

November 2020 NEWSLETTER

LOCATION

102 West Third Street
Phone: 815-625-1370

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Friday
Open 10am–5pm

Saturday & Sunday
Closed

Closures:

November 11: Veteran's Day
November 26 & 27:
Thanksgiving Day

Curbside Pickup Available
until 4:00 PM Monday-Friday

Programs

Monday Online Preschool Story Times 10:00 AM

Story Time Activity Packet Available at Children's Circulation Desk

Thanksgiving Day Online Stories

Wednesday YA Video Book talks 7:00 PM

FIND US ONLINE

Facebook: Sterling Public Library
YouTube: Sterling Public Library
Website: www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org

Email:

Director: SPL-Director@comcast.net
Interlibrary Loan: SPL-BookLoans@comcast.net
Young Adults: SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net



**AMERICAN
HEROES**
Veterans Day - November 11



Check out our online story times for preschoolers. They are posted on the library's homepage and on YouTube and Facebook under Sterling Public Library. We post a new one every Monday at 10:00 AM. November dates and themes are as follows:

Monday, November 2

Who Hoots

Monday, November 16

I Am Thankful

Monday, November 9

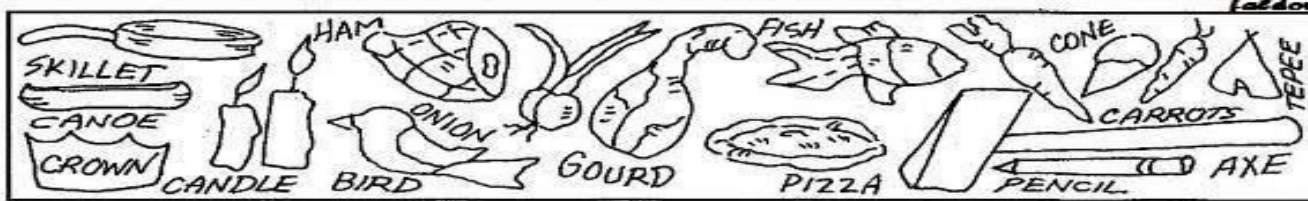
Scare a Crow

Monday, November 23

Gobble, Gobble

Monday, November 30

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Director's Corner

The Rock River Consortia, consisting of the Dixon Public Library, Milledgeville Public Library, Rock Falls Public Library District, and Sterling Public Library, is the recipient of the Illinois Library Association's 2020 Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award, which is awarded annually for sustained activity and contributions having a lasting impact on librarianship. The award is supported by the Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Fund and by the Valerie J. Wilford Memorial Fund established in recognition of her enormous contributions to multi-type cooperation and resource sharing.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Illinois and libraries began closing their doors, the Rock River Consortia worked to get materials transferred back to their home libraries, as well as transiting items between their four libraries. In May, they transferred approximately 570 items between their libraries, with library staff meeting in a central location to exchange bins. All items were quarantined for a 7-day period prior to transit. The libraries began curbside pick-up in May for their patrons. These libraries found ways to return items to home libraries, continue resource sharing between partner libraries, and maintain the safety of items through appropriate quarantine procedures. The four libraries and their staff serve as models to other libraries about how ingenuity and cooperation between libraries can continue even in unthinkable times.

The library staff will be reading a variety of Thanksgiving stories to be posted online throughout Thanksgiving Day. They will be available on Facebook, YouTube and the Sterling Public Library webpage. Look for more info on Facebook and our webpage as we get closer to the day!



Weekly video book talks!

YA Librarian, Beth, will be posting weekly book talks on young adult books. These will be short videos spotlighting one new book and one hidden gem from our Young Adult collection.



They will be posted on our webpage, Facebook page, and YouTube channel every Wednesday evening at 7.

Weather Related Closures

Illinois winters can cause the library to close during regular hours. We make every effort to stay open when bad weather hits, but that is not always possible. The library does close to ensure the safety of staff and patrons. When this happens we make every effort to inform local media and post closures on Facebook, the library webpage and Instagram. Please keep that in mind before you venture out. Fines are adjusted when we are forced to close.

Help us update your information

If you have not already done so please give us your email address. This will help us when our circulation system updates and it will help you. You will receive an email when books have arrived for you, when your books are due and when your card is ready to expire. Your email information never leaves the library. This means it is never given to anyone or vendors. We appreciate your cooperation.

Friendly Reminder

To avoid damage to materials, please return books to the left "book" slot in the outdoor book drop. Put DVDs, CDs, audiobooks and magazines in the right "media" slot. Thanks!

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Sterling, Illinois 61081**