

## **NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2018 JANUARY 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**

Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23

Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25

Monday, January 1

### **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

Website: [www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org](http://www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org)

### **Email:**

Director: [SPL-Director@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-Director@comcast.net)

Interlibrary Loan: [SPL-BookLoans@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-BookLoans@comcast.net)

Genealogy: [SPL-Genealogy@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-Genealogy@comcast.net)

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



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

# It's Story TIME

## Toddler Time

**All 18 months-3 years old are welcome**

**Each Monday 9:30-10:00 AM**

**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**

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

## Story Time Themes

**November: *Leaves and Owls-Hoot Hoot***

**December: "Tis the Season"**

**January: Wonderful Winter**

### Story Time Dates:

**November 5, 12, 19**

**December 3, 10, 17,**

**January 7, 14, 21, 28**



# **LEGO CLUBS**

**Building Challenges with regular Lego**

**For Grades K-4**

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

**Saturday, November 3 & 17**

**Saturday, December 8 & 22**

**Saturday, January 5 & 19**

**For Grades 5-8**

**Building Challenges using computer  
software**

**11:30-12:30 AM**

**Saturday, November 3**

**Saturday, December 8**

**Saturday, January 5**

**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.**



# Sterling Public Library



**Wednesday, January 2, 2019**

**1:00-2:00 PM**

**“Animal Tracks and Scat”**



**Mary Nelson\_**

University of Illinois Extension Program Coordinator, Ag and Natural Resources Director for Whiteside County will present this interactive program. All school age children are welcome.

# YOUNG ADULTS

## Young Adult Holiday Party!

Thursday, December 27, 1-4 pm

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.



### YA Meetings

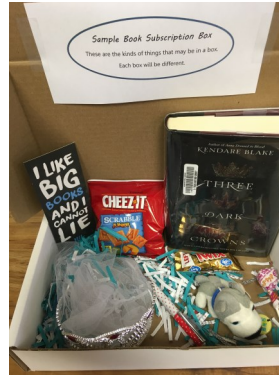
Thursday, Nov 15, 5:30-7:30 PM

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

Thursday, Feb 21, 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!

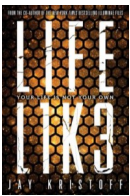


### Book Subscription Boxes

Boxes are released  
monthly and include a  
hand picked YA book and other fun  
surprises. Library cardholders ages  
12 and up may participate.

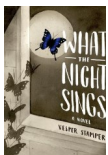
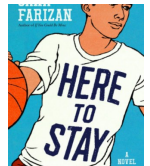
Ask at the library for details.

## NEW BOOKS



**Lifel1k3 by Jay Kristoff**— In the wake of an uprising in a post-apocalyptic USA, the robotic populace have been reduced to slaves, and androids (robots who look like humans) have been outlawed. LIFEL1K3 is about a girl named Eve and her best friend Lemon, who find a ruined android in a scrap heap – an almost-boy named Ezekiel, who knows the truth behind the robotic revolt. Shenanigans ensue.

**Here to Stay by Sara Farizan** — For most of high school, Bijan Majidi has flown under the radar. But then, everything changes in an instant — and not everyone is happy about that. Though many of his classmates rally behind Bijan, some don't want him or his type to be a part of their school. And Bijan's finding out it's not always easy to tell your enemies from your friends.

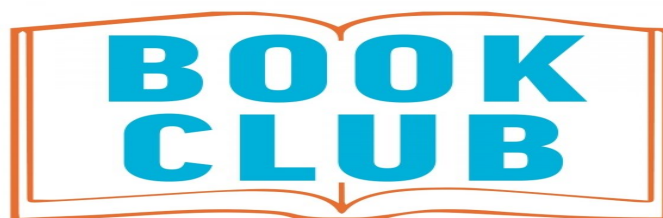


**What the Night Sings by Vesper Stamper** — For fans of *The Book*

*Thief* and *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* comes a lushly illustrated novel about a teen Holocaust survivor, who must come to terms with who she is and how to rebuild her life.



## ADULT PROGRAMS



### WitsFitness

November 27, December 18,

January 22

Join University of Illinois 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.

You are never too young or too old to get started training your brain, so join Karla 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

**November 13, 2018**

***Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS*  
by Joby Warrick**

**December 11, 2018**

***Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family  
and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance**

**January 8, 2018**

***Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His  
Years of Pilgrimage* by Haruki  
Murakami**







**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

**10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**Thirty authors of both fiction and non-fiction books will be available to discuss and autograph their books which will be available for purchase.**

**Some of the categories include Romance, Science Fiction, Mystery, Civil War, Human Interest, Horror, Young Adult, and Adult, as well as books by Children's authors.**

**Books make a wonderful gift for the book lover on your Christmas list.**

**Contact Kay Clark at [kayclark631@yahoo.com](mailto:kayclark631@yahoo.com) for more information or call the library at 815-625-1370.**



## **Genealogy and Local History By Marilyn Huffman-Anderson**

***Lost, confused, unsure, unclear, perplexed, disoriented, and bewildered*** is this how you feel when you hear DNA? DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid, is a self-replicating material present in nearly all living organisms as the main constituent of chromosomes. It is the carrier of genetic information, with the exception of identical twins who share the same genetic makeup. DNA tests have been used for a very long time by genealogists.

I have heard many stories of how first, second and even third cousins have become acquainted and correspond through Ancestry.com. Recently, I had a phone call from a lady from the southern tip of Indiana. She and her sister wanted to meet with me at the library. They had both had their DNA done and found out that, although they thought they were sisters all of their lives, they were really half- sisters. There is another part of this family who reside in Rock Falls. They met each other for the first time in the Genealogy department here at the Sterling Public Library and the brother brought his daughter and granddaughter. The brother and his new found sisters are all in their seventies. They had photo albums with them and compared family photos. They all actually looked quite a bit alike.

Over the years, we have put together quite a few families, especially through the use of adoption records. Most often it is young men who want to find their birth mother. One young man in particular, was on the cell phone with his adoptive mother while I was telling him what records he could search. The adoptive mother was supportive of him finding his birth mother because she knew that he thought of her as his real mother. He did find his birth mother, and he brought in photos. They looked so much alike. There again, it was the DNA.

We do have sources in the Genealogy department to research that can help answer all kinds of family questions.





# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Jennifer Slaney

There are some exciting things going on with and for local authors at the Sterling Public Library. We've just started subscribing to a new service called Biblioboard Library. It works a lot like Libby/Overdrive or E-Read Illinois in that it lets you download e-books and audiobooks to your computer, e-reader, smartphone or tablet. However, Biblioboard Library is different in two ways.

First, where Libby and E-Read Illinois focus on the best popular fiction and non-fiction from traditional publishers, Biblioboard focuses on Indie authors. It's a great way for self-published authors to get their books into libraries (across Illinois) and to make sure their work is discovered by library patrons. The second (and biggest) difference is that Biblioboard Library has two very useful add-ons (Pressbooks and Self-E) that help authors format their e-books (for free) and submit them to the Indie Illinois Collection. To put it simply: you use Pressbooks to create your e-book---either by writing directly into the editor or uploading the finished files. Then you can use Self-E to share it with the rest of residents of Sterling.

From Biblioboard Library, your work can be discovered by anyone who is using the Biblioboard Library app in Illinois. Create. Share. Discover. It's that easy. Books submitted to Self-E are even reviewed by Library Journal. The best of them are featured in Indie collections all over the United States. Some have gone on to snag publishing deals and become best-sellers.

Next, I am pleased to announce another great service, **Hoopla**, that the library will launch on Monday, November 12, 2018. This is a free digital media service that offers you thousands of movies, TV shows, educational/instructional videos, documentaries and music titles to borrow. All you need is a valid Sterling Public Library card and a web browser, smartphone, or tablet.

There are an unlimited number of copies for the titles in this collection, so that means you won't need to wait for any item. Start streaming immediately, or download a title to your phone or tablet for offline viewing later. You can enjoy 4 **Hoopla** checkouts per month. There are never any late fees with the items that you borrow from **Hoopla**. Items automatically check back in at the end of the lending period.

In other news, I am pleased to report that the library will be hosting it's second annual **Author's Fair** on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Authors of both fiction and non-fiction books will be available to discuss and autograph their books which will be available for purchase. Some of the categories include Romance, Science Fiction, Mystery, Civil War, Human Interest, Horror, Young Adult, and Adult, as well as books by Children's authors. Books make a wonderful gift for the book lover on your Christmas list.

Please investigate these new services at your convenience and make plans to attend the author fair on December 1, 2018.



### Small Tube Feeder

A tube feeder is a hollow cylinder, often made of plastic, with multiple feeding ports and perches. Tube feeders keep seed fairly dry. Feeders with short perches accommodate small birds such as finches but exclude larger birds such as grackles and jays. The size of the feeding ports varies as well, depending on the type of seed to be offered. Note that special (small) feeding ports are required for nyjer seed in order to prevent spillage.



### Suet Cage

Suet or suet mixes can be placed in an onion bag or a specially made cage. Suet also can be tied to trees or smeared into knotholes. Cages that are only open at the bottom tend to be starling-resistant but allow woodpeckers, nuthatches, and chickadees to feed by clinging upside down.



### Ground

Many species of birds, including sparrows and doves, prefer to feed on large, flat surfaces and may not visit any type of elevated feeder. Song Sparrows, Fox Sparrows and many towhee species, for instance, will rarely land on a feeder, but they will readily eat fallen seed from the ground beneath your feeders. To attract these species, try spreading seed on the ground or a large surface like the top of a picnic table.

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