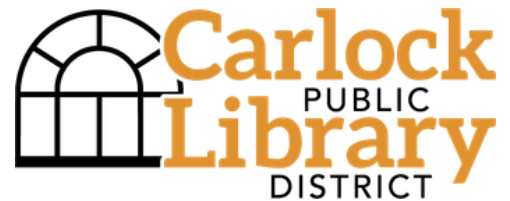


# BOOKS & BEYOND

Carlock Public Library Newsletter  
April 2026



## IT'S HAPPENING @ THE LIBRARY

### Story Time

Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 ~ 9:30

For ages 0 - 5 (older siblings welcome!)

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



### Let's Eat! A Cookbook Club

Thursday, April 2 ~ 4:30 - 6:30 pm

For teens and adults

Bring your favorite appetizer to share and sample those made by your friends and neighbors. Don't forget to bring your recipe! This is a potluck event and dishes will be made in home kitchens.



### Spring Seed and Houseplant Swap

Saturday, April 4 ~ 9:30 am

For everyone

Bring your houseplants, cuttings, and seeds to share. Chat with other plant-lovers and take home some new greenery! Preview starts at 9:30; swapping begins at 10:00.

### Book Bedazzling

NEW!

Monday, April 6 ~ 5:00 pm

For teens and adults

[Registration required](#)

Add a little sparkle to a book! Bring your own book or purchase one from the Friends of the Library book corner.



### Book Club

Tuesday, April 7 ~ 1:30 - 2:30 pm

For adults

This month we'll discuss *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. Want to join us next month? Our book for the May 5 meeting is *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston.



### Bloomington-Normal Silent Book Club

Tuesday, April 7 ~ 5:30 p.m.

For adults

The Bloomington-Normal Silent Book Club is bringing their meeting to the Carlock Public Library this month. Everyone's invited to attend! Bring a book or grab one from our shelves and settle in for some silent reading with other book lovers!

### Pages & Paws

Thursday, April 9 ~ 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!

### Mini Movers: Toddler Time

Saturday, April 11 ~ 10:00 - 11:00 am

For ages 1 - 3 (other siblings welcome)

Stories, songs, movement, and socialization especially for toddlers!



### Financial Literacy Workshop: Fraud & Scams -

How to Spot Them

Tuesday, April 14 ~ 6:00 pm OR

Tuesday, April 21 ~ 1:30 pm

For adults

Learn how to spot financial red flags, identify common fraud and scams, and help protect yourself from known schemes. Presented by Heartland Bank & Trust, with support from the Carlock Community Club.



### Cristina Henriquez: Voice, Culture & Human Connection

Thursday, April 16 ~ 7:00 - 8:00 pm

For adults (live online via Zoom)

[Registration required](#)

A live interview with Cristina Henriquez, author of *The Great Divide*, available through Illinois Libraries Present. (NOTE: most sessions are recorded; you'll receive a link to the recording if you're unable to tune in on April 16.)

### Craft Club

Friday, April 17 ~ 3:30 - 4:30 pm

For ages 8 - adult

Bring your own project or use our supplies to craft and create!



### Spring Garden Program

Monday, April 20 ~ 7:00 - 8:00 pm

For adults

Learn tips, tricks, and trends for the spring planting season! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

# READ OR WATCH!

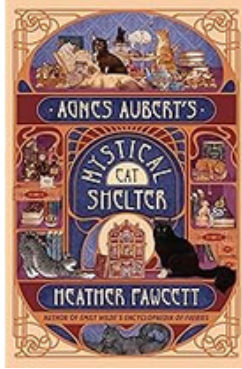
Don't forget to check out *Libby*, *Hoopla*, or *The Palace Project* for your next great read!

## Adult

### *Agnes Aubert's Mystical Cat Shelter*

by Heather Fawcett

A woman who runs a cat rescue in 1920s Montréal turns to a grouchy but charming magician to help save her shelter in this heartwarming cozy fantasy.



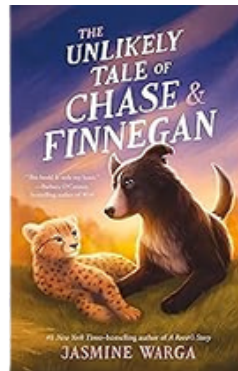
## Junior Fiction

### *The Unlikely Tale of Chase and Finnegan*

by Jasmine Warga

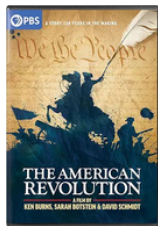
Finnegan is a rescue dog with a broken heart.

Chase is a newly orphaned cheetah cub. The two animals couldn't be more different. But one day, they are brought together for an unlikely reason!



## DVDs

### *The American Revolution* (Ken Burns Documentary)



### *Hamnet* (Jessie Buckley; Paul Mescal)

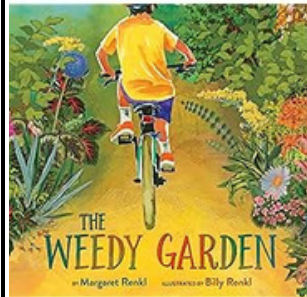
### *Song Sung Blue* (Hugh Jackman; Kate Hudson)



## Children

### *The Weedy Garden* by Margaret Renkl

If you were a hungry squirrel in the weedy garden, where would you find an acorn? If you were a cottontail rabbit, where would you hide your bunnies? And if you were a child, sitting still and listening, what would the weedy garden say to you?



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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 at the library or online, and we'll contact you with more information!

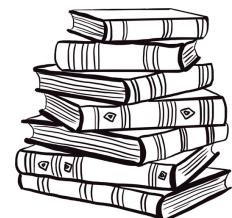
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