

ILLINOIS READS

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Friday, December 5, 2025

Anderson's Bookshop

5112 Main Street

Downers Grove, Illinois

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Everyone is invited to the [2026 Illinois Reads Sneak Peek](https://www.illinoisreads.org). Authors will be sharing a reading from their book followed by autographing. Books will also be available for purchase from Anderson's Bookshop. Light refreshments will also be served.

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Birth-4

Dirt's Journey

by Sally M. Walker

E-I-UFO: Old MacDonald Had a Farm

by Zach von Zonk

Hugged by the Night

by Harold Green III

Inventions to Count On: A Celebration of Black Inventors: A Picture Book

by Dana Marie Miroballi

POP! Goes the Nursery Rhyme

by Betsy Bird

Silly Puppies: Baby's First Giggles

by Heidi Bee Roemer

K-2

Emilia's Corte

by Veronica Castillo and

Juleesa Espinoza

Give Back

by Gina Bellisario

Piece Out

by Alex Willan

Seasons on the Farm

by Chelsea Tornetto

Smithy and Me

by Darcy Day Zoells

The Scariest Story You've Ever Heard

by Ron Keres

3-5

Ava the Monster Slayer: Sleepover Superheroes

by Lisa Maggiore

Hulk Teach!

by Jeffrey Brown

Rachel Carson's Wonder-Filled World: How the Scientist, Writer, and Nature Lover Changed the Environmental Movement

by Kate Hannigan

Rock Paper Incisors: A Skunk and Badger Story

by Amy Timberlake

The Curse of Great Winter Academy: Choose Your Own Adventure

by Jessika Fleck

The Gift of Freedom: How Harriet Tubman Rescued Her Brothers

by Glennette Tilley Turner

6-8

How the Ghost Army Hoodwinked Hitler: The Story of American Artistry and Deception in World War II

by Rebecca Siegel

Millie of the Manor: A Graphic Novel

by Karina Evans and illustrated by Andrea Bell

Severe and Unusual Weather

by Jessie Ann Foley

The Chronicles of Viktor Valentine

by Z. Brewer

The Scott Fenwick Diaries: A Novel

by Kristin Nilsen

The Song of Orphan's Garden

by Nicole M. Hewitt

9-12

American Spirits: The Famous Fox Sisters and the Mysterious Fad that Haunted a Nation

by Barb Rosenstock

Before Takeoff

by Adi Alsaid

Dream by the Shadows

by Logan Karlie

Mae: The Definitive Edition

by Gene Ha

Many Voices: Building Erie, The Canal That Changed America

by Laurie Lawlor

The Corruption of Hollis Brown

by K. Ancrum

Adult

Amity: A Novel

by Nathan Harris

Death of the Author: A Novel

by Nnedi Okorafor

Fagin the Thief: A Novel

by Allison Epstein

Remember You Will Die: A Novel

by Eden Robins

The Ex-Girlfriend Murder Club: A Feminist Murder Mystery of Three Women Teaming Up to Solve a Crime and Get Revenge on a Cheating Ex

by Gloria Chao

Tractor Wars: John Deere, Henry Ford, International Harvester, and the Birth of Modern Agriculture

by Neil Dahlstrom