



STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY

June 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 Saturday, June 24 for Staff Training.

-Monthly Highlight-

Summer Reading runs from June 1-July 31. Look inside for programs and reading challenges for all ages!

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If you would like to receive our newsletter by email, scan this QR code and fill out our form! ->



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Register for these free, virtual events with the QR codes



ROBYN WALL KIMMERER

Wednesday, June 21, 7 pm

Robin Wall Kimmerer, the award-winning author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, will share her unique perspective on the interconnectedness of humans and nature and the importance of recognizing and respecting the gifts of the earth.



JESMYN WARD

Tuesday, June 6, 7pm

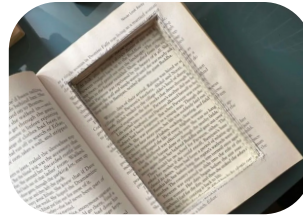
Jesmyn Ward is the critically acclaimed author of fiction, nonfiction, and memoir. A professor of creative writing at Tulane University, Ward's latest book, *Navigate Your Stars*, is an adaptation of her 2018 commencement address at Tulane that championed the value of hard work.



These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.



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.

A.R.K.S. Book Club

Adults Reading Kid's Stuff

Tuesday, June 27, 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 June meeting we will be reading this year's Caldecott winner and honor books. Stop by the adult desk to pick up your set of five books.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

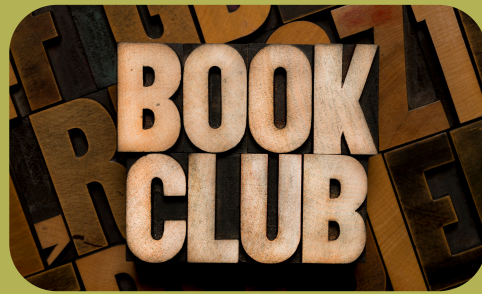
Join Mike to play an RPG. They meet each Monday from 3:30-7:30 at the Sterling Public Library. This is open to anyone 13 years or older.



June 15-July 21

Intro to Spanish course taught by Native Spanish Speaker Ana Lara. They will meet on Thursdays & Fridays, 1-3pm. \$20 for the whole class.

Scan the QR code or stop by the library to register.



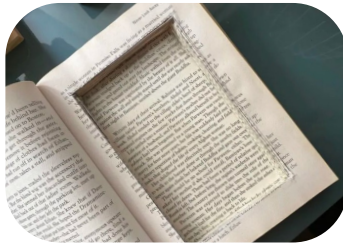
The Library is looking to start a *book club* or two. If you are interested in joining one, please fill out our survey about topics and meeting times.

Just scan the QR code to fill it out or pick up a paper survey at the library

TEEN EVENTS



MAKE A BOOK SAFE



Monday, June 19, 5:30

Join Beth to make your own book safe! You can hide small items in plain sight in this cool item. The library will provide old books for you to use, or you can bring your own in. Open to 6th-12th graders.

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, June 13, 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

The Road

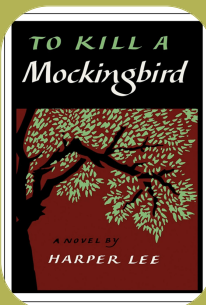
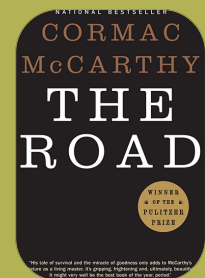
by Cormac McCarthy

A father and son, "each the other's entire world" travel across a post-apocalyptic U.S. to try to get to the coast.

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Lee Harper

Atticus Finch. is a father to be celebrated and looked up to. He has his faults and every father can see them as can any child, but he does what is right and he does not hide what he does from his children..

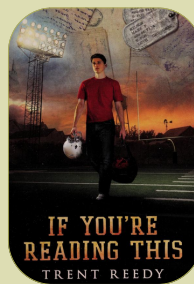


TEEN

If You're Reading This

by Trent Reedy

In this coming of age story, 16 year old Mike starts receiving letters from his father who died when he was 7. Through them, Mike and his family finally start to heal and move forward.



Running

by Natalia Sylvester

When fifteen-year-old Cuban American Mariana Ruiz's father runs for president, Mari starts to see him with new eyes.



READERS' ADVISORY -FATHERS-

MIDDLE GRADE NOVELS

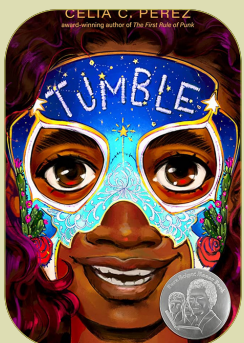
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart

Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, have lived on the road in an old school bus for five years. But Coyote needs to go home, and they meet interesting characters along the way to help them both learn what home really means.

Tumble by Celia C. Pérez

When her stepfather proposes adoption to Addie, she has a lot of things running through her mind, including the old photo of a man she found hidden in her mother's things. Addie ends up at a New Mexico ranch where she meets her biological father's family whose professional wrestling legacy is their pride and joy.



PICTURE BOOKS

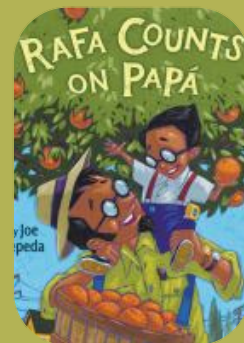


My Hero by Brian Biggs

This is a silly story about a father and daughter where the daughter is the hero in this equation. Laugh along as Awesome Girl finally gets the chance to prove to her dad her superhero powers.

Rafa Counts on Papá by Joe Cepeda

Rafa and his papa love to count and measure together, but there is one thing Rafa cannot count or measure: the love his papá has for him. This is a sweet book about a father's love.



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.

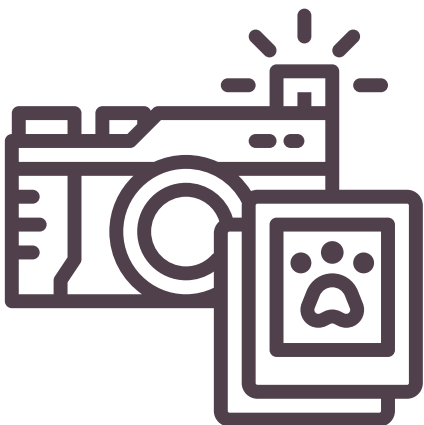


TEENS:

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 start June 5

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 June 10 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! Activities will **change week to week**, but some examples include **bubbles, chalk, lawn games, a water day in July! Popsicles** will be handed out at the end of this program.

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

**Pending inclement or very hot weather, this program will be cancelled. 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.

June 6 - Planting Flowers

Come join us as we **plant flowers** for the **amphitheater** outside the children's area. Come ready to **play in the dirt!**

Registration is **not** required.

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June 13 - Discovery Center Planetarium - Greek Mythology and the Stars

Join us at the library to **learn about stars, constellations, Outerspace**, and what these things have to do with **ancient Greek mythology**. We will be hosting a presentation from the **Rockford Discovery Center** who will be bringing their **portable planetarium** that we can walk inside of!

This program has two half-hour sessions: one at 5pm and one at 5:45pm. **There is a limit of 30 people per session**, so registration is available but not required to attend this program.



Family Nights

Tuesdays at 5-6pm unless noted otherwise
Open to all ages

June 20 - Lego Club After Dark

While not literally after dark (because it is summer, yay!), please join us for this **special edition of Lego Club**. We will enjoy free play with Legos with our families.

This program is a drop-in program (drop in whenever you can), so registration is **not** required.

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June 27 - Therapy Dogs and Stuffed Animal Vet Clinic

Stop by the library to meet and **read to therapy dogs!** We will also have a **vet visit the library** to discuss what their job is like and to do **check-ups for our stuffed animal friends**. *This event is for stuffed animal check-ups, not live pets!*

This program will take place downstairs in the children's department. Registration is **not** required.



Come visit us at the **Sterling Farmer's Market** on June 3, 10 & 17! Ask us about programs or make suggestions!



The Sterling Public Library will once again be a site for **United Way's Let's Feed Our Children Program**. Lunches will be handed out on Wednesdays through August 9 at 12 noon.

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