

# October 2022 Newsletter

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## **LOCATION**

102 West Third  
Street  
Phone: 815-625-  
1370

## **LIBRARY HOURS**

### **Monday & Tuesday**

9 AM-8 PM

### **Wednesday-Friday**

9 AM-5 PM

### **Saturday**

9 AM-1 PM

### **Curbside Pickup**

Monday-Friday

9 AM - 4 PM

## **Programs at a glance:**

**Dungeons & Dragons: Mondays 3:30-7:30PM**

**PreSchool StoryTime: Mondays and Tuesdays 10am**

**Saturday Storytime: Oct 8, 10AM**

**5 Star Reads Book Club: Sat Oct 8, 11:30AM**

**Teen Game Night: Tues, Oct 11, 5:30-7:30**

**LEGO Club: Sat, Oct 15, 10 AM**

**Spooky Story Time: Tues, Oct 25**

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# CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

## OCTOBER 2022



## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join us for storytime **every Monday (and Tuesday starting October 11!) morning** from 10-10:45am for Preschool Storytime. We will sing songs and rhymes, read books, play games, and make a craft. The theme and craft will be the same for both the Monday and Tuesday sessions of each week, but patrons are welcome to attend both.

These storytimes are geared toward preschoolers, but all ages are welcome!

## SATURDAY STORYTIME

Join us during our new storytime hour on the **second Saturday of the month** from 10-10:45am. This storytime will be geared towards children preschool through first grade, but all ages are welcome. During this storytime, we will read books, sing songs and rhymes, and play games.

## STORYTIME SCHEDULE

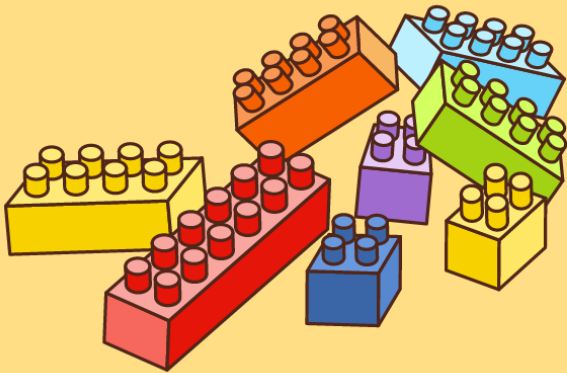
Monday, October 3 at 10am  
Saturday, October 8 at 10am  
Monday, October 10 at 10am  
**Tuesday, October 11 at 10am\***  
Monday, October 17 at 10am  
**Tuesday, October 18 at 10am\***  
Monday, October 24 at 10am  
**Tuesday, October 25 at 10am\***  
Tuesday, October 25 at 6pm\*\*  
Monday, October 31 at 10am\*\*

**\*New storytime session time!**

**\*\*Feel free to wear costumes to storytime on these days!**



# LEGO CLUB



Join us during Lego Club to create whatever you can imagine!

This program is for grade school children, and registration is required. You can register at the Children's Desk or call the library at 815-625-1370.

**Saturday, October 15**  
**10-11am**

\*only one session this month

## *early literacy tip!*

The next time you are at the grocery store, talk to your child and point out labels, signs, and other places where words are found in the store. You can also talk about what you will eat for dinner that night, how you will use certain ingredients, or even about foods you loved when you were young.

Talking in many different environments helps us expose children to different types of words like *colander*, *parmesan cheese*, and *spaghetti* (even if they are a baby!).





# SPOOKY STORIES AT THE LIBRARY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25



## A VERY TERRIFYING STORYTIME

Join Ms. Abbigail for storytime from 6-6:30pm for a Very Terrifying Storytime (this storytime will not *actually* be very terrifying, as it is for preschoolers). We will sing songs and rhymes, read books, and play games. This storytime is geared toward preschoolers, but all ages are welcome! Feel free to attend storytime in your costume!

## STORIES AFTER DARK

Gather around the faux campfire from 7-7:30pm to hear scary stories with Children's Librarian, Abbigail. This program is best-suited for older children, approximately ages 3rd grade and up. Feel free to wear your costume if you want!



## CREEPY CRAFTS

Stop by the children's area anytime on Tuesday, October 25, to get supplies to make a monster bookmark and/or to pick up a ghost lollipop!



# Día de los Muertos

To celebrate Día de los Muertos, the library will have a paper marigolds craft available in the children's area every day in between October 24 and November 4. Patrons can do the craft at the library or take home a kit to complete the craft at home.



## SPL PICTURE BOOK BUNDLES ARE LIVE!

Up to 8 picture books will be chosen each month by qualified staff to support your child's reading needs and interests. Parents, caregivers, teachers, and any other patron with a library card are welcome to use this service for their unique needs.

TO SIGN UP, SIMPLY FILL  
OUT THE SURVEY BY  
SCANNING THIS QR CODE,  
VISITING OUR WEBSITE, OR  
ASKING AT THE CHILDREN'S  
DESK!





# Teen Game Night

Teens 6th – 12th  
grade are invited  
for a night  
of games, snacks,  
and discussion.

Tuesday, October 11,  
5:30–7:30 pm at the  
Sterling Public Library  
in the conference  
room



We have moved all of our adult graphic novels into the Reading Room. This includes superhero/villains, manga, graphic novel retellings, original stories and nonfiction. Come check it out!



## UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS:

**Saturday, October 8,  
11:30-12:30pm**



Got a book you absolutely LOVE and want everyone to know about? All are welcome to come and recommend your favorite book or a book you recently read or listened to that you would rate 5 out of 5 stars. It doesn't matter what genre. We want to know what you have read and why you loved it.

And hey, you never know, you might find your next 5 Star Read while you listen to someone else rave about theirs.

TAKE A RISK! READ SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

# READING ROULETTE

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7TH AT 5:30 PM

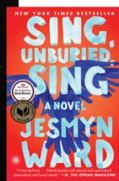
A SPEED DATING STYLE EVENT WITH BOOKS FOR A PARTNER. YOU GET 5 MINUTES TO READ A BOOK AND THEN MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ONE. RATE EACH BOOK AS YOU GO AND AT THE END YOU FIND OUT WHAT THE BOOKS ARE. YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT YOU ACTUALLY LIKE SOMETHING DIFFERENT. THERE ARE SO MANY BOOKS IN THE WORLD WRITTEN BY SO MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE. TRY SOMETHING NEW

REGISTER AT THE LIBRARY



**A Conversation with  
Jesmyn Ward**

**October 12 at 7 pm**



This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

**Register for this free  
conversation with this QR code:**



**Join us for an evening  
with two-time National  
Book Award winner  
Jesmyn Ward as she  
discusses how her  
literary vision and  
personal experiences  
address urgent questions  
about racism and social  
injustice.**



**You may have wondered what this big metal box is on the north side of our building.**

**We have just installed pickup lockers for our patrons! They will be available 24/7 for any of our patrons who can't get here during our open hours (or if you just don't want to come all the way inside). We still have a few bugs to work out so they are not quite up and running.**

**If this is a service you are interested in, please call us and let us know. We will contact you as soon as the service is available.**



We have many different kinds of people who visit the library, and we welcome anyone to come in, especially as the weather turns colder. We are an official warming center (and cooling center) so people can come in during our open hours to get out of the cold. If you would like to help, we are accepting donations of new stocking hats, gloves, scarves and socks for our adult and child patrons who may be in need. You can drop off these new items to any staff member.





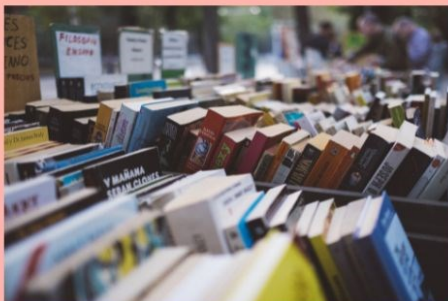


## NaNoWriMo

*NATIONAL NOVEL WRITERS MONTH*

Every year during the month of November, there is a challenge put out to all authors. Write 50,000 words towards your novel. This year the Sterling Public Library is putting forth the effort and resources to help our local authors to succeed. We are offering up our help with the quiet space to work, wifi, and even some helpful hints and critiques (upon request of course).

The library is hosting a total of 7 different events for writers to come together. Sat, Oct 22nd from 10 am to 12:30 pm the library conference room will be reserved for writers to come together and meet, eat some snacks, grab a cup of coffee, gather up a few writing prompts, outline their new novel (or other form of writing), and more. Then we want to kick it off together on Tue, Nov 1st from 2 pm to 5 pm in the conference room again. Something else we are offering is a chance to read your writing out loud to the group for some helpful critiques. Other dates and times will be posted at the library so you can continue to come together throughout the month and overcome the 50,000 word challenge.



Be on the lookout for our new **STAFF PICKS CART** coming soon.

# Author Fair

*SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH 10 AM - 1 PM*

Want to meet a local author? Of course you do! Sterling Public Library will have local authors present to promote their books and answer your questions. You should see what new books are out there. For all you know we may be hosting the next James Patterson, Stephen King, Colleen Hoover, Susan Wiggs, or Dean Koontz. You'll have to come out and talk to them about their books to find out.

Or...

Maybe you're the next James Patterson, Colleen Hoover, Susan Mallory, etc. for an application scan the QR code below for an Author Fair application.

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