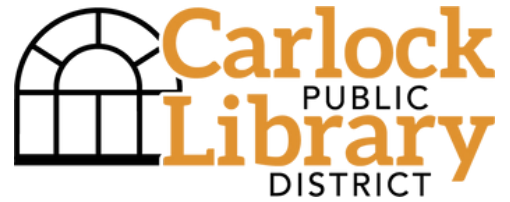


# BOOKS & BEYOND

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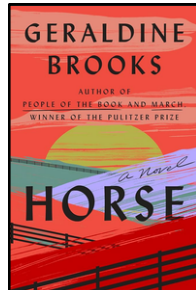


## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Book Club

**Tuesday, Apr. 1 ~ 1:30 pm**  
**Adults**

Join us for Book Club on Tuesday, April 1 at 1:30 pm! At this month's meeting, we will be discussing the book *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.



### Story Time

**Thursdays, Apr. 3, 10, 17, & 24 ~ 9:30 am**  
**Birth-Age 5 (older siblings welcome)**

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

### Pages and Paws

**Thursday, Apr. 10 ~ 4:30-5:30 pm**

This program allows children to read aloud to registered therapy dogs. Let man's best friend be your child's reading pal for 15-minute sessions. Register at this [Google Form](#), or call or visit the library to sign up!

### Niepagen Garden Program

**Monday, Apr. 21 ~ 7 pm**

Come to the library on April 21 at 7 pm to participate in the Niepagen Garden Program! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### Harry Potter Club

**Tuesday, Apr. 22 ~ 5:15-6 pm**

**Ages 8 and up**

Calling all Harry Potter fans! Anyone ages 8 and up is invited to visit Hogwarts (even if you have never read the books or seen the movies). We will do lots of fun games and activities, talk about the books and movies, and get to know new friends who love the Harry Potter series too! Be sure to register on the [Google Form](#), or call or visit the library to let us know you'll be there.

### Online Event: The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

**Thursday, Apr. 10 ~ 7 pm**  
**Zoom**

Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and an outdoor educator using her platforms, TikTok account alexisnikole and Instagram page blackforager, to celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain sight. She peels back historical layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions that have traditionally been repressed and empowers those living in food deserts with greater self-sufficiency.

Nelson received the James Beard Award for "Best Social Media" 2022, was chosen for the Forbes 30 Under 30 list and as a TikTok Tastemaker, and was honored as part of Fortune Magazine's Creator 25 in 2021. Nelson gave a TED Talk in 2022 and in 2023 joined the YouTube channel Crash Course to host a 15-episode botany series. Alexis Nikole Nelson will be joined in conversation with Natalie Evans, a wild edible foods instructor.

This program is made possible through Illinois Libraries Present, and you can sign up at [this link](#) to receive the Zoom information!



The Art of Foraging with

**Alexis Nikole Nelson**

**Thu, Apr 10 | 7 PM**

This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

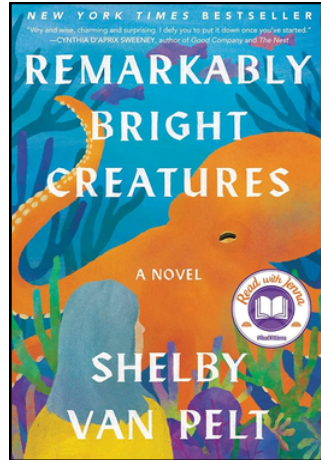
# BOOK RECS

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

## Adult

### **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby Van Pelt

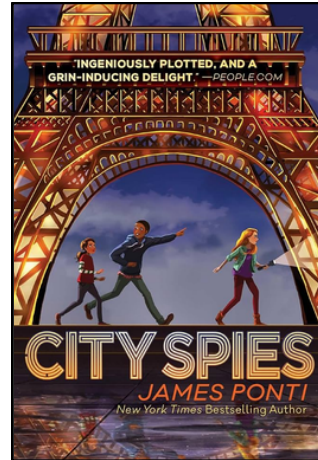
In this heartwarming story, Tova is a lonely widow who forms an unexpected bond with Marcellus, a clever octopus at the aquarium where she works. As Tova searches for answers about her son's disappearance years ago, Marcellus uses his quick wit to help her in ways no one could anticipate. This captivating novel explores themes of grief, healing, and the surprising ways we can find friendship in the most unlikely places.



## Junior Fiction

### **City Spies** by James Ponti

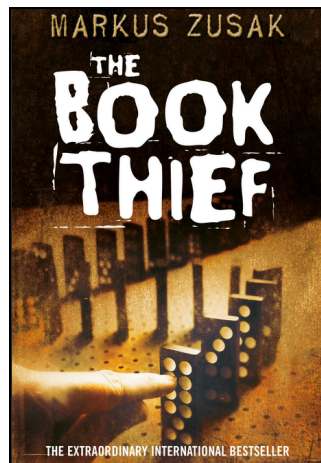
This book follows the character of Sara Martinez, an orphan who is recruited by a top secret organization to become part of a team of young spies. As she embarks on high-stakes missions across the globe, Sara and her team of fellow teens use their unique skills to solve complex problems and thwart dangerous plots. Full of mystery, adventure, friendship, and suspense, this book is a fast-paced thriller perfect for middle grade readers!



## Young Adult

### **The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak

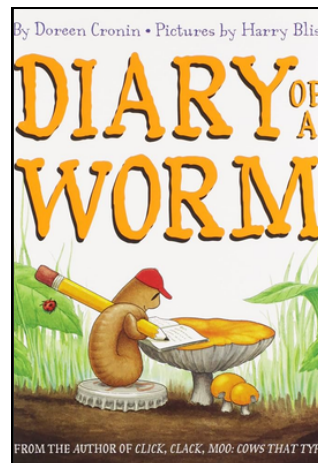
In this historical fiction book, a young girl named Liesel must survive the horrifying realities of living in Nazi Germany. Amidst the chaos, she discovers the power of words and a love for reading, even getting involved in a very dangerous resistance movement of stealing books to save them from book burnings. With a unique narrator, this book blends history, suspense, and adventure.



## Children

### **Diary of a Worm** by Doreen Cronin and Harry Bliss

*Diary of a Worm* follows the daily adventures of a young worm, sharing his experiences and observations about life from an underground perspective. Written as a humorous diary, the main character shares thoughts on everything from school to family to the challenges of being a worm. A sweet, funny, lighthearted read from a unique point of view!



## MAGAZINE EXCHANGE



Did you know we have a magazine exchange at the library? You can drop donations at the library's circulation desk:

- Donations should be in good condition
- Magazines should be recent (within last 12 months)
- Content should be family friendly; no explicit subject matter

TAKE any magazine you're interested in -- no need to return!

## PRINTING SERVICES

Did you know that the library offers printing, copying, and faxing services? Printing and copying are \$0.15 per page, and faxing is free. You can print from one of the computers in the library, or you can send items to print from your phone or device as long as you are connected to the Carlock Public Library wifi. If you need help with any printing, copying, or faxing, just ask a staff member!