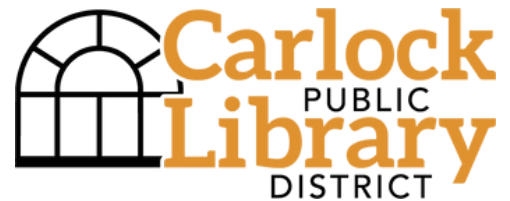


BOOKS & BEYOND

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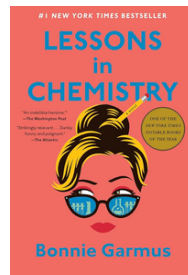
UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Club

Tuesday, Dec. 3 ~ 1:30 pm

Adults

Join us for Book Club on Tuesday, December 3 when we will be discussing the book *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus!



Story Time

Thursdays, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, & Dec. 19 ~ 9:30 am

Birth-Age 5 (older siblings welcome)

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

Wits Workout

Tuesday, Dec. 10 ~ 1:30 pm

Adults

There is increasing evidence that brain health is directly related to body health. However, most people think more about keeping their bodies fit or their hearts healthy than working at maintaining a healthy brain. Join University of Illinois Educator Sara Attig each month as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory.

Raina Telgemeier - Virtual Author Visit

Tuesday, Dec. 10 ~ 7 pm

Zoom

Hear from a real author! Join young adult author and cartoonist Raina Telgemeier on Zoom as she discusses her writing. This program will be on Zoom through the Illinois Libraries Present (ILP). Please register ahead of time in order to receive the Zoom link. Click on the following link for the sign-up form: https://bit.ly/ILP_RainaTelgemeier

Pages and Paws

Thursday, Dec. 12 ~ 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!

Harry Potter Club

Tuesday, Dec. 17 ~ 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 haven't read any of the books or seen the movies yet). 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 stop by the library to let us know you'll be there.

Bad Art Night

Thursday, Dec. 19 ~ 5:30-6:30 pm

Come and join us for a judgment-free night of trying new things. This month: card making! 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!



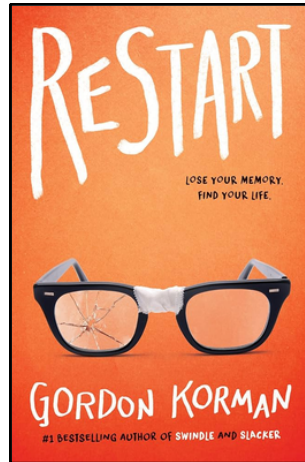
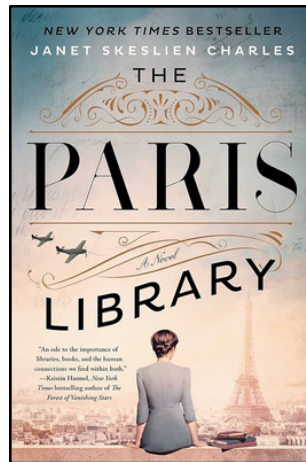
BOOK RECS

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

Adult

***The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles**

This historical fiction novel tells the story of a Parisian librarian who becomes involved in a very dangerous resistance movement once WWII begins. Interwoven with her story is that of a teenager living in 1980s Montana who is curious to learn more about her neighbor's mysterious past. As these two narratives intertwine, the book delves into themes of friendship, sacrifice, and the incredible power of literature.



Junior Fiction

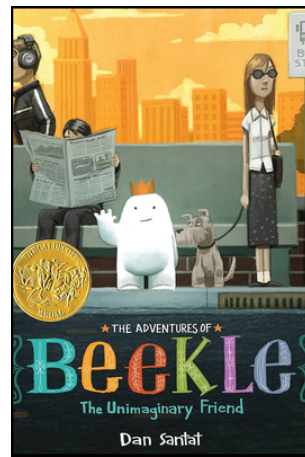
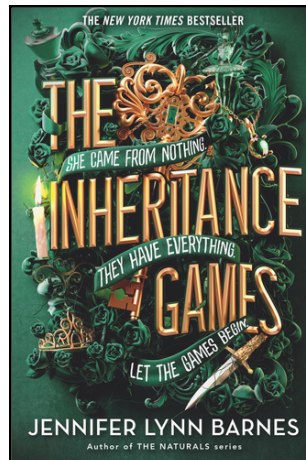
***Restart* by Gordon Korman**

In this humorous realistic fiction book, 8th-grader Chase Ambrose is returning to school after losing his memories through an injury that caused amnesia. As he recovers and navigates the challenges of middle school, he must decide if he wants to return to his past identity as the biggest school bully or if he wants to become a better person and build new friendships with people he once tormented.

Young Adult

***The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes**

Teenager Avery Grambs finds out that she has unexpectedly inherited a fortune from a mysterious billionaire named Tobias Hawthorne, and she is forced to compete with the Hawthorne family who believe that the inheritance should be theirs. Puzzles, adventures, and secrets abound in this intriguing, suspenseful mystery!



Children

***The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat**

Join Beekle, an imaginary friend, on an adventure to find a friend of his own! After not getting chosen to be any child's imaginary friend, Beekle decides to travel from the island of imaginary friends all the way to the real world in hopes of finding a buddy. (The author, Dan Santat, will be speaking at a future Illinois Libraries Present Zoom session on May 3!)

DID YOU KNOW?

With your Carlock library card, you can check out and return books at other libraries in our area, such as Normal, Morton, Danvers, Hudson, and many more!

Also, if our library collection doesn't have a certain title that you're looking for, we can request it from another library and have it sent here or any other library for you to pick up. You are not limited to only the books at our library. Just ask a librarian if you need help finding a specific title!



**The library will be closed
on December 24-26 and
January 1 for the holidays.**