

# CHECK IT OUT

What's on and new at Carstairs Public Library

## Highlights

- January to March Programs
- Library News
- Book Recommendations



## Our Deepest Thanks

Every newsletter we find there are more things to share and sometimes it's so much we forget a few things. We are so thankful for the support we received in 2023 from all our community partners that have made this another busy year and we are looking forward to an even busier 2024. Most importantly nothing would be possible without the support of our community. Thank you to everyone who has attended a program, borrowed a book, used our computers or shared information with a friend. You are why we exist and we are so grateful for the chance to be apart of this amazing community.

We hope that we have many more chances to serve you in 2024 and that we can continue to surprise and delight you with everything we have to offer.

*Carstairs Library Staff*

**Carstairs**  
Public Library

## HOLIDAY

*Opening Hours*

- DEC 22-9:00AM-5:00PM
- DEC 23-DEC 26-CLOSED
- DEC 27- 9:00AM-8:00PM
- DEC 28-9:00AM-8:00PM
- DEC 29-9:00AM-5:00PM
- DEC 30-9:00AM-5:00PM
- DEC 31-JAN 1-CLOSED
- JAN 2-REGULAR HOURS

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our website was updated and our webpage address changed. If you select Carstairs as your preferred library you will see all our events. We are still updating and personalizing the new webpage so if you experience any difficulty finding things or other issues please let us know so we can get things running smoothly.

[www.prl.ab.ca/carstairs](http://www.prl.ab.ca/carstairs)

# Special Events!



## Help us fill our shelves

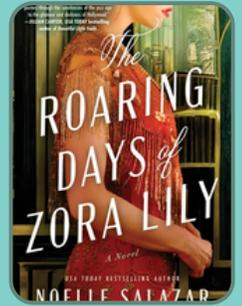
Spread joy this holiday season! Purchase an ornament from our Christmas Tree and all the money raised will go to add new children's books to the library.



**The Kingdom of Sweets**  
by Erika Johansen  
Light and dark—this is the destiny placed upon Natasha and Clara, the birthright bestowed by the mysterious sorcerer Drosselmeyer. One fateful Christmas Eve, he has brought the Nutcracker, an enchanted present that offers entry into a deceptively beautiful world: the Kingdom of Sweets.

**The Roaring Days of Zora Lily**  
by Noelle Salazar

The discovery of a hidden label on a famous gown unearths the story of a talented young seamstress in this glittering novel of family, love, ambition, and self discovery by the USA Today bestselling author of *The Flight Girls*.



## Library Board



We are pleased to welcome two new members to our library board. Jen Awde and Donna Maxwell. They both bring an enthusiasm for our library and a desire to see our library grow to meet our community's needs.

Joining the library board is a great way to help support our library and help us plan for the future. If you'd like more information please contact our library manager Megan: [mginther@prl.ab.ca](mailto:mginther@prl.ab.ca) or 403-337-3943.

### Next Meetings:

Jan. 15 @6pm  
Feb. 19 @6pm  
Mar. 18 @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



Our Escape Room this year is going to be out of this world. We are returning to our usual in person format, so gather your team and phone to book your 1 hour time slot. It's a fun holiday break program for families and we have multiple slots available.

# Coming in January!

## 24 HOUR PICKUP LOCKERS



Phone or email the library to ask for items to be put into the lockers for pickup.  
**403-337-3943**  
[carstairseprl.ab.ca](http://carstairseprl.ab.ca)



Staff will tell you which locker your items will be in and give you a lock code



Pickup your library items when convenient for you. Put any returns into our 24 hour return slot.

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## Read for 15

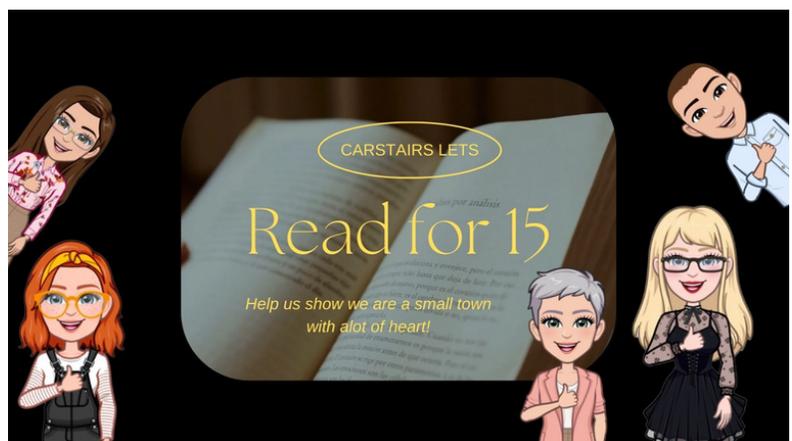
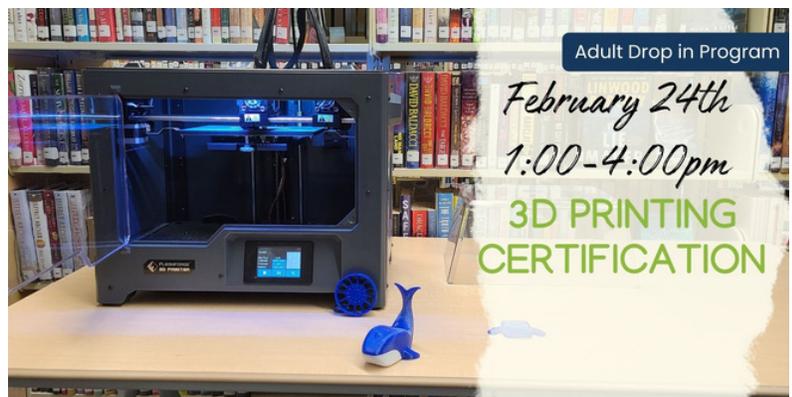
February 27 we will be asking everyone in Carstairs to Read for 15 minutes. Let us know you've read to see if we can beat other Alberta libraries by having the largest portion of our community reading. It doesn't matter what you read just that you spend some time reading and let us know so we can count you in. Watch for more information about this fun reading challenge as we head into February!



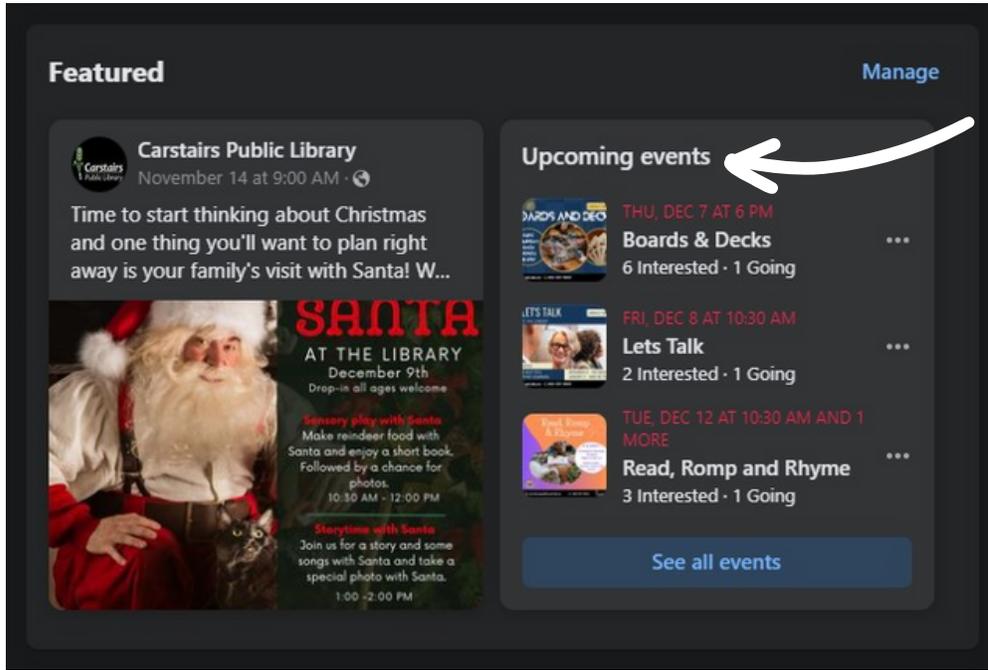
We have some new things coming after Christmas thanks to a grant from the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund. This allowed us to add some technology, staff resources and make curbside pickup even easier.

Starting in January you will be able to request to have your hold items put into our pickup lockers for pickup anytime. This makes our curbside pickup service permanent and expands it to allow hold pickup when it's convenient for you.

We have also added a Cricut Venture and a 3D printer to our library and you'll be able to take our courses to be certified to book time and use these maker tools to bring your creative vision to reality.



# Library News

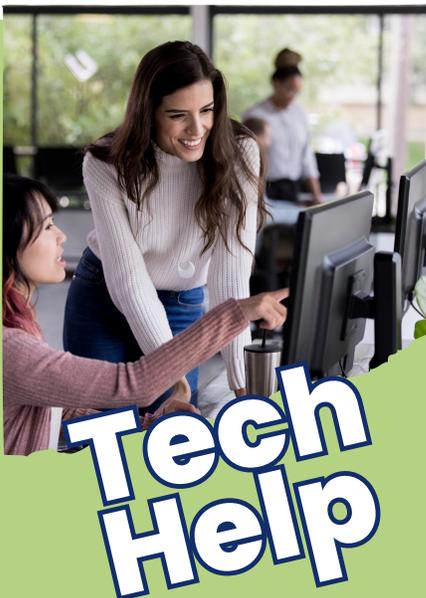
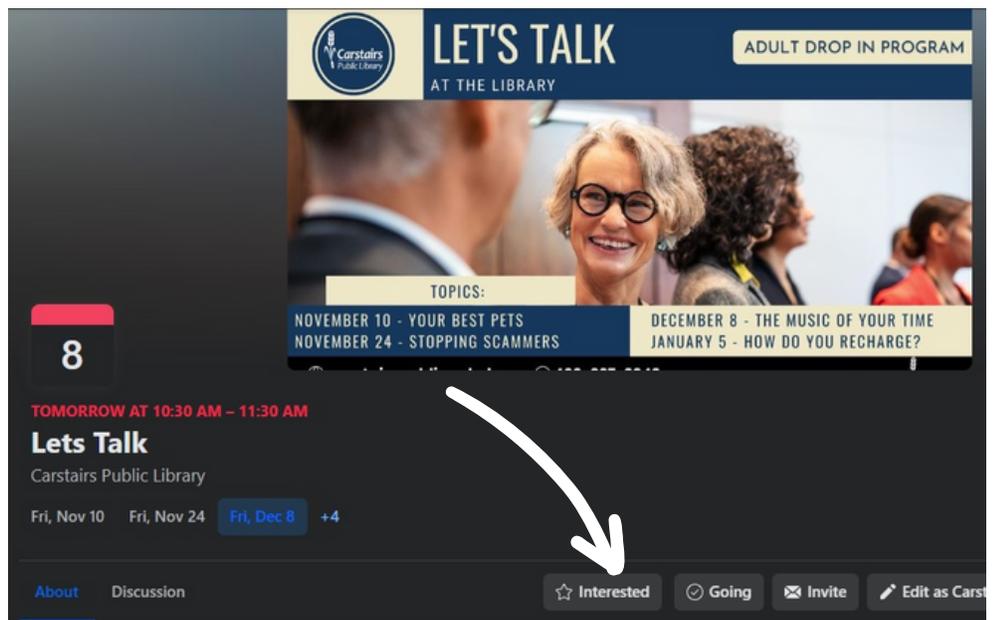


## Facebook Events

We have made some changes to how we advertise our classes and events on Facebook. If you visit our Facebook page you'll see the section upcoming events. Each of our classes has an event listing. You can click see all events to see everything coming in the next few months.

If you click interested in an event you'll see when we post in the event and get updates. This way you won't miss any of the fun and can get information just on the events and classes that fit your interests.

Clicking interested will help more of our events show up in your timeline. It also lets us get a sense of how much community interest there is in a topic. The other option is to click going if you are sure you want to attend. In the discussion area of the event we will be sharing updates and inviting your questions. If you click interested or going you'll see these updates. We also like that if you have synced your Facebook to your calendar events you click going the event will show on your calendar so you won't forget.



If technology is giving you a headache, we are here to help. We are happy to help you with any technology questions to the best of our ability. We recommend calling ahead (403-337-3943) so we can book you time with one of our staff and ensure you get our full attention for your question. We recommend an hour long session usually and if you need we can book a follow up time. We can't fix every issue but we can help you make an informed decision on what your next steps will be.

Types of help we can give:

- learn and setup a new device
- navigate social media
- transfer pictures
- troubleshoot error messages
- how to use library e-resources
- set up a new email
- learning new software programs
- and more just ask!

# Check This Out



## Let's Talk at the library

Adult Drop in Program

### Topics:

- January 9  
How do you Recharge?
- January 23  
What's your Season?
- February 6  
Cool Time Periods!
- February 23  
What you Love about You!
- March 5  
What's your music Genre?
- March 19  
Your Garden Plans!



# TOMORROW TECH

The latest technology

Adult Program

6 PM

JAN 25 - FEB 22 - MAR 23

## Seated Chair Exercises

Adult Drop in Program

Wednesdays at 2pm  
Jan 10th - Feb 14th

This low-impact fitness class will run at Uptown Gym (104 10 Avenue)

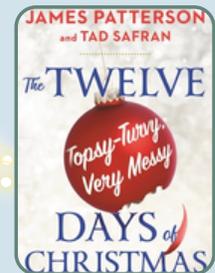
Space is limited, Please register through the library.

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### Seated Chair Update

After February Uptown Gym will be taking over the Seated Chair program in partnership with FCSS. We will still be sharing their posters but registration and questions will go directly through Uptown Gym. Phone 1-403-994-0606 or email [myuptowngym@gmail.com](mailto:myuptowngym@gmail.com)

## Staff Picks

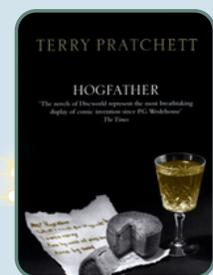


### The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, very Messy Days of Christmas by James Patterson

Every year at Christmastime, Will and Ella, and their father, come to a family agreement: Christmas is a holiday for other people. Until guests start arriving anyway. In pairs and sixes, in sevens and tens—they keep coming.

I'm not usually a James Patterson reader but my mother highly recommend this book to me and it did not disappoint. It's a funny light holiday read that is full of holiday cheer.

~Megan



### Hogfather by Terry Pratchett

A bit outside the box but this holiday read has big heart. I read it every year. The fantasy setting lets the author poke fun at Christmas while celebrating the best parts. The BBC also did an excellent movie version of this book!

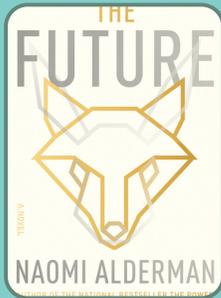
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# What's On For Adults

## The Future

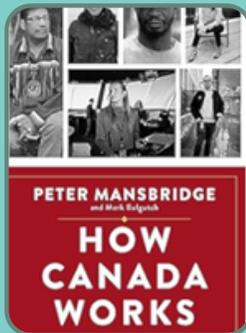
by Naomi Alderman

The Future is a handful of friends—the daughter of a cult leader, a non-binary hacker, an ousted Silicon Valley visionary, the concerned wife of a dangerous CEO, and an internet-famous survivalist—hatching a daring plan. It could be the greatest heist ever. Or the cataclysmic end of civilization.



## How Canada Works

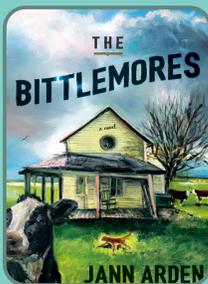
by Peter Mansbridge  
In this latest collection of personal stories, Peter Mansbridge and former CBC producer Mark Bulgutch shine a light on the everyday jobs that keep our nation running and the inspiring people who perform them with empathy and kindness.



## The Bittlemores

by Jann Arden

On mean Harp Bittlemore's blighted farm, hidden away in the Backhills, nothing has gone right for a very long time. Crops don't grow, the pigs and chickens stay skinny and the three aged dairy cows, Berle, Crilla and Dally, are so desperate they are plotting an escape. The one thing holding them back is the thought of abandoning young Willa, the single bright point in their life since her older sister, Margaret, ran away..



Read Local

Adult Drop in Program

# WRITER'S GUILD

JAN 11 | 7 PM

COMPELING CHARACTERS

JOIN US

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# Garden Chat: Roots

Mar 2  
1 pm

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# Genealogy

with FamilySearch

Feb 3rd  
2:00 pm

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# What's On For Adults

5TH EDITION

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

NOW WITH SNACKS!  
AND SNEAK ATTACKS

Adult Drop in Program

6:00 PM

THIRD THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH



Adult Drop in Program

## Adult Crafternoon

SATURDAYS @ 2PM ONCE A MONTH

JAN 20 - COZY PAINTING  
FEB 17 - MINI TERANIUM  
MAR 16 - UKRAINIAN EASTER EGGS

Registration Required




Adult Drop in Program

## BOARDS AND DECKS

First Thursday each month @ 6pm

come play board games





## Adult Book Clubs

### 'Books to Talk About'

3rd Wednesday of the month  
2pm or 7pm

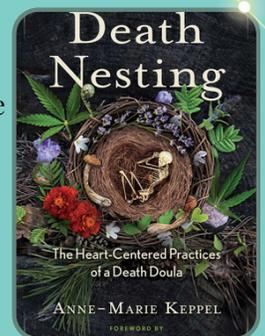


**Hunt on Dark Water**  
by Katee Robert  
Sail the magical high seas with this first book in a new sexy fantasy romance series from Katee Robert, the New York Times bestselling author of the TikTok smash-hit Neon Gods.

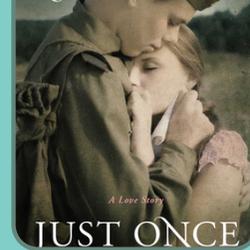
## Death Nesting

by Anne-Marie Keppel

Just as we might prepare a nest for one about to give birth, so can we lovingly prepare a nest for one who is dying. In this practical and compassionate guide, death doula educator Anne-Marie Keppel incorporates ancient and modern techniques, mindfulness practices, and herbal support to show how anyone can care for the dying.



## KAREN KINGSBURY



**Just Once**  
by Karen Kingsbury  
The #1 New York Times bestselling author "known for her deeply heartfelt novels" writes a sweeping and unforgettable World War II love story about a young woman torn between two brothers.

# F.C.P.L. SOCIETY

Come and join  
our volunteers!

- \$1.00 membership fee
- Areas Needed:
  - SeaCan (book storage) coordinator and helpers
  - Fundraiser helpers
  - Sale table helpers

Join Us Today



## Friends of the Carstairs Public Library



### NEXT MEETING

January 11 2024  
7pm at the Library

CONTACT US:

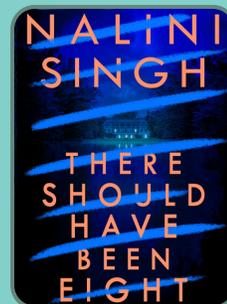
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 FRIENDS OF THE CARSTAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARY SOCIETY

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#### ALL ARE WELCOME

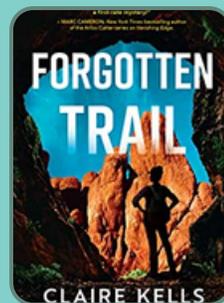
Our meetings are open to all and we have several ways you can volunteer with us



#### There Should Have Been Eight by Nalini Singh

In this chilling thriller from New York Times bestselling author Nalini Singh, a remote estate in New Zealand's Southern Alps hosts a reunion no one will ever forget.

Seven friends. One last weekend. A mansion half in ruins. No room for lies. Someone is going to confess. Because there should have been eight. . . .



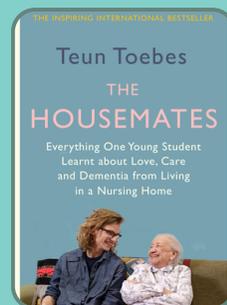
#### Forgotten Trail by Claire Kells

When a guest turns up dead at the newly opened Pinnacles Grand Hotel, ISB agent Felicity Harland finds herself summoned to a peculiar scene. A gentle breeze blows in from the balcony window, belying the violence of a man stabbed to death in his hotel room. It's clear to Harland that this murder was personal, especially when the victim's wife admits that she wanted him dead.

#### The Housemates by Teun Toebes

The international bestseller - an uplifting story of cross-generational living and friendship.

Twenty-one-year-old nursing student Teun Toebes (both broke and curious) decided to move into a nursing home and experience the daily life of elderly residents, not as a nurse or a carer - but as a housemate. The experience was to change his life, as well as the lives of his new friends.



# Family Fun

## Storytime with Friends

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

Jan 13-Surprise

Jan.27-Dentist

Feb. 10-Doctor

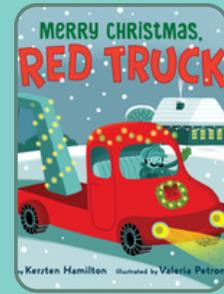
Feb. 24-Spanish

Mar 9 -Ramadan

Mar 23 -Easter

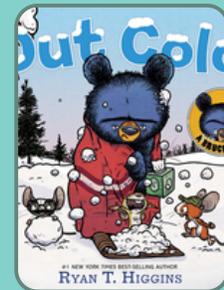


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### Merry Christmas Red Truck by Kersten Hamilton

It's Christmas Eve, but not everyone can make it home to celebrate. Red truck, wrapped in festive lights, must get through heavy flurries, slippery roads, and piles of snow, all before Christmas Day!



### Out Cold

By Ryan T. Higgins

It's wintertime in Soggy Hollow and the mice are doing all their favorite outdoor things, like ski jumping, building a snow family, and ice skating. But not Bruce. He's inside with a cold. So the mice decide to bring the winter fun indoors! Lucky Bruce!



### How Does Chocolate Taste on Everest By Leisa Stewart-Sharpe

Don't get too comfortable. This isn't the type of book you can snuggle up with under the covers. Not even close! You're off on the expedition of a lifetime to experience the sights, sounds, smells, feelings and tastes of the world's most extreme places.

## Read, Romp & Rhyme Storytime

0-5 years  
Thursday  
10:30am



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## SENSORY PLAY

Wednesdays  
10:30am



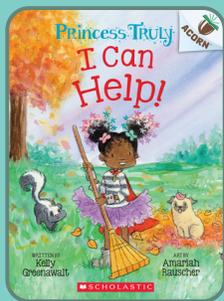
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**Q: What building in town has the most stories?**

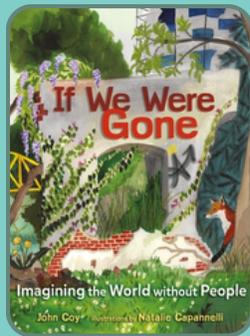
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# School Aged Fun



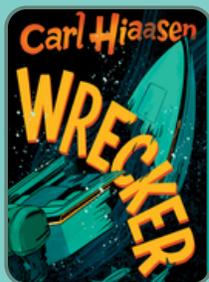
## **I can Help** by Kelly Greenawalt

Princess Truly loves to help those around her, in these rhyming stories perfect for beginning readers! Across three stories, Princess Truly lends a hand during her friend's moving day, she cleans up a stinky park with her magical curls, and she helps a farmer find his tractor key!



## **If we Were Gone** Imagining the World Without People by John Coy

Water, air, sunlight, plants . . . we need these elements to live in this world. But does the world need us? And what would happen to the world if humans were gone? This is the premise of a thought-provoking picture book from John Coy.



## **Wrecker** by Carl Hiaasen

Wrecker needs to deal with smugglers, grave robbers, and pooping iguanas—just as soon as he finishes Zoom school. Welcome to another wild adventure in Carl Hiaasen's Florida!

# Homeschool Huddle

2nd & 4th Tuesday  
1:00pm

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## No School Days!

Grade 1 and up  
1-3 pm

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

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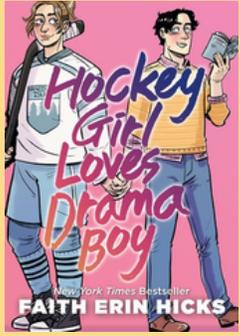
# Thank you to our volunteers!



From our Library Board Members, to our Friends of the Library, to those that help with shelving and those that do jobs around the library; we are so very grateful for you and your help!

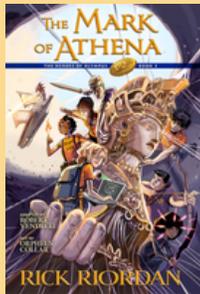
You make our library the amazing place it is, so we say **Thank You** from the bottom of our heart for your helping hands.

# Just for Teens



**Hockey Girl  
Loves Drama Boy**  
By Faith Erin  
Hicks

New York Times bestseller Faith Erin Hicks is back with *Hockey Girl Loves Drama Boy*, a young adult graphic novel romance about a hotheaded hockey player who asks for temper management lessons from the cool, calm boy in drama club.



**Mark of Athena**  
Graphic Novel  
By Rick  
Riordan

With old friends and new friends joining forces, a marvelous ship, fearsome foes, and an exotic setting, *The Mark of Athena* promises to be another unforgettable adventure by master storyteller Rick Riordan.

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

AGES 11+  
DROP IN @ THE LIBRARY  
MARCH 6  
@6:30PM



NEW

## Teen Time!

FOURTH WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH!  
AGES 11+  
DROP - IN

## Teen Book Clubs

Teen Book club  
ages 11+  
@ 6:00pm

YA Book club  
ages 16+  
@ 7:00pm

## BABYSITTING COURSE

February 10th  
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Registration opens January 30th:  
403.337.3943

**INSTRUCTOR: CORALEY GATES**

Participants must be 11 years old for the Babysitting Course.  
This course costs \$20 for course materials.

