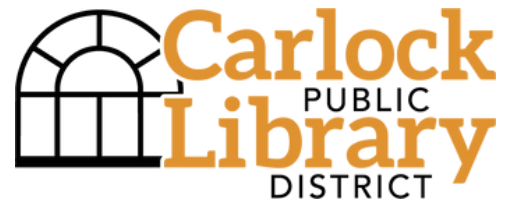


# BOOKS & BEYOND

Carlock Public Library Newsletter  
May 2025



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Story Time

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15 ~ 9:30 am

Birth-Age 5 (older siblings welcome)

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

### Online Event - Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat

Saturday, May 3 ~ 2 pm (Zoom)

Join bestselling author and illustrator Dan Santat for an afternoon event all about books and art. Santat is the author and illustrator of over a hundred books for young people. His latest works include the best-selling graphic novels, *The Aquanaut* and *A First Time for Everything*. Santat won the Caldecott Medal in 2015, the National Book Award for Young People's Literature in 2023 and Golden Kite Award for Middle Grade Fiction in 2024. This program is made possible through Illinois Libraries Present, and you can sign up at [this link](#) to receive the Zoom information!

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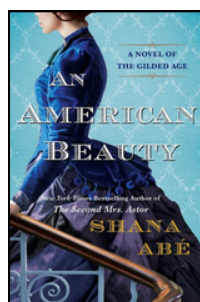
This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

### Book Club

Tuesday, May 6 ~ 1:30 pm

Adults

Join us for Book Club on Tuesday, May 6 at 1:30 pm! At this month's meeting, we will be discussing the book *An American Beauty* by Shana Abe.



### Ecology Action Center: Composting Program

Tuesday, May 6 ~ 5:30 pm

For children aged 2nd grade and older

Bring children grades 2<sup>nd</sup> and up to learn about vermicomposting, or composting with worms! Students will get to see these worms work, learn about how worms differ from humans, and even feel them squirm in their hand!

### Pages and Paws

Thursday, May 8 ~ 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!

### Online Event - Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond

Tuesday, May 13 ~ 7 pm (Zoom)

Bestselling author Matthew Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of the award-winning book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. This program is made possible through Illinois Libraries Present, and you can sign up at [this link](#) to receive the Zoom information!

### Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!

Saturday, May 31 ~ 9 am-1 pm

All ages

Time to sign up for the Summer Reading Program! Join us at this event for lots of fun, crafts, activities, and snacks to kick off Summer Reading. There will also be a balloon twister from 10-11:30 am and a face painter from 10:30 am-12 pm. Hope to see you there! If you cannot make it to the kick-off party, pre-registration will begin May 22.

DIVE DEEP INTO NEW HOBBIES!  
SUMMER READING 2025

# BOOK RECS

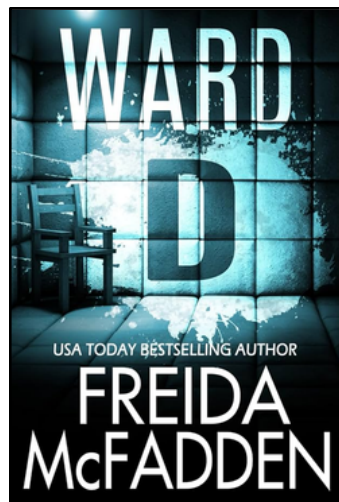
Check out these great books at the library or online on Libby, Hoopla, or Boundless!

## Adult

### *Ward D*

by Freida McFadden

In this psychological thriller, medical student Amy must spend a night helping on the hospital's psychiatric ward, which she is dreading due to secrets from her past she wants to keep hidden. As the night unfolds, patients and staff start to disappear, and she must figure out what is going on if she wants to have any chance of surviving the night. Read this one if you love a suspenseful book with lots of plot twists!



## Junior Fiction

*Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

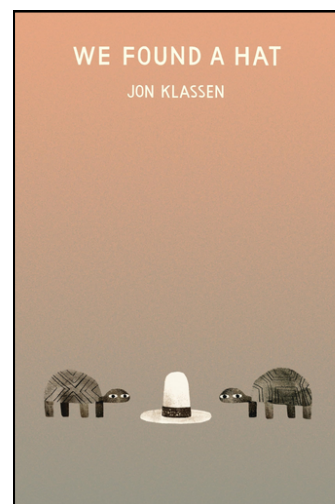
This mystery/sci-fi book begins with an unexpected plane landing at an airport with only 36 babies on board. After that mysterious prologue, the story follows 13-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who work to unravel the truth about their past. What they find out could change everything they thought they knew about themselves and the world around them!

## Young Adult

### *Fablehaven*

by Brandon Mull

This fantasy book follows siblings Kendra and Seth as they discover that their grandparents' home is actually a secret sanctuary for magical creatures. As they uncover the mysteries of the preserve, they must work to protect it from dark forces that threaten to destroy it. Filled with adventure and magic, this book is an exciting journey into a hidden world!



## Children

*We Found a Hat* by Jon Klassen

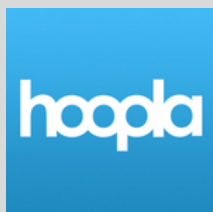
*We Found a Hat* by Jon Klassen is a charming picture book about two turtles who find a hat but realize that only one of them can keep it. Neither of the turtles wants to take the hat away from the other one, so as they each internally struggle with their desire to have the hat, their friendship is tested. This book explores themes such as selflessness and friendship.

# DOWNLOAD AND STREAM

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