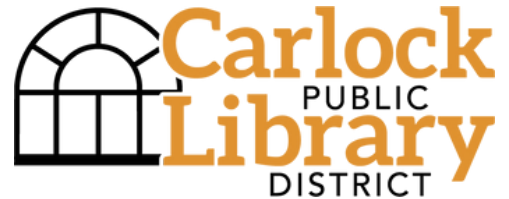


# BOOKS & BEYOND

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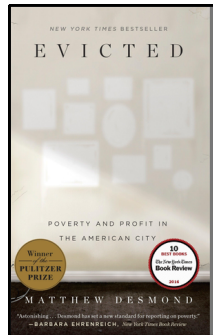
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Book Club

**Tuesday, Mar. 4 ~ 1:30 pm**

#### **Adults**

Join us for Book Club on Tuesday, March 4 when we will be discussing the book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond.



### Trivia Night

**Tuesday, Mar. 4 ~ 5:45-6:45 pm**

All ages fun family trivia night! Older kids and adults can enjoy the various different trivia categories, and younger ones that aren't quite ready for trivia yet will have fun with coloring pages, toys, and books. Be sure to register at [this link](#) or come into the library to sign up!

### Online Event: Exploring Space with Coralie

#### **Adam**

**Tuesday, Mar. 4 ~ 7 pm**

At this Zoom event, you can hear from Coralie Adam, who leads the multi-mission Optical Navigation team at KinetX Aerospace, the first privately held company to provide deep space navigation and flight dynamics expertise to NASA. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP). Register at [this link](#) to receive the Zoom link!

### Story Time

**Thursdays, Mar. 6, 13, & 20 ~ 9:30 am**

**Birth-Age 5 (older siblings welcome)**

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

### Writer's Workshop: Character Building

**Friday, Mar. 7 ~ 1-2 pm**

Perfect for homeschoolers (specifically upper elementary, middle school, and high school students) and adults with an interest in writing! Join us for a fun and interactive program where we will dive into the art of character building! This workshop will help you learn about different types of characterization and strategies for how to create characters that come alive on the page. Register on the [Google Form](#) online, or call or visit the library to sign up!

### Pages and Paws

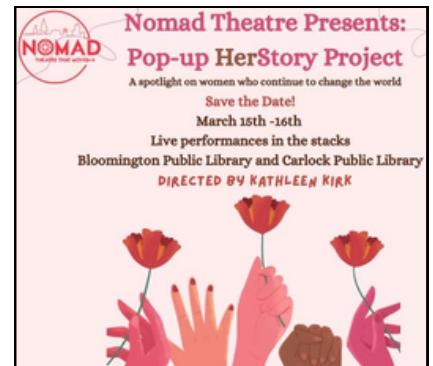
**Thursday, Mar. 13 ~ 4:30-5:30 pm**

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!

### Nomad Theatre Presents: HERstory

**Saturday, Mar. 15 ~ 10-11 am**

Celebrate Women's History Month! History comes alive as several famous (and not-so-famous) women characters share their stories in this live performance courtesy of Nomad Theatre. Hear from Coco Chanel, Annie Sullivan, Judy Garland, Ella Fitzgerald, and more! Sign up at [this link](#) to reserve your spot!



### Harry Potter Club

**Tuesday, Mar. 18 ~ 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.

### Bad Art Night

**Thursday, Mar. 27 ~ 5:30-6:30 pm**

Come and join us for a judgment-free night of trying new things. This month: watercolor! Teens and adults are encouraged to attend and spend an hour making new friends and memories, and maybe even some art. No babysitter? No problem! A Kidz Kraft will be available so everyone can join the fun. Register with this [Google Form](#), or call or stop by the library!

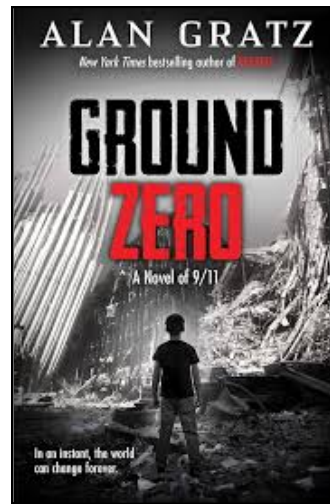
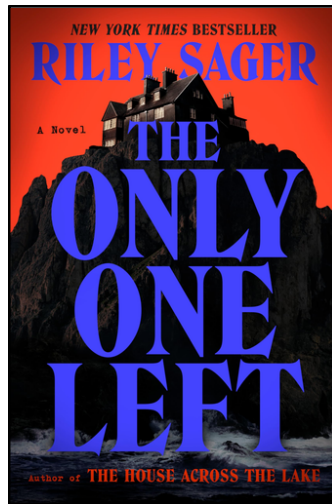
# BOOK RECS

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

## Adult

### *The Only One Left* by Riley Sager

In this suspenseful mystery/thriller novel, Kit McDeere takes a job as a caregiver to Lenora Hope, a mute, elderly woman accused of murdering her entire family decades earlier. As Kit attempts to unravel the truth behind Lenora's past and the secrets of the mansion, she realizes that nothing is as it seems and she must be careful who she trusts. With one plot twist after another, this book will keep you on the edge of your seat!



## Junior Fiction

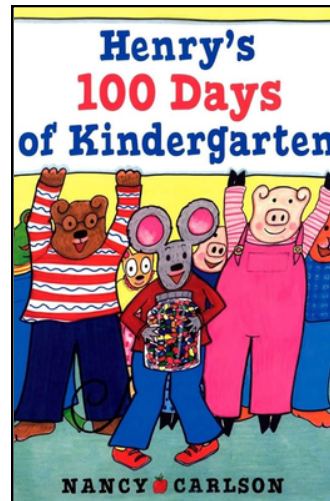
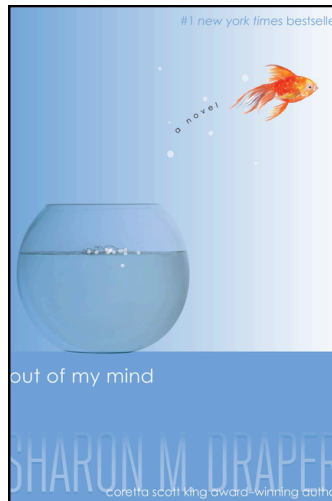
### *Ground Zero* by Alan Gatz

This historical fiction novel follows two intertwining stories set around the events of September 11, 2001. One narrative centers on Brandon, a young boy trapped in the World Trade Center during the attack, while the other is about a girl named Reshmina, who is impacted by the ripple effects of the war that follows. You won't want to put down this gripping, emotional book!

## Young Adult

### *Out Of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

This realistic fiction book is about a girl named Melody Brooks who has cerebral palsy and cannot walk or talk. The story is told from Melody's point of view, so readers quickly find out that she is brilliant. Without being able to speak, she must navigate living in a world that often underestimates her true abilities. As Melody works to prove herself to her classmates and show them how smart she is, she learns about friendship, perseverance, and the power of self-expression.



## Children

### *Henry's 100 Days of Kindergarten* by Nancy Carlson

In this heartwarming book, Henry is so excited to reach the 100th day of his first year in school! As he counts down the months and days, he reflects on all of the new things he's learned and the fun he's had with his classmates throughout the year. Once he gets to the 100th day, he brings in a surprising Show and Tell to represent the number 100!

# CAKE PANS AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT

Do you love to bake? How about trying a specialty cake pan? Whether you're baking for a birthday, holiday, or just for fun, the library has a collection of fun and unique cake pans that are available to check out anytime! Just stop by and ask a librarian if you're interested in borrowing any!

The following shapes are available:

- Ballerina Bear
- Go Diego Go!
- Lady Bug
- Pirate
- Race Car
- Smiling Santa

