BOOKS & BEYOND

Carlock Public Library Newsletter
October 2026

Carlock PUBLIC Library DISTRICT

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We're looking for a few good people!



- The library is governed by an elected 7-member Board of Trustees.
- We'll have several openings on the Board to be filled during the April 6, 2027, Consolidated Election.
- **The time to act is now!** Candidate paperwork must be turned in between November 16 and November 23.
- Pick up a candidate packet at the library or visit the McLean County Candidate Filing Information page.

WHAT DO LIBRARY TRUSTEES DO?

- Oversee the library director
- Manage library finances
- Set library policies
- Maintain facilities
- Plan for the future
- Advocate for and support the library

WHO CAN RUN?

Eligible candidates must:

- Be a qualified elector in our district (Dry Grove, Kansas, or White Oak townships)
- Have lived in the district for at least 1 year
- Not owe library fines or taxes
- Not have been convicted of a felony
- Be willing to learn, have an interest in libraries, and a desire to serve our community

Questions? Want to know more?

Contact any of our current Trustees or Library Director Christie by email: carlocklib@yahoo.com or phone: 309-376-5651

UPCOMING EVENTS

Story Time
Thursdays, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29
9:30 am
For babies to age 5 (older siblings welcome)
Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and fun with friends!

Mini Movers (Toddler Time)
Saturday, October 3 ~ 10:00 am
For preschoolers
This fun session will be a mix of open play and structured time geared for preschoolers. Join us for books, songs, bubbles, movement, and socialization! Next month: Saturday, Nov 7!

Books & Banter Book Club
Monday, October 5 ~ 5:30 - 6:30 pm
For adults
Join us for bookish fun as we discuss *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia. Up next month is *Yesteryear* by Caro Claire Burke.

Words with Friends Book Club
Tuesday, October 6 ~ 1:30 - 2:30 pm
For adults
We'll be talking about *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan this month. Come join us for great conversation, even if you haven't read the book!

ICash Event
Wednesday, October 7 ~ 11:00 to 2:00
For adults
Drop in anytime between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm to visit with a representative from Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerich's office, who will help you find out if there's money or property waiting for you to claim!



American Girl Club
Monday, October 12~ 3:30 - 4:30 pm
For ages 8+ *Registration required*
Learn about history through American Girl books and dolls! In October, we meet Caroline, a daring and clever girl living on the shores of Lake Ontario during the War of 1812.

Let's Eat! A Cookbook Club
Thursday, October 15~ 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. October's theme is Fall Favorites! Bring a fall-inspired main, side, or dessert to share!

Monster Mayhem @ the Library
Saturday, October 31 ~ 11:00 to 2:00
For all ages
The monsters have escaped! Can you help us find them? Stop in anytime between 9:30 and 11:30 am for stories, crafts, games, and fun!

Pages & Paws
Thursday, November 5 ~ 4:30 - 5:30 pm
For all ages Registration suggested
Join us for Pages and Paws, the program for practicing reading skills! We provide trained therapy dogs for your child (or you) to read aloud to with no judgment. Bring your own favorite book from home or pick out a new read at the library. Register in person or online now to reserve your spot!

