

JUNE, 2020 NEWSLETTER

LOCATION

102 West Third Street
Phone: 815-625-1370

LIBRARY HOURS

Curbside Pickup Available
Monday—Friday 9am—2pm

Programs

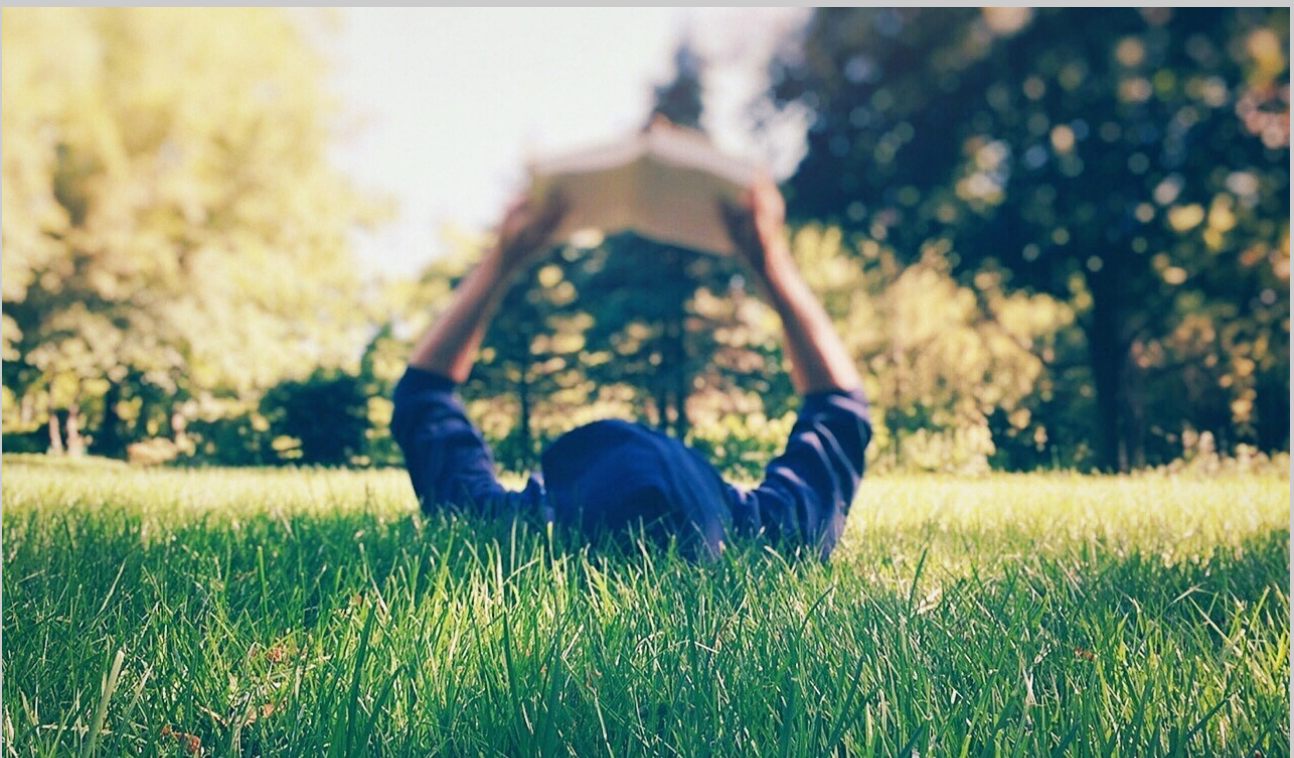
Summer Reading for all ages

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SUMMER READING, 2020 – ONLINE VERSION

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES!



We are using a platform called READsquared. Once you register with them, you can log your reading and complete other activities to get points toward finishing the program. Participants of all ages who complete the program will be entered into a drawing for gift cards.

Kids Programs (online): Find them on Facebook, YouTube and our website. When you watch, listen for the secret code to get points toward your reading program.

PreSchool: Mondays, June 8–13, 10 am.

K–5th grade: Tuesdays, June 9–14, 1 pm

Please stop by the library (call when you get here) sometime June 3-5 from 9am–2pm to pick up a packet of materials to use during the online programs. (one per child)

Go to our website, www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org, and look for the Summer Reading link to get more info and register.

What is happening at the library now?

The Sterling Public Library was closed to the public on Monday, March 20th due to the Governor issuing a shelter in place order that has evolved through May 26th. Many of our patrons have been hoping that the library would reopen soon. The library opened with limited staff to supply curbside pick-up of materials on May 1st. Patrons can either request materials via the online catalog using their library card and PIN or call the library with the titles. The other libraries in our consortium/area are in various stages of service to their patrons as well.

When can we start requesting books from Dixon, Rock Falls or Milledgeville?

Patrons can request books from Rock Falls to be picked up at Sterling. Dixon and Milledgeville libraries are not sending their books to other libraries at this time.

Can I call the other libraries to pick up books from them?

Yes, you may, but we ask that you return those books back to the library you picked them up from since there is no delivery service between libraries as of yet.

Can I request materials from another library in the state?

Many of you know that our library is a member of RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Libraries System), a state agency. One of the most important services they provide is state wide delivery of materials from other libraries. When the State closed, so did the delivery service. In RAILS alone, there are 43,000 items stuck in delivery hubs in some state of returning to the home library or going to another library to fill a request. We have received word that RAILS will be sorting the items and returning the materials back to their home library. Patron request for materials will not be filled at this time. We are asking patrons to resubmit their requests later when we receive word from RAILS that statewide delivery will resume. RAILS is hoping to resume full delivery in August.

I returned my books to the book drop but they are still showing that I have them checked out, why?

Many things have changed at the library during this closure. We are asking patrons to return all materials to the outside book for the safety of the staff and library. Staff members empty the book drop once a day and place all items in tubs to be quarantined for 4-7 days. Once the items come out of quarantine, the materials will be checked in and fines will be waived on the items.

When will the library open again so that I can browse the shelves?

We do not know when the library will reopen to the public; it will depend on how the county moves through the reopening phases.

STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY TO PARTNER WITH STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Making sure every Sterling student has access to books

All SPS students who reside outside the city limits and are in Pre-K through 12th grade can get a public library cards for the 2020 summer months. Parents/guardians can email proof of their student's enrollment to the public library at SPL-director@comcast.net. Just send a picture/screenshot of the child's Skyward page listing their name, address, grade and school. With a card, they will have access to the Sterling Public Library digital collections. The Sterling Public Library has extensive digital resources available to patrons, allowing students to download eBooks, audiobooks, music, and videos.

Have you used the Sterling Public Library Online Library? All you need is a valid Sterling Public Library card! Go to sterlingpubliclibrary.org and click on the digital services page for a tutorial on how to use the sites.



They will show you how to read books and view media from local and nationwide independent authors and artists. Of course, you can always call us with questions!

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