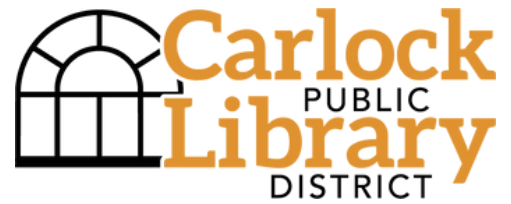


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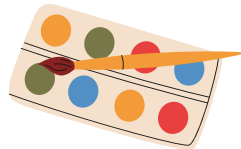
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June 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tiny Art Show

Mon., June 2 - 5:30-6:30 pm
Tues., June 3 - 10-11 am
Thurs., June 5 - 9:30-11:30 am
Fri., June 6 - 2:30-3:30 pm
All ages



Stop in the library to paint a mini-canvas to be displayed in the library's tiny art show! If you can't make it during one of our group painting times listed above, feel free to stop by anytime to pick up a canvas to take home and then return to the library when you're done painting it. Voting begins June 16th for your favorites in each category!

Book Club

Tuesday, June 3 ~ 1:30 pm
Adults

Join in the discussion about the book *Have You Seen Luis Velez?* by Catherine Ryan Hyde!



Pirate/Mermaid Story Time

Saturday, June 7 ~ 10 am
For babies-age 5 (older siblings welcome!)

Books, songs, and fun! We will make an ocean-themed playdough sensory kit to take home.

Puzzle Challenge Race

Monday, June 9 ~ 5:30 pm
For children ages 8+, teens, & adults
Registration required

Work with a team to complete a puzzle the fastest! You do NOT need a team to sign up – we will create teams at the program. Sign up at this [link](#) or by calling or visiting the library!

Make a Musical Instrument!

Tuesday, June 10 ~ 1:30 pm
For elementary-aged children
Registration required

Want to learn all about how to reuse and recycle? The Ecology Action Center will be here to read a story and lead a craft where kids will get to create a musical instrument out of recycled materials! Sign up [here](#) or by calling or visiting the library!

Tiny Chefs

Thurs., June 12 ~ 10:30 am & Thurs., June 19 ~ 1 pm
For children ages 8+ (or 5-7 with an adult)
Registration required

Learn how to make bread and butter! Take home a loaf to bake! You can sign up at this [link](#) or by calling or visiting the library.

Herb Gardening

Monday, June 16 ~ 5:30 pm
Adults

Join Master Gardener Diane Boeck as she shares information on how to best use herbs in the kitchen!

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Anytime Mon.-Sat., June 23-28

Stop by the library to pick up your nature scavenger hunt card! Return your card by June 28 for a small reward.

Exploring Illinois One State Park at a Time

Monday, June 23 ~ 5:30 pm
For children ages 8+, teens, and adults
Registration required

How many Illinois state parks have you visited? Park enthusiast Celeste Brown will share hints, tips, and some of her adventures in her quest to visit all of the Illinois state parks! Sign up using this [link](#) or by calling or visiting the library.



Pokémon: Gotta Read 'Em All!

Thursday, June 26 ~ 10 am
For children ages 5+
Registration required

Learn Pokémon basics, make a Pokémon craft, and stay for an optional show and share your card collection from 10:45-11:15. No trades please! Sign up [here](#) or by calling or visiting the library!

Library Scavenger Hunt

Anytime Mon.-Sat., June 30-July 5

Stop by the library to participate in the library scavenger hunt! Return the scavenger hunt card by July 5 for a small reward.

DIVE DEEP INTO NEW HOBBIES!
SUMMER READING 2025

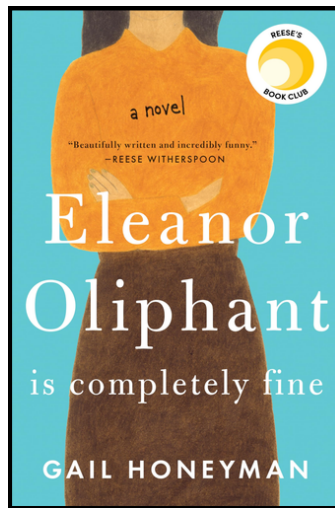
BOOK RECS

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

Adult

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

This heartwarming and funny book tells the story of Eleanor, a socially awkward woman who lives a structured, predictable lifestyle. Her world begins to change, however, when she develops a new, unexpected friendship and must start confronting the trauma from her past. As she begins to open up and build connections, she grows in ways she could have never imagined.



Junior Fiction

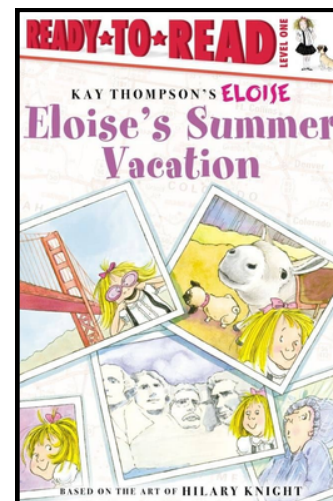
The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann

In this dystopian fantasy, Alex and Aaron are twins with very different fates. Alex is sent to the island of the Unwanteds because of his creativity, and Aaron is one of the Wanteds who gets to move on to the university. As they navigate their different environments, they grow further and further apart and must grapple with what to do when their worlds clash.

Young Adult

Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins

Return to Panem with a fan-favorite character in this gripping prequel to *The Hunger Games*! This book focuses on young Haymitch Abernathy's experience in the 50th Hunger Games, the brutal Second Quarter Quell. As Haymitch faces an incredibly dangerous arena and growing unrest in the districts, he must decide what he's willing to risk to survive.



Children

Eloise's Summer Vacation by Kay Thompson

In *Eloise's Summer Vacation*, you can follow Eloise around as she goes on a road-trip adventure with her nanny, her butler, and her dog to different landmarks throughout the US! She travels from Niagara Falls to Mount Rushmore to the Grand Canyon to San Francisco. Perfect book to help young readers become excited about summer and traveling!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Have you signed up for the Summer Reading Program yet? If not, stop by the library to sign up and pick up your materials!

Kids/Teens: Read at least 2 hours a week (3 hours for teens), and bring your reading log to the library for weekly prizes!

Teens/Adults: Read 3 hours a week to fill out a ticket to enter into the prize drawings! You can also earn extra tickets by completing Bonus Activities and by completing the Weekly Challenges (the June weekly challenges are listed below).

Week 1 (June 1-7)

Read or listen to a book set in a different country

Week 2 (June 8-14)

Read or listen to a book with multiple narrators

Week 3 (June 15-21)

Read or listen to a book in a genre you don't normally read

Week 4 (June 22-28)

Read or listen to a book that's also a movie