



News from the Shelf

Friends of the Carthage Public Library

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Who are Friends of Carthage Public Library?

Adults, students, families or groups who benefit from the library or those who want to support the goals of the Carthage Public Library staff and board can become friends of the Carthage Public Library

Congratulations on being part of this group. Your current membership is good through April of 2017.

The Friends are guided by an executive board who meet regularly during the year to plan the activities of the group. The Friends

board has by-laws and officers: chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer.

General members can join and renew their membership each year. This group helps support the activities and fundraising projects of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library. There is an annual meeting each year of all general members. Members will receive regular email newsletters.

Just becoming a member of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library helps support library goals by paying the annual dues.

Wreath auction nets \$1,000 for Friends

The Friends of the Carthage Public Library sold 14 wreaths at the end of the Carthage Christmas Open House, and raised \$978 in top wreath bids and other donations. A final donation of \$22 raised the total to \$1,000.

Top bidders were notified and picked up their wreaths at the library.

Wreaths for the project were donated by Robert Webb CPA, Hair Razors Salon, Our Home Sweet Home, First Bankers Trust, Marine Bank & Trust, Burnside Rising Stars 4-H Club, Carthage Public Library (2), U of I Extension, Hartzell Tucker and Hartzell Law Office, Memorial Hospital Foundation, County Market, Charlie Bair and DAR Shadrach Bond Chapter.



Money raised by the Friends of the Carthage Public Library is used to help the library in many ways including buying books and other materials, providing programs, and acquiring equipment needed by the library.

Recent Friends' assistance for the library

After the Friends of the Carthage Public Library organized, and began receiving funds from member dues and projects, two key items were purchased.

Librarian Amy Gee asked for replacement chairs for the young adult vault reading room. Two vinyl, reclining chairs were added from the "Friends."

A larger purchase was a new CD/DVD cleaner to maintain the library's stock of movies, music and books on CD. The new cleaner works well and staff have gone over most of the materials allowing them to work better for patrons.

In the fall Friends helped with the annual patron count and a book sale. After the fall

book sale, remaining books were given to a book distribution group to reuse or recycle the materials that had not sold after many years of book sales.

Donations of books continue and a spring sale is likely. There will be a need for volunteers to clean the upstairs sale area and set up for future sales.

In the past, the Friends of the Carthage Public Library have helped in many ways.

They purchased a book sale cart, tables and other furniture; books, audio books or large print books; provided funds for special programming; and helped at book sales, the spelling bee, fall patron count and receptions.

Sit and Stitch group planned at the library

Do you like to sew, knit, crochet or do any creative sewing craft? The Carthage Public Library invites you to bring a small craft or project and come spend an enjoyable afternoon stitching and chatting with other people who like to stitch. The first session is Thursday, Jan. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the

Carthage Library. Sessions are free. Those interested in the group who cannot attend that day should call the library for more information at 217-357-3232. The next meeting time may change to accommodate those interested in the group.

Thank you for being part of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library. Officers are Judy Fuellborn, president; Joy Swearingen, vice president; Susan Hunt, secretary, and Cheryl Underwood, treasurer.

Share this registration form with anyone you know who would like to be a Friend of Carthage Public Library.

I have enclosed a check payable to "Friends of the Carthage Public Library" for membership:

_____ \$5 Student _____ \$10 Individual _____ \$25 Family _____ \$25 Supporter

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email _____ I'm interested in volunteering _____