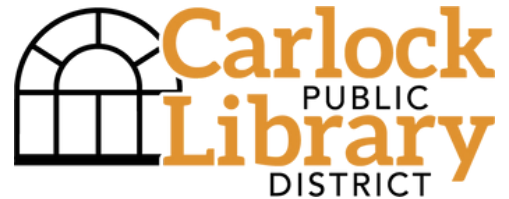


# BOOKS & BEYOND

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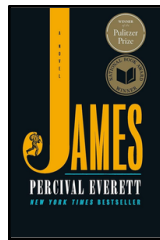
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Book Club**

**Tuesday, November 4 ~ 1:30 pm**

**For adults**

Join in the discussion about the book *James* by Percival Everett!



### **Story Time**

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

**For babies-age 5 (older siblings welcome)**

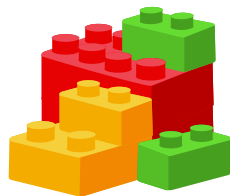
Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and fun with friends!

### **Lego @ the Library**

**Saturdays, November 8 OR 15 ~ 10 am**

**For ages 5-12**

Join us for a fun hands-on kit-building project that kids can take home and enjoy! After completing their kits, children can let their imaginations soar and design their own unique creations. Sign up at this [link](#), or call or visit the library to register.



### **Silent Book Club**

**Tuesday, November 11 ~ 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!

### **Pages & Paws**

**Thursday, November 13 ~ 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.

### **Kenji Lopez-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science (Online Event)**

**Tuesday, November 18 ~ 7 pm via Zoom**

**For adults**

Join award-winning cookbook author, New York Times food columnist, and Serious Eats director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration. His James Beard Award-winning cookbook, *The Food Lab*, uses evidence-based testing to show you the best ways to cook things. A former chef and restaurant worker, Kenji is also the author of *The Wok*, a best-selling children's book, *Every Night is Pizza Night*, and co-hosts 'The Recipe with Kenji and Deb,' a podcast that helps you discover your own perfect recipes with his friend Deb Perelman of Smitten Kitchen. This program is made possible thanks to Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. You can sign up [here](#) to receive the Zoom link!

**The library will close at 4 pm on Wednesday, November 26, and will be closed all day on November 27-28 for Thanksgiving. E-resources will still be available during this time!**

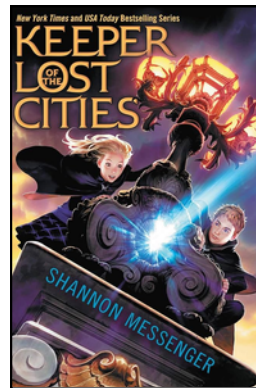
# BOOK RECS

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

## Adult

### **Wool** by Hugh Howey

Available as an ebook on hoopla and an audiobook on Libby, this science fiction/dystopian book tells the story of a society that lives underground due to a fear of the outside world. However, one woman begins to uncover the truth about the outside world – and the lies that keep people trapped below. Full of suspense, mystery, and twists, *Wool* is the first book in this series, which has also been adapted into a TV show called *Silo* on Apple TV!



## Junior Fiction

### **Keeper of the Lost Cities** by Shannon Messenger

In this middle grade fantasy book, twelve-year-old Sophie Foster discovers she has the unique magical ability of telepathy – the ability to read minds! Whisked away to a hidden world, she must learn to control her powers while discovering secrets that could change everything. Danger and mystery follow closely behind as Sophie navigates her new life and tries to save the world she's been thrown into.

## Children

### **Olivia Goes to Venice** by Ian Falconer

This hilarious picture book tells the story of the pig named Olivia as she travels to Venice, Italy with her family. As they roam the beautiful city, she's amazed by the bridges, gondolas, and especially all of the gelato. As always, Olivia experiences many funny moments as she also creates unforgettable memories! Check out this one for a charming read that perfectly captures the wonder and humor of traveling in a new place.

## Young Adult

### **The Maze Runner** by James Dashner

Picture this: you wake up with no memories in a mysterious, maze-filled world called the Glade. That's what happens to Thomas, and he quickly realizes that escaping the maze may be the only way to discover the truth about who he and the other teens are – and why they're trapped there. Perfect for fans of dystopian, adventure, and mystery books!



# RSACAT MOBILE APP

Have you downloaded the RSACat app? This convenient library app makes it easy to search the catalog for items available at Carlock Public Library – and at other libraries in our Resource Sharing Alliance (RSA) as well! If the item you want is available at another library, you can place a hold and have it delivered to Carlock Public Library for pick-up. The app also allows you to renew items, manage your account, and keep track of everything you have checked out.

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