



## SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### **LOCATION**

102 West Third Street  
Phone: 815-625-1370

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday-Friiday

Open 10am—5pm

Saturday & Sunday

Closed

CLOSED: Monday, September 7  
For Labor Day

Curbside Pickup Available until  
4:00 PM Monday-Friday

### **Programs**

Monday Online Preschool Story Times 10:00 AM  
Wednesday YA Video Book talks 7:00 PM

### **FIND US ONLINE**

Facebook: Sterling Public Library

YouTube: Sterling Public Library

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)

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



The library is continuing to do online story times for preschoolers. Even though the library is open, we are still not able to do story times here at the library with your children because of COVID-19 and social distancing. The story times are online on library's webpage, YouTube and Facebook under Sterling Public Library. We post a new one every Monday at 10:00 AM. (One will not be posted Monday, September 7.) Activity sheets for the September story times are available at the Children's circulation desk.

**Monday, September 7**

**Holiday-No Story Time**

**Monday, September 14**

**Hungry Caterpillars**

**Monday, September 21**

**Apples, Apples, Apples**

**Monday, September 28**

**Leaves are Falling**



Introducing **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**. The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten.

This program is coming soon to the Sterling Public Library. Information and resources for parents and caregivers will be posted soon on our webpage. The program will be hosted by **Readsquared**. Registration will be available the first week of September 2020.

# Director's Corner

Just a few updates for you this month. The banding job is finished and the copper is shining brightly! Thank you to all who donated to this project so far. We are still accepting donations. You may mail your donation to the library or put it in the containers at the circulation desks. All the interior remodeling has also been completed. Curbside service is still available between 10 and 4:00 PM, Monday—Friday. We are still quarantining items for 3 days when they are returned.

Newspapers and magazines are now available. Beginning September 1, 2020 we will reinstate fines.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the book sale! It was a great success. At this time we are not accepting book donations.

Last but not least, we have said goodbye to Julia. She is enjoying retirement. Maria will be leaving us at the end of the month and is moving from the area as her husband has been promoted in his company. Emily will be leaving us also as she begins a full-time job in the Amboy area. Good Luck, ladies, you will be missed!

**Goblins, Ghosts, and Ghouls! Oh My! October 3 10AM - Noon**

Is your trick or treat a cute fuzzy tiger or a scary ghost or goblin? Fantastic make-up is just as essential as the costume itself. Join University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners and learn how to make your own Halloween make-up using common pantry items and take a sample with you. Define your inspiration, create your Halloween masterpiece! Registrations will be limited due to COVID 19 restrictions. You must be registered to attend, please call the library. Registration opens September 18, 2020. Due to the uncertainty of COVID 19 status, this program may be cancelled. Please call the library for program status.



## Weekly video book talks!

YA Librarian, Beth, will be posting weekly book talks on young adult books. These will be short videos spotlighting one new book and one hidden gem from our Young Adult collection. They will be posted on our webpage, Facebook page, and YouTube channel every Wednesday evening at 7.



## **STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY TO PARTNER WITH STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Making sure every Sterling student has access to books*

**All SPS students who reside outside the city limits and are in Pre-K through 12th grade can get a public library card. Parents/guardians can email proof of their student's enrollment to the public library at [SPL-director@comcast.net](mailto:SPL-director@comcast.net). Just send a picture/screenshot of the child's Skyward page listing their name, address, grade and school. Please also provide a phone number. The library cards will provide access to the Sterling Public Library digital collections as well as print materials when the library is open.**

Have you used the Sterling Public Library Online Library? All you need is a valid Sterling Public Library card! Go to [sterlingpubliclibrary.org](http://sterlingpubliclibrary.org) and click on the digital services page for a tutorial on how to use the sites.



They will show you how to read books and view media from local and nationwide independent authors and artists. Of course, you can always call us with questions!

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