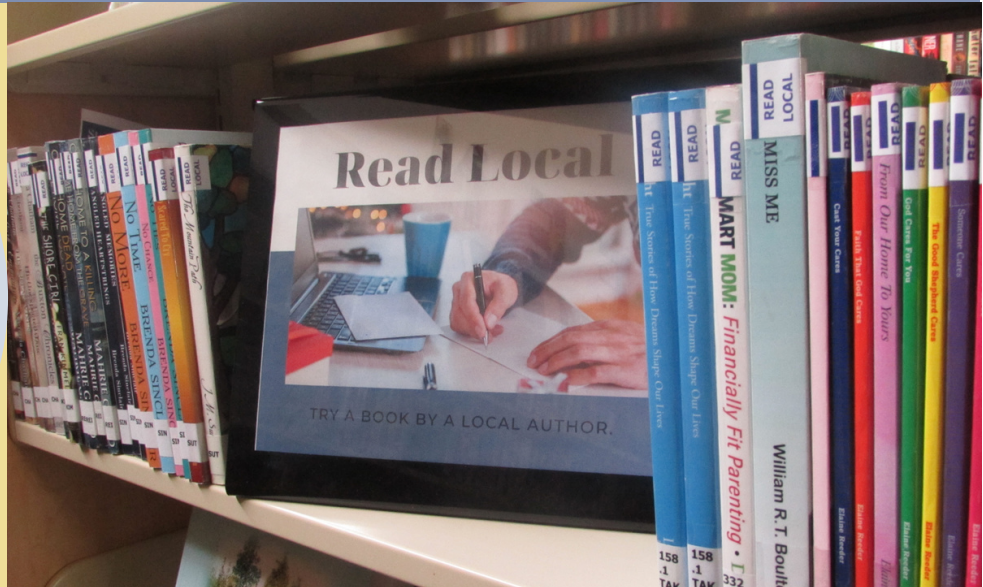


CHECK IT OUT

What's on and new at Carstairs Public Library

Highlights

- April -May Programs
- Books you might have missed
- Friends of the Library Updates
- 10 to Try Reading Challenge



Welcome

Our newsletter gives you a chance to learn more about our library so here are some of our top asked questions and their answers.

Are you the school library?

We are right beside Carstairs Elementary School but they have their own library and awesome librarian so we are able to just be the Carstairs Public Library open to all.

Parking Lot? Help I'm lost

When the school expanded they also expanded our parking areas so that means lots of parking for everyone but navigating the parking is a little confusing. Check out our handy diagram to the right for some navigation help.

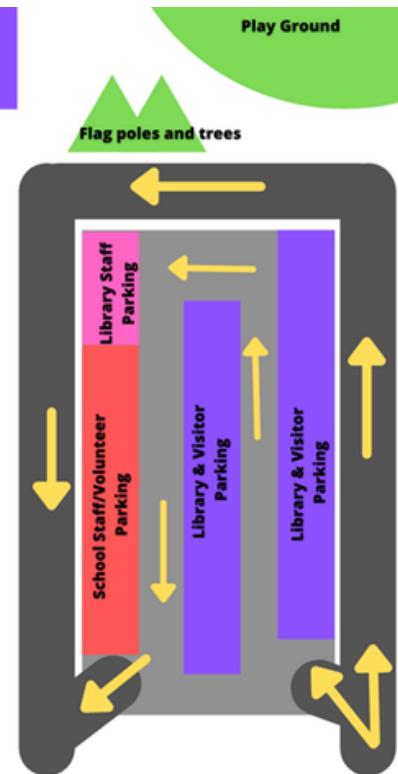
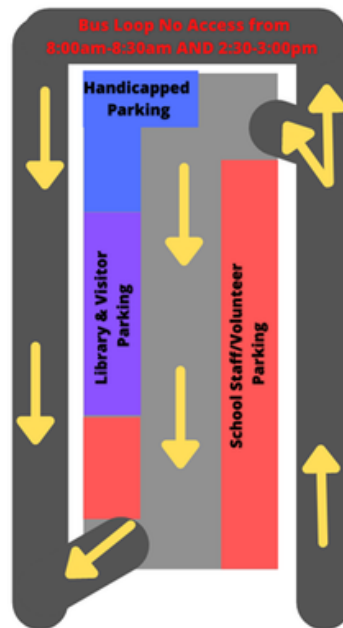
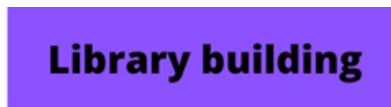
Printing? Faxing? Laminating? Scanning? Resumes?

We are able to help with all your computer needs and our photocopier is equipped to do scanning to email and faxing as well. We have resources to help with resume creation and you can access a computer for no charge

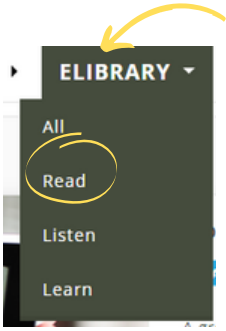
Printing costs 0.20/page for black and white printing
 Faxing costs \$2.00 per fax
 Laminating costs \$1.00 for a whole page or
 \$0.25 for a health care card size piece

Where can I use my card?

We are part of Parkland Regional Libraries this means you can use Didsbury, Olds, and Cremona libraries with no extra steps. By registering your card a melibraries.ca you can take your card to almost any public library in Alberta and use their physical books. On the next page we explain how to access even more digital resources through a new partnership with TRAC libraries.



Online Resources: Libby & Cloud Library



At the top of our webpage you will see a tab called E-Library and this is where you will find access to all our digital collections. There's a lot to explore in this area and it's easy to get overwhelmed.

Today we are going to explore the first two resources that come up when you click Read.

Getting Started

Both of these resources they include digital books AND audiobooks. If you are brand new to our digital resources you can watch the video tutorial to get you started or click learn more to get more help. If you've used these before you can click visit resource to get started right away.



If you want to read or listen on your device both of these resources require you to download an app to get started. You want to look for Libby or CloudLibrary in your app store, both are free apps.

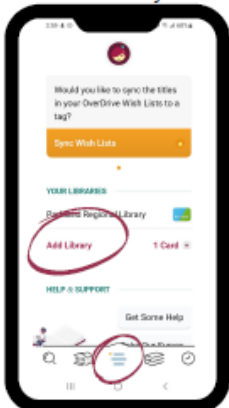


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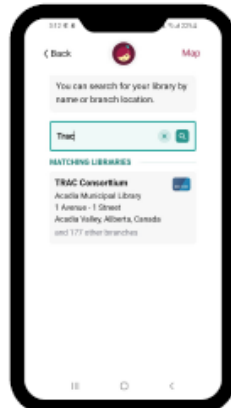
For those that have been using these apps for awhile there is a new option in Libby that will give you access to shared content from TRAC Libraries.

In Libby follow the steps to the left to add TRAC as an option to browse and borrow their digital collections.

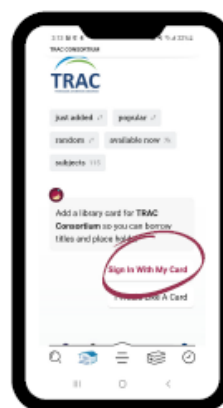
1. Open Libby and tap on the icon at the bottom of the screen. Under 'Your Libraries' select 'Add a Library'.



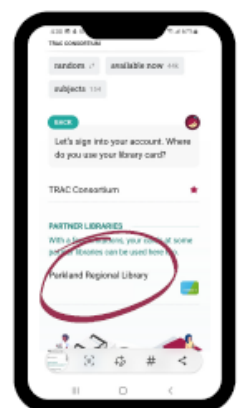
2. Search TRAC and tap when found.



3. Tap Sign in with my card



4. Tap Parkland Regional Library and Sign in with your Parkland Regional Library System card number and pin.



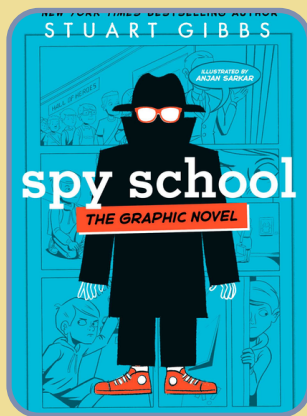
NEW BOOKS

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



The Stolen Slippers by Melissa De La Cruz

Tossed back into the not-so-familiar fairy-tale world of Never After, Filomena Jefferson-Cho and her friends set off on another adventure . . . this time in search of Cinderella's glass slipper. Or rather, glass slippers.



Spy School: the graphic novel by Stuart Gibbs

Ben Ripley may only be in middle school, but he's already pegged his dream job: CIA or bust. Unfortunately for him, his personality doesn't exactly scream "secret agent." In fact, Ben is so awkward, he can barely get to school and back without a mishap. Because of his innate nerdiness, Ben is not surprised when he is recruited for a magnet school with a focus on science—but he's entirely shocked to discover that the school is actually a front for a junior CIA academy. Could the CIA really want him?

WHAT'S GOING ON FOR AGES 6-12

We've added a once a month Homeschool Hangout program on the second Tuesday of the month and for more fun check out our Friday Fun Program every week.



*Friday
Fun
ages 6-12*

April 8

3:30-4:30pm
Game Show

April 29

3:30-4:30pm
Active Books

May 6

1:30-3:00pm
Lego Challenge

May 13

3:30-4:30pm
Sports

May 20

1:30-3:00pm
Technology

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 carstairspublic.prl.ab.ca



carstairspublic.prl.ab.ca

Homeschool Hangout

Participate in a variety of activities monthly while socializing with other homeschool families. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



Tuesday, April 12th
1:30-2:30pm



Spring Break Fun

Spring Break is just around the corner and we have two free afternoon programs for kids ages 6-12 who are looking for something fun to do this week.

You can also check out our awesome Backpack Kits and Tinker Tech Kits to explore robots, coding, science, art and more at home.

Spring Break Fun
ages 6-12

Check it out!

Robot meet and greet!
Tuesday
April 19
1:30-3:00pm

Gaming Mania
Friday
April 29
1:30-3:00pm

These programs are all in person at the library. Drop in anytime between 1:30pm-3:00pm

Carstairs Public Library FCSS

Healing Library & Tough Topics



Some topics are just tough to talk about with kids and teens. Thanks to our Friends of the Library and 100 Strong Carstairs we have some special kits to help. Each kit includes several picture books, some junior non-fiction and some discussion guides to help discuss the books after reading. There is also an activity you can do together and a list of community resources you can access if you need more support. The kits cover the following topics:

- Divorce and Separation
- Death of a Loved One
- Death of a Pet
- Covid-19: Dealing with anxiety
- Adolescence: changing bodies



You can find most of these kits in the children's area beside the I Can Read books and the Adolescence Kit is in the adult non-fiction beside the parenting resources.

Friends

of the

Carstairs Public Library



EASTER DESSERT RAFFLE

F-Easter your eyes on our eggcellent online dessert raffle. Happening April 15-17 on Facebook. Round out your Easter dinner with one of our delectable desserts. Multiple raffles to be won.



BOOK BUNDLES

Add to your home library or *to-read* stack with one of the pre-selected book bundles from the Friends. Posted every Monday on our Facebook page. For sale by donation!

BOOK SALES

Have you missed our book sales? Our storage is OVERFLOWING. Watch for us at the Elks Garage Sale May 6-7. And details to come about a pop-up spring sale at our storage container....stay tuned!



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Looking for new ways to get involved in your community? We love having a bank of volunteers to help with our activities, as needed. Want to add your name to our list? Email us at friendscarstairslibrary@gmail.com

Connect with us on Facebook [@friendscarstairspubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/friendscarstairspubliclibrary)

or

email us at friendscarstairslibrary@gmail.com

Just for Teens

Teen Time @ the Library?

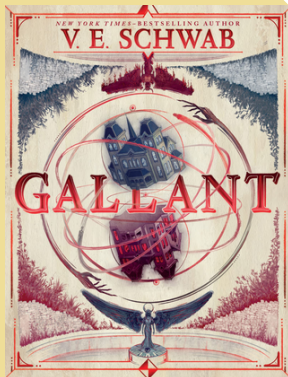
Ages 13+
all starting at 2:30PM

BOARD GAMES
APRIL 30TH

VIDEO GAMES
MAY 28TH

ROCK PAINTING
JUNE 25TH

Registration is required:
Phone: 403-337-3943
Email: carstairs@prl.ab.ca



NEW

Gallant By V.E. Schwab

Olivia Prior has grown up in Merilance School for girls, and all she has of her past is her mother's journal—which seems to unravel into madness. Then, a letter invites Olivia to come home—to Gallant. Yet when Olivia arrives, no one is expecting her. But Olivia is not about to leave the first place that feels like home, it doesn't matter if her cousin Matthew is hostile or if she sees half-formed ghouls haunting the hallways.



Babysitting & Home Alone Classes

Participants must be 11 years old for the Babysitting Course.
Register with the library for May and June classes starting April 5th
by phone 403-337-3943

May 7 Babysitting 9am-12pm
 Home Alone 1pm-4pm

June 11 Babysitting 9am-12pm
 Home Alone 1pm-4pm

Babysitting course costs \$35
Home Alone course costs \$35
Payable to instructor. Emily Bowman
bowvalleyfamily@gmail.com 403-467-2735



Library Board News

Next Board Meeting

Our next board meeting is April 19th at 7pm in person at the library.

We always welcome community members to our meetings.

Our Board Members are:

- Sarah Chicquen (Board Chair)
- Wendy Knudson (Vice Chair)
- Bob Green
- Colleen Donaven
- Melissa Dussault
- Lindsay Coates
- Dwayne Fulton (County Council)
- Shannon Wilcox (Town Council)

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
Phone: 403-337-3943



10 to Try Reading Challenge



Beanstack

Last month we told you about our new Beanstack app that lets you track what you've been reading and participate in fun challenges. Well it's not just for kids. Adults it's now your turn to get reading!



10 to Try

For everyone 16 and up we have a 10 to Try Challenge that will give you a good reading workout this winter. First track the time you spend reading for every 60 minutes you read you'll earn badges. Then check out our booklists and read 1 book from each list to earn even more badges while trying some new authors or reads along the way.

Check out the full list for each category on our website under services/beanstack challenges.

You can also ask a staff member for suggestions or if you have a book that fits the theme go ahead and count it!

This is a fun way to challenge yourself to read some different books this spring.

Indigenous Authors

Biography/Memoir

YA Literature

Staff Picks

Book to Film

Banned Books

Let's Get Lost in Translation

Travel with Reading

Mouth Watering Reads

Unusually Long Titles

WHAT'S GOING ON FOR ADULTS

We are excited that we can offer all our adult programs in person this spring. We have a great lineup and are working to set up a few more options so check our website for updates in Early April. There are a few drop in programs where you can share and learn from other enthusiasts, our ukulele circle is returning to in person strumming and we will be learning together all month long.



MAKER 101:

Each month at 7pm learn about a new hobby or craft with our guest speakers. Register with the library. The session is in-person.

April 28 - 3D Design

May 26 - Book Publishing with Red Barn Books

Carstairs Public Library



12:00pm



In-person sessions.

Contact the library to register

carstairs@prl.ab.ca

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Lunch'n'Learn

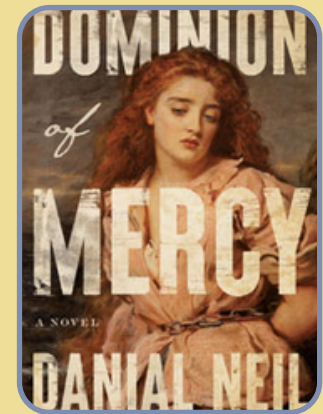
April 21- Cryptocurrency

May 19- TBA

June 16- Aging in Place

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.



Dominion of Mercy by Danial Neil

Edinburgh, 1917: Headstrong Highland lass Mary Stewart is a vibrant woman forced into the world's oldest profession in order to provide for her family in the city's Old Town. When her uncle, a well-to-do solicitor with political aspirations, thinks that her presence might impede his lofty ambitions he gives her a way out with dignity: a one-way ticket to the frontier town of Anyox, British Columbia, where nurses are needed to care for injured soldiers returning from the war.



Looking For Jane by Heather Marshall

A masterful debut novel about three women whose lives are bound together by a long-lost letter, a mother's love, and a secret network of women fighting for the right to choose—inspired by true stories.

Tell them you're looking for Jane.

Weaving together the lives of three women, Looking for Jane is an unforgettable debut about the devastating consequences that come from a lack of choice—and the enduring power of a mother's love.

Create your fun at the library



Adult Crafternoon

Each month we will feature a different craft. Please register with the library.
 Crafts are in person.
 Email: carstairs@prl.ab.ca
 ph. 403-337-3943



Saturday's at 2:00pm
 April 9- Wooden Bunny
 May 21- Photo Clip Board
 June 18 Cricut Design



Registration Required

UKULELES AT THE LIBRARY

A Ukulele Circle for all

All abilities welcome.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27
 AT 7:00PM



All abilities are welcome
 call 403-337-3943 or email
 carstairs@prl.ab.ca for more information

Once a month come join our circle and
 strum along with us.



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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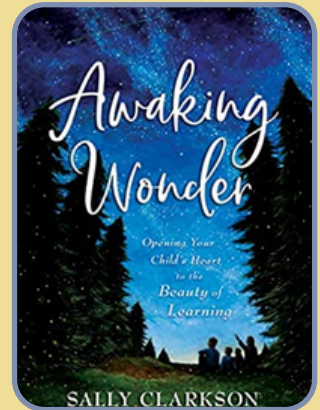


BlueBird by Ciel Pierlot

Three factions vie for control of the galaxy. Rig, a gunslinging, thieving, rebel with a cause, doesn't give a damn about them and she hasn't looked back since abandoning her faction three years ago.

That is, until her former faction sends her a message: return what she stole from them, or they'll kill her twin sister.

If Rig fails and her former faction finds what she stole from them, trillions of lives will be lost. But if she succeeds, she might just pull the whole damn faction system down around their ears. Either way, she's going to do it with panache and pizzazz.



Awakening Wonder by Sally Clarkson

Awakening Wonder helps parents unearth the hidden potential of their child's imagination, learning capacity, and ability to engage authentically with the world.

Bestselling author Sally Clarkson will help you reach your child's heart of wonder through the principles that guided her in raising four children, all of whom made it into adulthood with a vibrant faith intact and are now flourishing in creative, high-performing professions...

GENEALOGY DROP IN

Meet other history enthusiasts to discuss your research, ask questions, and use the library resources.

May 4th at 7pm



Contact Carstairs Library at
(403) 337-3943 or
carstairs@prl.ab.ca
www.carstairspublic.prl.ab.ca



DROP IN

PHOTOGRAPHY

ABOUT:

- Meet other local photographer
- Share what you are working on
- Swap ideas
- Ask questions
- Learn together
- All skill levels welcome



June 4 2pm



carstairspublic.prl.ab.ca

403-337-3943

Talking about: Tech Help

SENIORS



Digital DROP-IN

Carstairs Library
Drop in the second
Wednesday of every month.

February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8



Mountain View Communities
Adult Learning Society

Phone : 403-518-7020
Website : www.mvcal.org
Email : karenb@mvcal.org

What tech help is available?

We are partnering with Mountain View Communities Adult Learning Society to offer a Digital Drop In for Seniors once a month. They are willing to tailor the sessions to the participants needs and if there is enough interest they will even set up classes for topics like learning Microsoft Word, email help, or computer basics.

If this doesn't fit your needs or time you can always book a one hour tech help One-on-One with our staff. We will sit down with you and help you set up a new device, answer questions and work to troubleshoot any problems you are having.

AVAILABLE ANYTIME

1 ON 1 TECH HELP!

We will be happy to help you with any tech questions to the best of our ability.

If you have something that needs a bit more time ask and we can book you an hour with one of our staff.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

We have a lot of little readers off to a great start with this program. You can see their progress as we add little sea creatures for every 100 books a child reads on our shelves. Thank you to program sponsor Equus for helping us purchase supplies for this program and watch for new picture books and junior non-fiction titles for families to enjoy as they read their way to 1000 books!

With restrictions lifted we also have more room in our programs so phone today to reserve your spot



Carstairs Public Library

1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

EQUUS



Carstairs Public Library

Baby Laptime

1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

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

Family Resource Network

Read, Romp & Rhyme



0-5 years

Wednesday 10:30am
Thursday 10:30am

Register with the library 403-337-3943

Same program-choose a day!

More information at
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Carstairs Public Library

1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten



It's Easy to Participate:

1. Register at Carstairs Public Library or through 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:

Carstairs Public Library

EQUUS

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

April

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12 10:30am Baby Laptime  1:30pm Homeschool Hangout	13 10:30am Read, Romp & Rhyme 1:30pm-4pm MVCALS Digital Drop In	14 10:30am Read, Romp & Rhyme 1pm Knitting 7pm Friends of the Library Meeting	15 Library Closed Good Friday 	16
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26 10:30am Baby Laptime	27 10:30am Read, Romp & Rhyme 7pm-Ukes at the Library	28 10:30am Read, Romp & Rhyme 1pm Knitting 7pm Maker 101	29 3:30pm Friday Fun	30 2:30pm Teen Time



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We are open:
 Tues 10-6pm
 Wed/Thurs 10-8pm
 Fri/Sat 10-5pm



May

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June

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