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CARROLL PUBLIC LIBRARY 2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



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Summer Hours

Mon.—Thurs. 10-7 p.m.
Friday 10-6 p.m.
Saturday 10-2 p.m.
Sunday Closed

118 E 5th Street
Carroll, Iowa 51401
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Join our Beanstack challenge to log your reading!



The Summer Reading Theme is Plant a Seed: Read

Plant seeds of knowledge that grow fruitful by logging the minutes you read on Beanstack at: <https://carroll-library.beanstack.com>

As more minutes are read by the community, the Maker Space walls will come to life with a garden of leaves and flowers! Those interested may fill out sticker sheets as a representation of their reading progress!

- Individual Goal: Read 500 minutes between Monday, June 1st and Saturday, August 1st. Accomplishing this goal earns a place on the wall and plenty of prizes! You will get a completion goodie bag and be entered into our grand prize drawings at the end of summer. Every 500 minute completion will earn another small prize.
- Community Goal: Read 150,000 minutes as a library community between June 1st and August 1st.

How many minutes will you read? How many books are on your TBR list? Now's the time to plant those seeds and enrich your mind!



Activities, Crafts, & Games

STEM Drop In: 10am– 2pm

- June 11: Lego Challenge
- June 15: Ozobots
- June 25: Magnetiles
- June 29: Strawbees
- July 9: Snap Circuits
- July 13: Scavenger Hunt
- July 23: Button Maker
- July 27: DIY Trail Mix

Friday Afternoon Events

- June 12, 2 pm: Afternoon Movie: *Zootopia 2*
- June 19, 4 pm: Down on the Farm Trivia
- June 26, 4 pm: Mario Kart Grand Prix
- July 10, 4 pm: Lawn Games
- July 17, 4 pm: *How to Train your Dragon* Trivia
- July 24, 3 pm: Afternoon Movie: *Jurassic Park*

Environmental Activities with Carroll County Conservation and Carroll County Solid Waste

- June 10: Seed Paper Bookmarks
Learn how to make seed bookmarks! These cool crafts are functional and stylish!
- June 17: Trails & Treasures Nature Hike
Join in on a nature hike at Swan Lake State Park, discussing litter, enjoying nature, and a Story Walk along the way!
- June 24: Pollinator Paradise
Learn more about our local pollinators and build them a home as a celebration of National Pollinator Week!
- July 1: From Bottle to Bloom
Explore the life cycle of a plastic water bottle. Stick around after to make your very own water bottle bloom.
- July 8: Observation Station
Learn what nature journaling is, how to get started on your own journal, and why it can be so relaxing or exciting!
- July 15: Compost in a Jar
Learn how to make your own compost on a small scale, and about its importance!
- July 22: Urban Nature Exploration
Come adventure around the library's area urban beauty and learn about the nature that surrounds us daily!
- July 29: Windchime Workshop
Dive into the world of metals and learn about their potential to repurposed through recycling.

Maker Space Crafts: 10 am– 2pm

- June 8: Bottle Greenhouse
- June 18: Color Diffused Flower
- June 22: Bean Mozaic
- July 2: Perler Beads
- July 6: Water Color Mini Art
- July 16: Egg Carton Flower
- July 20: T-shirt Bag
- July 30: Web Weave Art

Schedule of Events for Rec Center Performers

Tues. June 9th: Tulip and Friends Puppets

Interested in storytelling, adorable Puppets, and magic? Then you're in luck! Tulip and Friends will provide a crazy fun puppet show that promotes literacy. This charming performance is sure to leave you smiling wide.

Tues. June 16th: Laura Ernst Pirate Adventure

Ahoy! Come aboard for a pirate-themed show packed with comedy, adventure, and audience participation. From knot tying magic to a parrot puppet, this event will run the gauntlet of all kinds of pirate action!

Tues. June 23th: Mikayla Oz Magic

Mikayla Oz's all-new 40-minute Family Magic Show is packed with fresh magic, interactive moments, and laugh-out-loud comedy, making kids feel like they're making the magic happen!

Tues. June 30th: Conductor Jack and the Zinghoppers Music

Toot! Toot! All aboard for the magical fun of Conductor Jack, who sings family folk songs that delight kids ages 1 to 101! Conductor Jack plays live music on guitar, ukulele, kazoo, and more!

Tues. July 7th: Kelly Crull: A Dinosaur Loose in the Library

Hatch into a Storytime filled with silliness, science, and surprises! Listen to Kelly spin the story of his latest book and learn about the interesting and engaging tales of the dinosaurs in your backyard!

Tues. July 14th: Dragon Training Academy

Dive into your favorite fantasy novel with Dragon Training Academy. Kids will learn how to tame the mighty beasts, before suddenly meeting one face to face! Enjoy the excitement as kids engage with the lifelike animatronic myths!

Tues. July 21nd: Mesozoic Adventure

Join Prof. Montague Tobias Wobblebottom IV in a prehistoric romp through time full of laughter and learning. This celebration of the natural world helps young readers grow a love for reading, adventure, and dinosaurs!

Shows start at 9:30 am at
The Carroll Rec Center
716 North Grant Road

