

NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2017 January 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

Saturday, November 11, 2017 for Veterans' Day

Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24,
2017 for Thanksgiving

Monday, December 25, 2017 for Christmas

Monday, January 1, 2017 for New Years

Programs

Monthly Lego Clubs, Adult Book Club and Teen Book Club

(Times and dates are listed on the pages that follow)

FIND US ONLINE

Facebook: Sterling Public Library-Look for our logo

Website: www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org

Email:

Director: SPL-Director@comcast.net

Interlibrary Loan: SPL-BookLoans@comcast.net

Genealogy: SPL-Genealogy@comcast.net

Young Adults: SPL-YoungAdult@comcast.net



Toddler Time

All 18 months-3 years old are welcome

Each Monday 9:30-10:00 AM

November 6, 13, 20, 27

December 4, 11

January 8, 15, 22, 29

This is an interactive story time where the toddlers are encouraged to participate in stories and play while learning to listen and share.



Preschool Story Time

All 3 -5 year olds are welcome!

Each Monday 10:30-11:00 AM

November 6, 13, 20, 27

December 4, 11

January 8, 15, 22, 29

Stories, poems, finger plays/songs and craft at each story time.



Story Time Activities

November: Fall has arrived!

December: Let's get ready for the Holidays

January: Let it Snow!



LEGO Clubs

Building Challenges with regular Lego

For Grades K-4

Saturday, November 4, 2017-10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Saturday, December 16, 2017-10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Saturday, January 6, 2018-10:00-11:00 AM

**Building Challenges using the
computer and Lego**

For Grades 5-8

Saturday, November 4, 2017-11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Saturday, November 18, 2017-10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Saturday, December 16, 2017-11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Saturday, January 6, 2018-11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Saturday, January 20, 2018-10:00 AM-11:00 PM

You must register for each class. You may register at the Children's Desk or you may call the library at 815-625-1370 to register.





COMING SOON!

The Sterling Public Library soon will be an official passport application site.

Applications will be processed during the following hours:

Monday through Thursday 9:30 am until 7 pm

Friday and Saturday 9:30 am until 4 pm

Call the library at 815-625-1370 to make an appointment.

**Be prepared by having the following items ready at the time
of your appointment:**

- **Completed *DS-11 New Passport Application*-DO NOT SIGN THIS APPLICATION**
- **One Passport photo (Color, 2X2, taken within the last 6 months)One form of ID (Driver's License, expired Passport, Military ID, Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship with photo attached)**
- **A CHECK or MONEY ORDER ready to be paid to the US Department of State**
- **Cash or a check ready to be written to Sterling Public Library**
- **Certified Birth Certificate or Naturalization Certificate**
- **If a child (under 16) both parents must be present or a NOTARIZED *DS-3053 Statement of Consent* form must be completed.**
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**We can only proceed when all items are present
at the time of the appointment!**

YOUNG ADULTS



Young Adult Holiday Party

Thursday, December 28, 1-4pm

Come join us for games, snacks, and fun! All 6th-12th graders welcome. Bring a \$5 gift if you'd like to participate in a gift exchange.



Book Subscription Boxes

Boxes will be released monthly and include a newer published YA book and other fun surprises. Library cardholders ages 12 and up may participate.

Ask at the library for details.



YA Meetings

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

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

(no regular meeting in December)

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!

GUEST TEEN REVIEWER—AMY Z.

How Not to Disappear by Clare Furniss—I don't want to give away too much because I think it's best to go into it fairly blind, but this book was such a gem. I loved the dual timeline. The writing style was very thoughtful, but the story almost read like a mystery. It had a very unique plotline, and I really appreciated how the story played out. It relied heavily on the importance of family, and I loved that aspect. How Not to Disappear may look unassuming, but it has every intention of stealing your heart. Enjoy!



ADULT PROGRAMS



Author Fair

**Saturday, December 2, 2017
11:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**Come and meet over 20
local authors!**

**The authors will have their
work on display throughout
the library.**

**Their works include both
fiction and nonfiction
genres for adults and
children.**

**There will also be several
presentations throughout
the day.**

**You may contact Kay Clark
at kayclark631@yahoo.com
for more information or call
the library at 815-625-1370.**



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' Groups selections

November 14

**Underground Railroad by
Colson Whitehead**

December 12

Maud's Line by Margaret Verbie

January 9

**Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the
Media Distort the news by Bernard
Goldberg**





Genealogy and Local History

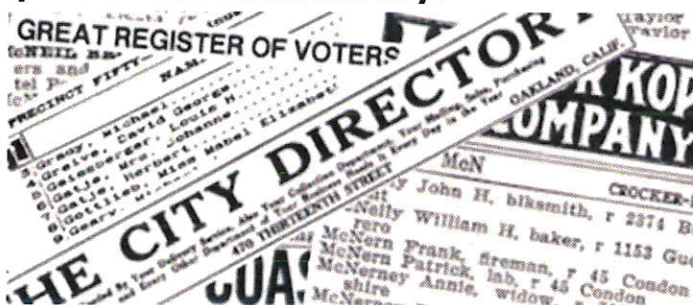
Look familiar??? The southeast corner of the Sterling Public Library is where local history and family history are researched. Ever thought about doing your family genealogy but didn't know where to start? Have you ever visited this section of your local library? We have an extensive local history and genealogy department with a genealogist on staff to help get you started.

The best way to start tracing your family tree is to begin with yourself. Begin writing down the names of your family members. Write down everyone that you can remember, then share these names with your living family members who may be able to help fill in some empty branches. After you have all these scribbled notes and would like to see them in some kind of order, ask the genealogist for a four generation family tree chart. That will allow you to have some kind of order on one sheet through your great-grandparents. You will then have four generations with names, dates, places, etc. on one sheet to carry with you to further your research.

You are now ready to come into the genealogy department and trace them as far back as you can in Whiteside County. A good place to start would be the Whiteside County census and the local city directories. We have from 1840 to 1940 in Whiteside County Census reports. Our city directories cover from 1875 to the present. City directories are an alphabetical listing of inhabitants by name, address, and occupation. Some of the early directories list the wife in parenthesis or if the woman is a widow (including name of husband) Addresses of churches, schools, funeral homes, cemeteries, post offices, etc. Use a city directory for the year after the census year. They were often created beginning in May of the previous year, which would have been right around census time. We also have the old telephone books for Sterling/Rock Falls from 1921-1976.

Next you might want to use the information that you have collected to be logged into one of two computers that we have Ancestry.com for patrons to use. It doesn't cost anything unless you make copies.

There are so many resources in this department to search that this will be a continuing series. Stay tuned and stop by and have a look at this awesome part of our local library.



IMPORTANT TIP: Always read the front material in each directory. It will give you specifics as to what information was collected and how that is indicated. There is also an abbreviation page. City directories contain many abbreviations. It is important to know what those are so that you can interpret the information correctly.

2018 Book Club Readings

January

Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distort the News by Bernard Goldberg

February

Peace Like a River by Leif Enger

March

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

April

Terrorist by John Updike

May

Room by Emma Donoghue

June

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

July

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War by Steve Sheinkin

August

Ragtime: A Novel by E L Doctorow

September

One More Step: My Story of Living with Cerebral Palsy, Climbing Kilimanjaro, and Surviving the Hardest Race on Earth by Bonner Paddock, Neal Bascomb

October

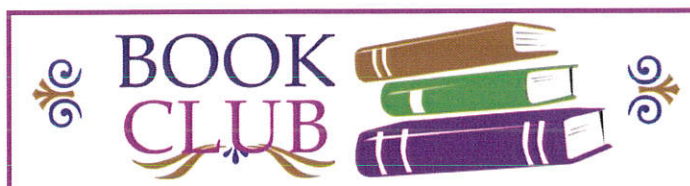
Ten North Frederick by John O'Hara

November

Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS by Joby Warrick

December

Morte D'Urban by J.F. Powers



"Make and Take Day"

FOR KIDS AGES 5 AND UP!!!

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Come on in and try an experiment, make a craft or two or just be creative and leave when you have had enough! The community room is the place for these supervised activities.



Director's Corner

A lot has been happening the last couple of months in front and behind the scenes at the library. We have a put on a new face at our old web address. Our new webpage is adaptable to all your devices so you can now access the library away from home. One of the new features is on the program calendar. We have included all programs put on by the library and ones that are open to the public. If the program requires registration you can do that online now too. In other news, hopefully you noticed, earlier in the newsletter, the library will soon be a passport agency. The ramp on the south side of the building is nearing completion, just waiting on the handrails before we open it. We will be installing new benches in the spring.



CHILL OUT AND READ

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