

# Carthage Public Library District

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## Friends Gift Basket Raffle



Purchase your raffle tickets before Dec. 15 for a chance to win one of these 13 wonderful gift baskets. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or six for \$5, and many of the baskets are valued at over \$50. You select which basket drawing(s) you wish to enter.

Packages include: a Dog Lovers' Basket; Reader's Delight with a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift certificate; a Boredom Busters Bag for kids, a Sports & Speakers pkg with 4 tickets to a Peoria Rivermen Hockey game as well as wireless earbuds & speaker; Dinner & a Show with a \$25 certificate to the Wood Inn and 2 tickets from the Legacy Theater for winner's choice of an upcoming show; a package with 6 movies on 2 DVDS, plus popcorn, candy & a \$10 DQ gift card; a Home Spa package with a certificate for a facial from Ali & Co.; a Baking Basket; a Fitness Package including a certificate for a free 1-week membership at Focus Fitness; a Snack Center with a double mini crockpot unit; Books & Beverages includes a \$25 gift certificate to Java River; a Handyman (woman) bucket; and a Chocolate Lovers' package.

Baskets are on display at the Library. Photos and a complete listing of the contents of each package are on the Friends of the Library webpage: <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/friends-of-the-library.html> and Facebook Page.

Tickets may be purchased at the Library or from members of the Friends board. The winners will be drawn on Dec. 16. All funds raised will be used to help purchase furnishings for the new library building.

## CURRENT LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Wednesday	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	9:30 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

## HOLIDAY HOURS

**Closed December 24 & 25 (Fri. & Sat.)**

*Merry Christmas!*

**Tues. Dec. 28, not opening until 11:00**

(staff Christmas party that morning)

**Closed Sat., January 1**

*Happy New Year!*



## Planning for New Library Proceeding

The Board continues to work with Studio GC on designs and plans for the new library building. There are a multitude of details that must be decided before the architects can prepare the blueprints and specifications required. We are still on track for the project to go out for bids in January or February so that we can break ground in Spring 2022.

## YEAR-END GIVING

If you are considering year-end charitable giving, please keep the library in mind. Although the bond issue provided the local cost share to secure the grant funding needed for the construction, we still need to raise money for furnishings.

Naming opportunities are still available. Gifts of any size are welcome. The engraved brick and paver project is ongoing. More information is on the Foundation's webpage:

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



## PLAY TO LEARN

9:00 am, Mon., Dec. 6 & 13

Play to Learn is for children 0-3 with a caregiver. We are discussing dates and times for 2022.

If you are interested, but can't attend at 9:00 on Monday mornings, please contact the library.



## HOUR OF CODE™

Students in 4th-6th grade are invited to the Library from 3:30-4:30 pm Monday, Dec. 6, and/or Thursday, Dec. 9, to try out a computer coding activity. No prior experience is needed. Students may use the laptops provided by the library or bring their own tablet or other device, and attend either or both sessions.

We will also discuss plans for continuing our weekly Coding Club in January, which would be a great time for new members to join. The final session for 2021 is Dec. 16 at 3:30 pm. (We will not meet Dec. 2, during the Carthage Christmas on the Square Open House.)



*"Computers are everywhere changing every industry on the planet. The 'Hour of Code™' is a global initiative by [Computer Science Education Week](#) and [Code.org](#) to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming."*



## CARTHAGE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Carthage's annual Christmas Open House is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 2.

The library will serve snack mixes and hot and cold punch



## VISIT WITH SANTA

### Children's Christmas Party

Santa Claus is coming to the Library on Tuesday, Dec. 14. The event begins at 6:00 pm with stories.

After Santa arrives, he will speak with the children and you may take your own photos. We will then proceed upstairs for crafts.



## BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Dec. 9, 12:30

Check out a copy of The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan. Anthony Peardeew rescues lost objects—"the things others have dropped, misplaced, or accidentally left behind" - and writes stories about them.

This is the final meeting for 2021 and we will be discussing plans for 2022. Bring your suggestions for books to read and discuss. If you'd like to join, but need a different day or time, call or email the library.

## HOLIDAY MOVIES



The Library has a large selection of holiday books and DVDs for all ages as well as music CDs. Stop in and check them out.

**REMINDER** - Turn in your November entry forms for the Read Your Way, Animals, and Family Reading Challenges. The December Family Reading Challenge is to read a book with a Winter or Holiday theme. The 4th quarter prize drawing will be held in early January.

