Carthage Public Library District

Library Hours
Mon. & Wed.
11:00 am -7:00 pm
Tues. & Thurs.
9:30 am-7:00 pm
Fri. 11:00 am-5:00 pm
Sat. 9:00-5:00 pm

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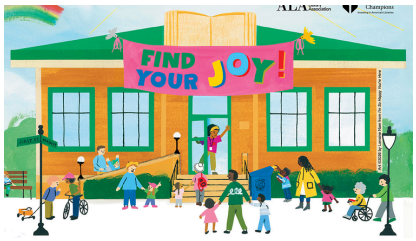

Celebrate
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
April 19–25, 2026

IRIS – Illinois Reliable Information Sources

IRIS is a group of online databases provided by the State Library. You can access them through our library's website and log in with your library card barcode number, or go directly to the State's IRIS page, www.ilsos.gov/departments/library/iris.html

This month we are highlighting Home Improvement Source. This Includes information about home maintenance, remodeling, electrical work, plumbing, wood projects, outdoor improvements, decorating, gardening, etc.

Fundraising Matching Challenge – Stacking Up Support for our New Library

We are now over half way to meeting the $25,000 matching challenge. We've raised over $14,000.

The Carthage District Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3), and a qualified charity for RMDs and gifts. Checks can be brought in or mailed to the library. On-line giving is also an option, although fees apply. For details, click the link below:

https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html

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Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection Thursday, April 16 at 7 PM

ILP ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Henríquez's newest book, "The Great Divide," is a moving exploration of the people who lived, loved, and labored during the construction of the Panama Canal.

To receive a Zoom link register at https://bit.ly/ILPCristinaHenriquez

ILP for May features author R.F. Kuang on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 PM

Adult Ongoing Programs

Book Club
Thurs. April 9, 12:30
James by Percival Everett

Thurs. May 14
Secret Life of Bees
by Sue Monk Kidd
Copies of the book are available for checkout. New members always welcome.

Crochet and Knitting Group
Every other Tuesday
April 7 & 21
6:30-8:00 pm
Bring a current project or try something new. Share your skills with others. For ages 8 & Up

Euchre Club
Wed. 2:00-4:00 pm
All skill levels are welcome
For adults and high school age students

English Language Learners
An informal group for adults and students
5th grade & older
Thursdays 5:30-6:45

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Find Your Joy Reading Challenge

In honor of National Library Week, April's reading challenge will be to read books that bring you joy.

Adults read 3 books and children read 5 during the month to receive a free book and be entered in a prize drawing.

Anti-Bullying Puppet Show by Chaddock's Puppet Troupe Thursday, April 23, 3:30 pm

Earth Day

Come join us for an informative evening about living more eco-friendly and survival skills, presented by Doug Campbell and Misty Anderson. This program for adults and teens will be at the Carthage Library on Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 pm

Recycled Art Contest

Clean up those tin cans and save other materials from the garbage man. Turn your trash into a work of art! Make your masterpiece and bring it in to the library between April 13 and 17.

Then bring your spare change to vote on your favorite April 20-25. There will also be a Judge's Choice Award.

The contest is open to all ages.

April is...

National Child Abuse Prevention Month - Pinwheel planting will be at the courthouse at noon on April 20.

National Autism Awareness Month

The Week of the Young Child April 11-17

There will be a table in the library during the month of April with resources from agencies who serve children and families in our area.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Program Monday, May 4, 6:00 pm *** At the NEW LIBRARY building***

This event will include a program about the history of the library, a brief business meeting, the opportunity to see inside the new library building, and refreshments.

It's time to renew your Friends membership dues. $5 for students, $10 for individuals, or $25 for family or sponsor. Forms are available at the library or on the Friends webpage.

The Friends support the Library with volunteers and financially. This year they paid Harrison Monuments $11,297 for the cost of the bricks, pavers and engraving.

Youth Ongoing Programs

Move & Groove and Preschool Storytime
Tuesday 9:30-10:30
April 7 - May 5

Music and movement activities start at 9:30 am followed by storytime and craft at 10:00 am

Note: after May 5 we will be taking a break from PreSchool & STEAM until Summer Reading in June

STEAM Club
Tuesday 3:30-4:30 pm
April 7 - May 5

Science, Engineering, Art, and Math Activities for students grades K-6th

1000 Books Before Kdg

We're always seeking new participants. Children receive a rubber duck and a free book for each 100-book milestone.

https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Register your PreSchool child to receive a free book in the mail each month.

www.imaginationlibrary.com

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