



# July 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

### Closed

Monday, July 4

### Curbside Pickup

Monday-Friday

9 AM - 4 PM

## Programs at a glance:

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

**Teen Game Night: Tue, July 12, 5:30-7:30 PM**

**See inside for Children's Programs!**

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# It's not too late to sign up for the Summer Reading Program!

## How to Sign Up

We are about halfway through the summer, but feel welcome to sign up if you haven't yet. You can sign up online or in person at the library.

To sign up online, go to the library's website at [sterlingpubliclibrary.org](http://sterlingpubliclibrary.org) and scroll down until you see the logo to the right. From there, you can click on "Register" or "Login."

The Summer Reading Program is for all ages and it is over on July 30.



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## July 9 at 10am - PAWS to Read

Children of all ages are invited to spend time with and read to therapy dogs at the library. Reading to dogs can build readers' confidence and improve their reading abilities.





# Summer Reading 2022 Programs & Events

## Recurring Summer Programs in July

The age ranges for these programs are not strict, so please contact the library if you have any questions about attending a program. Participants do not need to have registered for the Summer Reading Program to attend any programs.

**Programs are every Monday and Tuesday in July\***

Preschool: Monday 10-10:45am

Kindergarten-2nd grade: Tuesday 10-10:45am

3rd-5th grade: Tuesday 2-2:45pm

\*During the week of July 4th, we will only have the 3rd through 5th grade program; 3rd through 5th graders will be finishing the project from the previous week.

## Summer Reading: 6th-8th Grade

**Tuesday, July 5 at 4-5:30pm**

Take a break from the heat to play board games at the library! We will have everything from Eurogames to party games. This program is geared toward sixth to eighth graders, but participants of other ages are welcome.



**Tuesday, July 19 at 4-5:30pm**

We will be assembling ecosystem stations that will be featured at the last summer programs for younger kids. These stations will include learning about ocean density and salinity, soil erosion, arctic animals, and ocean pollution.





# Owl Program with Illinois Extension

Join the owl fun at the Sterling Public Library, where University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist will be revealing owl fun facts. Participants will also be doing a craft that differs with each age group. This program will be during the same times as the regular Summer Reading Programs that week:

Preschool: Monday, July 18 at 10am

Kindergarten-2nd grade: Tuesday, July 19 at 10am

3rd-5th grade: Tuesday, July 19 at 2pm

\*Tuesday, July 19, there will be a temporary StoryWalk(R) outside of the Sterling Public Library featuring the book "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell.

## July 23 at 10am - Hoo Haven Bird Program

Have you ever seen an owl in person? To wrap up our owl-themed week at the library, Hoo Haven will give a presentation at the library, and they will bring an owl, snake, and rabbit inside the library! Join us as we will learn about North American wildlife and conservation.



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## July 26 at 5:30pm - Storytime with Sauk Valley Bank

Join us at the library for a storytime featuring stories about saving money and a craft brought to the library by Sauk Valley Bank volunteers. We will also have a special guest, Philip the Frog!



# July 30 - Summer Reading Program: The Finale

To celebrate everyone who participated in and finished the summer reading program, the library will have multiple activities going on around the library, including bubbles and chalk outside, indoor mini-golf, snacks, and more! Legos will be available from 10am to 12:30pm in the community meeting room. No registration is required for this Lego event.



Children's horse-themed craft bags will be available for pick up the first week of August in the children's department. This program is sponsored by the Whiteside County Agriculture in the Classroom and Illinois Farm Bureau.



**KEEP AN EYE OUT  
FOR OUR  
STUFFED ANIMAL  
SLEEPOVER  
ON AUGUST 12 & 13!**



# Teen Game Night



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



Tuesday, July 12,  
5:30–7:30 pm at the  
Sterling Public Library  
in the conference room



**Mark your calendar for next month!**

# After Hours

# Teen Event

**Friday, August 12, 5-10 pm. Open to all teens  
6th-12th grade. Pick up a permission slip and  
turn it in by August 8 to register.**







# SUCCULENTS

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**August 6**  
**10 AM-NOON**

STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
102 W 3RD ST. | STERLING

Join Whiteside County Master Gardeners  
and discover the secret to succulents.

Learn the basics on soil, water and  
containers and the different ways you can  
propagate succulents.

Participants will have a plant to work with  
and take home, as well as cuttings from  
different succulent species.

This is a free workshop, but  
registration is required as  
space is limited to 25.

REGISTER FOR WORKSHOP AT:  
[go.illinois.edu/WhitesideSucculent](http://go.illinois.edu/WhitesideSucculent)  
OR BY CALLING 815-632-3611



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office. Early request  
strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.



# Adult Programs Coming in August

[www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org](http://www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org)

Like to paint? Why not try the **Artful Party** with local artist Linda VonHolten August 9 from 6-8pm in the SPL conference room. Pre-registration required.



Painting by Linda VonHolten

## What Else?

**Speed Friending!** Our digital world and the pandemic have left a lot of us feeling lonely. Meet new people and make new friends in minutes on August 4th from 6-8pm in the SPL Conference Room. Pre-Registration required.



## Is That All?



Ever tried to read something out of your comfort zone? Let's try a **Reading Roulette** and see if we can expand our reading horizons. Show up, read a sampling of a book, rate it, and move on to the next one. August 27 from 10am - Noon. Pre Registration required.



# Let's Feed Children

## FREE MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS



The Sterling Public Library will again be a site for Let's Feed our Children. Free lunches will be available for pickup on the north side of the library from 12-12:30pm each Wednesday from June 1 through August 10. No paperwork or registration required.



If you haven't filled out our Adult Services survey yet, please scan the QR code and do it! We are looking for ideas for programs in the future. If you'd rather, you can pick up a paper copy at the library.



The Sterling Public Library will be at the Twin City Farmer's Market on July 9, 16, & 23. In addition to having information about the library, we will be able to register people for library cards and check books out. Come see us!

# Director's Corner

Did you know that elevator components should be updated after thirty years? The library's elevator was installed in 1986, so it will be getting an upgrade this coming fall. The library recently applied for and received a grant from the Illinois Secretary of State/State Librarian Jesse White in the amount of \$111,000 to help with a portion of the projected costs. We are accepting bids and, hopefully, will start the project in late August or early September. The project will require the elevator to be out of service part of the time, but we will be sure to let the public know in advance to limit the disruption. Watch for notifications about this on the library's Facebook and webpage. For those who cannot access the library without the elevator, (or would just prefer to not come in) we are still providing curbside service Monday—Friday, 9am—4pm.

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