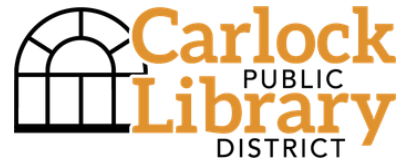


# BOOKS & BEYOND

Carlock Public Library Newsletter  
May 2026



## MAY EVENTS

### Mini Movers: Toddler Time

**Saturday, May 2 ~ 10:00 am**

**For ages 1 - 3 (other siblings welcome)**

Stories, songs, movement, and socialization especially for toddlers!



### Books & Banter: Book Club

**Monday, May 4 ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**For adults**



Get in on the ground floor of this new, evening book club for adults! During this first meeting, we'll agree on our rules and decide what we'll be reading in the coming months. Bring a list of two or three books – those you've read and want to discuss with others or those on your TBR pile. We're excited to add another book club option!

### Book Club

**Tuesday, May 5 ~ 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

**For adults**

This month we'll discuss the "hilarious, feel-good, clever" *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. You're welcome to join us, even if you haven't read the book!

### Story Time

**Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 ~ 9:30 am**

**For ages 0 - 5 (older siblings welcome!)**

Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and fun with friends! Our May 21<sup>st</sup> Story Time is our last regularly scheduled one until Fall, but we'll have plenty of fun activities during the summer for all ages!

### Book Bedazzling

**Tuesday, May 12 ~ 5:00 pm**

**For teens and adults**

[Registration required](#)



Missed this fun event last month? Here's your chance to add a little sparkle to a book! Bring your own book or purchase one from the Friends of the Library book corner.

### Pages & Paws

**Thursday, May 14~ 4:30 to 5:30 pm**

**For everyone**

[Registration recommended](#)



Read to a friendly certified therapy dog! Aimed to help elementary-age children build their reading confidence, but the dogs love hearing from teens and adults, too!

### Babel-On with R.F. Kuang

**Wednesday, May 20 ~ 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

**For adults (live online via Zoom)**

[Registration required](#)

A live interview with R.F. Kuang, author of *Yellowface* and *Katabasis*, available through Illinois Libraries Present. (NOTE: most sessions are recorded; you'll receive a link to the recording if you're unable to tune in on May 20.)

PLANT A SEED, READ



Summer Reading 2026



ALL AGES WELCOME!

SUMMER READING  
KICK-OFF PARTY!

Saturday, May 30  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
@ the Library

- Sign up for children, teen, and/or adult summer reading
- Balloon twister and face painting: 10 to 11:30 am
- Snacks, crafts, activities



**PREVIEW!**

# SUMMER READING 2026!

*Practice and improve your reading skills to earn prizes! Programs for all ages!*

## Children

- Record your reading on your reading log. Your goal is 2 hours or 5 books per week
- Every week you meet your reading goal, visit the library for a small prize!
- Complete your goals every week for 6 weeks and collect your completion prize!
- Have fun!

## Teens

- Record your reading on your reading log. Your goal is 3 hours per week.
- Every week you meet your reading goal, visit the library for a small prize!
- You will be eligible for prize drawings at the end of the program. Earn an entry coupon each time you:
  - Read three hours in a week
  - Complete a weekly challenge OR complete a book recommendation
  - Complete a bonus activity
- Deposit your entry coupons in the box (or boxes) of the prizes you'd like to win no later than Friday, July 17.

## Adults

- Your reading goal is 3 hours per week.
- You will be eligible for prize drawings at the end of the program. Earn an entry coupon each time you:
  - Read three hours in a week
  - Complete a weekly challenge OR complete a book recommendation
  - Complete a bonus activity
- Deposit your entry coupons in the box (or boxes) of the prizes you'd like to win no later than Friday, July 17.



**Summer Reading Sign Up  
begins Tuesday, May 26**

Check out all our summer reading programs and events:

- [Event calendar](#) on [carlocklibrary.com](http://carlocklibrary.com)
- [Facebook](#) or
- [Instagram](#)



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