



STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 2023 Newsletter



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Phone number:

815-625-1370



Website:

sterlingpubliclibrary.org



Hours:

Mon & Tues: 9am - 8pm

Wed - Fri: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm



Curbside Pickup Hours:

Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm

Pickup Lockers Available 24/7

Closed!

The library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

-Monthly Highlight-

We are excited about adding **Mango Languages** to the resources available to our cardholders. Check it out on our website!



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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

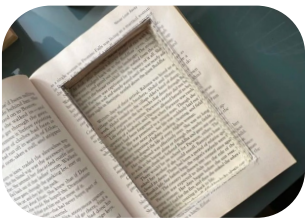
READING ROULETTE



Monday, July 10, 5 pm

Are you stuck in a reading rut? The Library has a delightful way to mix it up. A speed dating style event with books for a partner. You get 5 minutes to read a book and then move on to the next one. Try something new and see what happens!

MAKE A BOOK SAFE



Saturday, July 1, 10am

Join Beth to make your own Book Safe! This is a unique hiding space in plain sight! The library will provide old books to use, or you can bring your own. We will be using utility knives to cut the pages, so **BE CAREFUL!** This program is open to adults, but you may bring your older children to participate.

5 Star Reads Book Club

5 STAR READS

Saturday, July 8, 11:30am

Got a book you absolutely LOVE and want everyone to know about it? Then do it! Feel free to drop by and recommend your favorite book or a book you recently read that you would rate 5 out of 5 stars. And hey, you never know, you might find your next 5 Star Read while you listen to someone else rave about theirs.

A.R.K.S. Book Club

Adults Reading Kid's Stuff

Tuesday, July 25, 6:15-7:15pm

Join us at the library to discuss children's books with other adults who enjoy children's books! This meeting will be held monthly on the last Tuesday of each month.

For our July meeting, choose whatever **middle grade mystery** book you would like, and we will share our picks with the group! There is a link of recommendations on our website calendar.

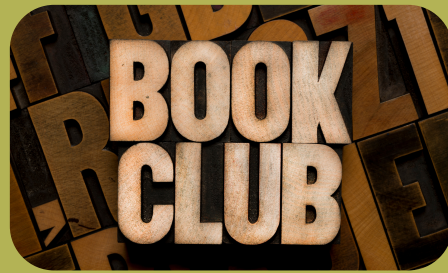
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Join Mike 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.





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.



The Library is looking to start a *book club* or two. If you are interested in joining one, please fill out our survey about topics and meeting times. Just scan the QR code to fill it out or pick up a paper form at the library.

TEEN EVENTS



MAKE A STRESS BALL



Monday, July 17, 5:30

Join Beth to make your own corn starch putty stress ball. The library will provide all the materials.

PERSONALIZED PIN BACK BUTTONS

Monday, July 3, 5:30pm

Join Beth and use the Library's button making machines to make your own personalized buttons!



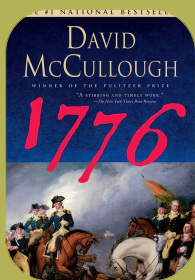
TEEN GAME NIGHT



Tuesday, July 11, 5:30-7:30pm

All 6th - 12 graders are welcome to join us for board games, snacks, and discussion. No registration required, just show up!

ADULT FICTION



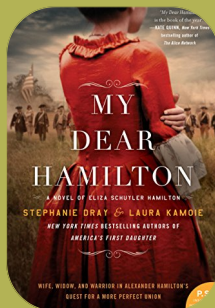
1776

by David McCullough

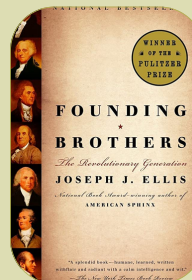
Extensively researched to be as historically accurate as possible. This story follows Americans in the ranks of every shape and size as well as the King's men.

***My Dear Hamilton*
by Stephanie Dray.**

There is so little written fact about Eliza Hamilton. This is researched as well as possible to support the fictionalized story of a truly amazing woman's life.



ADULT NONFICTION



Founding Brothers

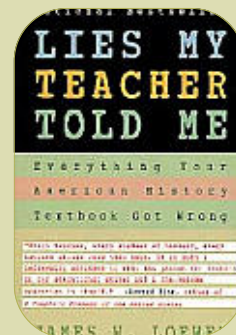
by Joseph J. Ellis

The 1790's, America, 6 discrete moments that exemplify the nation's most crucial issues facing the fragile new nation.

Lies My Teacher Told Me

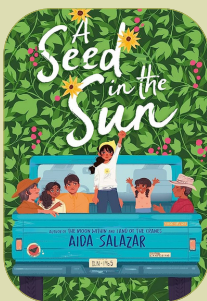
by James W. Loewen

12 History books used in schools are put under the microscope - and what is found may surprise you.



READERS' ADVISORY -AMERICAN HISTORY-

MIDDLE GRADE NOVELS



***A Seed in the Sun* by Aida Salazar**

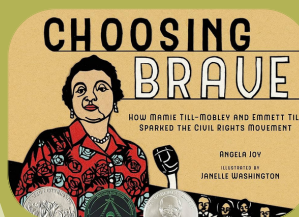
This novel in verse tells the story of a family in California during the 1965 Farmworkers' Movement. Between family struggles and labor struggles, the Viramontes family-- and especially our protagonist-- grow and learn to fight for their rights.

***Three Strike Summer* by Skyler Schremp**

Taking place during the Dust Bowl, this novel also features a family of struggling farmworkers, but with an extra dose of girl power, as Gloria tries with grit and determination to play on the all-boys baseball team.



PICTURE BOOKS

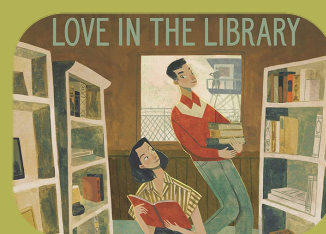


***Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement* by Angela Joy**

This multi-award-winning nonfiction picture book tells the heartbreaking story of Emmett Till in a way that is accessible and not too scary for children.

***Love in the Library* by Maggie Tokuda-Hall**

Kids can explore what it is like to find love in the most unexpected places while also learning about a tragic part of our history that took the form of Japanese internment camps.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGES

JUNE 1-JULY 31



CHILDREN:

This year, children get to set their own reading goal! We hope this is both encouraging to dormant readers and challenging to avid readers.

Children will receive a free book to keep when they sign up and another book when they finish the reading program.

Patrons can register in person at the children's desk. If you are unable to come into the library, please give us a call, and we will help you sign up remotely.

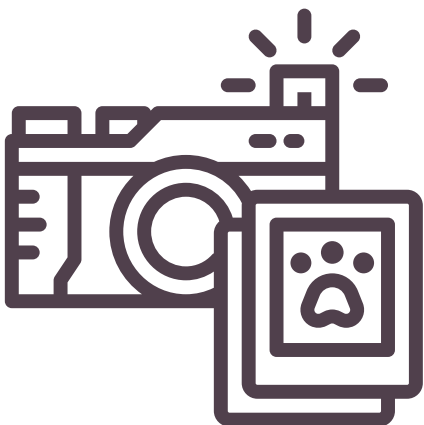


TEENS:

Pick up a **teen BINGO card** at the Adult circulation desk. **Read books that fit the criteria** in the squares and bring the card in to get it initialed by a librarian. Once you have a BINGO, you can **collect a prize** and fill out an entry for the **grand prize**. For each additional BINGO you complete, you can fill out another entry.

ADULTS:

Pick up a **BINGO card** at any time during the program at the adult desk. **Read books matching the criteria** in the bingo squares and bring them into the library for a librarian to initial it. You can **collect a prize** for your first bingo. Every bingo after that enters you into a **grand prize drawing**.



TEENS & ADULTS:

Pick up a **Selfie Scavenger hunt** list and explore the library. Show a librarian the selfies you've taken and they will initial them. For every 10 selfies you collect you get entered into a **prize drawing** at the end of the summer. You also get a small prize for the first 10 you collect. **Bonus: if you post one of the selfies on social media and tag the library you get another entry into the drawing.**

Weekly Summer Programs at the Library!

Programs end July 28

No programs the week of July 4



Summer Storytime

Mondays at 11-11:45am

Join us during the summer reading program for **books, songs, activities**, and a **craft**.

This program is geared towards preschool through second grade.

***Saturday Storytime on July 8 at 10-10:30am is also for this age group!**

Mondays at 10-10:30am

Toddler Time

Join us during the summer reading program for **books, songs, rhymes**, and **activities**.

This program is **geared towards babies 0-2 years old**. We will be reading **board books** and simpler **picture books** as well as doing lapsit activities that require **participation from parents and caregivers**.

Thursdays at 2-3pm

Library Lawn Days

Join us **outside on the north lawn** next to the children's department door to play outside! Some activities include **bubbles, chalk, lawn games**, and more! **Popsicles** will be handed out at the end of this program.

Thursday, July 20, is our water day! We will be playing games with water and having a water balloon fight! Dress prepared and bring a towel. If there is inclement weather on July 20, we will have the water day on July 27.*

This program is open to **all ages of children**, but some activities will be easier for older children.

**We will post on Facebook and our website if Library Lawn Days is cancelled, so please check there or call the library if you have any questions on the day of the program!*

First Chapter Friday

Fridays at 2-3pm

During this program we will **read the first chapter** of a middle grade book, **play games**, and do an **activity** related to the book we have read. Some examples of activities we will do include **painting, STEAM projects**, and **food experiments**.

This program is geared towards third through fifth grade, but all ages are welcome.

July 11 - Go Go Gadget Open House

Stop by the library to see all of the Go Go Gadgets we have available for check out! Patrons are welcome to see and interact with our Go Go Gadgets. The Go Go Gadgets will not be available for check out during or immediately after the event, but patrons can put holds on these items.

Currently, only patrons with a Sterling Adult library card are able to check out Go Go Gadgets, but anyone is welcome at this event. This program is open to all ages. Registration is **not** required.

This program will be held from 5-7pm.

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July 18 - Very Musical Storytime

Join us at the library to enjoy a highly interactive storytime featuring the musical stylings of the Polo Community High School Band. We will get to learn about the students' instruments and hear what they sound like, read some books about music and instruments, and do some interactive musical activities.

This program is open to all ages, but it will be geared towards our younger patrons. Registration is **not** required.



Family Nights

Tuesdays at 5-6pm unless noted otherwise

Open to all ages

No Family Night the week of July 4

July 25 - Donut Party

Celebrate the last Family Night program of the summer at our Donut Party! We will have donuts and drinks while we play donut games and activities!

This program is open to all ages.
Registration is **not** required.

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Saturday, July 29, 9am-1pm End of Summer Reading Party!

Celebrate participating in the summer reading program by attending our End of Summer Reading Party! We will have a **Family Magic Show from 11-11:45am**, **Sweet Butts Cotton Candy from 11am-1pm** (while supplies last), and **bubbles and lawn games outside from 9am-12:30pm**. We are also bringing back **Library Mini-Golf!**



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