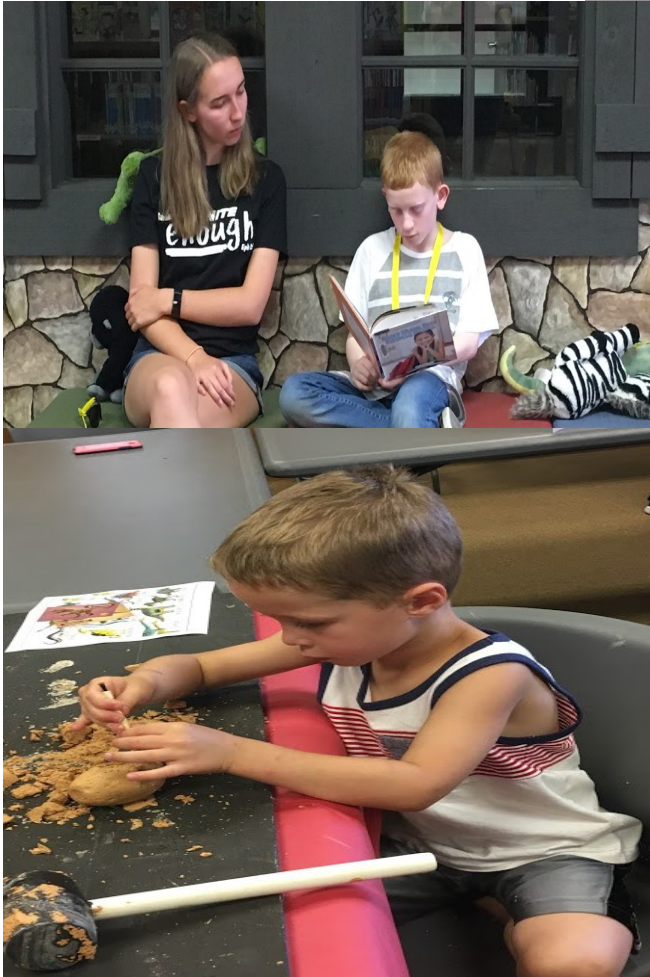
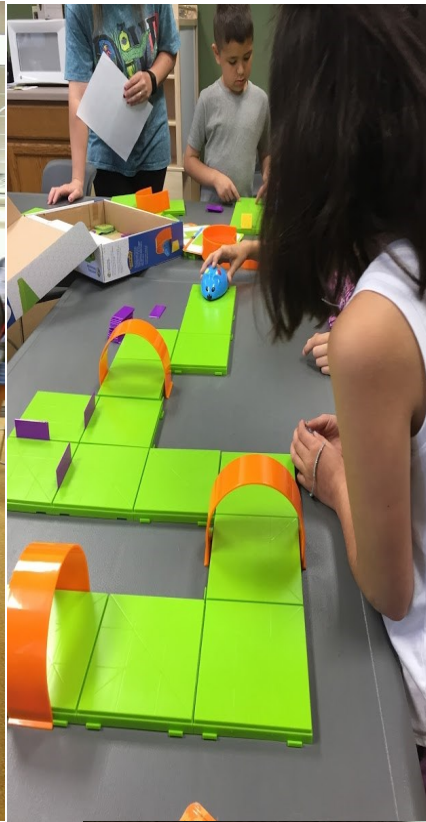
That changed in July 1731, when Founding Father Benjamin Franklin helped bring the membership library to the American colonies. Franklin worked with the other members of what was called the Junto, a club of thinkers that gathered to discuss "queries on any point of Morals, Politics, or Natural Philosophy," as Franklin described in his autobiography. Franklin and the other Junto members, primarily merchants, owned few books and were looking for a way to access more material for their weekly discussions.

Using money from the Junto members, alongside a forty-shilling investment from each of the library's first fifty members, Library Company organizers started its first collection. By 1732, they had sent the library's first book order to London. Though many of the library's early books were about education or religion, the collection expanded to feature broader topics. Notably, a majority of the Library Company's books were written in English. (At the time, most other private and university libraries had collections primarily in Latin.) Library members could access these books as they pleased, while non-members would need to provide collateral for their borrowed book.

In addition to membership libraries, Benjamin Franklin also played a role in the development of the first lending library. In 1790, Franklin donated a collection of books to a Massachusetts town that named itself after him. Though the town asked Franklin to donate a bell, he determined that "sense" was more important than "sound." Franklin residents voted for those donated books to be freely available for town members, creating the nation's first public library.

Information provided by Digital Public Library of America.

Summer Reading Program 2019 Snapshots



Director's Corner

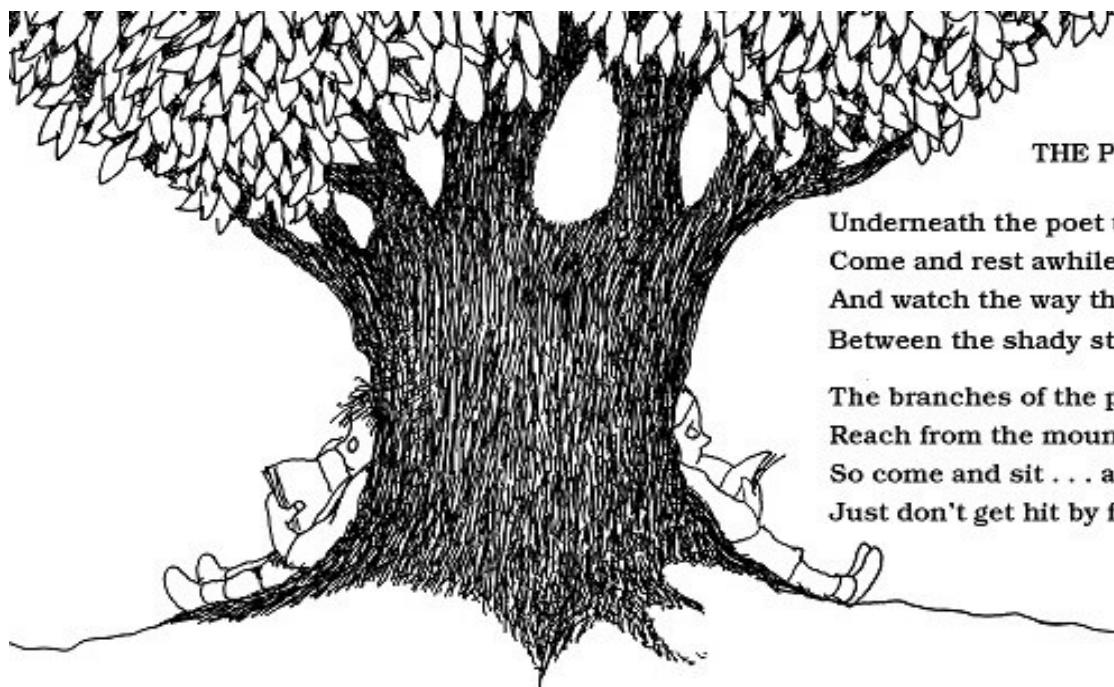
Hard to believe the start of another school year is just around the corner. The library had another successful summer reading program. Thank you to Mary and Beth and the rest of the library staff for all their hard work! A special thank you goes out to you as library patrons who see the value of the library and reading for enjoyment and lifelong learning.

Don't forget when out picking up items for school to stop by the library to renew your library card or possibly purchase a card for that special loved one. The Library Board recently raised the cost for a family non-resident card to \$65.00. The cost to purchase a Senior card and student card remained the same at \$20.00

I want to share some exciting news with everybody. The Rock River Library Consortium (RRLC) is growing! As many of you know, Sterling Public Library is a member of the consortium which allows us to share our online catalog with Dixon Public and Rock Falls Public Library, Sterling Schools, Rock Falls High School, Dixon High School, St. Mary's Grade School and St Andrews Grade School. At the beginning of August, we welcomed four more institutions to our consortium. We are happy to welcome Milledgeville Public Library and Rock Falls School District #13 (Dillon, Merrill and Middle School) to the online catalog. Their material will appear in the catalog but will not be available to request until their staff is comfortable with this new automation system.

Over the past few years the library has done some major redecorating of the inside of the library. Many of you have commented about those changes and the cost. This summer I began seeing some water damage appearing in the main areas of the library that were once pristine. After further investigation, the cause of this water damage appears to be the bricks on the upper portion of the Carnegie building and a portion of flat roof that is between the Carnegie and the 1985 addition. According to engineers, a number of bricks are missing the mortar that glues them together. So in the coming months, the library will hopefully have tuck-pointing done and a new flat roof installed to close the building back up again and we can return the main portion of the library back to its once pristine appearance.





THE POET TREE

Underneath the poet tree
Come and rest awhile with me
And watch the way the word web weaves
Between the shady story leaves.

The branches of the poet tree
Reach from the mountains to the sea.
So come and sit . . . and dream . . . and climb—
Just don't get hit by falling rhymes.

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