

February 2022 Newsletter

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LOCATION

**102 West Third Street
Phone: 815-625-1370**

LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday & Tuesday
9 AM-8 PM**

**Wednesday-Friday
9 AM-5 PM**

**Saturday
9 AM-1 PM**

**Curbside Pickup
Monday-Friday
9 AM - 4 PM**

**Closed:
Monday, Feb 21**

Programs at a glance:

**Preschool Story Time: Mondays at 10 AM
LEGO Club: Saturday, February 19, 2022,
10 AM**

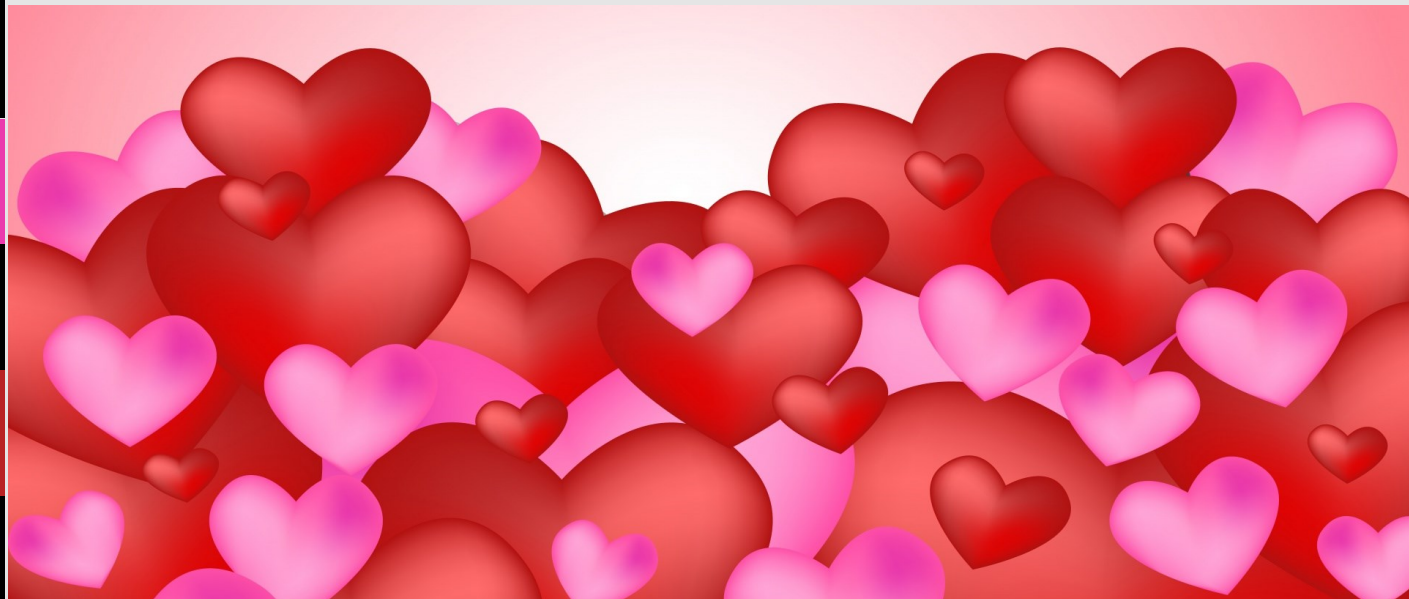
**Dungeons & Dragons: Mondays
3:30-7:30 PM**

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Children's Department



Preschool Storytime

Storytime is every Monday morning 10-10:45am. Come join us as we read books, sing songs and rhymes, play games, and create a craft. These storytimes are aimed at preschoolers, but all ages are welcome.

February 7: Trip to the Zoo

February 14: Lots of Love

*No storytime on February 21 for President's Day

February 28: Dress for Success

***Masks are required for all programs for everyone ages 2 and up.**

If you have any questions or suggestions about programs, the library's collection, or anything else, please let us know! You can contact the library at 815-625-1370 or email the Children's Librarian, Abbigail, at abbigail.mcwilliams@sterlingpubliclibrary.org



Lego Club

Join us on Saturday, February 19, 10-10:45am to build whatever you like with LEGOs! This program is for grade school children, and registration is required. You can register at the Children's Desk or call the library at 815-625-1370.

What is Ms. Abbigail reading?

This middle grade novel in verse starts with Jude and her family in Syria, but it soon becomes an unexpected new life for Jude, her mother, and her uncle's family in the United States. Over time Jude gains confidence and makes new friends but not without some hiccups along the way. Recommended for readers who liked *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang or *Full Cicada Moon* by Marilyn Hilton.





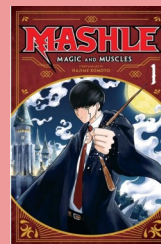
Abbigail McWilliams joins us as our new Children's Librarian. She will be replacing Miss Mary when she retires next month. (See next month's newsletter for more on that!)

Abbigail graduated from St. Ambrose University with a Bachelor's degree in English in 2018 and from the University of Illinois with a Master of Science in Library and Information Science this past December. She has worked at libraries in the Quad Cities including as a Youth Services Clerk at the Bettendorf Public Library.

She loves to read all sorts of genres, but she loves that she can read middle grade and young adult books to help patrons at the library. Abbigail is especially excited about doing story time, selecting materials for the children's collection, and doing outreach in the community. Please introduce yourself if you see her around the library!

New Manga!

Check out our new titles and keep an eye out for more to come!



The Sterling Public Library has joined

Illinois Libraries Present

This gives our patrons access to exciting programs with authors that we would not otherwise be able to offer.

Upcoming Free Programs:

An Evening with Jasmine Guillory

Wednesday, February 16 at 7 p.m. CST |
Zoom



Join us for a lively evening with bestselling author Jasmine Guillory as she discusses the importance of real life and the modern rom-com. Jasmine Guillory is a writer, lawyer and New York Times bestselling author of six romance novels, including *The Wedding Date*, *The Proposal*, and *While We Were Dating*. NPR called *The Proposal*, "Rollicking, charming, and infinitely zesty." Her work has appeared in *O, The Oprah Magazine*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Bon Appetit*, and *Time*. She lives in Oakland, California.

An Evening with Jenny Lawson

Wednesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. CST | Zoom



Join us for an evening with award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent bestseller, *"Broken (in the best possible way)"* and her brilliantly funny body of work. Jenny is an American journalist, author and blogger known for her great candor in sharing her struggle with mental illness. "The Bloggess" lives in Texas with her husband and daughter.

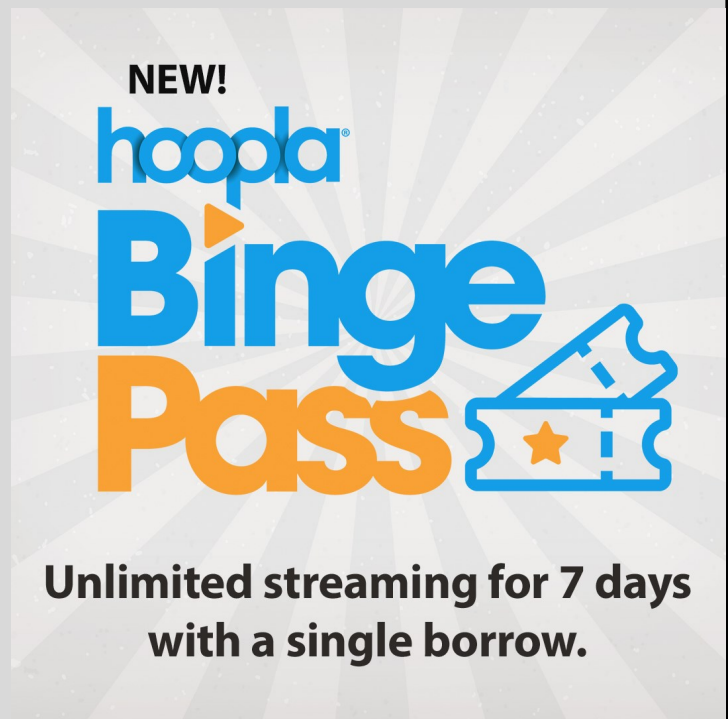
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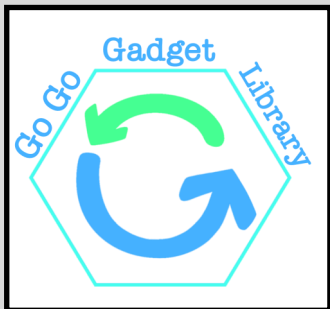
These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

Introducing Hoopla BingePass!

It's a brand-new way to explore great online content - and a lot of it! Get unlimited streaming for 7 days with a single borrow. Just update your hoopla app and tap the "More" in the bottom navigation to view hoopla BingePass.



Hoopla is offering a Magazine pass, a Great Courses pass, and a Curiosity Stream pass. Check them out!



The new Gogo Gadget Library has lots of different items that you can borrow. You can see the items as we add them to our collection by typing "gogo gadget" into the search bar of our catalog page.

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use at the library!**

**Call the library to reserve
a time. 815-625-1370**

Director's Corner

As a library director, it has been a challenge to decide what the best practices are for moving forward in this new year. Priorities still include keeping staff and patrons safe in the library. Masks and social distancing are still being required, patrons are allowed to return books to the circulation desk, and our meeting rooms are available on a limited basis. I will continue to monitor the situation to decide if the library will expand the hours of service.

Preschool story times are meeting on Mondays at 10:00 AM in the community room. We are planning programs for the future such as the Illinois Libraries Presents programs. Summer reading programs are in the planning stages as well. Please call the library or check our webpage or Facebook for changes and additions.

Please note, if you are planning to travel in 2022, we are now accepting passport applications. It may take up several weeks to get your passport, so apply early.

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