

February 2023 Newsletter

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Programs at a glance:

Dungeons & Dragons: Mondays 3:30-7:30pm

PreSchool StoryTime: Mondays and Tuesdays 10am (except 2/20)

LEGO Club: Sat, Feb 4 & 18, 10am

Saturday Storytime: Feb 11, 10am

5 Star Reads: Sat, Feb 11, 11:30-12:30pm

Teen Game Night: Tues, Feb 14, 5:30-7:30pm

ARKS: Tues, Feb 28, 6pm

LOCATION

102 West Third Street

Phone: 815-625-1370

LIBRARY HOURS

Closed:

Monday, Feb 20

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

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY 2023



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join us for storytime **every Monday and Tuesday morning*** from 10-10:45am for Preschool Storytime. We will sing songs and rhymes, read books, play games, and make a craft. The theme and craft will be the same for both the Monday and Tuesday sessions of each week, but patrons are welcome to attend both. These storytimes are geared toward preschoolers, but all ages are welcome!

***Storytime is every Monday and Tuesday in February (except when we are closed on the 20th for President's Day).**

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Join us during our new storytime hour on the **second Saturday of the month (February 11)** from 10-10:45am. This storytime will be geared towards children preschool through first grade, but all ages are welcome. During this storytime, we will read books, sing songs and rhymes, and play games.

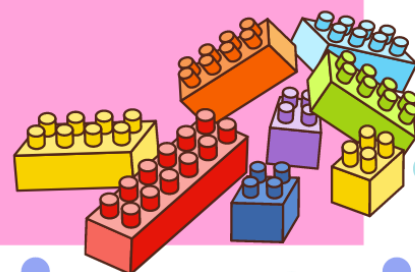
LEGO CLUB

Join us during Lego Club to create whatever you can imagine! 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.

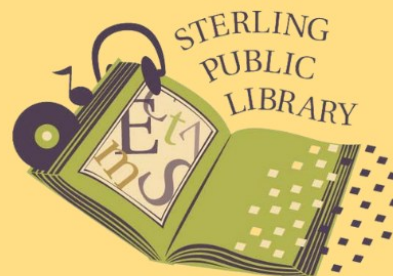
Saturday, February 4

Saturday, February 18

10-11am



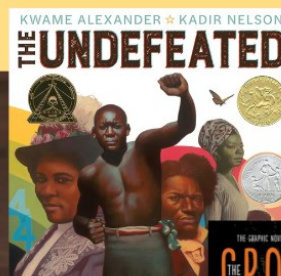
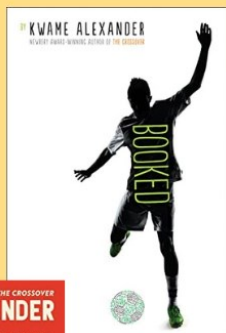
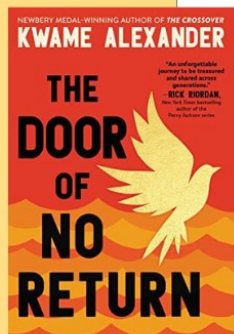
VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT AT SPL WITH KWAME ALEXANDER



Join us at the library for a virtual author visit with best-selling and award-winning children's and young adult author and poet, Kwame Alexander. We will have snacks and a raffle drawing for books by the author!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7-8PM, LIBRARY
DOOR OPENS AT 6:30PM

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE SOUTH DOOR TO THE ADULT DEPARTMENT
REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME FOR AN EXTRA TICKET IN THE RAFFLE!
PATRONS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE EVENT TO WIN THE RAFFLE.



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



ILLINOIS' READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2023

Make your voice heard about your favorite books!

Voting runs from February 15 to March 15!

THE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS SCHOOL LIBRARY EDUCATORS CREATED THE MONARCH AND BLUESTEM AWARDS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO READ CRITICALLY, BECOME FAMILIAR WITH CHILDREN'S BOOKS, AUTHORS, AND ILLUSTRATORS, AND TO CHALLENGE OLDER READERS.

THE STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS ALL 40 MONARCH AND BLUESTEM NOMINEES AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT. YOU CAN ALSO PUT THEM ON HOLD FROM OTHER LIBRARIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE AWARDS, THE NOMINEES FOR THIS YEAR, AND HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN VOTING, VISIT OUR WEBSITE UNDER "EVENTS & PROGRAMS" > "CHILDREN", CALL THE LIBRARY, OR REACH OUT TO ABBIGAIL AT ABBIGAIL.MCWILLIAMS@STERLINGPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG

In coordination with Illinois' Readers' Choice Awards, we will have a few special programs during this time:

- **Monday, February 13, 6-6:45pm**
-- **Monarch Storytime (K-3)** --
Join us to read some of the 2023 Monarch nominee books, sing songs and rhymes, and do a craft!
- **Keep an eye out for our March programs related to the Monarch and Bluestem Awards!**



A.R.K.S. Book Club

Adults Reading Kid's Stuff

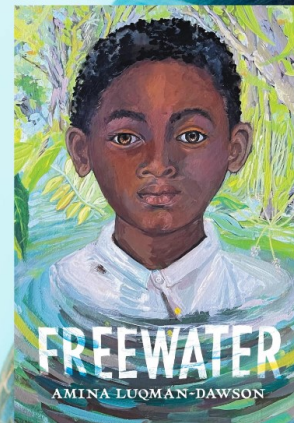
Tuesday, February 28, 6-7pm

Held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month

Join us at the library to discuss children's books with other adults who enjoy children's books!

For our February meeting we will be reading the newest Newbery Award Winner, *Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson. If you would like to borrow a copy, please stop by the library and ask at the adult desk. (The books should be available around the second week of February.)

If you have any questions, please call the library or reach out to Abbigail at abbigail.mcwilliams@sterlingpubliclibrary.org



Blind Date (With a Book)

Where?
SPL Book Display

When?
All of February!



Don't be caught alone this February!
Curl up and enjoy the Valentines
season with a *hot date* ;)

(A book of course!)

5 Star Reads Book Club



Excited about a book you've read?
Share your 5 Star Reads with others
who will do the same! Maybe you'll
hear about your next favorite book!

**Saturday, Feb 11,
11:30-12:30pm**



Teens 6th - 12th
grade are invited
for a night
of games, snacks,
and discussion.



Teen Game Night



**Tuesday, February 14,
5:30-7:30 pm at the
Sterling Public Library
in the conference room**



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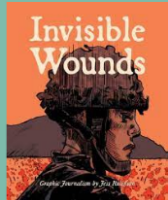
All countries All languages

Reader's Advisory

Graphic Novels

Adult

Ballad for Sophie by Filipe Melo and illustration by Juan Cavia is a beautiful story with beautiful artistic illustrations. An old man telling the TRUE story of his life that he has not been allowed to tell before now.



Invisible Wounds by Tess Ruliffson is a journalistic graphic novel. You not only get the words from real soldiers who spent time in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom; you also see it in comic form. It's an interesting perspective, and an interesting medium to tell this story.

Teen

Nimona by Noelle Stevenson



Nimona is a shapeshifter with a murky past who wants to work for the supervillain. But who is the good guy and who is the bad guy?

Pumpkin Heads by

Rainbow Rowel and Faith Erin Hicks is a tender and hilarious story about two irresistible teens discovering what it means to leave behind a place—and a person—with no regrets..



Manga



Love Me, Love Me Not by Io Sakisaka is a 12 volume high school romance series. It's clean, it's innocent, it's sweet, and you get to see things from the view of both female protagonists and their respective love interests. If you have an hour, and you need a little innocent pick me up, look no further.

Blue Period by Tsubasa Yamaguchi is a wonderful peek into the world of art. Ever wondered what it takes to be an artist (in Japan at least)? This manga dives right in following high school student, Yatora Yaguchi, as he discovers his first real passion in life, ART. There are more struggles than you may think.



Middle Grade



Smaller Sister by Maggie Edkins Willis This endearing and emotional graphic novel follows an older sister's struggle with an eating disorder through the eyes of the younger sister. This graphic novel handles this serious topic with love and care while also perfectly depicting a sisterly relationship and the struggles of being a middle schooler.



History Comics: The American Bison: The Buffalo's Survival Tale
In this graphic novel we get to learn about my favorite animal: their status as a keystone species, how Native Americans lived with bison, how we almost completely wiped them out, and bison's glorious return. Great for animal and history lovers as well as graphic novel readers.



Improvements to the elevator are possible with the help of state funds administered by the State Librarian.

The elevator in our building will be out of service while it is being updated starting **Monday, February 13** for approximately 4-6 weeks. While the elevator is down, please take advantage of our curbside service or outdoor lockers for easier pickup. We are always happy to bring your books to you!

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