

January 2023 Newsletter

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Programs at a glance:

Atypical Globetrotting: Mon, Jan 9, 6:30pm

Dungeons & Dragons: Mondays 3:30-7:30pm (except 1/2 & 1/9)

PreSchool StoryTime: Mondays and Tuesdays 10am

LEGO Club: Sat, Jan 7 & 21, 10am

Saturday Storytime: Jan 14, 10am

5 Star Reads: Sat, Jan 14, 11:30-12:30pm

Teen Game Night: Tues, Jan 10, 5:30-7:30pm

ARKS: Tues, Jan 31, 6pm

LOCATION

102 West Third Street

Phone: 815-625-1370

LIBRARY HOURS

Closed:

Monday, Jan 2

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

JANUARY 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 January starting on Monday, January 9th!**

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Join us during our new storytime hour on the **second Saturday of the month (January 14)** 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.

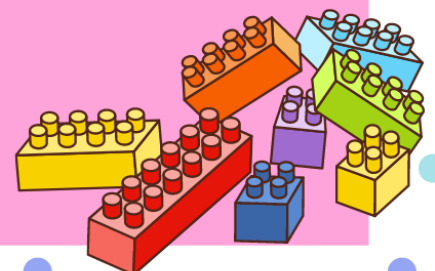
LEGO CLUB

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, January 7

Saturday, January 21

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 DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM**

**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.

The background of the top poster is a light blue gradient. It is framed by several stacks of old, worn books with various colored spines (red, blue, brown, green) and pages. The text is centered in the middle of the frame.

A.R.K.S. Book Club

Adults Reading Kid's Stuff

Tuesday, January 31, 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!

We will discuss during our first meeting what form
this book club will take in the future: everyone
reads the same exact book, we choose a theme
and individually select books to share with the
group, or some combination of both. **For the first
meeting, plan on bringing your favorite
children's book!**

If you are unable to attend the first meeting, but
would like to contribute your thoughts, please
feel free to email Abigail or call the library.

The background of the bottom poster is a solid light blue. On the left, there is a circular inset image showing a person from behind, wearing a hat and a backpack, riding a horse on a dirt path towards a thatched-roof hut in a tropical setting. On the right, there is a white silhouette of an airplane flying upwards and to the right. A dashed white line forms a heart shape in the center, with a small circle at its bottom left point.

Atypical Globetrotting

BRIAN MICHALSKI

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

6:30-8:00PM

STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONFERENCE ROOM

Want some adventure in your life? Thinking about taking a trip? Come listen
as Brian shares the tale of his world wide journey and what he learned along
the way. Since you're in the midst of saving up for your own globetrotting, this
event is completely **free of charge**. While you're at it, make an appointment to
get your passport here at the library, too.

Reader's Advisory

Adult

Hunt the Stars by Jessie Mihalik

Are you looking for a new enemies to lovers story? Look no further. Don't let the cover fool you. This is primarily a romance novel in space.



The World Keeps Ending, and the World Goes On by Franny Choi

Poetry. Thought provoking and quick to read. Numerous references aimed at the Millennial generation (we have seen half a dozen near apocalypses after all).

Teen

The 9:09 Project by Mark Parsons
A thoughtful exploration about finding oneself, learning to hope after loss, and recognizing the role that family, friends, and even strangers can play in the healing process if one is willing to share your experience with others.



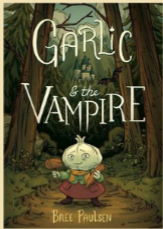
Salt and Sugar by Rebecca Carvalho
In this enemies-to-lovers story, the grandchildren of two rival Brazilian bakeries fall in love despite their families' feud.



Middle Grade

Garlic & the Vampire by Bree Paulsen

Join Garlic on this cozy adventure. This sweet graphic novel follows a nervous vegetable finding her bravery in order to face the mysterious vampire that has moved into the nearby castle. The sequel, *Garlic and the Witch*, will be on shelves soon!



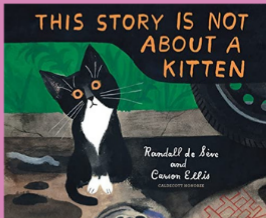
The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza by Mac Barnett
Go on an adventure with a cat, a toenail-clipping robot, and the Moon Queen to stop the evil rats from eating the moon! This goofy adventure graphic novel is perfect for Dog Man readers.



Picture Books

This Story is Not About a Kitten by Randall De Seve

Like the title suggests, this book is less about one kitten and more about community taking care of each. This picture book has lots of fun rhymes as we repeat throughout the book that this is not a book about "A kitten, hungry and dirty, scared and alone, meowing sadly, needing a home."



Going Places: Victor Hugo Green and His Glorious Book by Tonya Bolden

This illuminating picture book biography follows the life of Victor Hugo Green, the Black postal worker who created the famous Green Book that helped Black Americans travel safely throughout the United States during the Jim Crow era.



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, Jan 14th,
11:30-12:30pm**



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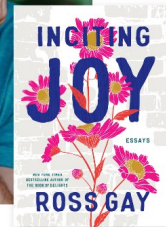
INCITING JOY

A Conversation with Ross Gay

joined by Dan "Sully" Sullivan



**January 11
2023
7 PM**



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