

Carthage Public Library District

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LIBRARY BOND ISSUE PASSES !!

What a wonderful way to celebrate National Library Week!

Although it's not yet officially certified, the totals indicate that the Library's bond issue passed with 358 yes votes and 333 no votes.

Many thanks to the citizens committee for their hard work in campaigning for us, each person who wrote a letter to the editor or allowed their name to be printed as a supporter in the newspaper ad, and to each individual who voted yes—every vote was crucial.

After the ballots are certified, we will work with the State Library to finalize the paperwork and agreements to receive the grant funding. Then we will work with the architects to finalize plans and prepare the blueprints and bid documents. As a public body, the Library will then begin the formal process of advertising and receiving bids to select a general contractor.

Fundraising efforts will continue. The brick and paver fundraiser is an opportunity for community members, as well as former residents, to be part of the project and to honor the memory of loved ones. Future efforts will focus on raising funds for new furnishings.



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Carthage Library are working on plans for their annual membership meeting to be held in May. They are also seeking more volunteers to serve as part of the executive board.

The purpose of the Friends is to support and assist the library. Their main roles are: to provide volunteers to help with library programs or activities; to raise funds and use those funds for library needs; and to promote community awareness of the library and its services.

Students as well as adults are welcome to join. For more information, contact the library at 217-357-3232 or email friendsofcarthagelibrary@gmail.com.

Current Hours

Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Special Hours for Senior Citizens:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30—10:30 am

**Hours are subject to change depending upon
state health phases and guidelines**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is still an opportunity for a donor to name the second study room. Other naming opportunities include naming the children's area or the computer area. The building can be named for a \$1 million donation.

Fundraising Progress as of 4-8-2021

\$ 36,000 Donation of land

500 Giving Tuesday

3,080 Raffle

64,100 Bricks, pavers, donations

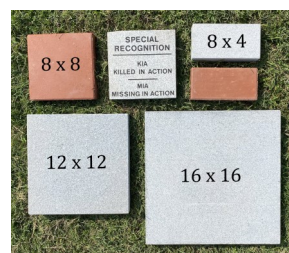
50,000 Naming study room

100,000 Naming meeting room

\$253,680

\$1,200,000 available to issue as bonds

\$1,258,862 grant funding



**Honor a family
member or
loved one with
an engraved
brick or paver.**

\$ 100 - \$ 249	8" x 4" clay Brick
\$ 250 - \$ 499	8" x 8" Clay Paver
\$ 500 - \$ 999	8" x 4" Grey Granite Brick
\$1,000 - \$2,499	8" x 8" Grey Granite Paver
\$2,500 - \$4,999	12" x 12" Grey Granite Paver
\$5,000 - \$9,999	16" x 16" Grey Granite Paver

Checks may be made to the Carthage District Library Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity, and mailed to 500 Wabash Ave., Carthage, IL 62321. Credit card and Paypal donations may be made on the Foundation's webpage: <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html>

HAPPY APRIL!

April is a popular month! It is Autism Awareness Month, Poetry Month, and Financial Literacy Month! It is also the month many people start their gardens! The library has displays for all of these topics and the library staff will be happy to help you order any other books!

PreSchool Stories and Crafts

April is also National Frog Month.

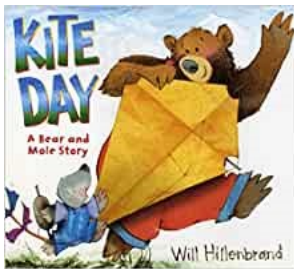
Watch this video <https://youtu.be/URA-dy-yRqA> and read along with Library

Director Amy Gee as she shares the pop-up book The Wide-Mouthed Frog by Keith Faulkner. Then stop in to check out a frog book and pick up a craft bag with a frog game to make.

Upcoming craft bags feature Kites (April 12th), Earth Day (April 19) and Gardening (April 26). All craft bags are available while supplies last!



Storybook Walk



The book Kite Day by Will Hillenbrand is displayed around the courthouse lawn! Start across from the Library and walk around clockwise (the opposite direction from the traffic.)

After you read the story please fill out the online survey or come into the library to pick up a kite! Kites are supplied by the Tracy Family Foundation. (limit one per family)



Summer Reading 2021

The library is gearing up for summer reading!

This year's theme is Tails and Tales!

We want to hear from you!

Adults [Click Here!](#) Teens [Click Here!](#)

Parents of children younger than 5th grade [click here!](#)

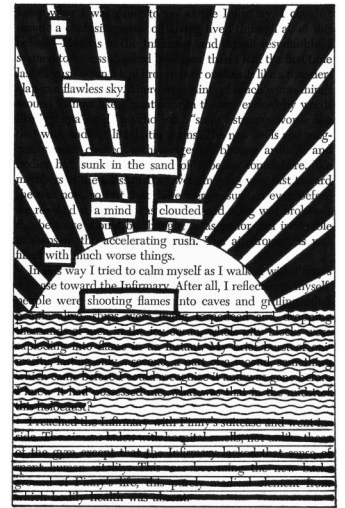
Look for more details in next month's newsletter!

Black Out Poetry!

April is Poetry Month!

In addition to displays there is a take home activity for all ages.

This activity is called Black Out Poetry. By definition Black Out Poetry is when a poet takes a marker to already written text and leaves the words they want to be part of the poem and crosses out the rest, as shown in this example.



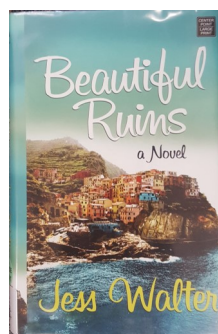
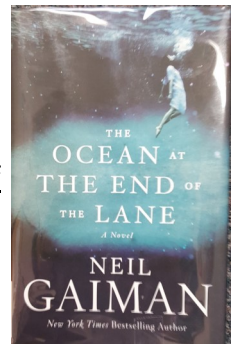
Reading Challenges

Our independent reading programs for all ages are in full swing for the year. Our first quarterly prize drawing will be held on April 10th. Follow [this link](#) to fill out the prize drawing entry form!

Each month is a new opportunity to participate. Explanations of the three options are on our website: carthagepubliclibrary.com/pick-your-reading-challenge-2021.html

Adult Book Club

The Library's book club will meet on Thursday, April 15 to discuss The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman. Join us in person or via Zoom at noon or 6:00 pm.



For the May 13 session we will read Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter. Copies of the books are available at the library.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bookmark Contest Winners!

Twenty-five students entered our 2021 bookmark design contest. The entries were divided into four age groups and staff members voted on their favorite ones. We printed the winning bookmarks, so stop by the library and pick up one to take home. View the bookmarks on our website, carthagepubliclibrary.com/children--families.html



Name: Nolan Murphy

Age: 11 Grade: 5 Pho