

CHECK IT OUT

What's on and new at Carstairs Public Library

Highlights

- Summer Reading Club
- Library Services Survey
- Library News
- Book Recommendations



Fall into Fun

We are so excited for our fall lineup of classes and events. Our staff was able to put into place some new ideas that we have wanted to try for a long time and we hope you get excited seeing what we have planned. This is in addition to our already popular existing classes and events. There truly is something for everyone happening this fall at the library and we are going to be busy but we are looking forward to all the fun.

Our summer was filled with excited readers, fun activities and cleaning. With our flooring renovation we took time to clean out our store rooms, refresh our shelving displays and just make a little more room for new books, new services and new programs.



NEW BOOK



The Next Girl by Pip Drysdale

Reality bites and the memories flood in – the reason she was in that bar, drinking to start with: today she's going to get fired. Because yesterday her law firm lost a big case: Samuel Grange v Jane Delaney. And it looked like it was her fault. The problem is, the only way to protect the next girl is to become the next girl. And, well, that could be a little risky ... even deadly.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Read Local collection featuring local authors? Find out more on the next page.

Read Local



TRY A BOOK BY A LOCAL AUTHOR.

About Read Local

Read Local is our way to support our local writing community. Did you know that if you donate a copy of your book to the library we will add it to a special Read Local collection. We love adding local authors and helping promote their books. If you'd like to check these book out ask our staff and they can direct you to where they are on shelf. They live right between the adult fiction and non-fiction. Our Read Local children's books get a special spine label and are interfiled with the other kids books.

We also want to help new writers get started, so we are adding a series of workshops this fall to help you connect with other writers, get tips and tricks from those a little further along the path and access resources to help you. This has been a long time wish project of our manager Megan and she's super excited to see it finally come to life. We are very thankful to our local authors for agreeing to be apart of this workshop series and help us build a writing community here in Carstairs.

About our presenters:

Ayesha Clough is the author of "Howdy I'm John Ware:" and "Howdy I'm Flores LaRue". Red Barn Books was started by former news reporter and editor Ayesha Clough in January 2019. She wants Alberta kids to have Alberta stories, so they grow up knowing their own history, culture, and Canadian role models.

Margi Regehr is the author of "Curating Authenticity in a Curated World". As an authentic writer, she inspires women to break free from perfectionism and live in the present.

Victoria Chatham mostly writes historical novels but now and again tinker with contemporary romance. Her stories are laced with a little mystery to keep her hero and heroine on their toes and, of course, love has to conquer all.

Read
Local

WRITING WORKSHOP

Our first session we will get to know your writing goals and learn about Ayesha's journey.

SEPT. 27 | 7 PM

SPEAKER

AYESHA CLOUGH

JOIN US

Read
Local

WRITING WORKSHOP

In this session we will explore writing non-fiction

OCT. 12 | 7 PM

SPEAKER

MARGI REGEHR

JOIN US

Read
Local

WRITING WORKSHOP

In this session we will explore writing fiction

NOV. 9 | 7 PM

SPEAKER

VICTORIA CHATHAM

JOIN US

Special Events!

CARSTAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

BIG IDEAS: BLANKET EXERCISE WITH MOCCASIN HOUSE



Mountain View Moccasin House

Sunday Sept 24 @1pm
Phone 403-337-3943 to register

The Blanket Exercise is based on using Indigenous methodologies and the goal is to build understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance.

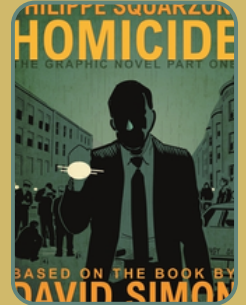


Deep as the Sky, Red as the Sea by Rita Chang-Eppig

For readers of Outlawed, Piranesi, and The Night Tiger, a riveting, roaring adventure novel about a legendary Chinese pirate queen, her fight to save her fleet from the forces allied against them, and the dangerous price of power.

Homicide: Part One by Philippe Squarzon

Originally published in 1991, Simon's Homicide became the basis for the acclaimed television show Homicide: Life on the Street and inspired HBO's The Wire. Now, this true-crime classic is reimagined as a gritty two-part graphic novel series.



Wait for Me by Santa Montefiore

From the Sunday Times bestselling author of An Italian Girl in Brooklyn comes a captivating new novel of enduring love and devastating secrets, sweeping across England during WWII to Australia five decades later, based on a true story.



SAVE THE DATE

CARSTAIRS COMIC CON

OCT 28 | 10AM-4PM

CARSTAIRS COMMUNITY HALL

PUZZLE MANIA

1pm Puzzle Race Challenge
gather your team of 4 to challenge other teams who can finish their mystery puzzle fastest

1pm-4pm Puzzle Exchange
bring your gently used puzzles and trade them with other puzzle fans

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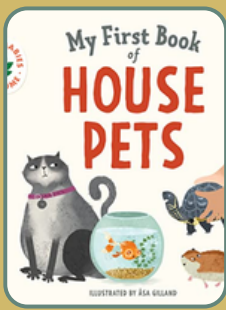
DROP IN PROGRAM

October 7 @ 1 PM

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

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New To Check Out



My First Book of House Pets by Asa Gilland

My First Book of House Pets is a beautiful introduction to the world of furry, fluffy, and all-around adorable pets for babies and toddlers. Simple and quirky text pairs with charming art in this book where animal lovers will learn about house pets in a friendly and easy way.



I am a Meadow Mermaid by Kallie George

A farm girl with a big imagination turns her landlocked home into an ocean playground in this dreamy picture book for little mermaids everywhere.



Haarville by Justin Davies

Twelve-year-old Manx Fearty is an orphan (his family has a terrible habit of dying, terribly), and now he's about to lose their perpetual device shop to sinister newcomers claiming to be long-lost relatives. As he sets out to prove them wrong, Manx finds himself on the trail of a murky, mist-muddled mystery -- and it's one he needs to solve fast, otherwise Haarville is doomed.



Resources for those **TOUGH** Topics

*Check out this great information on topics that may help you with difficult times

- *MINDFULNESS
- *JOB HUNTING
- *PUBERTY
- *ADDICTION
- *DEPRESSION
- *GRIEF
- *HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
- *ADULTING
- HEALING LIBRARY
- *SEPARATION AND DIVORCE
- *DEATH OF A PET

COMMUNITY CONNECTION PASSES!

TRY OUT SOME OF OUR AWESOME LOCAL BUSINESSES WITH A PASS FROM THE LIBRARY!

PASSES

- Jazzercise Mountain View
- Carstairs Museum
- Didsbury Swimming Pool
- CrossFit Carstairs
- Carstairs Golf Course
- Uptown gym

These are available by first come first serve, can be used once a month, and must be checked out by someone over 16.



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Library Board

WE NEED YOU



Our library board is still looking for 2 new members. Volunteers with the board help advise the library manager, share community information and help us plan for the future. We meet 9 times a year for an hour or two and you would have to spend a couple hours outside meetings reviewing documents or working on our projects. It is an easy way to give back to the library and be involved in the wider Carstairs community. If you'd like more information please contact our library manager Megan: mginther@prl.ab.ca or 403-337-3943.

Next Meeting Dates

Sept. 19 @6pm

Oct. 17 @6pm

Nov. 21 @6pm

Our meetings are hybrid, meaning you can join via zoom or in person. They are also open to the public, please contact Megan for the meeting package

Friends of the Carstairs Public Library



NEXT MEETING

September 14
7pm at the Library

CONTACT US:

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Our meetings are open to all and we have several ways you can volunteer with us



Lovelight Farms by B.K. Borison

Two best friends fake date to reach their holiday happily ever after. A pasture of dead trees. A hostile takeover of the Santa barn by a family of raccoons. And shipments that have mysteriously gone missing. Lovelight Farms is not the magical winter wonderland of Stella Bloom's dreams.

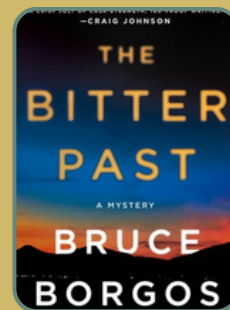
An Evil Heart by Linda Castillo

On a crisp autumn day in Painters Mill, Chief of Police Kate Burkholder responds to a call only to discover an Amish man who has been violently killed with a crossbow, his body abandoned on a dirt road. Aden Karn was just twenty years old, well liked, and from an upstanding Amish family. Who would commit such a heinous crime against a young man whose life was just beginning?



The Bitter Past by Bruce Borgos

In the tradition of Craig Johnson and C. J. Box, Bruce Borgos's The Bitter Past begins a compelling series set in the high desert of Nevada featuring Sheriff Porter Beck. In a case that unfolds in the past (the 1950s) and the present, it seems that a Russian spy infiltrated the nuclear testing site and now someone is looking for that long-ago, all-but forgotten person, who holds the key to what happened then and to the deadly goings on now.



Check these out

DROP IN PROGRAM

Adulting

4th Thursday
at 6:30pm

From taxes to moving out
covering all the messy little
stuff about being an adult.

**COMMUNITY
MOVIE NIGHT**
September 8th

Seating starts at
9.30 pm
Movies will start when dark

Families and all
welcome!
CES School Park
Bring your own chair.

All movies are weather dependent check
our social media day of to confirm.

**Cash
Concession**

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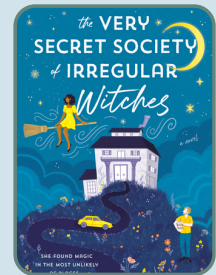
DAYHOME BOOK BUNDLES

Do you run a dayhome and wish you had a variety of books for those in your care?

Talk with us at the library, we are putting together monthly book bundles that go along with your themes.



Staff Pick



The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches by Sangu Mandanna

I fell in love with this quirky cast of characters and the message of coming together after isolation was a beacon of light after a season of darkness. Highly recommend this feel good read. This book was like a magical warm hug and is best enjoyed with a cup of tea. It's about a found family forming around 3 orphans who have magic powers.

It's a great fall read for a not so spooky Halloween.

~Megan

Family Fun

Storytime with Friends

Join us and a special community guest for this fun Saturday storytime at 10:30am

Sept. 23-Teacher

Oct. 14-Pastor Don

Oct. 28-Officer Peters

Nov. 25-Diwali

Dec. 9-Santa



Sensory Story Time

Learning through sensory play

Bring your little ones for a story and experience a variety of materials to expand their imagination.

Ages 0-5 years

4 Wednesdays Oct 4th-Oct 25th

- Textured Window Animals
- Playdough Tracing
- TBA
- I Spy Surprise



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Read, Romp & Rhyme



0-5 years

Tuesday & Thursday
10:30am
Sept 12-Dec 14

Enjoy songs,
stories, music and
more!



PARENT NIGHT

Learn with other parents about emerging topics and trends. This is an adult program.



Oct 4th- 7pm

Keeping Kids Safe Online

Nov 29th-7pm

Making Felt Stories/Activities



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Cake vs. Pie

by Sudipta Bardham-Quallen

"Let's get ready to cruuuumble!" Join Cake and Pie in this fun-loving, laugh-out-loud picture book about the ultimate friendship rivalry and overcoming jealousy to realize being together is the Sweetest Thing.



We Share this School

By Dan Saks

A rhyming, heartfelt celebration of school communities and the vital role they play in young children's lives. Through a handful of specific yet universal school scenarios, young readers will understand what it means to be a part of a school community and celebrate how to share with and care for one another.

No School Days!

Grade 1 and up
1-3 pm



- SEPT 22- WATER GUN PAINTING
- OCT 6- VIDEO GAME DAY
- OCT 20-CREEPY PIPE CLEANERS
- NOV 10- SLIME DAY MESSY PLAY
- NOV 24-VIDEO GAME DAY
- DEC 8-SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Come and join us for a fun activity that includes, creating, exploring science, books and more.
Drop In

Homeschool Huddle

Participate in a variety of activities while socializing with other homeschool families.



Runs the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

- Children and adults explore an activity together with our families.
- Adults have time to share resources and ideas.

This program is for ages 6-12 years old.

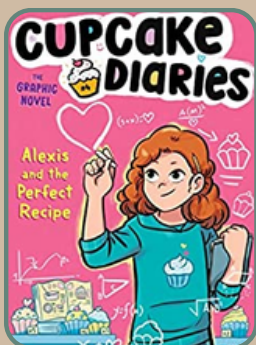


Welcome
our new
puppet friend
Fergus



Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Quiet Tina.
Quiet Tina who?
Shhh! Quiet-Tina library!

KNOCK KNOCK JOKES - PUN.ME



Alexis and the Perfect Recipe by Coco Simon

Alexis Becker is by far the most prepared, exact, and organized Cupcake Club member but when she suddenly develops a major crush on Matt Taylor—her BFF Emma's brother—things get a little disorganized.



Into the Mansion By Jill Keppeler

Glub glub... Aargh...


It's one of the rarest structures in Minecraft—but the explorers have found one! When Maria, Mike, Kiera, Adam, and Rose come across a massive woodland mansion, they know they'll have to be prepared before they set foot in its dark, spooky halls. Fortunately, they have more resources than ever before.

Just for Teens



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!
AGES 12+
DROP IN @ THE LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 9TH
DECEMBER 6TH
@ 6:30PM

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Teen


Book Clubs

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Teen Book club
ages 12+
@ 6:00pm

YA Book club
ages 16+
@ 7:00pm

contact cortman@prl.ab.ca
for current book selection



NEW

Runaways: Find your Way Home

By Rainbow Rowell & Kris Anka

The heart of the Runaways died years ago, but you won't believe how she returns! Superstar author Rainbow Rowell (Eleanor & Park, Carry On) makes her Marvel debut with fan-favorite artist Kris Anka (ALL-NEW X-MEN, CAPTAIN MARVEL) in the series that will shock you and break your heart! Did Chase and Gert's love survive their time apart? Have Karolina and Nico's feelings made their friendship impossible? What emotional landmines lie in wait to DESTROY the Runaways?!

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TEEN TIME!

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH!
AGES 12+

September 26th :
@6:30
Board Game Night

February 23rd:
@6:00
D&D Night

November 23rd:
@6:30
Retro Video Games



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Babysitting Course

September 9
November 4
9:30-4:30pm
cost: \$20



Instructor: Coraley Ortman

Participants must be **11 years old** for the Babysitting Course.

To register email cortman@prl.ab.ca or call the library 403-337-3943.

What's On for adults

ADULT DROP IN PROGRAM

BOARDS AND DECKS

Connect and compete in a casual setting. Library staff will be bringing games from their personal collections to add to the fray. Bring your own game or try a new one!

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6PM



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BOARDS AND DECKS

DID YOU KNOW?



YOU CAN OR REQUEST ANY OF THESE GAMES OR ONE OF YOUR OWN, TO BE THE HIGHLIGHT GAME FOR NEXT MONTH! LET US KNOW WHICH GAMES YOU WANT TO SEE AT BOARDS AND DECKS IN THE COMMENTS BELOW.



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Seek Him

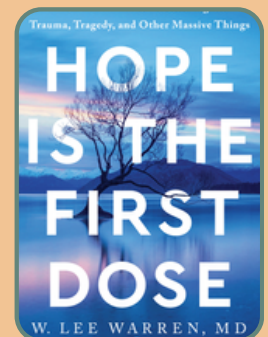
by J.M. Kellsey

Go anywhere short devotionals with scripture reminding us of the eternal truth that our fullest life is walked with God. Each devotional centers on a scripture that highlights the significance of seeking God.

Hope Is the First Dose

by W. Lee Warren, M.D.

A practicing neurosurgeon and award-winning author shares his roadmap to finding hope and even happiness when the worst happens —by placing trust in God—in this powerful memoir of personal tragedy, grief, and recovery.



Seed Donations Wanted

Our seed library was so popular it's now a little sparse. If you have extra seeds left over after planting we would love to have them to add to our library for the coming year.



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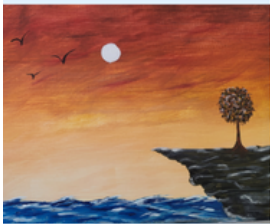
LET'S TALK

GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE



SEPTEMBER 8 - WELCOME COFFEE
SEPTEMBER 22 - FIGHTING DEMENTIA

OCT 13 - TAXES WITH THE CRA
OCT 27 - PAST FADS



ADULT PROGRAM

Adult Crafternoon

Join us every month to try new craft techniques. Create, learn, and visit with other crafters.

Please register with the library.

SATURDAYS @ 2PM ONCE A MONTH

- SEP 16 - BOOK BINDING
- OCT 21 - AUTUMN PAINT NIGHT
- NOV 18 - LEATHERWORKING: BELTS
- DEC 16 - A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Registration Required

BOOKS TO TALK ABOUT BOOK CLUBS

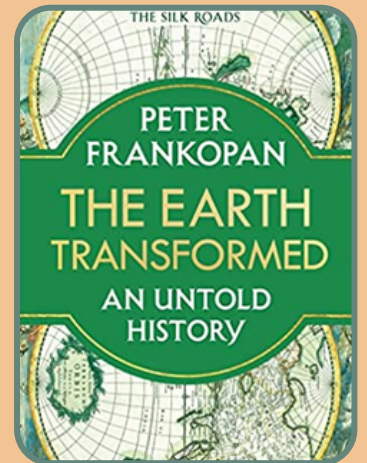
3rd Wednesday each month
2pm or 7pm

Contact the library for more information.



Rewild your Garden by Frances Tophill

In this practical, beautifully illustrated guide horticulturalist and Gardener's World presenter Frances Tophill shows you how to plan and maintain a beautiful garden that will attract bees and birds as well as a throng of unsung garden heroes. Whether you have a small balcony or a large open space, discover the joys of welcoming natural ecosystems back into your garden - along with a host of new visitors.



The Earth Transformed by Peter Frankopan

Global warming is one of the greatest dangers mankind faces today. Even as temperatures increase, sea levels rise, and natural disasters escalate, our current environmental crisis feels difficult to predict and understand. But climate change and its effects on us are not new. In a bold narrative that spans centuries and continents, Peter Frankopan argues that nature has always played a fundamental role in the writing of history.

Summer Reflections



SUMMER READING CLUB 2023

1191 hours read
61 readers
466 attended programs
100% fun



THANKS FOR THE FUN!

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AUGUST 12, 2023

WALK THE BLOCK

THANK YOU!

To our entertainment team: Sylvia Chave, Cosmo the Llama, Princess Merida, Happy Design Creations, Wildlife Conservation, Library Teen Advisory Board and Town of Carstairs.

To our volunteers and our amazing businesses and participants. We couldn't do this without you!

See you next year!

