



STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 2024 Newsletter



Address:

102 West Third St



Phone number:

815-625-1370



Website:

sterlingpubliclibrary.org



Hours:

Mon & Tues: 9am - 8pm

Wed - Fri: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm



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Closed!

Monday, Jan 1

-Monthly Highlight-

**January 8th kicks off
our Winter Reading
Program for all ages!**

**Ask for a Winter
Reading Program
bookmark at any desk!**

**This reading Program will run
from January 8 - March 18!**

If you would like to
receive our newsletter by
email, scan this QR code
and fill out our form! ->



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

JANUARY 2024

LEGO CLUB

Saturday, January 6, 10-11am

only one session this month

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 (**starting January 15**) 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!

January 15 - Dog Storytime & QCCAN Therapy Dog Visit! (from after storytime until 11:30am)

January 22 - Bathtime Storytime & Bubble Machine!

January 29 - 2024 Caldecott Award Books



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. January's take home craft is a **Pipecleaner Snowflake!** Our in-person activity will be a **Genre Scavenger Hunt!**

***We will be putting up the Genre Scavenger Hunt on the following Monday (January 8) to coincide with our Genre Jamboree! (The take home craft will still be put out on Friday, January 5)**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS CONTINUED

GENRE JAMBOREE!

Book raffle and scavenger hunt all day
(9am-8pm)

Snacks & Treats (3-6pm)

Name-That-Genre Bingo and Mini Tour at 5pm

We genrefied the children's department at the library! Stop by during our Genre Jamboree or anytime to learn more! This event will also kick off our all-ages Winter Reading Program that goes until March 18!

BILINGUAL FAMILY STORYTIME

Join us for our Bilingual Family Storytime on the **second Saturday of each month from 10-10:30am!** We will read books, sing songs and rhymes, and do fun activities in both **Spanish and English**. We will also have a volunteer each month who is a fluent Spanish speaker to help us read and learn Spanish. **This program is geared towards 2-6 year olds, but all are welcome!**



SCHOOL'S OUT CINEMA

Monday, January 15, at 2pm

Join us at the library for a movie and snacks! This month we will be watching *The Greatest Showman* (movie run time is 96 minutes, rated PG).

These child-friendly movies will take place once per month when Sterling schools are out for a federal holiday, Wednesday half-day, or other days off such as spring break. The movies for this program will always be rated G or PG, and we will aim to select a variety of older and newer movies. For more information or if you have questions, please call the library and ask for Abbigail.



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WINTER READING PROGRAM

For ALL AGES

January 8 - March 18

Read three books from different genres during the program to win a prize. Pick up a bookmark at any circulation desk to get started. Separate programs for: picture book readers, junior readers, young adult, and adult readers.

KNITTING WITH HANI

Monday, January 15, 5:30-6:30pm

Knitting Novice? Hani will teach you. Please bring your own knitting needles (Size 11) and some thicker yarn you would like to use to make a scarf. Space is limited to 5 spots, so you need to sign up by calling or coming in to the library.



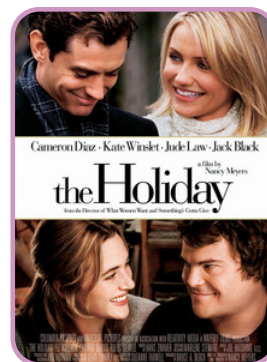
SEED STARTING AND SEED LIBRARY



Saturday, January 27, 9am-noon

Get a jump start on your spring gardening! Let the Master Gardeners teach you how to start seeds and sustain your bedding plants until they are ready for the outdoors. Drop in anytime between 9am-12pm. We are also kicking off our free seed library with seeds donated from Illinois Extension at the same time.

LUNCHTIME MOVIES

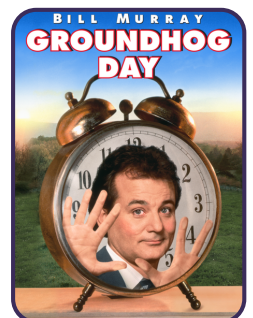


Wednesday, January 24, 12-2pm

Bring your lunch (or a snack) and watch a movie with us. This month we are showing The Holiday.

Friday, February 2, 12-2pm

Bring your lunch (or a snack) and watch a movie with us. In honor of the date, we are showing Groundhog Day.



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, January 9,
5:30pm-7:30pm

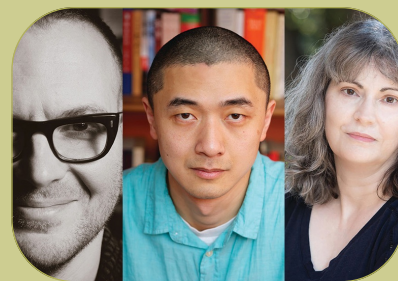
All teens 6th-12th grade are invited to come play board games and eat snacks. No registration necessary.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PANEL

Thursday, January 11 7pm

Join us for a panel discussion featuring three best selling science fiction writers. They will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future, as well as AI in contemporary and future science fiction writing.



Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells

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



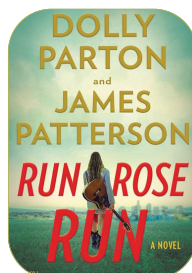
This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

BOOK CLUBS



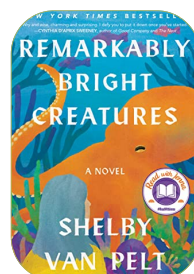
Friday, January 12, 10am

We are reading *Run, Rose, Run* by Dolly Parton and James Patterson. Check out a copy at the Adult Desk.



Monday, January 8, 5:30pm

We are reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Check out a copy at the Adult Desk.



**A.R.K.S.
Book Club**

Adults Reading Kid's Stuff

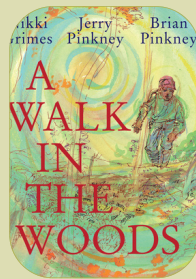
Tuesday, January 30, 6pm

We are reading *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston. Check out a copy at the Adult Desk.





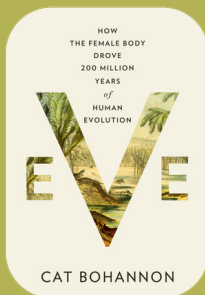
Pieces of Me by Kate McLaughlin
Dylan is diagnosed with Dissociative Identity Disorder and must grapple not only with the many people currently crammed inside her head, but that a secret from her past so terrible she's blocked it out has put them there.



A Walk in the Woods by Nikki Grimes, Jerry Pinkney, and Brian Pinkney
This beautifully illustrated picture book is about grief, father-son relationships, and nature mirrored by the authors' unique illustrator collaboration.

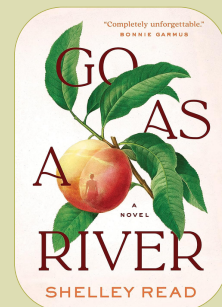
Eve by Cat Bohannon

A myth-busting, eye-opening landmark account of how humans evolved, offering a paradigm shift in our thinking about what the female body is, how it came to be, and how this evolution still shapes all our lives today



Go As a River by Shelley Read

A sweeping, heart-stopping epic of a young woman's journey to becoming, set against the harsh beauty of mid-century Colorado

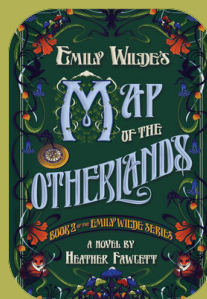


READERS' ADVISORY -STAFF FAVS FROM 2023-



The Little Wartime Library by Kate Thompson

An uplifting and inspiring novel based on the true story of a librarian who created an underground shelter during World War II

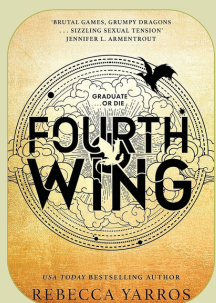


Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands by Heather Fawcett

A curmudgeonly professor journeys to a small town in the far north to study faerie folklore and discovers dark fae magic, friendship, and love in the start of a heartwarming and enchanting new fantasy series.

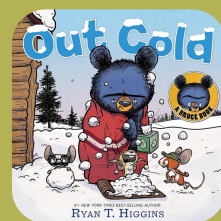
Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros

Forced into the Quadrant by her domineering General mother. Violet must use every ounce of strength she possesses, and gain a lot more, or she won't survive her first year. But her childhood best friend and potential lover Dane, should be able to help, right? Or will someone else take on that role for him?



Out Cold by Ryan T. Higgins

It's wintertime in Soggy Hollow and the mice are doing all their favorite outdoor things. But not Bruce. He's inside with a cold. So the mice decide to bring the winter fun indoors! Lucky Bruce!



ONLINE RESOURCES

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Mango is a personalized, adaptive language-learning experience that provides the tools and guidance you need to expand your language skills wherever and however you learn best. And it has a module for language learners 1-5 years old! You can log in with your Sterling Library Card.

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- Magazines
- Curiosity Stream
- Great Courses
- Several kids collections

On the app: click 'more' and 'binge passes'
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- get links to other resources
- keep a copy of your library card to use at the library

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RETIREWMENT!

We want to wish Jeweline P. a
Happy Retirement and thank her
for 22 years of service!

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