



STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 2023 Newsletter



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102 West Third St



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sterlingpubliclibrary.org



Hours:

Mon & Tues: 9am - 8pm

Wed - Fri: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm



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-Monthly Highlight-

Library App

Look inside for more
info about our new
Library App!



Closed!

- Saturday, Dec 23
- Monday, Dec 25
- Saturday, Dec 30
- Monday, Jan 1

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS DECEMBER 2023

LEGO CLUB

Saturday, December 2, 10-11am

Saturday, December 16, 10-11am

Lego Club will be on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Come to the library and build whatever you like with Legos! Please register for Lego Club at the Children's Desk or by calling the library.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join us for storytime **every Monday morning** at 10-10:45am for Preschool Storytime. We will read books, sing songs and rhymes, play games, and make a craft. These storytimes are geared towards 2-6 year olds, but all ages are welcome!

***We will have a special guest on December 11 for our Hanukkah storytime!**
***The last storytime for this year will be on December 18, and we will resume on January 15!**



FIRST FRIDAY FUN

On the **first Friday of each month**, we will have a take home craft available while supplies last and a new in-person activity available the whole month. December's take home craft is a **yarn hat** that can be turned into an ornament. Our in-person activity will be a **snowman plushie scavenger hunt!**



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

MASTER GARDENER MEET & GREETs

Saturday, December 9, 9am

Saturday, December 16, 10am

Come bring your questions to ask a Master Gardener!

PAPERBACK CHRISTMAS TREE CRAFT

Monday, December 18, 4-5pm

Learn to create a unique Christmas decoration out of old books. All supplies will be provided at no cost. Sign up is required to make sure that we have enough supplies for everyone.

Scan or click the QR code or give us a call.



WATCH THE NUTCRACKER



Sat, Dec 16 & Sun, Dec 17 only!

Scan or click the QR code to get access to watch a recorded virtual performance of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker performed by the UK's Royal Ballet. After registering, you will receive a special link to the performance good for anytime on Dec 16th & 17th.

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

LORI GOTTLIEB



Wednesday, December 6, 7pm

Lori Gottlieb joins us for a thought-provoking conversation about mental health in anticipation of the winter holiday season. She will share tools to help in everyday life and especially as you prepare for the holidays. Lori Gottlieb is a psychotherapist and New York Times bestselling author of Maybe You Should Talk to Someone

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To register for this free, virtual program, just scan or click on the QR code -->



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Join Drew to play an RPG. They meet each Monday from 3:30-7:30 at the Sterling Public Library. This is open to anyone 13 years or older. Email Drew at sterlingttrpg@gmail.com with any questions.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, December 12,
5:30pm-7:30pm

All teens 6th-12th grade are invited to come play board games and eat snacks. No registration necessary.



WINTER WEATHER OPTIONS

If you have a hard time getting in our building during winter weather, we have some options. Please watch our Facebook, website and app for weather closures.

- We have curbside pickup available. Just call us to let us know you are in the parking lot and we'll bring your materials out to you.
- Outdoor pickup lockers are available 24/7. Either choose SPL Smart Lockers when putting items on hold, or call to let us know you want your items in the lockers.

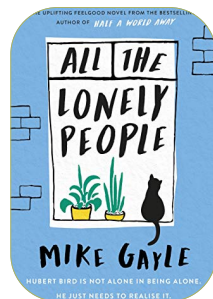


BOOK CLUBS



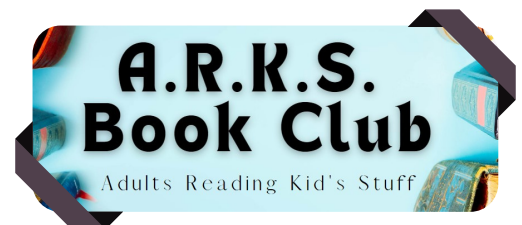
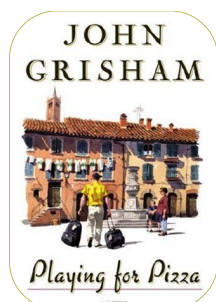
Friday, December 8, 10am

We are reading All the Lonely People by Mike Gayle. Check out a copy at the Adult Desk.



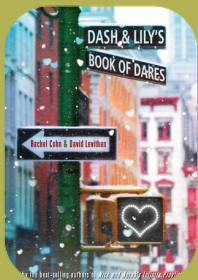
Monday, December 11,
5:30pm

We are reading Playing for Pizza by John Grisham. Check out a copy at the Adult Desk.



There will be no ARKS Book Club meeting in December. Have a wonderful holiday!

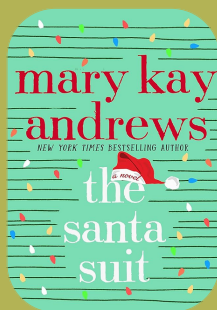
ADULT



Dash & Lily's Book of Dares
by Rachel Cohn
*"I've left some clues for you.
If you want them, turn the page.
If you don't, put the book back on
the shelf, please."*
Let the whirlwind romance begin!

The Santa Suit

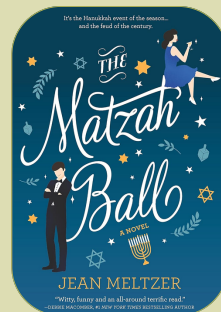
by Mary Kay Andrews
Newly divorced Ivy buys a house sight unseen. Finds a Santa Suit in a closet with a note from a child. Let the search begin for the child, who must now be an adult, and the father mentioned in the note.



Three Holidays and a Wedding
by Uzma Jalaluddin & Marissa Stapley
"Combines two budding romances, a massive snowstorm, unlikely friends, meddling family members, and one magical small-town for the most festive book you'll read this year." --Carley Fortune

The Matzah Ball

by Jean Meltzer
Rachel is Jewish and writes Christmas romance novels. Her publisher wants a Chanukah Romance. Time to visit the Matzah Ball for some inspiration.



READERS' ADVISORY -DECEMBER HOLIDAY STORIES-

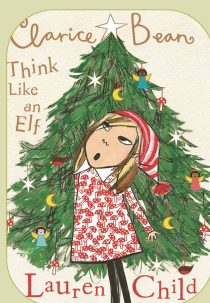
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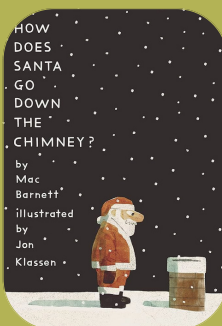
Juniper's Christmas
by Eoin Colfer
In this anxiously awaited new fantasy novel by Colfer, Juniper must save Christmas after her mom goes missing and Santa hung up his Santa hat 8 years earlier.

Clarice Bean, Think Like an Elf by Lauren Child

For a sillier twist on a Christmas story, try one of the newer *Clarice Bean* books where Clarice tries to spread the holiday spirit to everyone around her even when things go terribly wrong.



PICTURE BOOKS



How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney? by Mac Barnett

In yet another fun and silly author-illustrator collaboration, Barnett and Klassen imagine what Santa's night must be like, specifically how he gets into people's houses if he can't fit in the chimney.

Hanukkah Upside Down by Elissa Brent Weissman

This fun new picture book about Hanukkah is told from the perspective of two cousins, one living in New York and the other living in New Zealand. Learn about Hanukkah and life for kids in these two different places.



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