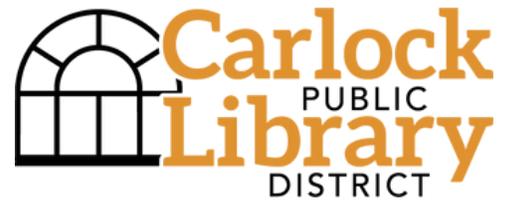


BOOKS & BEYOND

Carlock Public Library Newsletter
December 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Club

Tuesday, December 2 ~ 1:30 pm

For adults

Join in the discussion about the book *Paper Bag Christmas* by Kevin Alan Milne!



Story Time

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18 ~ 9:30 am

OR 10:30 am

For babies-age 5 (older siblings welcome)

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

Book Page Crafts

Monday, December 8 ~ 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 13 ~ 10 am

For ages 8+

Join us as we turn old books into fun holiday crafts! You can choose between a book page wreath or book page trees! This program will be offered both Dec. 8 at 5:30 pm and Dec. 13 at 10 am. No registration needed!



Silent Book Club

Tuesday, December 9 ~ 5-6 pm

For kids ages 8+, teens, and adults

Registration recommended; walk-ins welcome

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, December 11 ~ 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.



Upcoming Holiday Closures

December 24-26: Library Closed

December 31: Library Closed at 4 pm

January 1: Library Closed



BOOK RECS

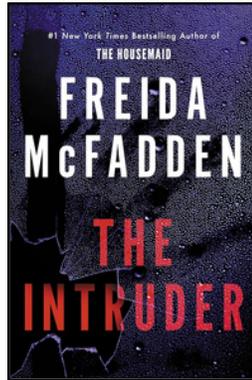
Check out these great books at the library or online on Libby, Hoopla, or The Palace Project!

Adult

The Intruder

by Freida McFadden

In this chilling psychological thriller, Casey braces for a powerful storm alone in her remote cabin. When she discovers a young, blood-covered girl hiding nearby, her quiet night turns into a tense mystery filled with danger. As darkness falls and secrets are revealed, Casey realizes the girl may not be a victim but a threat.



Junior Fiction

***The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket**

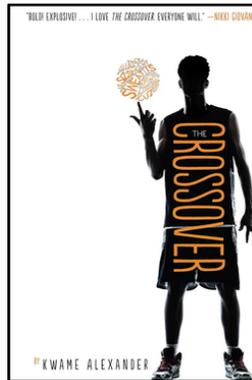
The three Baudelaire children are sent to live with a distant relative, Count Olaf, after suddenly and sadly becoming orphans. Their misfortune continues when they learn that Count Olaf wants to steal all of their money, and they must do whatever they can to stop him from achieving that goal. This first book in a series of thirteen is great for readers who enjoy darkly humorous adventures filled with clever twists!

Young Adult

The Crossover

by Kwame Alexander

This novel in verse tells the story of Josh and Jordan Bell, twin brothers who are both great basketball players. Told from Josh's point of view, the book explores how he navigates friendships, family, and the challenges of being a teenager. This book is part of a series, so if you enjoy it, there's more to discover from this author!



Children

Library Lion

by Michelle Knudsen

This sweet picture book is about a gentle lion who loves visiting the library and helping the library staff. He especially loves to be part of story time! Over time, the lion learns not only about the importance of following rules, but also the importance of doing what's right. Read this one for a charming story that celebrates the power of friendship and kindness!



NEW E-READING APP AVAILABLE DEC. 2

Beginning December 2nd, the e-book/e-audio collection that was formerly on the app called Boundless will be officially transferred to a new app called The Palace Project! You can download The Palace Project from the App Store or Google Play. Please contact the library if you need any help!

