

FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 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

February 18, 2019-President's Day

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

Email:

Director: SPL-Director@comcast.net

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.

It's story TIME

Toddler Time

All 18 months-3 years old are welcome

Each Monday 9:30-10:00 AM

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

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

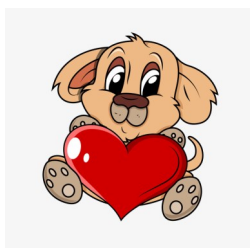
Story Time Themes

Story Time Dates:

February 4, 11 and 25, 2019-"Love and Laughter"

March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2019-"Colors"

April 1, 8, 15, and 29, 2019-"Spring Has Sprung"



LEGO CLUBS

Building Challenges with regular Lego

For Grades K-4

10:00-11:00 AM

February 2 and February 16, 2019

March 2 and March 16, 2019

April 6 and April 20, 2019

For Grades 5-8

**Lego Building Challenges using computer
software**

11:30-12:30 AM

February 2, March 2 and April 6, 2019

**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.**



A.R.K.S.

Adults Reading Kids Stuff

The Sterling Public Library is happy to resurrect a popular adult program from the past, **A.R.K.S.** In this 6 weeks program kids' books and children's authors will be explored. Participants will also be challenged to read books from a "Bingo sheet." Those who take the reading challenge and fill up the bingo sheet will receive a bag of children's books.

A.R.K.S. programs will be held each Monday in March 2019 and April 1 and 8, 2019. Programs will be held in the library community room from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Program Schedule:

Monday, March 4, 2019

Introductions, Purpose, and Stories

Monday, March 11, 2019

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You

Monday, March 18, 2019

Author Joplin James Patras

Monday, March 25, 2019

Author Jannifer Powelson

Monday, April 1, 2019

Merry Christmas!

Monday, April 8, 2019

Favorites (Bring a favorite children's book)

Please clear your calendar and join us. You must register for this Program at the Adult Circulation Desk or by email to the Children's librarian Mary at mary.bradshaw@sterlingpubliclibrary.org



YOUNG ADULTS

Spring Break Beach Party!

Thursday, March 28, 1-4 pm

Come join us for beach games,
snacks, and fun!

All 6th—12th graders
welcome.

Wear a Hawaiian Shirt!



YA Meetings

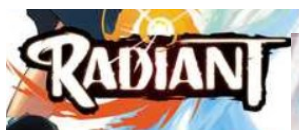
Thursday, Feb 21, 5:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, Mar 28, 1-4 PM

Thursday, April 18, 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 Manga Series:



NEW BOOKS



Ignite the Stars by **Maura Milan**— Everyone in the universe knows his name. Everyone in the universe fears him. But no one realizes that notorious outlaw Ia Cocha is a really seventeen-year-old girl.

Geography of Lost Things by **Jessica Brody** – In this romantic road trip story perfect for fans of Sarah Dessen and Morgan Matson, a teen girl discovers the value of ordinary objects while learning to forgive her absent father.



The Fork, the Witch and the Worm by **Christopher Paolini** –

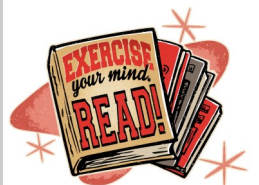
This volume features three original stories set in Alagaësia, interspersed with scenes from Eragon's own unfolding adventure.

Any Second by **Kevin Emerson** — In this gritty realistic novel, a kidnapped boy and a girl with crippling anxiety are drawn together and must try to find hope in this dangerous world.





ADULT PROGRAMS

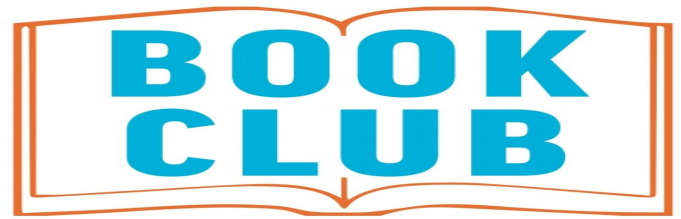
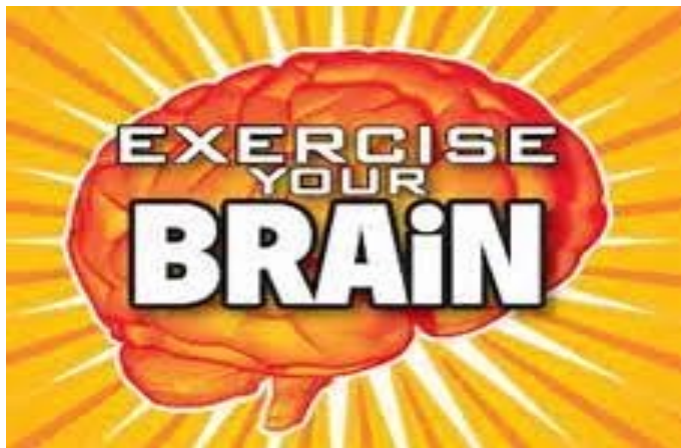


WitsFitness

February 26, March 26,

April 23 , 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

February 12

Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage
by Haruki Murakami

March 12

The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story
by Hyeonseo Lee

April 9

The Accidental Tourist
by Anne Tyler



STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 13, 2019

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Adult Books	\$1.00 Each
Books on CD	\$1.00 Each
DVD's/Videos	\$1.00 Each
Children's Books	50 Cents Each
All Other Items as Priced	

SALE IN CONFERENCE ROOM



Genealogy and Local History

Now is the perfect time to tackle a few genealogy projects. Here are several projects that may interest you and your family.

If you are going to be sending Valentine cards, why not make them genealogy valentines? If sending to a relative think what ancestor would have the most meaning. Make a copy of a photo of that ancestor and glue or paste it to card stock paper. Make a border by using markers, etc. Write a message, along with a little bit of information about that ancestor and their connection to your relative receiving the card. Research old- fashioned Valentine's Day family traditions.

Did you ever wonder how your ancestors celebrated the day of romance. Different areas celebrated differently. Go through old letters or diaries and compare how different family members celebrated in the area that they lived.

For a fun addition to your family tree choose ancestors who have birthdays in February, March or April. This is a good way to get started on researching ancestors you haven't had a chance to work on yet, but have been wanting to.

Read a new genealogy or history book. The library has a great collection of family histories donated by family members who researched their family and had them printed. Very little can be checked out from the genealogy/local history department at the library, but come on in and see what a great collection that we have.

Anyone who does genealogy on any level should belong to a genealogy group. Especially to a group from the state or county from which your ancestor settled. They have a tremendous amount of databases that are not found on the web. One of the better society's with many free databases would be the Illinois State Genealogical Society. They have member submitted family trees, family bible records, quarterly magazines, etc.

Whiteside County has a society that is very active. Contact them at the following email:
SPL-Genealogy@comcast.net



Love Your Library!

February is Love your Library month. To celebrate, we are forgiving fines for long overdue materials. If you have been avoiding us because you have overdue material, please bring it back during the month of February, 2019, and all is forgiven!



If you have overdue fines (with no lost material), we are accepting non perishable household and food items to pay for these fines during February. Bring in two items for every \$5 you owe.



Jennifer Slaney,
Director



THE PROMISE OF

**SPRING'S
ARRIVAL**

IS ENOUGH TO GET ANYONE THROUGH THE
BITTER WINTER

- Jen Selinsky



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