

March 2023 Newsletter

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Programs at a glance:

Dungeons & Dragons: Mondays 3:30-7:30pm
PreSchool StoryTime: Mondays and Tuesdays 10am
Special StoryTimes: Mon, Mar 13, 6pm, Tues Mar 14, 2pm
Therapy Dogs: Sat, Mar 18 10am
LEGO Club: Sat, Mar 4, 10am
Saturday Storytime: Mar 11, 10am
5 Star Reads: Sat, Mar 11, 11:30-12:30pm
Teen Game Night: Tues, Mar 14, 5:30-7:30pm
Library Bingo: Fri, Mar 24, 3pm
ARKS: Tues, Mar 28, 6pm

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

Curbside Pickup

Monday-Friday
9 AM - 4 PM

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

MARCH 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 March!**

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Join us during our new storytime hour on the **second Saturday of the month (March 11)** 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.

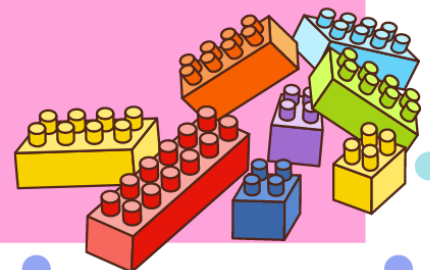
LEGO CLUB

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, March 4

10-11am

***only one session in March**



STERLING SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS!



Regular Preschool Storytime

- Monday, March 13, and Tuesday, March 14, at 10am
- Join us as we read books, sing songs, and make a craft!



Monarch Storytime

- Monday, March 13 at 6pm
- Celebrate the Monarch Award nominees with a storytime and craft. This program is best for children kindergarten through 3rd grade.



Bluestem Book Club

- Tuesday, March 14 at 2pm
- Join us at the library to discuss which Bluestem books we loved and hated. We will also play games and eat snacks. Feel free to attend whether you have read any of the Bluestem nominees or not; maybe you will find your next favorite book! This program is geared towards third through fifth graders.



Reading with Therapy Dogs

- Saturday, March 18 from 10 to 11am
- This program will take place in the Picture Book Room. Feel free to stay the whole hour or drop in for however long you would like. Reading to dogs can help emerging readers build confidence in their reading abilities. This program is open to all ages.



**REMINDER: VOTING FOR MONARCH AND
BLUESTEM AWARDS ENDS ON MARCH 15!**

A.R.K.S. Book Club

Adults Reading Kid's Stuff

Tuesday, March 28, 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!

For our March meeting we will be reading science fiction middle grade books. Read any book of your choice that falls into this category and share with the group during our March meeting. For recommendations, look for the link in the calendar description or ask at the children's desk downstairs.

If you have any questions, please call the library or reach out to Abbigail at abbigail.mcwilliams@sterlingpubliclibrary.org

STORYTIME SURVEY FOR FALL 2023

Starting this fall, we will go back to doing Preschool Storytime one day per week, and we would like your input in choosing the day that is best for as many patrons as possible. We are also considering doing Saturday Storytime more than once per month. Please scan this QR code or ask at the children's desk to fill out a survey. Thank you so much for your support and input!



Teen Game Night



Tuesday, March 14,
5:30–7:30 pm at the
Sterling Public Library
in the conference room

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



A Clip From The Daily
Gazette, Page 1, July 6th,
1955

**We have all of our
microfilm from the local
newspapers from 1857-
2007 are available on our
website.**



**Or look at Sterling High School
Yearbooks from 1904-2009**

**Check out the
Sterling Public
Library Digital
Archives!**

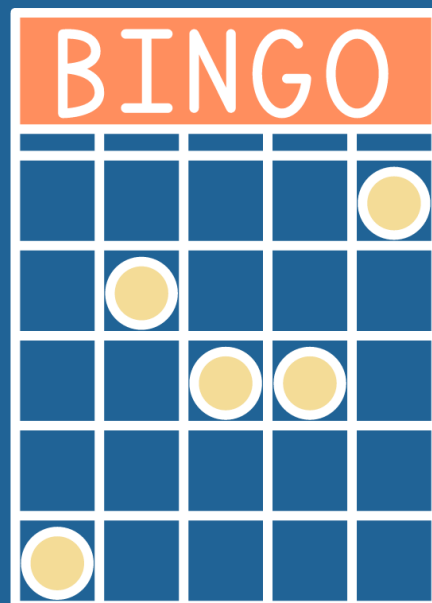
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LIBRARY BINGO!

Prizes range from free Karate classes, to gift cards, to show tickets.



BINGO!

**FRIDAY
MARCH
24
3 PM**



**STERLING
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**



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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, Mar 11,
11:30-12:30pm**



Reader's Advisory

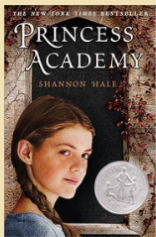
Adult

Code Name Blue Wren by Jim Popkin is a true historical account of one of the most damaging spies in U.S. History. She operated in Miami for 17+ years as a double agent for Fidel Castro and Cuba.



The Little Wartime Library by Kate Thompson is historical fiction about a female librarian in 1944 London keeping people safe in the only tube station turned library. There's more to the story, but you'll have to check it out to find out what.

Middle Grade



Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

In this fantasy novel with a magical setting, Miri must decide between the boy she cares for and her family's future when it is announced that a girl from her mountain village will be chosen to be the next princess.

Maybe He Just Likes You by Barbara Dee

Here we follow the inner thoughts of Mila, a 7th grader who would much rather focus on her love of the trumpet than on the boys in her grade who harass her and give her unwanted attention. By the end of the novel, Mila finds support from her bandmates and stands up for herself. Available through the library consortium.



Women's History Strong Female Characters

Teen

Brazen by Penelope Bagieu
With her one-of-a-kind wit and dazzling drawings, this celebrated graphic novelist profiles the lives of 29 feisty female role models



The Agathas by Kathleen Glasgo & Liz Lawson
Two unlikely friends come together to solve a missing person/murder case in this fast-paced, fun, modern Agatha Christie inspired thriller.



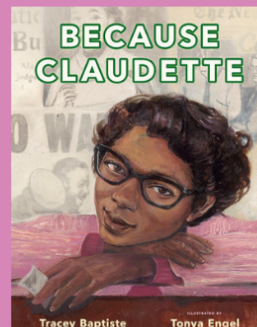
Picture Books



The Only Woman in the Photo: Frances Perkins and her New Deal for America

by Kathleen Krull

Learn about the little-known woman behind America's famous New Deal. Frances Perkins used her position of influence to help everyday working Americans in their time of need.



Because Claudette by

Tracey Baptiste

Almost everyone knows who Rosa Parks is, but have you heard of Claudette Colvin? Learn about the young girl who sparked the revolutionary bus boycotts in her simple quest for a seat on the bus.



Improvements to the elevator are possible with the help of state funds administered by the State Librarian.

The elevator project is progressing on time! It should be up and running sometime this month. Watch our website or Facebook for notices when it is running again.

While the elevator is down, please take advantage of our curbside service or outdoor lockers for easier pickup. We are always happy to bring your books to you!

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