

CHECK IT OUT

What's on and new at Carstairs Public Library

Highlights

- April to June Programs
- Library News
- Book Recommendations



A Big Thank You

We saw the first sighting of gophers in the field beside the library so we think that means spring is here for real. The library staff team is excited about the fun classes and events we have planned this spring.

We are very thankful this spring to our local IODE chapter who have made a generous donation towards our Sensory Play Storytime that will allow us to purchase some equipment to enhance this popular program and allow the program to grow.

We also are very thankful to the Town of Carstairs FCSS and Mountain View County FCSS who provide grants that support many of our ongoing classes and events. This funding allows us to keep these programs free or very low cost to ensure everyone can access opportunities to learn and connect with other community members.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 on 1 Learning

We offer 1 on 1 learning opportunities where you can book an hour of time with one of our amazing staff to get help with job searching, technology questions, get certified to use our 3D printer and Cricut machines and navigate library databases and resources. Booking is easily done by calling, visiting the library or emailing us.

24 HOUR PICKUP LOCKERS



Phone or email the library to ask for items to be put into the lockers for pickup.

403-337-3943
carstairs@prl.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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Library News



Our Seed Library has returned! Last year demand was very high for seeds so our stock is a little limited but there are seeds available. If you have seeds leftover we will gladly take partial packages. Seeds can be picked up or dropped off whenever we are open. Happy Gardening!

New Genre:



A Fate Inked in Blood by Danielle L. Jensen

Bound in an unwanted marriage, Freya spends her days gutting fish, but dreams of becoming a warrior. Freya's dreams abruptly become reality when her husband betrays her. To survive, Freya is forced to reveal her deepest secret: She possesses a drop of a goddess's blood, which makes her a shield maiden with magic capable of repelling any attack. It was foretold such a magic would unite the fractured nation of Skaland beneath the one who controls the shield maiden's fate.

Library Board



Last year our Library Board worked very hard and updated our entire policy manual. You can find our whole policy manual on our website under About Us.

Having a strong foundation of policies helps our library run smoothly. If you'd like more information about volunteering with the library board please contact our library manager Megan: mginther@prl.ab.ca or 403-337-3943.

Next Meetings:

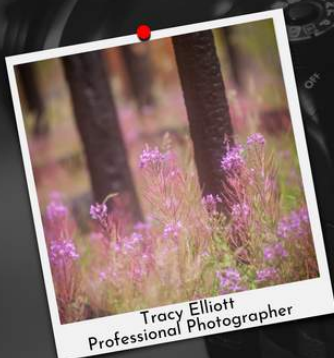
April 15 @6pm

May 20 @6pm

June 17 @6pm

Our meetings are hybrid, meaning you can join via zoom or in person. They are also open to the public.

Adult Drop in Program



June 1st @ 1 PM
PHOTOGRAPHY
WORKSHOP

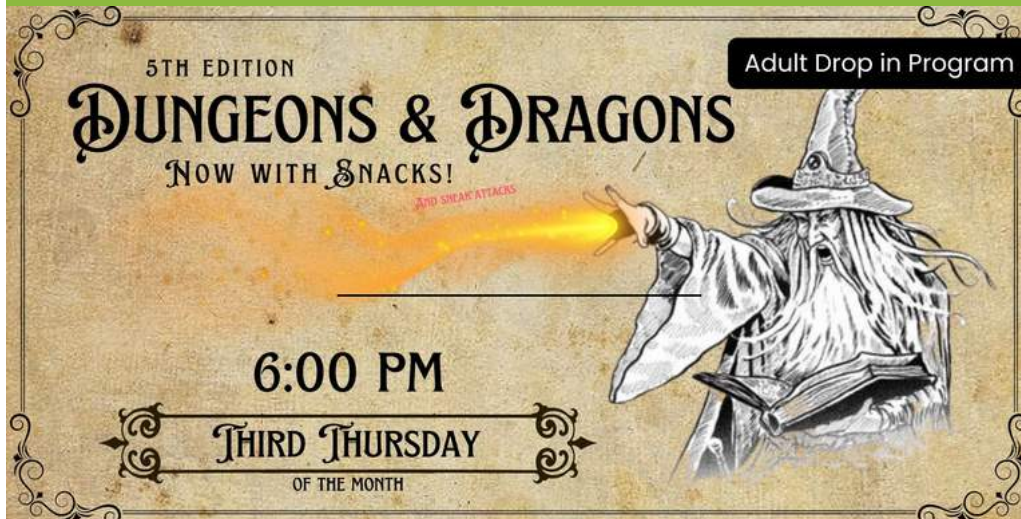
Tracy Elliott
Professional Photographer

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We are pleased to welcome Tracy Elliot back to the library in June to present a photography workshop. Tracy works as a professional photographer and is an excellent teacher. This will be a hands on learning opportunity so plan on bringing your camera and weather permitting we will be heading outside to practice our landscape and nature photography skills. This will be a drop in program so no need to register just mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a fun and informative workshop.

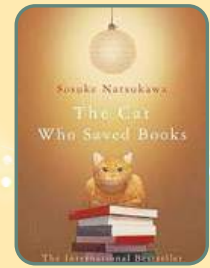
Check This Out



Board Games? Dungeons & Dragons? at the library? Yes, Yes and Yes! The library is a great place to come try out some new games or older favorites at our Boards and Decks evening. We spend the evening playing a game and building community. Our Dungeons & Dragons group is very beginner friendly and we are always welcoming new players to join our fun adventure. Again it's about learning something new and making new friends in our community. These are great social opportunities to develop some new hobbies, meet new people and enjoy an evening out. These are free programs and you don't have to register just come the evening of the program and join in the fun.



Staff Picks



The Cat who Saved Books by Sosuke Natsukawa

The Cat Who Saved Books is a heart-warming story about finding courage, caring for others – and the tremendous power of books. After the death of his grandfather, Rintaro is devastated and alone. It seems he will have to close the shop. Then, a talking tabby cat called Tiger appears and asks Rintaro for help. This a story for those for whom books are so much more than words on paper.

~Megan

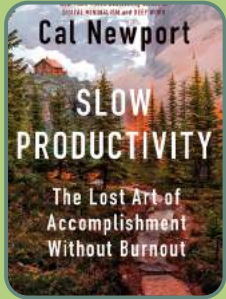


Second Watch by J.A. Jance

Getting old is hell. J. P. Beaumont is finally taking some time off to have knee-replacement surgery. But instead of taking his mind off work, the operation plunges him into one of the most perplexing and mind-blowing mysteries he's ever faced. Second Watch is a poignant look at one of the most painful and divisive moments in our history Vietnam and a reminder of the staggering cost of war and the debts we owe to those who served then . . . and those who do now.

~Marg

What's On For Adults

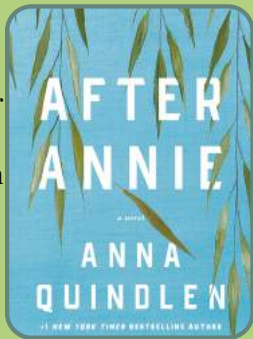


Slow Productivity by Cal Newport

Our current definition of “productivity” is broken. It pushes us to treat busyness as a proxy for useful effort, leading to impossibly lengthy task lists and ceaseless meetings. We’re overwhelmed, left to decide between giving into soul-sapping hustle culture or rejecting ambition altogether. But are these really our only choices?

After Annie by Anna Quindlen

When Annie Brown dies suddenly, her husband, her four young children and her closest friend are left to struggle without the woman who centered their lives. Yet over the course of the next year, while Annie looms large in their memories, all are able to grow, to change, even to become stronger and more sure of themselves.



The New Couple in 5B by Lisa Unger

Rosie and Chad Lowan are barely making ends meet in New York City when they receive life-changing news: Chad’s late uncle has left them his luxury apartment at the historic Windmere in glamorous Murray Hill. With its prewar elegance and impeccably uniformed doorman, the building is the epitome of old New York charm. One would almost never suspect the dark history lurking behind its perfectly maintained facade..



Digital Literacy is a new class for those that are wanting to get started using technology. It’s going to cover very basic skills like how to get online, setting up an email, what is social media and just an introduction to different technology devices. This is the perfect class for anyone who feels intimidated by technology and wants some help getting started or refreshing their skills. If you have your own device please bring it with you to the first session.



Adult Book Clubs 'Books to Talk About'

3rd Wednesday of the month
2pm or 7pm



Spotting and Identifying Birds

Adult Drop in Program

April 27 @2pm



We are pleased to welcome local birding enthusiasts Val and Neil Carleton who are going to spend an afternoon sharing their bird knowledge with us. We will start with a short talk in our meeting room and then we will take the program out to the nearby Tiny LaFleur Park so we can put into practice what we've learned. This hands on workshop is a great way to explore the hobby of birdwatching and start to spot and identify our feathered neighbors.

We will also have a selection of our birding guides and resources available for you to check out after the workshop. This is a drop in program so you just need to show up.

Friends
of the
Carstairs Public Library

NEXT MEETING
April 7 at 7pm

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FRIENDS OF THE CARSTAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARY SOCIETY

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ALL ARE WELCOME

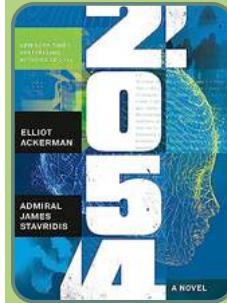
Our meetings are open to all and we have several ways you can volunteer with us

NEW

2054

by Elliot Ackerman

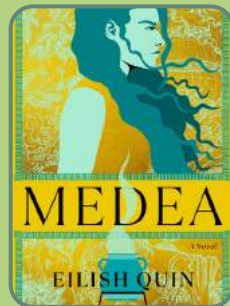
An explosive work of speculative fiction set twenty years further in the future, at a moment when a radical leap forward in artificial intelligence combines with America's violent partisan divide to create an existential threat to the country, and the world. Combining a deep understanding of AI, biotech, and the possibility of a coming Singularity. 2054 is a novel that reads like a thriller even as it demands that we consider the trajectory of our society and its potentially calamitous destination.



Medea

by Eilish Quin

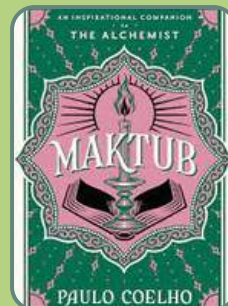
Discover the full story of the sorceress Medea, one of the most reviled and maligned women of Greek antiquity. As Medea comes into her own as a woman and a witch, she also faces the arrival of the hero Jason, preordained by the gods to be not only her husband, but also her lifeline to escape her isolated existence. Medea travels the treacherous seas with the Argonauts, battles demons she had never conceived of, and falls in love with the man who may ultimately be her downfall.



Maktub

by Paulo Coelho

From one of the greatest writers of our age comes a collection of stories and parables unlocking the mysteries of the human condition. Gathered from Paulo Coelho's daily column of the same name, Maktub, meaning "it is written," invites seekers on a journey of faith, self-reflection, and transformation. As Paulo Coelho explains, "Maktub is not a book of advice—but an exchange of experiences."




Family Fun



SENSORY PLAY

For 0-5 years and an adult to explore a variety of textures, sounds, motion and more.

Wednesdays
10:30am



Read, Romp & Rhyme

Storytime

0-5 years
Thursday
10:30am



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

About the program:

The idea is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. The key is perseverance. Make it exciting. Celebrate when you and your children reach a milestone together!

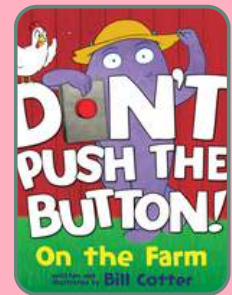
It's Easy to Participate:

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.



The Girl Who Loved Poutine by Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Can a book get more Canadian than this? Filled with regional poutine recipes and a fun little story about family gathering to celebrate Canada Day with a poutine contest.



Don't Push the Button! On the Farm By Bill Cotter

Larry heads to the farm for this fun interactive picture book. Lots of giggles and monstrous fun will be had while Larry breaks all the rules on the farm and asks us to help fix things.



The Only Lonely Fairy By Lana Button

Make-believe + melodrama = comedy as one dramatic little girl learns the new skill of finding a friend Leah is looking for a friend to play fairies. But when her invitation fails to sway her classmates, Leah is left all...ALONE.

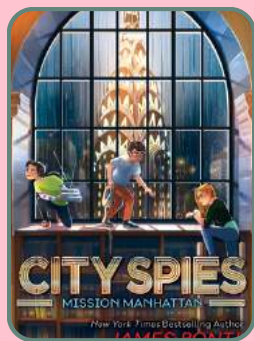
School Aged Fun



Izzy the Inventor and the Unexpected Unicorn

by Zanna Davidson

Izzy the Inventor LOVES science and does NOT believe in magic. That is until the day her Fairy Godmother appears and sends her to Fairytale Land to rescue Prince Charming from the Mountain of Doom, with an enthusiastic unicorn as her guide.



Mission Manhattan

by James Ponti

The City Spies head to the Big Apple when a credible threat is made to a young climate activist. The team's mission to protect a fellow teen takes them on an exciting adventure in, around, and even under the greatest city in the world.



Table Titans Club

by Scott Kurtz

Valeria Winters has an easier time finding trouble than making friends. As if by fate, she meets the Table Titans right away. So when the future of the club is threatened, Val makes it her personal quest to save the Table Titans.

Homeschool Huddle

2nd & 4th Tuesday
1:00pm

3D Printing and Cricut Workshops for Kids

Spring Break we will be letting kids learn to use our 3D printer and Cricut Cutter. Our Homeschool Huddle group will also get these workshops too as part of Homeschool Huddle in April and May. We are asking each family group to have an adult join their learners since there are a lot of new skills everyone will be learning and sometimes we just need some extra hands to help learners read the screen and navigate the computer programs. For our spring break program we are asking you to register so we will have enough computers for everyone.

Spring Break No School Days!

April 16 - Cricut vinyl stickers
April 19 - 3D printing

Grade 1 and up
1-3 pm

Registration Required
You will need someone over age 16
to come with you.



No School Days!

May 3 - Star Wars Day
May 17 - Perler Beads
June 7 - Video Game Day

Grade 1 and up
Drop In 1-3 pm

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



Just for Teens



A Tempest of Tea
By Hafsa Faizal

NEW

On the streets of White Roaring, Arthie Casimir is a criminal mastermind and collector of secrets. Her prestigious tearoom transforms into an illegal bloodhouse by dark, catering to the vampires feared by society. But when her establishment is threatened, Arthie is forced to strike an unlikely deal with an alluring adversary to save it—and she can't do the job alone.

Calling on some of the city's most skilled outcasts, Arthie hatches a plan to infiltrate the sinister, glittering vampire society known as the Atherium. But not everyone in her ragtag crew is on her side, and as the truth behind the heist unfolds, Arthie finds herself in the midst of a conspiracy that will threaten the world as she knows it.

Your VOICE MATTERS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

AGES 11+
DROP IN @ THE LIBRARY
JUNE 5
@6:30PM



Teen Time!

Apr 24- Video Game Night
May 22 - Book End Decorating
June 29 - Teens After hour
AGES 11+
6:30-7:30 PM
DROP - IN

Teen
Book Clubs

YA Book club
ages 13+
Second Wednesday @ 7:00pm

BABYSITTING COURSE

June 7
9:30 AM- 4:30 PM



Registration opens May 21:
403.337.3943

INSTRUCTOR: CORALEY GATES

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

