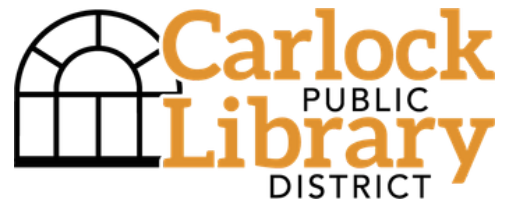


# BOOKS & BEYOND

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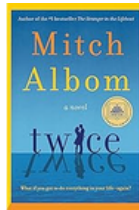
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Book Club**

**Tuesday, March 3 ~ 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

#### **For adults**

This month we'll discuss *Twice* by Mitch Albom. Want to read ahead? Our book for the April 7 meeting is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.



### **Story Time**

**Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 ~ 9:30**

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

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



### **Mini Movers: Toddler Time**

**Saturday, March 7 ~ 10:00 - 11:00 am**

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

Stories, songs, movement, and socialization especially for toddlers! This fun session will be a mix of open play and structured time.

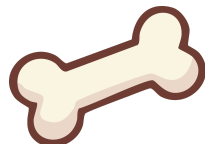
### **Pages & Paws**

**Thursday, March 12 ~ 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!



### **Beyond the Page with Author Percival Everett**

**Thursday, March 19 ~ 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

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

#### **Registration required**

A live interview with Percival Everett, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *James*, in partnership with Illinois Libraries Present. (NOTE: most sessions are recorded; you'll receive a link to the recording if you're unable to tune in on March 19)

### **Craft Club**



**Friday, March 20 ~ 3:30 - 4:30 pm**

#### **For older children, teens, adults (ages 8+)**

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of arts and crafts. Use our materials or bring your own.

### **Pen Pal Club**



**Tuesday, March 31 ~ 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

#### **All ages**

Make a new friend and practice your writing! Attend this session to learn about the club, get started, and pick up some letter-writing tips and tricks! As a member of the club, you'll get matched with a pen pal from another library. Letters are exchanged through your home library, so your personal address is not shared.



## Coming in April



Thursday, April 2, 4:30 pm:  
**Let's Eat! A Cookbook Club**

Saturday, April 4, 9:30 am:  
**Plant and Seed Swap**

Monday, April 6, 5:00 pm:  
**Book Bedazzling**

Tuesday, April 7, 5:30 pm:  
**Bloomington-Normal  
Silent Book Club**

For the latest @ the library, check out our:

- [Event calendar](#) on [carlocklibrary.com](http://carlocklibrary.com)
- [Facebook](#) or
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# YOUR NEXT READ?

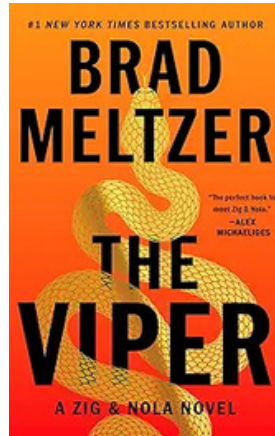
Check out these great books at the library or online on Libby, Hoopla, or The Palace Project!

## Adult

### *The Viper*

by Brad Meltzer

Andrew Fechmeier is a master at hiding. He'd better be—he's spent decades concealing a secret that could get him killed. When he's diagnosed with a terminal disease, he heads for the local funeral home carrying the blue suit he eventually wants to be buried in. But what no one knows is that Fechmeier secretly tucked something inside, turning the suit into a final, untraceable hiding spot.



## Junior Fiction

### *Dr. Zeus*

by James Patterson

Dr. Zeus, the over-the-top king of the gods, zooms into town with a quest that Nick must complete to save his family from being erased from history. Accompanied by a fast-talking Hermes, Nick journeys back to ancient Greece, where his ancestors await—along with new friends and a whole host of Greek gods and monsters.



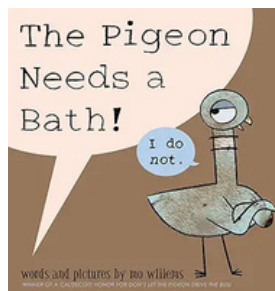
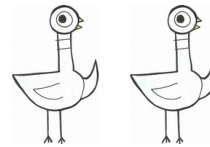
## Young Adult

### *Gaslit*

by Megan Davidhizar

Ella was supposed to be out with friends. But a blinding headache and a twist of fate leave her babysitting instead.

Only, when she arrives, the house is quiet, the door is wide open—and the air reeks of gas. She manages to call 911, but not everyone survives.



## Children

### *The Pigeon Needs a Bath!*

by Mo Willems

The Pigeon really needs a bath! Except, the Pigeon's not so sure about that. Besides, he took a bath last month! (Maybe.)

It's going to take some serious convincing to try and get the Pigeon to take the plunge. Will he discover bath time isn't so bad after all?

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# PEN PAL CLUB

**ALL AGES (KIDS, TEENS & ADULTS)**

Get matched with a pen pal from another library across the country!

Sign up today, and we'll contact you with more information!

Your address will **NOT** be given out!

Need help getting started? Attend our letter writing event on March 31st!

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## Spring Seed & Plant Swap!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

**9:30 - 10:30 am**  
@ the library

Bring your houseplants, cuttings, and seeds to share; chat with other plant-lovers; and take home some new greenery!

- Plants and seeds will be available for viewing at 9:30 am
- Swapping starts at 10:00 am

- You can bring houseplants, cuttings, and seeds to share beginning at 9:15 am on April 4
- Label (or be prepared to label) your plant's name, light, soil, and water preferences
- Don't have any plants or seeds to swap? You may choose from the "Take These" table beginning at 10:15 am