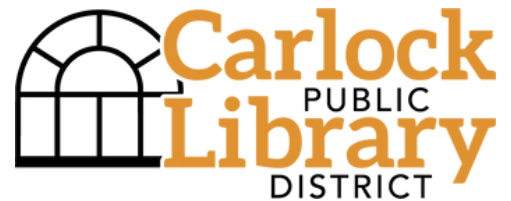


BOOKS & BEYOND

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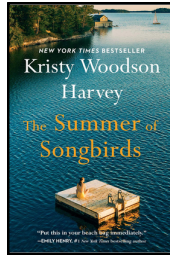
UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Club

Tuesday, August 5 ~ 1:30 pm

For adults

Join in the discussion about the book *The Summer of Songbirds* by Kristy Woodson Harvey!



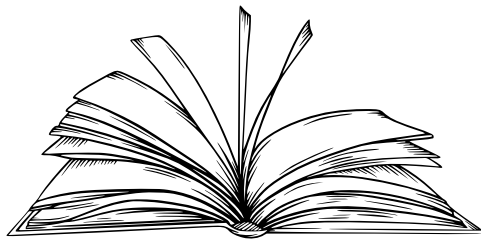
Series Squad

Saturdays, August 2, 9, & 16 ~ 10-11 am

Best for ages 6-11 (others welcome too!)

Join us for Series Squad, a fun 3-week book club where we explore a different popular series each week. Read any book from the featured series and bring it to share with friends – no need to read the same title! You can sign up at [this link](#).

- August 2: *Magic Treehouse*
- August 9: *American Girl*
- August 16: *Dragon Masters*



Books & Bites

Tuesday, August 12 ~ 12 pm

Recommended for ages 10-17 or grades 5-12

Join us at the library for a lunch hour of literature! We'll explore new and recommended titles and chat about old favorites. This event is BYOL--Bring Your Own Lunch! To register ahead of time, visit us in person, call, or sign up online [here](#). See you there!

Story Time

Thursday, August 28 ~ 9:30 am

For babies-age 5 (older siblings welcome)

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

Cake Decorating

Saturday, August 30 ~ 10 am

Suitable for older kids (with an adult), teens, and adults

Thought about checking out one of our specialty cake pans? Learn some new skills in our cake decorating workshop to make your cakes look great! Sign up [here](#), or call or visit the library to register!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

We'd love to hear what you thought about our Summer Reading Program! Please take a moment to fill out our short survey [linked here](#). By participating, you can be entered into a drawing for a small prize as a thank-you for taking the time to fill out the survey!

We truly appreciate your feedback – it helps us make future programs better!





19,562

PHYSICAL ITEMS were checked out

fiction and nonfiction books
* magazines * graphic novels * games * playaways
* books on CD * art prints * DVDs * cake pans

6,321



digital items
were checked
out using:



11,939

visits to the library

874

cardholders



185 programs

for all ages

3,239 people

attended these programs

COLLECTION

26,000

PHYSICAL ITEMS

2 million +

DIGITAL ITEMS



2025
summer reading

325

readers registered:

- 122 adults
- 43 teens
- 160 children

DIVE DEEP INTO NEW HOBBIES!
SUMMER READING 2025

Interlibrary Loan:

Get what you want to read delivered to the library for pick up!

4,266

items borrowed from other libraries



3,114

items loaned to patrons of other libraries



YEAR IN REVIEW Fiscal Year 2025: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



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What were we reading this year? Here's what was checked out most

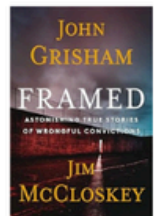


Adult Fiction

- *The Boyfriend* by Freida McFadden (14)
- *The Liar's Wife* by Kiersten Modglin (14)
- *Want to Know a Secret?* by Freida McFadden (14)
- *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle & Flying Club* by Helen Simonson (13)
- *The Women* by Kristin Hannah (13)

Adult Nonfiction

- *Framed: The Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Conviction* by John Grisham & Jim McCloskey (11)
- *The Dawn of Unrest* by Erik Larson (11)
- *Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance (10)
- *Atomic Habits* by James Clear (9)



Juvenile Fiction

- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown (17)
- *Wings of Fire* by Tui Sutherland (17)
- *The Prophecies Begin* by Natalie Riess (15)
- *The Power Rangers Storybook Treasury* (15)
- *Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder* by Dav Pilkey (12)