

## **May, June, July 2019 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 27, 2019-Memorial Day**  
**Thursday, July 4, 2019-Independence Day**

### **Regular Programs**

Children's Story Times, Monthly Lego Clubs, Adult Book Club and Teen Book Club

### **FIND US ONLINE**

Facebook: Sterling Public Library-Look for our logo  
Instagram-Look for sterlinglibrary  
Website: [www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org](http://www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org)

### **Email:**

Director: [SPL-Director@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-Director@comcast.net)  
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Genealogy: [SPL-Genealogy@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-Genealogy@comcast.net)  
Young Adults: [SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net)



**Planning a trip that needs a passport? Apply for your passports here during normal business hours.**



Summer Reading Program registration begins May 20, 2019 and runs through June 8, 2019. Programs for Preschoolers will be on Mondays at 10:00 AM beginning Monday, June 3, 2019.

Programs for Kindergarten-Grade 2 will be on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM beginning Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

Programs for Grades 3-5 will be on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM beginning Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

Registration packets will have program details. A variety of programs are planned for Mondays and Tuesdays in June and July as well as some Saturday surprises. Each packet will have a calendar explaining all programs and a reading goal chart.



**Saturday, May 4, 2019**  
**Super Heroes/Star Wars Day**  
**at the Sterling Public Library**  
**10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

Come in and build a Lego Super Hero or Star Wars project on that day. No sign-up is necessary. This activity is open to all children and adults. Projects will be put on display throughout the library for the week following this event. This supervised activity is a come when you can, build your project and leave event.

**LEGO CLUBS**

**Building Challenges with regular Lego**

**For Grades K-4**

**10:00-11:00 AM**

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

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 Clubs in June, July or August.**  
**They will resume in September.**

# **STERLING READS**

## **Get on Board!**



**June 10-July 23, 2019**

## **Literacy Building Across the Community**

**Preschoolers - Mondays at 10:45 AM**

**Kndg-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Tuesdays at 10:45 AM**

**Third –Fifth Grade - Tuesdays at 1:45 PM**

This program offers one on one reading mentoring for grade school children. The reading mentors will be high school students trained for this program. Sign-up online at the Sterling Public Library or at the library's Children's Desk.

# Young Adults

# Summer Reading



## Read the Theme!

For each book you read from the week's theme (up to three per week), you may enter a drawing for show tickets to area theaters.

June 3– July 27

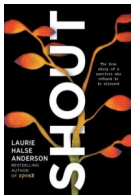
### YA Meetings

Thursday, May 16, 5:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, Jun 20, 5:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, Jul 18, 5:30-7:30 PM

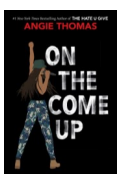
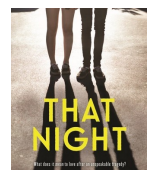
All students in grades 6-12 are welcome. There are a variety of activities for teens that could include book discussions, board games, movies, and there is always good conversation and food!



### New Books

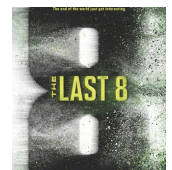
**Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson**— A searing poetic memoir and call to action from the bestselling and award-winning author of *Speak*.

**That Night by Amy Giles** – One night in March, a terrible tragedy shakes the Queens neighborhood where Jessica Nolan and Lucas Rossi live. Their community — and their families — were irrevocably changed by a senseless act of violence. But as Jess and Lucas fall in love, they'll learn to help each other heal and move forward — together.



**On the Come Up by Angie Thomas** – It is the story of fighting for your dreams, even as the odds are stacked against you; of the struggle to become who you are and not who everyone expects you to be; and of the desperate realities of poor and working-class black families.

**The Last 8 by Laura Pohl** — A high-stakes survival story about eight teenagers who outlive an alien attack—perfect for fans of *The 5th Wave*







## ADULT PROGRAMS

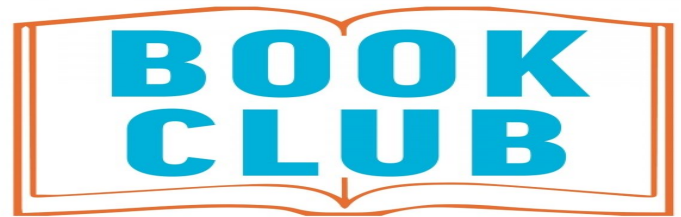
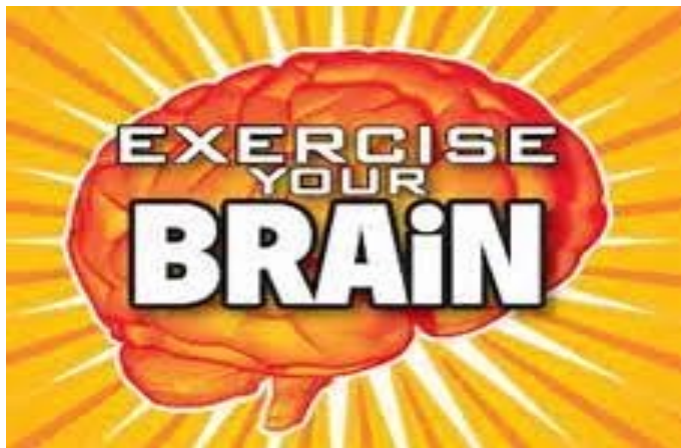


### WitsFitness

May 28, July 23

August 27, 2019

Join University of Illinois Extension Educator Karla Belzer each month as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. Get started training your brain in this fun and informative class. Class is free and open to the public. You are welcome to join any time. Call 815-632-3611 or register online: [go.illinois.edu/witsfitness](http://go.illinois.edu/witsfitness)



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

### Books and Meeting Dates

May 14

*I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

June 11

*The Dressmaker* by Rosalie Ham

July 9

*John Doll* by Marianne Wiggins and  
*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding  
(Discussion will be centered on the comparison of the two novels.)



# Planting a Garden? Check out the Sterling Public Library for free seeds to get started

Ready to plant your garden? Stop by the library and check out the assortment of free seeds. **Master Gardeners will be on hand to kick off the Free Seed Library on May 15 from 9:30 – 11:30 and to talk about container gardening. They will also be able to answer your questions about starting a garden.**

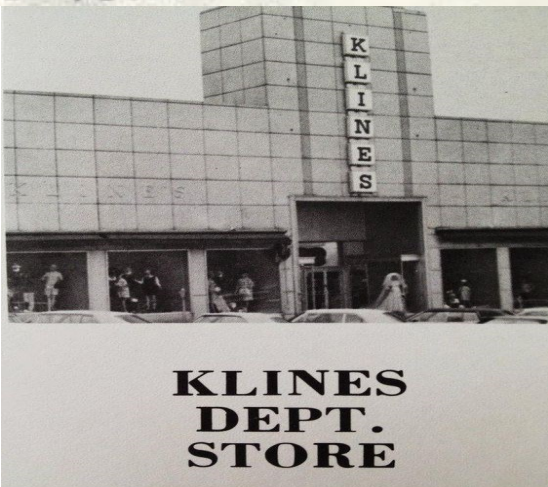
Stop by the library anytime after May 15 to check out the assortment of free seeds for your gardening pleasure. If you have any gardening questions, call the Whiteside County Master Gardener Help Desk at 815/632-3611.





## Local History

How many of these do you remember?



**KLINES  
DEPT.  
STORE**





# Director's Corner

Jennifer Slaney

Recently, the Library Board voted to eliminate the genealogy/local history librarian due to falling statistical numbers over the past few years. This was not an easy decision. Marilyn Huffman-Anderson did a great job connecting patrons with lost family members and researching local businesses. We appreciate all the time, knowledge and care she gave to the patrons of the Sterling Public Library. Her expertise will be missed, and we wish her well in the days to come. Patrons or business owners need not worry; library staff will be here to answer/research their requests if the need arises.

Have you seen the transformation in the Young Adult Department? Over the past years, the Library Board has been changing out the furniture throughout the library. This last year brought them to the Young Adult area. Young Adult Librarian Beth selected some new and exciting pieces for the area. A curved booth with an USB port table for charging your cell phone or laptop, comfortable chairs to read and relax in, a round table and chairs to study at, and a white board to draw or explain your ideas to your study partners. We mustn't forget new display shelving for new books or hot topics.

The Summer Reading Program is just around the corner! Do you have a child who just learned or has been practicing how to print their name? The library now has a library card to help celebrate their hard work. Stop by and fill out an application and get "My First Library Card" today!!! It is available to first time cardholders between 3 and 7 years old.



## Why Is Reading Important?

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Reading is fundamental to functioning in today's society.

Reading is a vital skill in finding a good job.

Reading is important because it develops the mind.

Reading helps us discover new things.

Reading develops the imagination.

Reading develops the creative side of people.

Reading is fundamental in developing a good self-image.



Finally, why is reading important? **Reading is important** because words, spoken and written, are the building blocks of life. You are, right now, the result of words that you have heard or read and believed about yourself. What you become in the future will depend on the words you believe about yourself now. People, families, relationships, and even nations are built from words. Think about it.

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