

# CHECK IT OUT

What's on and new at Carstairs Public Library

## Highlights

- January- March Programs
- New Books you might have missed
- Meet our staff
- Board News
- Beanstack new resource



## Welcome

We are so excited to bring you our first ever newsletter. Flip through to find highlights of upcoming programs, some new books recommendations and general library news. We figured we would start by introducing our staff for you.

### Megan Ginther-Library Manager

Megan has been with Carstairs Public Library for just over 2.5 years coming to us from Edmonton Public Library. She's an avid reader of fantasy and romance novels. You'll find her in the office shuffling papers and answering the phone. She also has a background in programming and library management so she wears many hats behind the scenes.

### Marg Reid-Assistant Manager

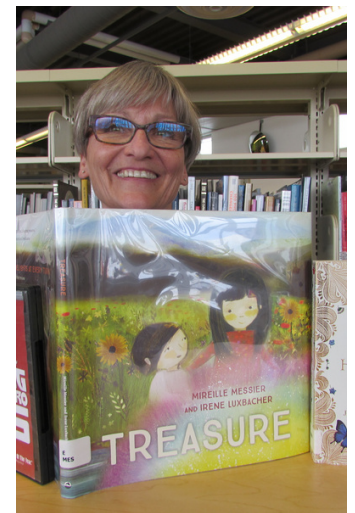
Marg is a familiar face to library visitors since she's been with the library many years and is usually the person at the desk greeting you as you come in. She also coordinates our adult book clubs so she reads a wide range of books to keep the choices varied and interesting.

### Chantelle Carr-Library Programmer

Chantelle has been with us for over 5 years and she leads many of our preschool programs. A whiz with rhymes, flannel boards, puppets and picture books she also puts together many of our craft programs and leads our book program to the local Seniors Lodge.

### Coraley Ortman-Library Programmer

Coraley has been a staple of our library programs for many years. Lately she has been taking the lead on our teen and school aged programs. She is also our technology guru so is often the person who will sit down with you when you book a tech one on one help session. She also is the voice behind Bubbles our puppet superstar.



## WHAT'S GOING ON FOR ADULTS

The current restrictions don't allow us to do any in person adult programs but don't worry we have lots planned and we hope you'll join us for some of these great programs that we have planned. Most will be online via Zoom and we are happy to help you get set up and online for the programs you are interested in. Our crafternoon kit will be a take home kit once a month and we are excited about the crafts we will be trying this time around.

CARSTAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

**BIG IDEAS:**  
JOIN A GUEST SPEAKER TO EXPLORE AND DISCUSS A TOPIC

JAN. 19-HAPPY CITIES  
FEB 16-AGEISM  
MAR. 16-REPAIR CAFES

Online through Zoom  
Register at the library  
carstairs@prl.ab.ca  
403-337-3943



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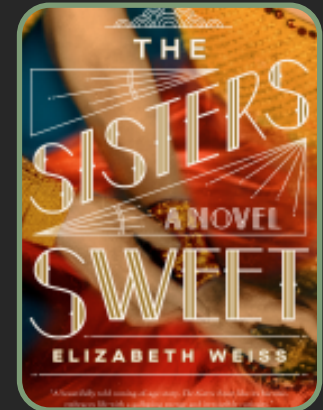
## MAKER 101:

Each month at 7pm learn about a new hobby or craft with our guest speakers. Online via zoom  
**January 26- Planners & Bullet Journals**  
**February 24 -3D Printing**  
**March 24-Film Basics**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CARSTAIRS@PRL.AB.CA OR 403-337-3943

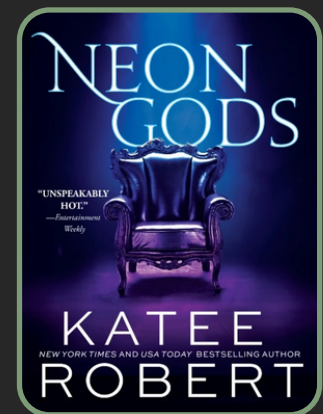
## NEW BOOKS

So many new books come in each month so here's a few for grown ups you might have missed that we are really excited about.



**The Sister's Sweet**  
by Elizabeth Weiss

A young woman in a vaudeville sister act must learn to forge her own path after her twin runs away to Hollywood in this richly immersive debut about love, family, and friendship. Full of long-simmering tensions, buried secrets, questionable saviors, and broken promises, this is a story about how much we are beholden to others and what we owe ourselves.



**Neon Gods**  
by Katee Robert

Hades has spent his life in the shadows, and he has no intention of stepping into the light. But when he finds that Persephone can offer a little slice of the revenge he's spent years craving, it's all the excuse he needs to help her—for a price. Yet every breathless night spent tangled together has given Hades a taste for Persephone, and he'll go to war with Olympus itself to keep her close... A modern retelling of Hades and Persephone that's as sinful as it is sweet.



## Adult Crafternoon

Each month we will feature a different craft. Please register with the library. Your craft kit will be available to be picked up on the dates below.

Email: [carstairs@prl.ab.ca](mailto:carstairs@prl.ab.ca)  
ph. 403-337-3943



Jan.14-Perpetual Calendar  
Feb. 11 - Plaster Flowers  
Mar. 11 - Felt Birds



### Registration Required



### The Pilot's Daughter by Meredith Jaeger

In the final months of World War II, San Francisco newspaper secretary Ellie Morgan should be planning her wedding and subsequent exit from the newsroom into domestic life. Instead,

Ellie is using all the skills she's learned as a would-be reporter to try to uncover any scrap of evidence that her missing pilot father is still alive. But when she discovers a stack of love letters from a woman who is not her mother in his possessions, her already fragile world goes into a tailspin, and she vows to find out the truth about the father she loves--and the woman who loved him back.



### A Blizzard of Polar Bears by Alice Henderson

Wildlife biologist Alex Carter is back, fighting for endangered species in the Canadian Arctic and battling for her life in this action-packed thriller. Wildlife biologist Alex Carter lands a job studying a threatened population of polar bears in the Canadian Arctic. But as her study progresses, and she gathers data on the health of individual bears, things start to go awry. She realizes that someone doesn't want her to complete her study, but Alex is not easily deterred..

NEWS

BREAKING



## Books to Talk About Book Clubs



Each month pick up a new book and discussion questions. Record your answers and share with us when you return it.

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403-337-3943

JOIN US

# SEATED CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS

**Wednesdays at 2pm**  
**6 week session**  
**starting Jan. 19**

*This 45-minute class will take place at Uptown Gym Carstairs (104 10 Avenue)*

Register by contacting the Carstairs Library at:  
403-337-3943  
carstairs@prl.ab.ca

*proof of vaccination will need to be shown when entering the gym space*



**UPTOWN GYM** 24/7  
AND FITNESS STUDIO  
myuptowngym.com



## Giving Tree 2021- Thank you!

Thank you so much to those who donated to our Giving Tree fundraiser by purchasing an ornament from our tree.

We fell short of our goal but we raised \$420.00 that will be used to purchase new digital books and audiobooks. Thank you so much for helping build our collections.

If you would still like to make a donation now or in the future you can contact the Friends of the Library Society.

The Friends will have more fundraisers taking place this year to find out the latest news, see their book bundles (online book sales) you can follow them on Facebook.



## Introducing: Beanstack



### What does Beanstack do?

Beanstack is a app and website that allows you to track your reading by time or books, write reviews and participate in fun reading challenges. It's easy to use and similar to services like GoodReads but without some of the social media aspects. It also links with our library catalogue and will allow you to track books by scanning the ISBN barcode on the back.

Sign up to Beanstack for personalized reading recommendations sent every week to your inbox. You can also track your growing TBR (to be read) pile and reading progress. Stay tuned to join special reading challenges hosted by your library.



### What Challenges can I join?

#### *Preschool Families*

We are launching Beanstack with our 1000 Books before Kindergarten challenge for preschool children and their families.

#### *Kids and Teens*

We have a 600 minute reading challenge for school aged kids and teens, this will help them get used to using Beanstack because we will be using it for our Summer Reading Club.

#### *Adults*

Adults we are getting started with a 10 to Try challenge, read a book from each of the categories on our website (under services) and track it in Beanstack to earn badges and win prizes.



### How do I get started?

Beanstack can be accessed through our webpage under Services: Beanstack Challenges. Directly through their webpage <https://carstairspublic.beanstack.org> or by downloading the Beanstack app . Full instructions are on the next page to guide you through the set up process.



# How to Beanstack

If you have ever used Beanstack before just **Sign In and Register** for challenges.

**Forgot your password?** Beanstack offers "User Name" & "Password" recover options

## Website Version

<https://carstairspublic.beanstack.org>

This link is on our webpage.

Click **Register an Individual or Family**

Click **I am Registering myself** and fill out the form.

Make a note of our user name/password.

User Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

If you need to you can recover a name & password.

Click **Next** to add additional family members.

Register for our **Challenges**. Beanstack will automatically present the challenges that fits your age group. We will be adding new challenges so check back as we add more.

Begin tracking your reading and activities by clicking **Log Reading and Activities** on the top left of the page.

- Use the **drop-down menu under your name** to switch readers and log for a child's account.
- Beanstack will notify you by email if you've won a prize. Or, check **earned badges** in the challenge.
- Select the **gear setting** (top right of screen) to edit a reader's information, such as email.

## App Version

**Download the app** from your favorite play store

Open App, Touch **Find Your School or Library**.

Type in "Carstairs Public Library."

Touch **Sign up!**

Follow the prompts to enter a User Name, Email (optional) and Password

Follow the prompts to complete the Registration for you.

Touch **Add a Reader** for additional family members

Touch **Discover** at the bottom of the screen to register for the reading challenges that matches your age.

Touch the + (**Plus sign**) to log reading. You can scan, search, or manually enter the title.

- Use **Choose reader** to log for others.
- **Quick Log** will log a book all at once.
- Use **Start a Reading Session** to track pages or minutes, or Log Past Reading.
- **Log** shows you books and activities you've recorded

You can Switch Readers by touching the initials at the top right of the app screen. You may also add a reader or edit your information from the Account screen.

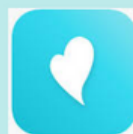
The Beanstack Tracker App will sync with the web version. If you log on the app, it will also appear on the web version. Make sure you've registered for a challenge for your books to count!

## Need Help?

Contact our staff or stop by the library and we will help you get started with Beanstack or navigate any challenges.



Phone: 403-337-3943  
Email: [carstairs@prl.ab.ca](mailto:carstairs@prl.ab.ca)  
[www.carstairspublic.prl.ab.ca](http://www.carstairspublic.prl.ab.ca)



The Beanstack mobile app is like a fitness tracker, but for reading. Easily see your reading "stats," track reading for multiple readers, receive logging reminders, and view your reading "streaks" and achievements. The Beanstack Tracker App will synch all of your programs. Log a book in the app, and it will add to your challenges automatically!

# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

It sounds like a lot, doesn't it? Don't worry – if you read one book with your child per day, you can complete this challenge in less than three years. Reading to and with your children will help build their early literacy skills which will help to set them up for a bright and strong future.

Do you think you can do it? We would love for you to try! Register today for this challenge on Beanstack. All you need to do is log the books you read (and yes, re-reading absolutely counts to the goal).



## It's Easy to Participate:

1. Register at Carstairs Public Library or through [carstairspublic.beanstack.org](http://carstairspublic.beanstack.org)



2. Keep track of the books you read with your child
3. Every 100 books bring your record sheet or show the app to us to earn prizes.

## Come Read with Us:



Baby Laptime Tuesday's at 10:30am  
Read, Romp, & Rhyme Wednesday's at 1:00pm  
Read, Romp, & Rhyme Thursday's at 10:30am



## Baby Laptime



For adults to engage and sing with their babies Older siblings are welcome..



Tuesday  
10:30am  
Register with the library  
403-337-3943  
0-12 months

More information at

[WWW.CARSTAIRSLIBRARY.PRL.AB.CA](http://WWW.CARSTAIRSLIBRARY.PRL.AB.CA)



## Read, Romp & Rhyme



0-5 years

Wednesday 1:00pm  
Thursday 10:30am

Register with the library 403-337-3943

Same program-choose a day!

More information at

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## Family Storytime

ALL AGES

SATURDAYS  
11:00 AM

REGISTER WITH  
THE LIBRARY  
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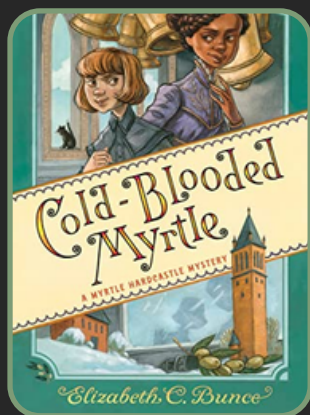
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## NEW BOOKS

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### Cold-Blooded Myrtle by Elizabeth Bunce

Twelve-year-old Young Lady of Quality and Victorian amateur detective Myrtle Hardcastle returns, and now she's on the trail of a serial killer in her hometown of Swinburne. A fun mystery for fans of Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys.



### Solstice by Lorence Alison

A music fest goes wrong in this comic YA thriller as selfie-mad concert-goers wake up to realize their tropical island fantasy is a deadly nightmare.

Adri has a front-row seat as everything devolves into chaos—and she's in a prime position to put together the clues to who—or what—is killing off the helpless attendees. But even if she finds the killer, how can she hope to stop them?

Check your privilege at the door—before it gets you killed. This is one vacation you can't escape.

## WHAT'S GOING ON FOR AGES 6-12

We've planned a take home kit and some in person programs for school aged kits and we are going to have a lot of fun.



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### STEAM CLUB 2ND FRIDAY MONTHLY

Kits can be picked up at  
the Carstairs Library.

January-Mario

February-Minecraft

March-Pokemon

**Registration Required!**

Ages 6-12



Friday  
Fun  
ages 6-12



**Jan. 14**

1:30-3pm

Lego Challenges

**Jan. 21**

3:30-4:30pm

Book Club

**Feb. 4**

3:30-4:30pm

Building Fun

**Feb. 11**

1:30-3:00pm

3D Printing

**Feb. 18**

3:30-4:30pm

Gaming

**Feb. 25**

3:30-4:30pm

Book Club

These programs are all in person at the library. Space is limited so please register by contacting the library 403-337-3943 or [carstairs@prl.ab.ca](mailto:carstairs@prl.ab.ca) [carstairspublic.prl.ab.ca](http://carstairspublic.prl.ab.ca)



# Library Board News

## Next Board Meeting

Our next board meeting is January 18th at 7pm online via zoom.

We always welcome community members to our meetings. If you would like the meeting link please email [mginther@prl.ab.ca](mailto:mginther@prl.ab.ca).



# WE NEED YOU



We are looking for library lovers and community minded individuals to join our Library Board. The Library Board meets 9 times a year and is responsible for governing, planning, and budgeting for the library. They work closely with our library manager.

Serving as a trustee on the Library Board provides opportunities for enthusiastic local residents to contribute to the community. If you have strong ties to Carstairs and experience in finance, governance, or human resources we'd love to meet you! Board member training will be made available to you.

If you are interested in applying to be a library trustee or to learn more about the role, contact the library:

Email: [carstairs@prl.ab.ca](mailto:carstairs@prl.ab.ca)  
Phone: 403-337-3943



## Just for Teens

### Teen Advisory Board

Our Teen Advisory Board is seeking new members to help us plan events, choose books and movies for the library and suggest ways to make the library even better for teens. We meet once a month via Zoom and after the meeting there's time to hang out and visit with your fellow teens. To join you need to be 13+ and willing to share your ideas.

### Paint Night

Join us on January 15th for a teen only paint night. Create your happy little masterpiece and spend time relaxing with friends. Contact the library [carstairs@prl.ab.ca](mailto:carstairs@prl.ab.ca) or 403-337-3943 for full details and to reserve your spot.

CARSTAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARY

# TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

MEETING ONLINE  
(EMAIL LIBRARY TO REGISTER)  
**JANUARY 12th**  
**@6:30PM**

Carstairs Public Library 1402 Scarlett Ranch Blvd (403) 337-3943  
[carstairspublic.prl.ab.ca](http://carstairspublic.prl.ab.ca)



# January

# Events at Carstairs Library

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b>  Programs resume next week. Sign up by phoning or emailing the library	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Teen Advisory Board online	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b> 10:30am Baby Laptime	<b>12</b> 1pm Read, Romp & Rhyme	<b>13</b> 10:30am Read, Romp & Rhyme  7pm Friends of the Library Meeting	<b>14</b> 1:30pm Friday Fun: Lego Challenges  Teen Time Crafternoon STEAM Club kit pickup	<b>15</b> 11am: Family Storytime
<b>18</b> 10:30am Baby Laptime  7pm Board Meeting	<b>19</b> 1pm Read, Romp & Rhyme  2pm Seated Chair @Uptown Fitness  6:30pm Teen Book Club online	<b>20</b> 10:30am Read, Romp & Rhyme  Adult Book Club Book Pickup  7pm Big Ideas: Happy Towns Online	<b>21</b> 3:30pm Friday Fun: Book Club	<b>22</b> 11am: Family Storytime  6:30pm Teen Paint Night
<b>25</b> 10:30am Baby Laptime	<b>26</b> 1pm Read, Romp & Rhyme  2pm Seated Chair @Uptown Fitness  6pm Financial Webinar: Holiday \$ hangover	<b>27</b> 10:30am Read, Romp & Rhyme  7pm Maker 101: Bullet Journals & Planners online	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 11am: Family Storytime
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We are open:

Tues 10-6pm

Wed/Thurs 10-8pm

Fri/Sat 10-5pm

