



## MAY JUNE JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

### **LOCATION**

102 West Third Street  
Phone: 815-625-1370

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM  
Friday-9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Saturday-8:00 AM-5:00 PM

### **LIBRARY BUILDING CLOSINGS**

Monday, May 28, 2018-Memorial Day  
Wednesday, July 4, 2018-Independence Day

### **Programs**

Monthly Lego Clubs, Adult Book Club and Teen Book Club  
(Times and dates are listed on the pages that follow)

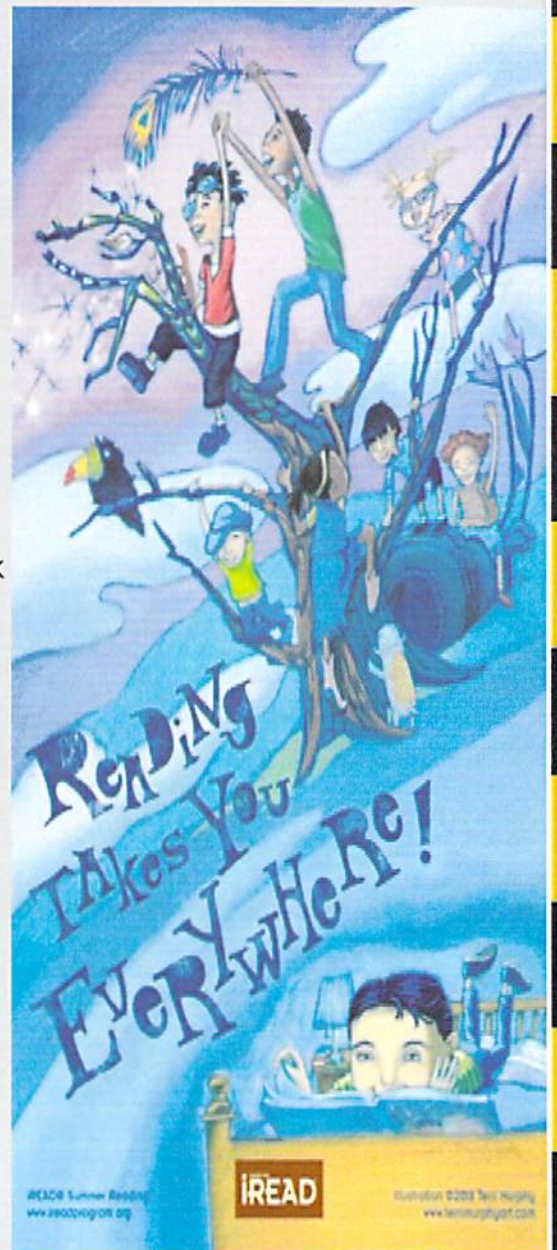
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**Program  
registration  
begins  
May 21, 2018  
and runs  
through  
June 2, 2018**

Programs for Preschoolers will be on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM beginning Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

Programs for Kindergarten-Grade 2 will be on Mondays at 10:00 AM beginning Monday, June 4, 2018.

Programs for Grades 3-5 will be on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM beginning Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

See registration packet for program details. We will be using travel related themes, Flat Stanley and S.T.E.A.M. programs as well as some Saturday surprises. Each packet will have a calendar explaining all programs.

# LEGO CLUBS

**Building Challenges with regular Lego**

**For Grades K-4**

**Building Challenges**  
**Saturday, May 5, 2018**  
**10:00 AM**

**For Grades 5-8**

**Building Challenges using computer  
software**

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**  
**11:30 AM**  
**Saturday, May 19, 2018**  
**10:00 AM**

You must register for each class. You may register at the Children's Desk , call the library at 815-625-1370 or register online through the Sterling Public Library webpage.

**There will be no Lego Club in June, July or August**





## **Genealogy and Local History**

# Illinois Bicentennial Family Certificate

The Illinois State Genealogical Society announces the introduction of the Illinois Bicentennial Family Certificate program, an official project of the Illinois Bicentennial celebration! This is available only during this Bicentennial year.

The Illinois State Genealogical Society will issue Illinois Bicentennial Family Certificates to honor those who contributed to our state's rich history. The certificates are available to direct descendants of early pioneers who were living in Illinois in the year of Statehood (1818), and whose family has continued to be proud residents of our state for each generation since that time. The applicant must be a current resident of Illinois.

The applicant must be a direct descendant of an individual who was living in Illinois during the specified period. A direct relationship is through bloodline (e.g., the "child of a child"). An indirect relationship (through a sibling, uncle, aunt, or cousin) does not qualify.

What better way to help celebrate our Bicentennial. Illinois was a very important state historically in the development of our country. Visit the ISGS website at [www.ilgensoc.org](http://www.ilgensoc.org) for more information, including the application and fees. Applications must be submitted to the Society by December 31, 2018.

It is not an easy process, you need lots of proof. If you need help, see Marilyn in the Genealogy/ Local History department, she will get you some help.

The Genealogy department also has a book called "Illinois Census Returns, 1810 and 1818. You could check and see if your ancestor was here at that time.

***Honor your Illinois ancestors and apply today!***



# YOUNG ADULTS



## Summer Reading for YA      June 4—July 28

Open to 6th grade and up. Pick up a bingo card from the Adult Circulation Desk.  
There will be bingo prizes and weekly prize drawings.

### YA Meetings

Thursday, May 17, 5:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, June 21, 5:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, July 19, 5:30-7:30 PM

All students in grades 6-12 are welcome. There are a variety of activities for teens that could include book discussions, board games, movies, and there is always good conversation and food!

## NEW BOOKS

**The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas** — Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between the poor neighborhood where she lives and the suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.

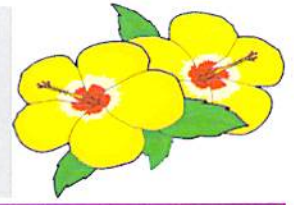
**The Summer of Broken Things by Margaret Peterson Haddix** — Two very different girls, forced to go on the same family vacation, uncover family secrets and have to work together to work through them.

**The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang** — **Graphic Novel** A coming of age story of a crossdressing prince and his dressmaker/best friend.





## ADULT PROGRAMS



# Reading Takes You Everywhere

## Summer Reading

Open to 6th grade  
through Adult

Pick up a **bingo** card at the Adult Desk. Pick out and read books to fit the bingo squares. For each square you complete, you may put your name in for the weekly prize drawings. When you get your first bingo (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) you will get a bingo prize.



The second Tuesday morning of the month the library hosts the Adult Readers' Book Club. Copies of the books are available for cardholders of the Sterling Public Library. The discussion takes place at 10:00 AM in the library conference room.

## Serious Readers' Group

### Selections

May

*Room*

by Emma Donoghue

June

*The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*  
by Gabrielle Zevin

July

*Most Dangerous*  
by Steve Sheinkin



# *Nuns, Nazis, and Notre Dame: Stories of the Great Depression, World War II, and the Fighting Irish*

## "Jeopardy!"

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:30 PM

### Sterling Public Library Community Room

Author Tim Pletkovich will present a program on his highly acclaimed new book *Nuns, Nazis, and Notre Dame: Stories of the Great Depression, World War II, and the Fighting Irish* during his presentation the audience will play "JEOPARDY!" as they learn about Teddy Roosevelt, Jackie Robinson, and William F. Buckley Jr.

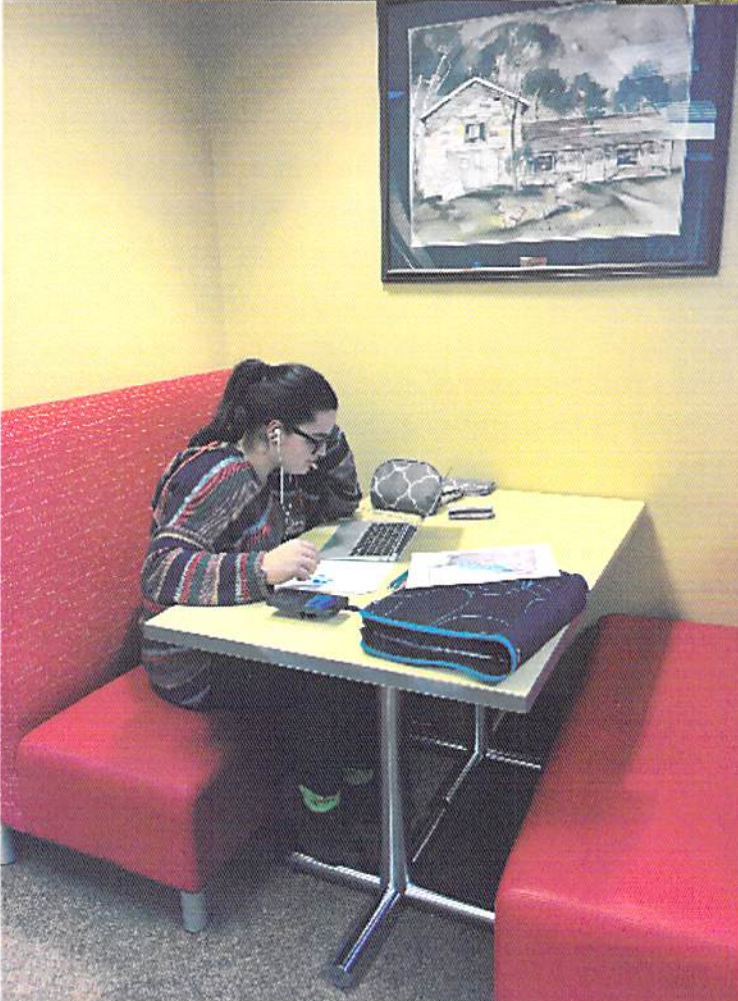
This book examines the early life of U.S. Army veteran Gerald A. O'Reilly. The son of a prominent Wall Street banker and grandson of U.S. ambassador under President Teddy Roosevelt, O'Reilly was raised in Brooklyn, New York, during the 1920s and '30s, when stickball ruled the streets and rumblings of another war in Europe shook the earth from across the Atlantic. His story takes us from the bleachers at Ebbets Field in trolley-car Brooklyn to the hallways of Notre Dame during legendary football coach Frank Leahy's national championship years, to the innermost thoughts of an elite Tenth Mountain Division soldier thrust into the horrors of battle in Italy's harsh Apennine Mountains. At ninety-five, Mr. O'Reilly is the last surviving member of his military company. The author interviewed him over a four-year period during which the two amassed more than fifteen hundred hours of conversation.

Pletkovich was recognized at the 2017 Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival in Marshfield, Missouri, with the Ella A. Dickey Award for his first book, *Civil War Fathers: Sons of the Civil War in World War II*. Past Dickey Award recipients have included former first lady Laura Bush, former Texas first lady, the late Nellie Connally, and 1972 Democratic Party Presidential Candidate and former United States Senator, the late George McGovern. *Nuns, Nazis, and Notre Dame* is his second book. Both may be purchased at the May 29 event. The cost of *Civil War Fathers* is \$25. *Nuns, Nazis, and Notre Dame* may be purchased for \$20.

**There is no charge for this program.**



## Around the Library





## **Sterling Public Library Pilot Site for New Resource Sharing Catalog Find More Illinois**

**Find More Illinois** aims to expand resource sharing and facilitate interlibrary loan by providing a single discovery interface that draws from the online catalogs of participating libraries. RAILS, our library system, has been researching this project since 2013. The goal of the project is to expand resource sharing by connecting, not replacing, existing integrated library systems.

**Find More Illinois** is fast and easy to use from anywhere. It is suppose to provide better interlibrary loan service, efficiency, and be cost-effective for libraries. It also provides a self-service for patrons reluctant to ask for interlibrary loan help. Our staff began participating in this pilot program on April 4, 2018. It is available for patrons to use from home to place their interlibrary loan requests. Please ask for assistance to access **Find More Illinois**.



### **Director's Corner**

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Hard to believe the first quarter of 2018 is over and I missed a very important event. April holds a special week entitled Volunteer Appreciation Week. A lot of things get accomplished at the library because we have some very dedicated volunteers who make the library and the staff look great. A big thank you goes out to the following individuals:

Faye Vos for her help in the history/genealogy department

Estelle Metcalf for all the cutting and taping she does for storytimes

Don & Janel Yordy for the Lego club programs

Penny O'Rourke for cataloging and cleaning up catalog records so patrons can find items.

Laverne Novak for help doing the summer reading program

Sue Hondley who takes books to the Whiteside Senior Center

Ann Beswick, Marcy Lawrence and the staff of Sauk Valley Bank for help with Feed the Children in the summer months.



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A GARDEN  
AND A  
LIBRARY  
YOU HAVE EVERYTHING  
YOU NEED.

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