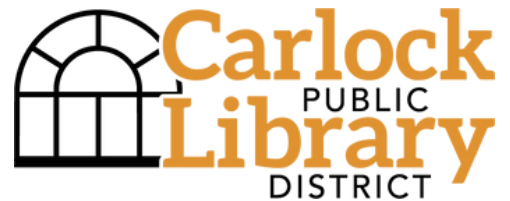


# BOOKS & BEYOND

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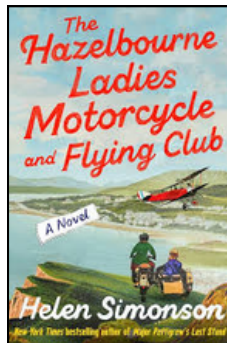


## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Book Club**

**Tuesday, Jan. 7 ~ 1:30 pm**  
**Adults**

Join us for Book Club on Tuesday, January 7 when we will be discussing the book *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club* by Helen Simonson!



### **Story Time**

**Thursdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23, & 30 ~ 9:30 am**  
**Birth-Age 5 (older siblings welcome)**

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

### **Pages and Paws**

**Thursday, Jan. 9 ~ 4:30-5:30 pm**

This program allows children to read aloud to registered therapy dogs. Let man's best friend be your child's reading pal for 15-minute sessions. Register at this [Google Form](#), or call or visit the library to sign up!

### **Steve Dolinsky - Online Event**

**Thursday, Jan. 9 ~ 7 pm (Zoom)**

Join Steve, Food Guy reporter at NBC 5, to dish on *The Ultimate Chicago Pizza Guide: A History of Squares & Slices in the Windy City*, his comprehensive guide to the styles, locales and people that make the Windy City a prime destination for slices and pies. This program will be on Zoom through the Illinois Libraries Present (ILP). Sign up at [this link](#) to receive the Zoom information ahead of time!

### **Harry Potter Club**

**Tuesday, Jan. 14 ~ 5:15-6 pm**

**Ages 8 and up**

Calling all Harry Potter fans! Anyone ages 8 and up is invited to visit Hogwarts (even if you have never read the books or seen the movies). We will do lots of fun games and activities, talk about the books and movies, and get to know new friends who love the Harry Potter series too! Be sure to register on the [Google Form](#), or call or visit the library to let us know you'll be there.

### **Writer's Workshop: Mapping Your Story's Adventure**

**Friday, Jan. 17 ~ 1-2 pm**

Perfect for homeschoolers (specifically upper elementary, middle school, and high school students) and adults with an interest in writing! Join us for a fun and interactive session where you'll learn how to map out a story of your own using the plot map! This workshop will help you learn about how to stay on track with your writing and build a strong plot that keeps readers interested. Register on this [Google Form](#), or call or visit the library to sign up!



### **Bad Art Night**

**Thursday, Jan. 23 ~ 5:30-6:30 pm**

Come and join us for a judgment-free night of trying new things. This month: wire sculpture! Teens and adults are encouraged to attend and spend an hour making new friends and memories, and maybe even some art. No babysitter? No problem! A Kidz Kraft will be available so everyone can join the fun. Register with this [Google Form](#), or call or stop by the library!

### **Michelle Buteau - Online Event**

**Thursday, Jan. 23 ~ 7 pm (Zoom)**

Join Michelle Buteau, creator/writer/star of the Netflix series *Survival of the Thickest* (inspired by her autobiographical book of essays of the same name) and host of two popular reality competition shows, including *The Circle*. This program will be on Zoom through the Illinois Libraries Present (ILP). Sign up at [this link](#) to receive the Zoom info!

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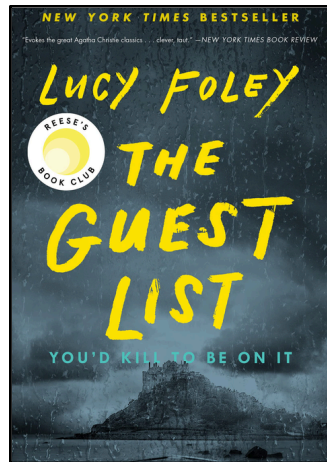
# BOOK RECS

Check out these great books at the library or online on Libby, Hoopla, or Boundless!

## Adult

### ***The Guest List*** by Lucy Foley

In this psychological thriller novel, an elaborate wedding on an eerie remote island quickly turns into a nightmare when someone is murdered, turning everyone on the island into a suspect. With long-buried secrets beginning to surface and the point of view switching off in each new chapter, you will be left guessing about who's lying until the very end!



## Junior Fiction

### ***The False Prince*** by Jennifer Nielsen

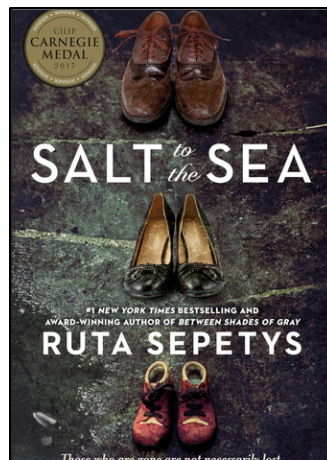
In the land of Carthya, four orphans are recruited by a nobleman who wants one of them to impersonate a missing prince. However, they must first compete to see who can best master the skills of a royal. As the competition intensifies, the boys must decide how far they're willing to go in order to not only win but also survive. Perfect book for anyone looking for a mind-blowing plot twist!



## Young Adult

### ***Salt to the Sea*** by Ruta Sepetys

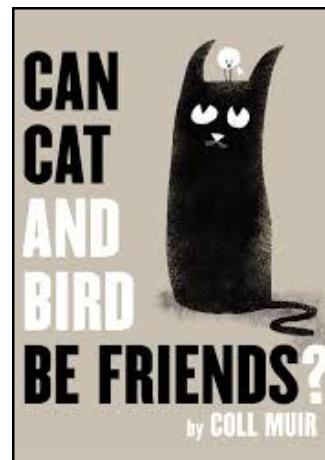
This historical fiction novel tells the story of four young refugees trying to survive the final months of World War II. Their paths cross as they seek escape aboard the ship called the Wilhelm Gustloff. Through their experiences, this novel explores themes of sacrifice, identity, and the search for hope and love during one of the war's most devastating and most forgotten tragedies.



## Children

### ***Can Cat and Bird Be Friends?*** by Coll Muir

This sweet picture book is all about an unlikely friendship that begins to bloom between a cat and a bird. As the two of them navigate their differences and try to understand each other, they work to find something that they have in common. The book demonstrates important lessons about making new friends and communicating with kindness.



## DID YOU KNOW?

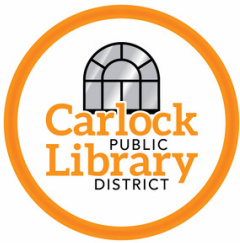
With your library card, you have free access to a reading recommendation service and database called NoveList! Whether you are searching for good book recommendations based on your favorite author, a genre, or even the mood you're in at the time, NoveList is here to help. The site will give you detailed descriptions of each book, reviews, and related titles to help you decide what you should read next.

All you need to do is go to the Carlock Public Library website, click on the tab "Resources," and then click on "General Resources." You'll be able to find the link to NoveList there. Here's a [direct link](#) as well so that you can start exploring!

# New Year's Eve Open House

Join us in celebrating the new year! We will have treats, crafts, and activities for all ages. Just stop by the library anytime between 1-3:30 pm on Dec. 31!

Adults can also get started with an exciting new year of reading with Reading Bingo on the following page! This will be available to pick up at the library as well.



# READING BINGO



Reading Bingo runs until February 7, and any adult is welcome to participate!

Once you have 5 in a row (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal), bring your completed card to the library for a small prize and to be entered into a drawing for an Amazon gift card!

Some activities may fulfill more than one challenge square. For example, if you read a mystery book that was published in the last 10 years, you can count it as both the mystery book challenge and the challenge of reading a book from the last 10 years. It's not cheating!!

Read a book that was published within the last 10 years	Read for 30 minutes before bed	Read a book set in a different country	Like a library post on Facebook or Instagram	Read a "classic" (you can decide what classic means!)
Recommend a book to others (using the recommendation form at the library)	Read a magazine	Read a book that is in a genre you don't normally read	Check this space off if you read a book that was so good you couldn't put it down!	Read a book with a yellow cover
Read a book with a one-word title	Read a book with at least 300 pages	FREE	Read a nonfiction book	Read a book on Libby or Hoopla
Check out a DVD	Read a book that's also a movie	Read a book by your favorite author	Read a book with a mystery	Read a picture book that you loved as a child
Read a book that made you laugh out loud	Ask a friend or family member for a book recommendation	Read a book that's part of a series	Read a science fiction or dystopian book	Read a graphic novel