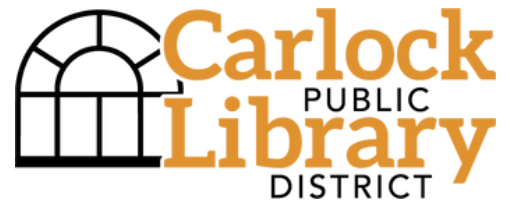


# BOOKS & BEYOND

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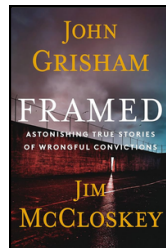


## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Book Club

**Tuesday, October 7 ~ 1:30 pm**  
**For adults**

Join in the discussion about the book *Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions* by John Grisham!



### Story Time

**Thursdays, October 9, 16, 23, & 30 ~ 9:30 am**  
**For babies-age 5 (older siblings welcome)**

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

### Pages & Paws

**Thursday, October 9 ~ 4:30-5:30 pm**

**Registration recommended; walk-ins welcome**

Read aloud to a certified therapy dog – you won't find a more attentive audience! Aimed to help elementary-age children build their reading confidence, but the dogs love hearing from teens and adults, too! Sign up in advance at this [link](#) to guarantee a spot or walk-in the day of the event.



### Silent Book Club

**Tuesday, October 14 ~ 5:30-6:30 pm**

**For kids ages 8+, teens, and adults**

Love the idea of joining a book club but short on time to read in advance? This is the club for you! 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 afterward to share good book recommendations with others! Register ahead of time at [this link](#), or call or visit the library to sign up!

### Generational Challenges and Changes

**Wednesday, October 15 ~ 1:30 pm**

**For adults**

Today's families, workplaces, and communities often include multiple generations working and living side by side. Each generation brings unique strengths, values, and perspectives shaped by their life experiences. In this fun and insightful session, we'll explore how to build bridges across generations through open communication, collaboration, and mutual mentoring.

You'll gain practical tools to better understand generational dynamics and foster more inclusive, respectful relationships - whether at work, at home, or in your community. Join Illinois Extension educator Sara Attig for this session. Registration is requested, and you can sign up at [this link](#)!

### I-Cash Event

**Thursday, October 16 ~ 11 am-2 pm**

**For adults**

Discover what's yours today! The Illinois State Treasurer's Office connects people with their cash and other assets through the I-Cash program. In McLean County, an estimated 279,400 people have unclaimed cash or property held by the treasurer's office. The value exceeds \$33,350,000.00. Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs is encouraging area residents to attend this I-Cash event.



### Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked"

### Conversation with Marissa Bode (Online Event)

**Tuesday, October 21 ~ 7 pm via Zoom**

**For adults**

Prepare for a magical evening as Illinois Libraries Present welcomes actress Marissa Bode, who played Nessarose in Academy Award-winning blockbuster, *Wicked*. Join us to explore Bode's early inspirations and performances, leading up to her portrayal of Nessarose in *Wicked*. As the highly anticipated sequel *Wicked: For Good* approaches, we'll reflect on what makes the story so meaningful to Bode and audiences around the world. [Sign up here](#) to receive the Zoom link!



### Pumpkin Decorating

**Thursday, October 23 ~ 4:30 pm**

**Saturday, October 25 ~ 9:30 am**

**For all ages**

Everyone is welcome to decorate pumpkins to enter for judging! Pumpkins and supplies provided.



### Pumpkin Decorating Contest Voting

**Saturday, Oct. 25-Friday, Oct. 31**

**For all ages**

Stop by the library anytime Oct. 25-31 to vote for your favorite decorated pumpkins in each age category!

**The library will be open until 7 pm on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Feel free to stop in for some trick-or-treating!**

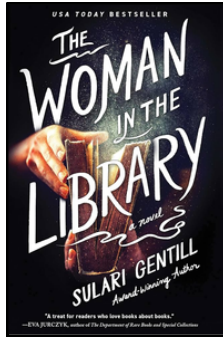
# BOOK RECS

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

## Adult

### *The Woman In the Library* by Sulari Gentill

When a woman's scream disrupts the peace and quiet of the Boston Public Library, four strangers are drawn together, finding themselves caught in a murder mystery. With a story nested inside another story, this mystery book blurs the line between truth and fiction and keeps you guessing until the end!



## Junior Fiction

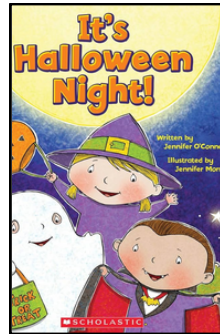
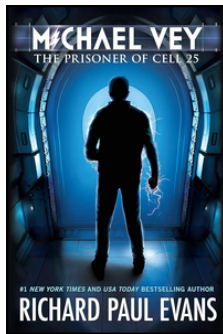
### *The Losers Club* by Andrew Clements

This novel is about a middle schooler who loves reading so much, he even gets in trouble for reading during class when he's not supposed to! When he's required to join an after-school club, he starts his own – the Losers Club – so he can read in peace, but he ends up discovering lots more than great books.

## Young Adult

### *Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25* by Richard Paul Evans

An ordinary teenager discovers that he has electric powers...and that he's not alone. As Michael tries to learn why he was given these powers, he finds himself in a battle against a secretive organization determined to control kids with special abilities like him.



## Children

### *It's Halloween Night!* by Jennifer O'Connell

This picture book follows a group of excited kids as they get ready to go trick-or-treating in all different kinds of fun costumes. With many colorful illustrations and ways for readers to be involved with the story, it's the perfect read to celebrate the spooky season with young readers.

# GAMES AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT

Did you know the library has card games and board games available for checkout? If you're looking for a fun way to spend an evening, take a look through the games we offer! Perfect for family game nights, gatherings with friends, or just trying something new. Stop by the library to browse the collection and check one out!

Listed below are games we have available for checkout:

- Mancala
- Connect 4
- Clue
- Battleship
- Taco vs. Burrito
- Chess/Checkers/Backgammon
- Crazy Eights
- Matching
- Go Fish
- Old Maid
- Slap Jack
- Memory

