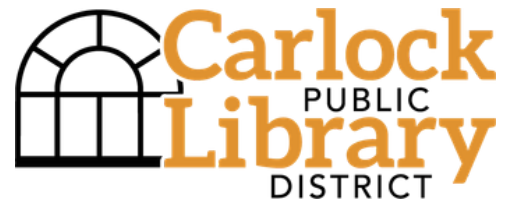


BOOKS & BEYOND

Carlock Public Library Newsletter
August 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

Toddler Time/ Mini Movers

Saturday, August 1 ~ 10:00 - 11:00 am

For ages 1 - 5

This fun session will be a mix of open play and structured time geared for children 5 and under. Join us for books, songs, bubbles, movement, and socialization!

Books & Banter Book Club

Monday, August 3 ~ 5:30 - 6:30 pm

For adults

This month we'll be talking about the darkly comic thriller, *My Sister, the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite. Up next month is *The Seven Year Slip* by Ashley Poston.



Words with Friends Book Club

Tuesday, August 4 ~ 1:30 - 2:30 pm

For adults

Join in the discussion about the book *The Boys in the Light* by Nina Willner. Want to read ahead? September's book is *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson.

American Girl Book Club

Monday, August 10 ~ 3:30 - 4:30 pm

For ages 8+

[Registration required](#)

Learn about history through American Girl books and dolls!

Let's Eat! A Cookbook Club

Thursday, August 13 ~ 4:30 - 6:30 pm

[Registration suggested](#); walk-ins welcome

For this potluck-style event, cook up a family favorite or try your hand at a brand new recipe that fits the theme. August's dinner theme is Barbecue Bites! Bring your favorite BBQ mains or sides to share.



Story Time

Thursdays, August 20 & 27 ~ 9:30 am

For babies-age 5 (older siblings welcome)

Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and fun with friends!

SUMMER READING WRAP UP

PLANT A SEED, READ



Summer Reading 2026



From our Kickoff on May 30 until the Final Party on July 18, we had so much fun this summer!

- Kids, teens, and adults all joined in . . . 290 people signed up to read for six weeks!
- Thanks to many generous donations, we had 12 prizes available for adults and 10 for teens. Adults deposited 832 coupons and teens entered 233 coupons.
- In June and July, we offered 27 programs for 497 people of all ages and interests.
- We had beautiful weather on July 18 for our final party, where we laughed at the magic and comedy of Dan Gogh's Grow Show!

BOOK RECS

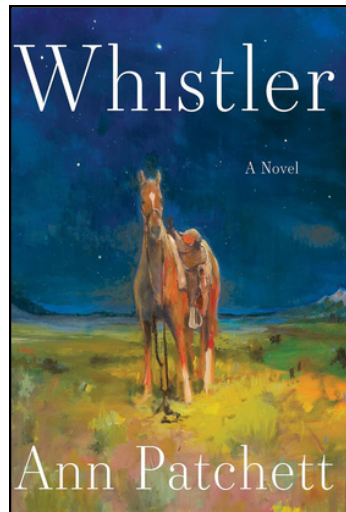
Check out these great books at the library or online on Libby, Hoopla, or The Palace Project!

Adult

Whistler

by Ann Patchett

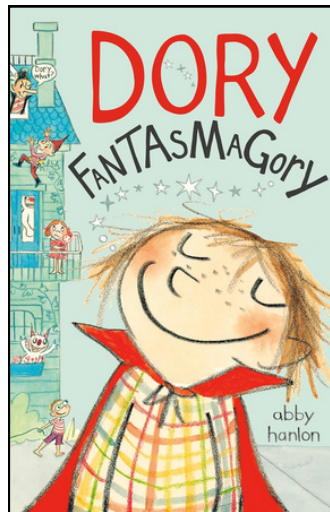
When Daphne Fuller and her husband Jonathan visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, they notice an older, white-haired gentleman following them. The man turns out to be Eddie Triplett, her former stepfather, who had been married to her mother for a little more than year when Daphne was nine. Now fifty-three, Daphne hasn't seen Eddie for many years, not since the fateful event that changed the direction of both their lives.



Junior Fiction

Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon

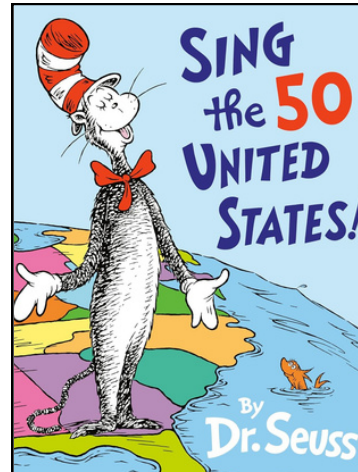
Dory really wants attention, and more than anything she wants her brother and sister to play with her. But she's too much of a baby for them, so she's left to her own devices—including her wild imagination and untiring energy. Her siblings may roll their eyes at her childish games, but Dory has lots of things to do. And when they really need her, daring Dory will prove her bravery, and finally get exactly what she has been looking for!



DVD

Super Mario Galaxy Movie

The Super Mario Galaxy Movie finds Mario and Luigi solving everyday problems in the Mushroom Kingdom with their "let's-a-go" attitude. They meet a new friend in Yoshi, try to reform a miniaturized Bowser, and eagerly look forward to Peach's birthday party. A call for help sends the crew across the galaxy to face new worlds, unexpected threats, and iconic characters like Rosalina and Bowser Jr.



Children

Sing the 50 United States by Dr. Seuss

With this newly discovered and never-before-seen picture book by Dr. Seuss himself, celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America! From Alabama to Wyoming, learn the names of all 50 states with a little help from the Cat in the Hat.

LIBRARY CRAWL

TRI-COUNTY AREA LIBRARIES 2026 LIBRARY CRAWL SUMMER CHALLENGE

Enjoy this year's Library Crawl!

- Pick up a map at the library
- Visit as many of the 18 participating libraries as you'd like between June 1 and August 30 to collect library stickers or stamps
- **New this year!** Library Crawl visitors age 16 and over may enter a prize drawing at every library they visit!
- Maps with more than 10 stickers are eligible for our summer-end prize drawing! Turn your map in here before August 31.
- Have fun exploring libraries and communities in the area!

There's still time to visit some great libraries this summer!
Turn your map in by August 31
to be eligible for prize drawings!



Did you know you can check out and return materials at most of these participating libraries?

