



STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY

October 2023 Newsletter



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102 West Third St



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Website:

sterlingpubliclibrary.org



Hours:

Mon & Tues: 9am - 8pm

Wed - Fri: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm



Curbside Pickup Hours:

Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm

Pickup Lockers Available 24/7



-Monthly Highlight-

Come to our Used Book Sale
on Saturday, October 14,
9am - 12:30pm!



If you would like to
receive our newsletter
by email, scan this QR
code and fill out our
form! ->



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 2023

LEGO CLUB

Saturday, October 7 at 10-11am

Saturday, October 21 at 10-11am

Lego Club will be on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Come to the library and build whatever you like with Legos! Please register for Lego Club at the Children's Desk or by calling the library.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join us for storytime **every Monday morning** at 10-10:45am for Preschool Storytime. We will read books, sing songs and rhymes, play games, and make a craft. These storytimes are geared towards 3-6 year olds, but all ages are welcome!

Join us for an extra special storytime with the Sterling Fire Chief on Monday, October 9, at 10am! We will read books about being a firefighter and learn about a firefighter's job.



FIRST FRIDAY FUN

On the **first Friday of each month**, we will have a take home craft available while supplies last and a new in-person activity available the whole month. October's take home craft is a Pipecleaner Pumpkin!



SPOOKY

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

READING ROULETTE

(SPOOKY EDITION) Monday, October 16, 5:30pm

A speed dating style event with books for a partner. This is a great way to find a great book that you may not normally pick!



STEPHEN GRAHAM JONES

Wednesday, October 4, 7pm

Stephen Graham Jones joins us to talk scary stories, horror and more with horror expert Becky Spratford. Jones is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Only Good Indians* and *Don't Fear the Reaper*, and a prolific author of more than 25 books spanning genres.



This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

KID PROGRAMS – MON, OCT. 30

SPOOKY STORYTIME

5pm

Join us for a spooky storytime at the library! We will sing songs and rhymes and read a couple of spooky or Halloween-themed books.

TRICK-OR-TREAT TOUR

5:30pm

Go on a trick-or-treat tour of the library (with candy)! We will stop in each area of the library, pick up a piece of candy, and answer any questions about the library. If you are interested in the tour and not attending Spooky Storytime, please wait in the young adult area of the library!

STORIES AFTER DARK

5:45pm

For readers looking for something a little scarier than picture books, stop by our Stories After Dark spooky story reading! This program is geared towards 2nd grade and older, but all spooky story fans are welcome.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, October 10,
5:30pm-7:30pm

All teens 6th-12th grade are invited to come play board games and eat snacks.

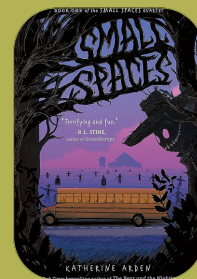


A.R.K.S. Book Club

Adults Reading Kid's Stuff

Tuesday, October 17, 6-7pm

Join us at the library to discuss children's books with other adults who enjoy children's books! **This month's meeting is on October 17 due to our regular date falling on Halloween!** We will be reading *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden. If you would like to borrow a copy, please stop by the Adult Desk and ask for a copy to check out!



INTRO TO SPANISH 1 & 2

Fridays, October 6-November 10

Native Spanish speaker Ana Lara will again be teaching her Intro to Spanish classes each Friday during the six weeks.

Intro to Spanish 1: 1-2:45pm

Intro to Spanish 2: 3-4:45pm

Each 6-week class is \$20 per person and open to all ages.

Please register by scanning the QR code.



GRACE LIN



Tuesday, October 17, 7pm

Join Newbery and Caldecott honoree and New York Times bestselling Grace Lin for an engaging conversation about her journey to become an award-winning author and illustrator.

To register for this free, virtual program, just scan the QR code -->



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FREE GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 28

10 - 11am: Presentation by the DAR

11am-1pm: Hands-on workshop

Feel free to bring your own materials for the workshop

Sign up by scanning the QR code -->



MAD SCIENTIST WORKSHOP

Ages: 8-18



Monday, October 16, 3:30-4:30pm

Join 4H at the library to make lava lamps, dancing raisins, and bouncy balls! **This program requires registration by Wednesday, October 11.**

We need at least five patrons to sign up, or it will be cancelled, so stop by the children's desk if you want to sign up!

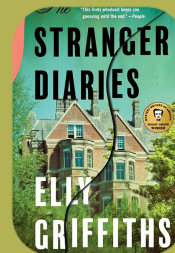


BOOK CLUBS



Monday, October 9, 5:30pm

We are reading The Stranger Diaries by Elly Griffiths. Check out a copy at the Adult Desk.



Friday, October 13, 10am

We are reading Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See. Check out a copy at the Adult Desk.

USED BOOK SALE

Saturday, October 14, 9am - 12:30pm

The sale will be held in the conference room on the main floor of the library.



Pick up a coupon for a free book at the adult desk in the library!

Adult fiction and nonfiction - \$1

Books on CD - \$1

DVDs/CDs - \$1

Children's books - 50¢

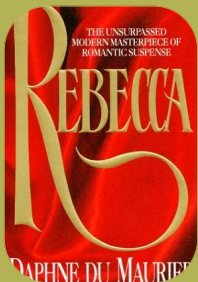


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ADULT



Rebecca

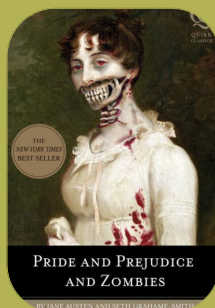
by Daphne du Maurier

Meet a great guy, he proposes after only a few days, you say yes, move to his estate and then you find out the bad news. Written in 1938, this story is a classic thriller. Makes you wonder how many retellings have been done in Hollywood.

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies

by Seth Grahame-Smith

The Classic feminist romance, but add zombie horror. This shouldn't work, but it does. Lizzy and her sisters kick zombie butt and a few others as well.



TEEN



The Taking of Jake Livingston

by Ryan Douglass

Jake can see the dead, which normally isn't a problem until he sees Sawyer, a teen who shot and killed six kids before taking his own life and is now a powerful, vengeful ghost

White Smoke

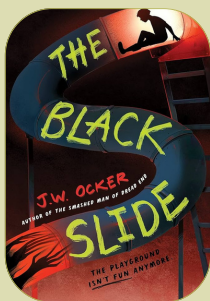
by Tiffany Jackson

A chilling YA psychological thriller and modern take on the classic haunted house.



READERS' ADVISORY -SPOOKY STORIES-

MIDDLE GRADE NOVELS

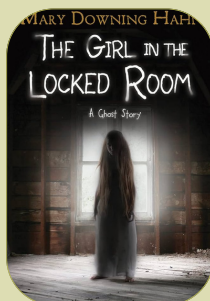


The Black Slide by J.W. Ocker

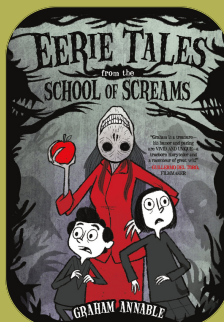
Griffin Birch and his best friend, Laila, go down the new black slide and end up in a cruel world of bloodthirsty creatures hungering for immortality. The friends must fight for their survival and the fate of the world.

The Girl in the Locked Room: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn

Check out this extremely popular horror middle grade book. Jules' father is restoring an abandoned house, and slowly over time Jules starts to communicate with a girl who lived there a century before.



MIDDLE GRADE GRAPHIC NOVELS



Eerie Tales from the School of Screams by Graham Annable

Eerie Tales contains five terrifying short stories told by Davis and Emily's classmates.

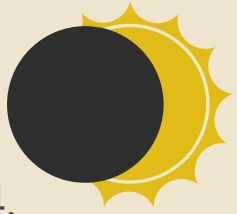
Things in the Basement by Ben Hatke

When Milo goes to the basement to find something for his mom, he finds much more than he bargained for: a door that leads to the Basement World, where many things live in the shadows and gloom.





While supplies last, you can pick up a safe solar viewer provided by the Adler Planetarium. Use it to view the **solar eclipse** on Saturday, October 14.



Need to reach us? Find us on social media or shoot us an email!



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