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# CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Infinite Possibilities*

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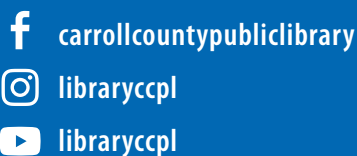
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[library.carr.org](http://library.carr.org)

### View Our Programs



For programming, visit our online  
Calendar of Events:  
[ccpl.librarymarket.com/events](http://ccpl.librarymarket.com/events)  
Pick up a monthly program guide at  
any library location.

### Connect With Us!



### LOCATIONS:

#### ELDERSBURG

6400 W. Hemlock Drive, Eldersburg  
410-386-4460

#### EXPLORATION COMMONS at 50 East

50 E. Main Street, Westminster  
443-293-3000

#### FINKSBURG

2265 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg  
410-386-4505

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705 Ridge Avenue, Mount Airy  
410-386-4470

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2255 Hanover Pike, Hampstead  
410-386-4480

#### TANEYTOWN

10 Grand Drive, Taneytown  
410-386-4510

#### WESTMINSTER

50 E. Main Street, Westminster  
410-386-4490

### HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

### UPCOMING CLOSINGS:

*Memorial Day*  
Monday, May 26, 2025

*Juneteenth*  
Thursday, June 19, 2025

*Independence Day*  
Friday, July 4, 2025

*Labor Day*  
Monday, September 1, 2025

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Our Mission: Join us to experience lifelong learning through impactful programs, resources, and services.

The library is committed to making programs available to everyone. Persons requiring assistance are encouraged to discuss needs with a librarian. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

We often take photos and videos at the library to document library activities and share with our community. If you or your child do not wish to be in a photo or video, please tell a librarian.

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“ Reading puts color in our imaginations.

Imagine a world without color. No lush greens of summer trees, no brilliant blues of the sky, no vivid splashes of paint across a canvas. It would feel flat, dull, muted, missing the very things that make life rich and memorable and, well, alive. Reading and stories work the same way.

Just as color brings vibrancy to our surroundings, reading brings richness to our lives. Books introduce us to new ideas, unique places, and interesting people. They help us feel more deeply, understand more fully, and connect more genuinely. Stories fill in the blank spaces in our world with emotion, empathy, and infinite possibilities. And sharing a beloved work of art, or a favorite story makes the experience all the richer and more enjoyable.

That’s why this summer, we’re inviting you to join us as we “Color Our World” at Carroll County Public Library. Our summer reading theme celebrates not only the beauty of visual expression through art, but also the power of words to paint pictures in our minds. From hands-on art workshops and delightful performers to storytimes and book discussions, we’re offering experiences for every age that will awaken your creativity and expand your world.

Whether you’re mixing paints or turning pages, this is your season to explore boldly. Join us and see how much brighter your world can become.

Andrea

Andrea Berstler  
Executive Director,  
Carroll County Public Library

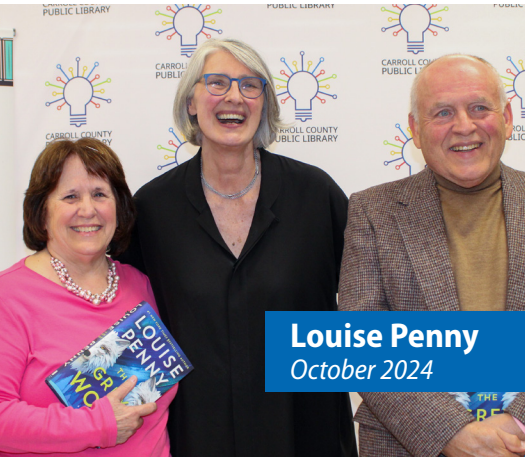


CCPL Highlights

Third Annual  
K-Pop Party



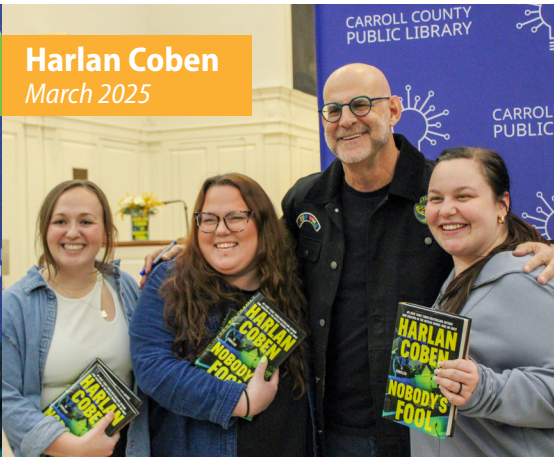
Read Across  
America Day



Louise Penny  
October 2024



Gordon Korman  
January 2025



Harlan Coben  
March 2025

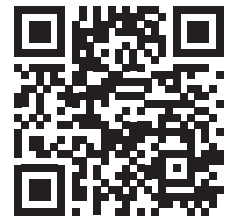




## How to Earn Points

- Books will be available beginning July 1. Please pick up finishing and 1,000-point book prizes by September 10.

## Sign up today!



**[carr.beanstack.org/reader365](http://carr.beanstack.org/reader365)**



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# STORIES ABOUT ART & ARTISTS



## Adults

*By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult  
*A Shore Thing* by Joanna Lowell  
*The Healing Season of Pottery* by Yeon Somin

## Teens

*Freshman Year* by Sarah Mai  
*The Colliding Worlds of Mina Lee* by Ellen Oh  
*The Weight of Everything* by Marcia Argueta Mickelson

## Ages 9-12

*Doodleville* by Chad Sell  
*The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall  
*Drawing Deena* by Hena Khan

## Ages 0-8

*Nola's Scribbles Save the Day* by Cristina Lalli  
*The Concrete Garden* by Bob Graham  
*Time to Make Art* by Jeff Mack



### Curated lists for Summer Reading provided by **NoveList**

Find curated reading lists and book recommendations including book reviews, descriptions, and links to author home pages and other fiction websites to help you make decisions on your next read. Sign into NoveList using your library card at [library.carr.org/collections/research.asp](http://library.carr.org/collections/research.asp)

## Staff Picks

***The Corruption of Hollis Brown* by K. Ancrum**

- TJ, Westminster Branch

***The Chronicles of Castellane* by Cassandra Clare**

- Nate, North Carroll Branch

***Bird Box* by Josh Malerman**

- Katie, Outreach

***Everything is Tuberculosis* by John Green**

- Christine, Finksburg Branch

***Gideon the Ninth* by Tamsyn Muir**

- Elizabeth, Mount Airy

***The Distant Hours* by Kate Morton**

- Barbara, Headquarters

***Hush Hush* by Laura Lippman**

- Joy, Westminster Branch

***The Book That Wouldn't Burn* by Mark**

**Lawrence**

- Andrea, Eldersburg Branch

***The Favorites* by Layne Fargo**

- Mallory, Headquarters

***The Kamogawa Food Detectives***

**by Hisashi Kashiwai**

- Arielle, Headquarters

***The Mercy of Gods* by**

**James S. A. Corey**

- Lisa, Headquarters



## Featured Collections & Resources



**Library of Things:**

GoPro Cameras  
Chromebooks

[library.carr.org/collections/things.asp](http://library.carr.org/collections/things.asp)



**Digital Resources:**

The Baltimore Sun and The Carroll County Times  
Brainfuse HelpNow and Brainfuse JobNow

[library.carr.org/collections/research.asp](http://library.carr.org/collections/research.asp)





Presented by Carroll County Public Library  
and Park Books on Main

Advance registration required.

<https://tinyurl.com/summer-reads-25>

## Summer Author Series

**Brian Hester**

Wednesday, June 4 at 6:30pm | Exploration Commons

**Eliza Knight**

Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30pm | Carroll Lutheran Village

**Kaira Rouda**

Monday, June 16 at 6:30pm | Exploration Commons

**Liv Constantine**

Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30pm | Exploration Commons

**Kristina McMorris**

Saturday, June 21 at 2:00pm | North Carroll Branch

**Laura Lippman**

Saturday, June 28 at 11:00am | Exploration Commons

**Dan Fesperman**

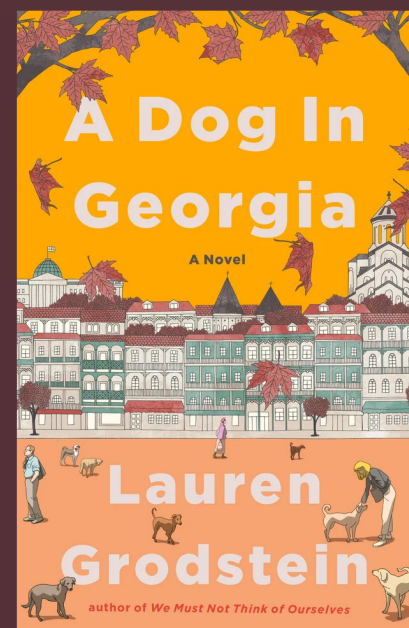
Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30pm | Exploration Commons

**Carole Hopson**

Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30pm | Exploration Commons

## Day FOR Book Lovers

Presented by  
Carroll County Public Library  
and Park Books on Main



**Friday, August 8  
1:00pm**

**Windsor Station at  
New Windsor Fire Hall**

## Lauren Grodstein

Ticket includes a signed copy of *A Dog in Georgia*  
by Lauren Grodstein, a light luncheon, and book  
buzz on new and upcoming releases.

**Tickets: \$60**







Congratulations to all the students, coaches, media specialists, library staff, and volunteers on another successful Battle of the Books season!

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## *Battle of the Books: After Hours*

# **BATTLE of the BOOKS**

## **After Hours**

### **Adults-Only Reading Trivia Competition**

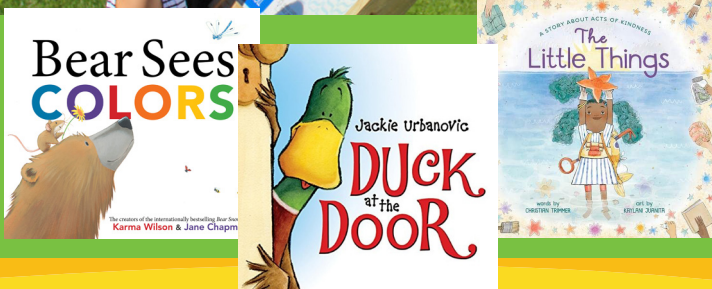
For teams of 3-5 people  
Registration opens June 9, 2025  
Scan to learn more or visit:



[library.carr.org/programs/BoBafterhours.asp](http://library.carr.org/programs/BoBafterhours.asp)







**Deer Park Story Stroll**  
*637 Deer Park Road in Westminster*

**Memorial Park Story Stroll**  
*MD Route 140 at Park Drive in Taneytown*

**Leister Park Story Stroll**  
*4134 Black Rock Road in Hampstead*

Story Strolls are a fun way to enjoy reading while spending time in the great outdoors. Take a stroll down the path and explore our featured children's book, engage in some physical activity, and learn something new along the way!

# Summer Fun for the Family!



See what's  
happening at  
your library



## Mr. Jon & Friends

**All Ages** • Join multiple Parents' Choice Award-winning musicians, Mr. Jon & Friends, for an interactive musical comedy show for the whole family. Mr. Jon & his silly friend George the Monkey will have you laughing and dancing along. A super fun, silly concert not to miss!

## Little John's Gigantic Bubble Show

**All Ages** • Join the amazing fun as we explore different sizes and types of bubbles with Little John in this fun, interactive program. See volcano and smoke bubbles, and get surrounded by a giant bubble!



## Radical Reptiles

**All Ages** • Nicole Osborne presents an exciting line-up of exotic reptiles in this interactive program, with a chance to hold/touch the reptiles! Learn about reptile care, fun facts, and more!

## Color Our World™ Obstacle Course

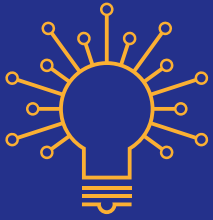
**For Kids** • Join Mr. Chris at the library this summer for a movement-filled adventure! This year's program features 10 exciting PE-style stations, including rolling, underhand and overhand tossing, an obstacle course, and much more! Participants can move at their own pace, completing challenges and earning stickers on a special challenge card. Plus, each child will receive a fun coloring page to take home! Jump, roll, toss, and play while bringing color to your world—only at your local library.



## FEEDING CARROLL TOGETHER FOOD COLLECTION

This summer, help feed our hungry neighbors! Feeding Carroll Together is a countywide effort to combat hunger in Carroll County. Each of the six CCPL branches will be a collection point for food pantries in their local community. Your non-perishable donations will help stock the pantry shelves and help ensure your neighbors have enough to eat.





*How has the library impacted your life?*

# *Tell us your* **STORY**

“

I never grew up going to the library. **It wasn't until I moved to Carroll County and had kids that I discovered all the magic that the library has to offer.** My kids have learned so much and have had so much fun picking out books and taking part in the different programs the library offers.

*Jennifer B.* TANEYTOWN BRANCH

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The library opens doors for me and my family to step outside this small town and explore the world through books, art, science and more. **Whether it's just stopping in to check out books or staying for events, we never leave without feeling inspired.** It's a place we have always felt at home and welcome and I'm so grateful for our library!

*Sarah R.* WESTMINSTER BRANCH

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**The library is an essential part of my and my family's lives.** Access to the local public library and all that it offers has added immeasurable joy, knowledge, and empathy to our lives. We are better citizens, better people, because of CCPL.

*Holly G.* NORTH CARROLL BRANCH



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