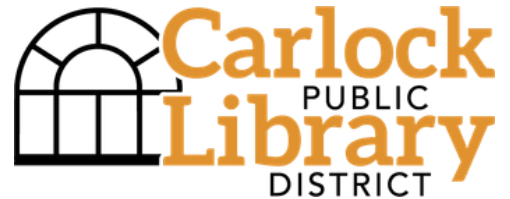


BOOKS & BEYOND

Carlock Public Library Newsletter
February 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

Frequent Flyer Punch Card Bingo

January 2 - February 28

For adults

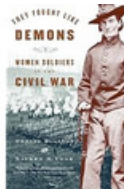
Pick up your punch card for this year's winter reading challenge! Turn in your completed card by February 28 to be entered into a prize drawing.

Book Club

Tuesday, February 3 ~1:30 - 2:30 pm

For adults

This month's nonfiction book is *They Fought Like Demons* by DeAnne Blanton.



Story Time

Thursdays, Feb 5, 12, 19 & 26 ~ 9:30 OR 10:30 am

For ages 0- 5 (older siblings welcome!)

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

Silent Book Club

Tuesday, February 10 ~ 5:00 - 6:00 pm

For ages 8+

Registration appreciated

Read what you want! Bring your own book or grab one from our shelves. Settle in for some quiet reading, enjoy light snacks, and stick around for optional social time with other book lovers!



Pages & Paws

Thursday, February 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!

Stuffies and Sweethearts

Saturday, February 14 ~ 10:00 to Noon

For ages 0 - 6 (older siblings welcome)

Bring your favorite stuffie and fun vibes! We'll sing and dance, read, craft valentines, and play games!



Toddler Time

Saturdays, Feb 21 and 28 ~ 10:00 - 11:00 am

For ages 1-3 (other siblings welcome)

Join Miss Heather for stories, songs, movement, and socialization. This fun session will be a mix of open play and structured time.

Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine

Tuesday, February 24 ~ 7:00 - 8:00 pm

For adults (live online via Zoom)

Registration required

Join in a conversation with *The Guinness Book of World Records'* most prolific author of children's horror novels, R. L. Stine, to discuss his illustrious and still-expanding body of work. (NOTE: most sessions are recorded; you'll receive a link to the recording if you're unable to tune in on February 24)

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Sale!

February 2 - 28

@ the library



bags provided



CHECK OUT DIGITALLY

Read, listen, or watch on your mobile device! Use your library card to access thousands of materials through our three digital platforms. Use one, two, or all three!



Step 1: Install the app from your device's app store

Step 2: Follow the prompts to find the Carlock Library and sign in with your library card and pin #. If you don't know your pin- we can help!

Step 3: Browse the catalog and borrow a title

Prefer to read a “real book?” Check out our catalog – and those of all RSA-member libraries -- on the RSAcat app!

You can search, place holds, renew items, pay bills, manage your account, and more. Need help getting started? Just ask!



MEET NEW STAFF

New employees Hope and Preston started on Monday, December 29. Both come to us with prior library experience and a love of books! Here's a short introduction from each of them:

From Hope: I'm originally from Oklahoma, but have lived in Central Illinois for 8 years. I'm a life-long library lover and I'm excited to get involved with library programs here. I love watching movies, crocheting, and reading (especially romance novels!).

From Preston: I'm excited to start at Carlock Library! I've been working libraries for 5 years or so, and look forward to continuing my journey here. In my free time, I love to read, play board games, and journal. Ask me about my young adult book recommendations.

Stop in and welcome Hope and Preston to our library!