

JAN. 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade

Begins on Rainwater Lane • 10 a.m. • Free – Celebrate MLK Jr. Day by watching a memorial parade through the streets of Carrollton (*organized by Christ Community Connection, Inc. and sponsored by the City of Carrollton*). For the parade route, visit the website above.



FEB. 8

JazzStories

Black History in Word and Rhythm – Josey Ranch Lake Library • 11 a.m.-12 p.m. • Free – Celebrate Black History Month with a live musical performance featuring Percussion Things with Len Barnett and Catherine Whiteman, and a retelling of *Li'l Dan, the Drummer Boy* by Romare Bearden.

FEB. 9

New Year Celebration

Hebron & Josey Library • 2-4 p.m. • Free – Welcome 2025, the Year of the Snake, with a variety of activities celebrating Chinese culture (*presented by the Carrollton Sun Ray Chinese School*).



FEB. 16

African American Read-In

Josey Ranch Lake Library • 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Free – Hear excerpts from stories, poems, and songs written by African American authors. Free books will be available to children and teens while supplies last (*presented by Professional Achievers for Community Excellence (PACE)*).



TEXFest

SATURDAY, **MARCH 1** ★ 3-9 P.M.

Celebrate Texas Independence Day with live music from Texas artists, local craft beer vendors, and a mouthwatering food village in Historic Downtown. Get ready for unforgettable photo moments, a live longhorn, and the thrill of riding a mechanical bull.

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FEB. 16

Bookmark Contest

Through March 16 • Free – Design a bookmark that illustrates why you love libraries, reading, and books to celebrate National Library Week. Participants can submit entries online or at either Library location for a chance to see their printed bookmark designs reproduced for public distribution.



FEB. 22

Daddy Daughter Dance

Bent Tree Bible Fellowship Church • 6-9 p.m. – Enjoy a magical evening with your little angel(s) at a dance party with cookies, punch, crafts, games, prizes, and photo opportunities. *For an early-bird discount, preregister before the event (presented by the Carrollton Police Officers' Association).* **Sorry, no moms or sons allowed.**

FEB. 26

State of the City @ Citizens' Evening

Carrollton Senior Center • 6-8:30 p.m. • Free – Hear the State of the City address presented by Mayor Steve Babick. Learn about development projects around the City, community updates, and the services provided by various City departments and non-city agencies. Winners of the Carrollton Volunteer Awards will be announced.



MARCH 1

Picturing Women Inventors

Through March 31 • Josey Ranch Lake Library • Free – Celebrate Women's History Month by learning about the breakthroughs, motivations, and challenges women encountered while pursuing their goals as inventors. From astronauts, computer pioneers, and businesswomen to athletes, engineers, and even teenagers, the "Picturing Women Inventors" exhibit explores the inventions of 19 highly accomplished American women (*provided by The Smithsonian and the United States Patent and Trademark Office*).

MARCH 7

C-Con

Josey Ranch Lake Library • 5-8 p.m. • Free – Come as you are or dress up in cosplay as your favorite anime, comic book, fantasy, science fiction, superhero, television, or video game personality (costumes optional). Challenge yourself in an escape room, test your knowledge with a round of trivia, make crafts, and more. Snacks and craft materials are provided.



MARCH 15

\$5 Rabies Vaccinations

Carrollton Animal Services & Adoption Center • 10 a.m.-12 p.m. – Get your pet vaccinated and receive a free City registration with proof of rabies vaccination (for Carrollton residents) while enjoying complimentary hot dogs, pretzels, drinks, and a bounce house. Information on wildlife will also be available.

APRIL 5

Paws on the Square

Historic Downtown Carrollton • 9 a.m.-12 p.m. • Free – Get some updated photos of your pet at the photo op stations, meet and greet with local pet organizations, and shop dog-related items from the vendors. Rabies vaccinations will also be provided for a small fee.



Spring Break Fun!

Free Activities For All Ages • March 15-22

- March 15 **Oceans of Fun with Captain Maggie**
Puppet show featuring hand puppets and marionettes
- March 17 **Paddington Movie Double Feature**
Paddington (2014), PG
Paddington 2 (2017), PG
- March 19 **Paddington Tea Party and Character Visit**
(space is limited)
- March 22 **Animal Adventures with the Dallas Zoo**



For times and locations, visit
cityofcarrollton.com/library.



**January 10 • February 7
March 7 & 21 • April 11 & 25**

Visit Historic Downtown Carrollton on select Fridays for Sounds on the Square, a live music series featuring talented local artists showcasing their diverse and vibrant musical talents.

APRIL 5

Carrollton Health & Safety Fair

Standridge Stadium • Time TBD • Free – Learn about the services provided by Carrollton's Fire Rescue, Police, and Office of Emergency Management. Enjoy attractions and demonstrations, games, free CPR education, informational booths from community health and human services partners, and food vendors. Limited on-site medical services will be provided.



APRIL 11

Friends of the Carrollton Public Library Book Sale

And April 12 • Josey Ranch Lake Library • 10 a.m.-5 p.m. – Purchase donated books, movies, and music for all ages. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. *All proceeds fund Library programming.*



APRIL 12

Special Needs Spring Bash

Crosby Recreation Center • 11 a.m.-2 p.m. • Free – Enjoy a fun-filled day of activities, including giant games and a free lunch, as the City spotlights its special needs programming. This event is for people of all abilities. *Registration is required.*



APRIL 19

Earth Day Celebration

Josey Ranch Lake Library • 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Free – Explore the Pocket Prairie, attend a special Earth Day-themed Story Time, meet an Eco-Artist, participate in crafts and activities, release ladybugs, enjoy the Recycle Art Contest & Show, plus Recycling Education and Touch a Truck with Republic Services.



MAY 3

May the 4th Be With You

Historic Downtown Carrollton • 5-8 p.m. • Free – Jedi of all ages, enjoy a celebration featuring games, crafts, photo ops, and a movie. Come dressed as your favorite galactic character for a chance to win a prize in the costume contest.

