



STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY

September 2023 Newsletter



Address:

102 West Third St



Phone number:

815-625-1370



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

Closed!

The library will be closed on Tuesday, September 4 for Labor Day.

-Monthly Highlight-



Please fill out our Community Survey! We want the library to better serve everyone in our community. Scan the QR code to take it online or pick up a paper copy at the library.

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

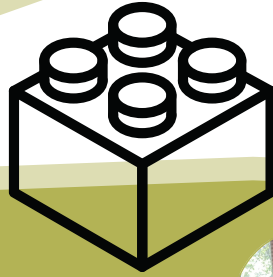


CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS SEPTEMBER 2023

LEGO CLUB

Saturday, September 16 at 10-11am

Lego Club is back! Lego Club will be on the first and third Saturdays of the month, but we will be skipping the first one in September due to it being on the same weekend as Labor Day. Please register for Lego Club at the Children's Desk or by calling the library.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join us for storytime **every Monday morning (starting September 11)** 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!



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. September's take home craft is a Paper Spinner!



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

GIDDY UP & GO!

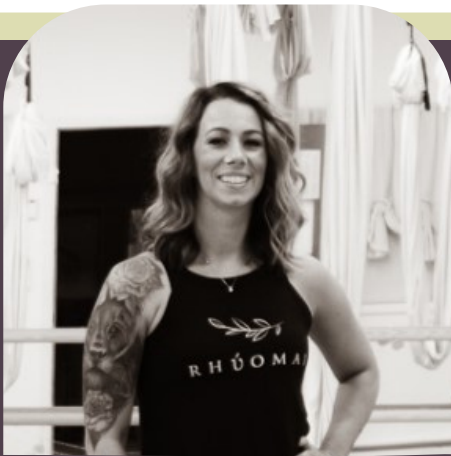
Ages: 8-18

Monday, September 18, 3:30pm

Enjoy this exploration of the basics of horse behavior, breeds, and safety around horses through a variety of activities during this free, one hour program.



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Hosted by Krystal Friese
from Rhuomai in Dixon

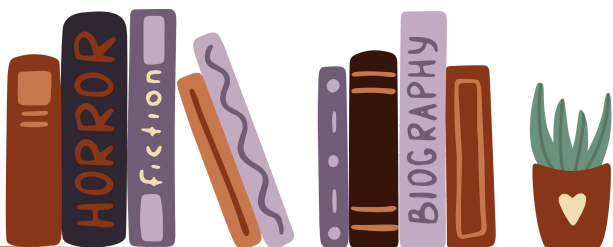
YOGA ON THE LAWN

Friday, September 8 & 22, 10:15am

These classes are completely free, we just ask you come fully prepared (with your own mat). There is also a 15-person limit on each class so you need to sign up-just follow the QR code. Participants must be 18 years or older.



BOOK CLUB KICKOFF



Monday, September 11, 5:30pm

We want to start two book clubs next month! If you are interested, please come to our kickoff meeting. We will discuss books, genres, times and places. We'd like to schedule the clubs when is convenient for those who want to come. If you can't attend the kickoff, please contact Ben or Beth at the library.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, September 12,
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, September 26, 6-7pm

Join us at the library to discuss children's books with other adults who enjoy children's books! This meeting will be held monthly on the last Tuesday of each month. For our September meeting, choose whatever **children's nonfiction book** you would like, and we will share our picks with the group.

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.



COLSON WHITEHEAD

Wednesday, September 6, 7pm

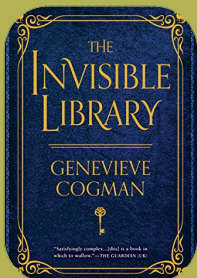
This #1 New York Times bestselling author is only the fourth writer to win two Pulitzers in the Fiction category. His highly anticipated latest novel, *Crook Manifesto*, is a darkly funny tale of a city under siege, but also a sneakily searching portrait of the meaning of family.

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

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



ADULT



The Invisible Library

by Genevieve Cogman

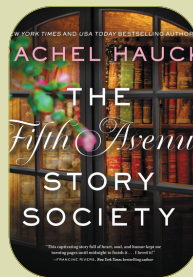
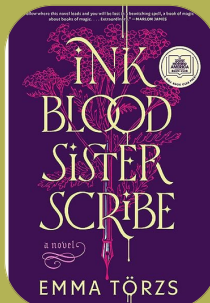
"Collecting books can be a dangerous prospect in this fun, time-traveling, fantasy adventure..."

Ink Blood Sister Scribe

by Emma Torzs

Good Morning America Book Club Pick.

"two estranged half-sisters tasked with guarding their family's library of magical books must work together to unravel a deadly secret at the heart of their collection..."



The Fifth Avenue Story Society

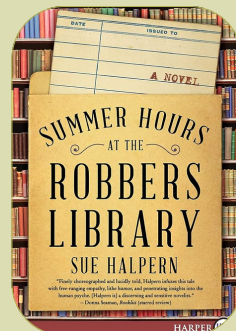
by Rachel Hauck

Christian Fiction about 5 people meeting in an old library week after week. They get closer and discover healing and friendship.

Summer Hours at the Robbers Library

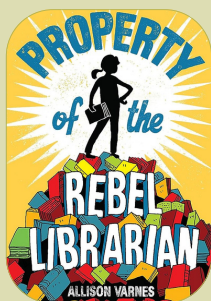
by Sue Halpern

Three quirky characters who come together at their small town library learn about each other and themselves.



READERS' ADVISORY -LIBRARIES IN FICTION-

MIDDLE GRADE NOVELS



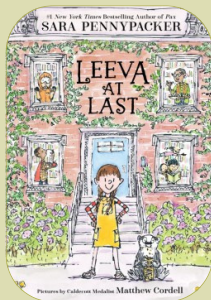
Property of the Rebel Librarian

by Allison Varnes

After June's parents have multiple books removed from the school library, June takes it upon herself to keep a secret library out of her locker. For a similar story, put *Answers in the Pages* by David Levithan on hold from the Dixon Library.

Leeva at Last by Sara Pennypacker

A charming Matilda-esque tale about a neglected by delightful child who works with her community to save the town library from her powerful parents.



PICTURE BOOKS

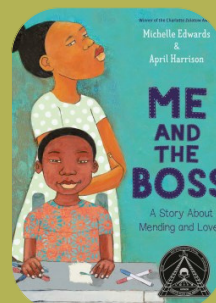


This is a Story by John Schu

Do you need a picture book celebrating the beauty of libraries and how they connect people and create lifelong learners? Me too. This beautifully illustrated book is the book for you.

Me and the Boss by Michelle Edwards

This sweet story follows two believable siblings as they attend a library program that teaches the brother a skill that leads to an act of kindness and a hug from the boss.





Come visit our booth at
Taste of Fiesta at RB&W
Park on **Saturday,**
September 9, 12-6pm

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



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Website



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