

January 2021 NEWSLETTER

LOCATION

102 West Third Street
Phone: 815-625-1370

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Closures:
January 1

Curbside Pickup Available
until 4:00 PM Monday-Friday

Programs

Monday Online Preschool Story Times 10:00 AM

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
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Young Adults: SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net

**Happy
New Year!**

JANUARY STORY TIMES

Check out our online story times for preschoolers. They are posted on the library's homepage and on YouTube and Facebook under Sterling Public Library. We post a new one every Monday at 10:00 AM. January dates and themes are as follows:

[Monday, January 4](#)

Penguins, Penguins Everywhere

[Monday, January 11](#)

Little Polar Bears

[Monday, January 18](#)

Wintry Weather

[Monday, January 25](#)

Let's Build a Snowman

[New Story Time Video Policy](#)

Starting in February, 2021, we will be changing the way we publish online Story Time videos due to copyright rules.

How it will work:

1. Sign up for Spring Story Times (February – May) using the Google Form available on our website. (We will also publish it on Facebook regularly.) You can sign up anytime during January – May.
2. Each Monday morning starting in February, we will email you the link to that week's Story Time video.
3. You can watch the video anytime as long as the link is active.

[Monthly Story Time packets](#) will still be available for anyone to pick up at the Children's circulation desk.

[January Family activity packets](#) that contain seasonal activities for children to do with the family are also available at the Children's circulation desk.

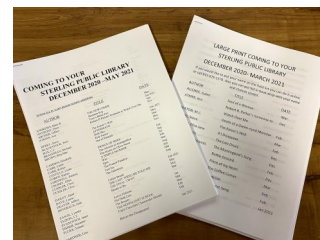
Director's Corner

2020 is finally over! I'm sure everyone was ready to close the door on it and move forward into a hopeful future. Each new year, everyone has an abundance of hopes and dreams: landing the perfect job, finding the perfect mate, having a child, climbing that mountain, taking that dream trip, morphing ourselves into our perfect self-image ... the list goes on and on.

My hope for 2021 is that there is less drama, less pain, better mental health and to be surrounded by happy, healthy people. In this new year, I am making plans and looking forward to returning to full library services. That day will happen!

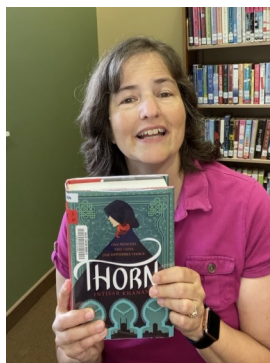
Whatever your dream is for 2021, here's to hoping it happens—and in a big way!

You can now access the 'Coming Soon' sheets on our website. Hover your mouse over the 'Using the Library' menu to get access. You can view the printed sheets, or simply click a title to view it in our catalog. You can place any of these items on hold from our online catalog. If you have any questions, please call or stop by the library.



Weekly video book talks!

YA Librarian, Beth, will be posting weekly book talks on young adult books. These will be short videos spotlighting one new book and one hidden gem from our Young Adult collection.



They will be posted on our webpage, Facebook page, and YouTube channel every Wednesday evening at 7.



Did you know? Reading aloud to your child is the best way to prepare them for reading and writing success in school. The time before a child enters kindergarten is crucial for language and brain development, as well as for fostering a lifelong love of reading. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free program that encourages you to read one thousand books with your child before he or she begins kindergarten. It's easy, fun, and a great way to bond with your young child.

The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless. Read any book to your newborn, infant, or toddler. The goal is to read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books!) before your child starts kindergarten.

Sound hard? Not really if you think about it: If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read 365 books in one year—that's 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around five, you have more time than you think—so get started! Check out this site: <https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/>

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