

February 2021 NEWSLETTER

Online Services Outage

- Saturday, Feb 13 through Monday, Feb 15
- Online catalog, e-reading apps and digital newspapers will not be available during this time!
- Make sure you download materials beforehand so you can read them during the outage.

LOCATION

102 West Third Street Phone: 815-625-1370

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Friday
Open 10am—5pm
Saturday & Sunday
Closed

Closures:

Monday, February 15, 2021

Curbside Pickup Available until 4:00 PM Monday-Friday

Programs

You must register for Preschool Story Times Go to library webpage to do this.

Story Time Activity Packet Available at Children's Circulation Desk

Wednesday YA Video Book talks 7:00 PM

FIND US ONLINE

Facebook: Sterling Public Library YouTube: Sterling Public Library

Website: www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org

Email:

Director: SPL-Director@comcast.net

Interlibrary Loan: SPL-BookLoans@comcast.net Young Adults: SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net



February Preschool Story **Times**

Starting this month, you must sign-up to receive the link to the online story time. The information needed to do this is on our webpage. Once you receive the link, you can view story time at your convenience and share it with others. We are asking you to do this so that we will be compliant with copyright regulations. Thank you for letting your child participate in the Sterling Public Library online story times.

February is dental health month and the toothbrushes I included in the packets were a donation from Rastede Dental Clinic.

Story Times

Monday, February 1, 2021 Wake Up Mr. Groundhog!



Monday, February 8, 2021

Love is in the Air



Presidents' Day



Monday, February 22, 2021

Happy Teeth

Monthly Story Time packets are available for anyone to pick up at the Children's circulation desk.

Monthly Family activity packets that contain seasonal activities for children to do with the family are also available at the Children's circulation desk.

Director's Corner

Our library has been faithfully serving the community through the COVID-19 pandemic. We closed in March when it was mandated by the state. I met with staff to decide what our plan would be for service. In early April 2020, even though our doors were locked to the public, we took telephone requests and began curb service filling those requests. Curb service has continued even though we opened our doors to the public in mid July 2020.

As a director, it has been a challenge to decide what the best practices are for keeping staff and patrons safe in the library. Masks and social distancing are required. All returned books are quarantined for 3 days and are sanitized before they are shelved. Seating is limited so only one person may sit at a table at a time. We are unable to offer meeting rooms for community use, and our hours are limited. I will continue to monitor the situation to decide if the library will expand the hours of service. Please call the library or check our webpage or Facebook for changes.

Please note, if you are planning to travel in 2021, we are now accepting passport applications. It may take up to 12 weeks to get your passport, so apply early.



Looking for tech help with your device? Wanting to use our reading apps?

Call the library to set up an appointment with Beth for one-on-one help.

815-625-1370





Want to find a good romance to read for Valentine's month?

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Pick a romance based on the first line.

Come check out the displays of Adult and Young Adult romances.





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