

May 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, May 30

Curbside Pickup
Monday-Friday
9 AM - 4 PM

Programs at a glance:

LEGO Club: Saturday, May 7 & 21, at 10 AM

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

Teen Game Night: Tue, May 10, 5:30-7:30 PM

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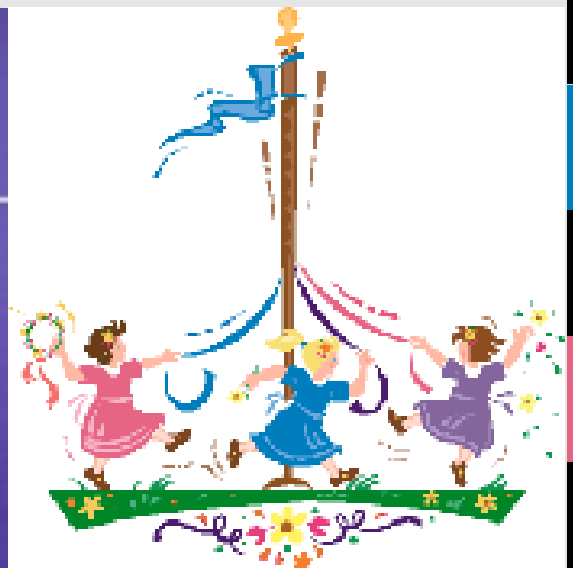
FIND US ONLINE

Facebook: [Sterling Public Library](https://www.facebook.com/SterlingPublicLibrary)

YouTube: [Sterling Public Library](https://www.youtube.com/SterlingPublicLibrary)

TikTok: [@sterlingpubliclibrary](https://www.tiktok.com/@sterlingpubliclibrary)

Website: www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org



The image features two vertical yellow bars on the left and right sides. The top half of these bars is decorated with green dollar bills falling downwards. The bottom half is decorated with orange circles of various sizes, resembling bubbles or coins.

Sterling Library is officially fine free!

For all SPL
card holders

We will not be charging
fines for overdue materials!
(Does not include GoGo Gadgets
or Special Collections)

*Fine
Free!!!*

Children's Department

Summer Reading Program 2022



Who: Everyone!

What: Summer Reading Program 2022

When: June 6 - July 30

Where: Sterling Public Library

Why: To encourage a love of reading and learning all year-long, regardless of being in or out of school

How to Sign Up

Participants can sign up online or in person at the library. Participants can sign up starting on Monday, May 23rd, but tracking starts on June 6.

To sign up online, go to the library's website at sterlingpubliclibrary.org and scroll down until you see the logo to the right. From there, you can click on "Register" or "Login" if you already have an account.

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The library will be taking a break from Preschool Storytime during May, and we will return in June!

Read Beyond The Beaten Path

The theme this year for Summer Reading is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." We hope you will use this as a chance to learn about new topics, read new genres of books, read new formats of books like graphic novels and wordless picture books, and try new things!





Summer Reading 2022 Programs & Events

Recurring Summer Programs

With a few exceptions, the library will have free programs for children every week at the same time. 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 or have a library card to attend the programs.

Preschool: Monday 10-10:45am

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

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

6th-8th grade: Every other Tuesday 4-5:30pm

Saturday Summer Programs

June 11 all day - Summer Reading Program Kick-Off

June 11 at 10am - Planting Flowers with Whiteside County Master Gardeners

June 11 at 11:30am - Pride Storytime with PFLAG Sauk Valley

June 25 at 10am and 11:30am - Intro to Theatre Workshops

July 9 at 10am - PAWS to Read with Therapy Dogs

July 23 at 10am - Hoo Haven Bird Program

July 30 all day - Summer Reading Program: The Finale

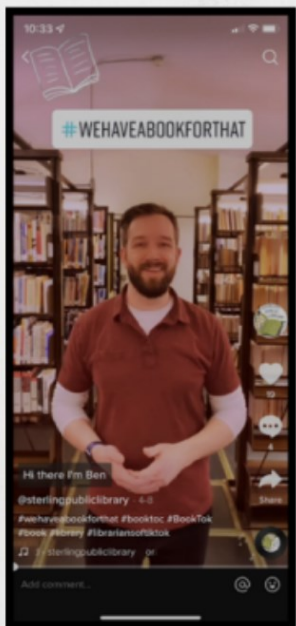


Teen Game Night

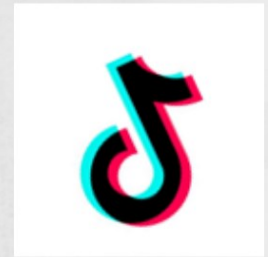


**Teens 6th – 12th
grade are invited
for a night
of games, snacks,
and discussion.**

**Tuesday, May 10,
5:30–7:30 pm at the
Sterling Public
Library
in the conference
room**



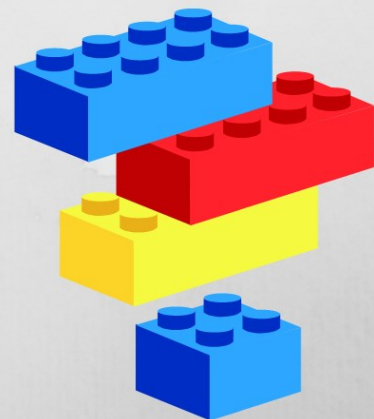
**WE HAVE A NEW TIKTOK
ACCOUNT!
CHECK OUT BEN'S VIDEOS
@STERLINGPUBLICLIBRARY**

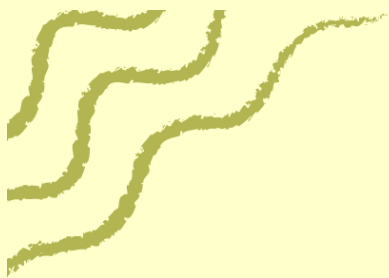


#WEHAVEABOOKFORTHAT

LEGO CLUB

Saturdays, May 7 & 21, 10am
Register for either, but not both
School aged children





SPL BOOK SUBSCRIPTION BOX

LET OUR LIBRARY STAFF SELECT YOUR NEXT READ!

One library book will be selected each month by qualified staff to support your reading goals and interests. The box will include additional fun items that you can keep.

TO SIGN UP, SIMPLY FILL OUT THE APPROPRIATE SURVEY. WE HAVE ONE FOR TEENS & ADULTS AND ONE FOR SCHOOL AGE READERS.

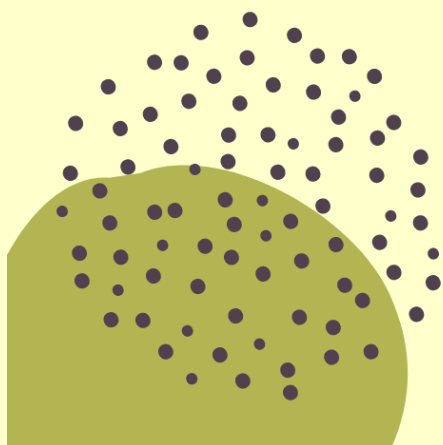


School Age Readers

Teens & Adults



Keep an eye out for SPL Picture Book Bundles coming soon! If you have any additional questions, please call the library at (815) 625-1370.





Summer Reading for teens and adults

June 6 – July 30

Open to Patrons 6th grade through adult
Registration starts May 23

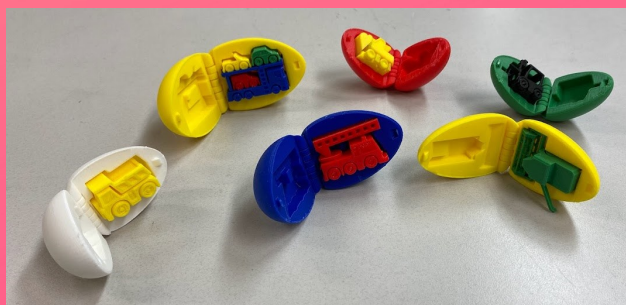
We will be doing a BINGO card this Summer! Pick up the BINGO card
when you register.



Made with SPL's 3D printer



If you want us to print something for
you, click **3D printing** under the
'Using the Library' tab on our website
or scan the QR code. Feel free to stop
by or call if you have
questions.



**KICK OFF YOUR GARDENING SEASON MAKING A
HAND SCRUB, BUG SPRAY, GARDEN STONE MARKER,
SEED TAPE AND SEED STARTER. \$5 FEE FOR ALL**

Saturday, June 4

Drop-in workshop

10:00 a.m.– NOON

Sterling Public Library



Illinois Extension

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Presented by Whiteside County Master Gardeners

\$5 Supply Fee payable at the door

For more information contact Mary Nelson | 815-632-3611



An Evening with Michelle Zauner

**Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m.
CST | Zoom**



Michelle Zauner, the indie rock star of Japanese Breakfast fame, discusses her music career and her bestselling book *Crying in H Mart*. Her memoir about growing up Korean American, losing her mother, and forging her own identity was a New York Times notable book of the year.

In conversation with Jessica Hopper, Chicago based music critic, producer, and author.

An Evening with Jessamine Chan and Emily Maloney

**Wednesday, May 25 at 7 p.m.
CST | Zoom**



Join Jessamine Chan and Emily Maloney for a discussion about the systems of power that impact our lives, our families, and our finances, through the lens of their acclaimed books, *The School for Good Mothers* and *Cost of Living*.



Find the links to register for these free programs on our website —>

**If you can't attend at the time,
register and they will send you a link to watch later.**



**These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide
collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.**



Are you interested in Adult Programming? Our new Adult Services Librarian, Ben, wants to know what you think! Please fill out our brief survey to give him ideas for programs in the future. Scan the QR code to fill it out online or pick up a paper copy at the library.



The Sterling Public Library will be having an outdoor booth at the Twin City Farmer's Market in May and June of this year. 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

The Library is officially fine free for all Sterling Library patrons beginning May 1st. This means we will not be charging overdue fees on materials. (Not including GoGo Gadgets) Thank you, Library Board of Directors, for approving this new policy! If you or somebody you know hasn't come into the library because they have overdue fines, you can stop worrying. Just return the materials and all material fines will be waived.

The new policy does state that patrons will continue to pay for lost or damaged material. Material will be considered lost by the system 28 days after the due date at which time the staff may decide to replace the item due to popularity. If the item has been repurchased, the patron will then need to pay for the item regardless if they return the item or not. The Library Board also approved waiving all fines on lost materials prior to 2020.

The library has two book drops for patrons to return their material. One book drop is located on the south side of the building next to the main entrance and the other is located on the east side of the building near the parking lot.

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