Carthage Public Library District

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Carthage Public Library Newsletter

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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 am-5pm

Closed Dec. 24 & 25
Early closing 5:00 pm Dec. 31
Closed Jan. 1, 2026

New Library Building

Most of the exterior work has been completed. Work continues inside the building. We anticipate moving in the Spring.

The estimated cost for new shelving and furnishings is $350,000, so fundraising efforts continue. Please consider a year-end gift.

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. For details, click the link below:

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

Be the Change With Your Change!

The Friends of the Library coin drive continues through the end of 2025. Use your own container or pick one up at the library, then bring in your change periodically to support the library.

Stacking Up Support for our New Library

We are stacking up ways to give with a goal of raising $100,000 by the end of Feburary.

Giving Tree

Donations of $50 or more may be designated for shelving or furniture items for the new building and recognized with a paper ornament to hang on the Library's Christmas tree. **Help us fill the tree with ornaments and the library with new furnishings!**

Friends of the Library Gift Basket Raffle

Thanks to our generous donors, we have 31 gift baskets for our raffle this year!
Tickets cost $2 each or 6 for $10.
Sale date has been extended to December 18, with the drawings held on Dec. 19.
Photos and descriptions are on the Friends Facebook page and website:
www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/friends-of-the-library.html
The fundraiser is sponsored by the Friends of the Library with all proceeds going toward furnishings and shelving for the new library building as part of the "Stacking Up" campaign.

ONGOING EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Book Club

Thurs., Dec. 11, 12:30
Read & review a holiday book of your choice.
Thurs., Jan. 8
Seven Perfect Things by Catherine Ryan Hyde
Copies of the book are available for checkout. New members always welcome.

Crochet & Knitting group

Every other Tuesday
Dec. 16 & 30, Jan. 13
6:30-8:00 pm
Bring a current project or learn something new. Share your skills with others. For anyone 8 & up.

Euchre Club

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm.
You are welcome to come one day or both!
All skill levels are welcome. For adults and high school age students.

English Language Learners

An informal group for adults & students 5th grade & older
Thursdays 5:30-6:45
Dec. 4 & 11, Jan. 8

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Christmas Party

Monday, Dec. 15, 6:00 pm

Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to the Library!!
They will share a story.
You can tell Santa your Christmas wishes & take your own photos.
Stay for crafts, activities, and refreshments.
Free activity for all ages; children 6 & under with an adult.

December Reading Challenge

Read a book with a Christmas tree on the cover or any other holiday books.

To be entered in a prize drawing, adults must read at least one book and children should read (or listen to) five picture books or two chapter books.

State-Wide Reading Programs

Just a reminder to keep reading books on the Readers' Choice lists so you can vote for your favorite.
Monarch for K -3rd grade - read 5
Bluestem for 3-5th grade - read 4
Rebecca Caudill for 5-8th - read 3
before the end of February
If you read 10 or more, and turn in your list, you will earn a prize.

The Palace Project

e-ReadIllinois now on The Palace Project App

The eReadIllinois content of ebooks and audios has been transferred from the Boundless app to the Palace Project app. Download the app, search for Carthage Library, and sign in using your library card barcode number and PIN.

Alliance Digital Media Library (ADML) is still available using the Libby app. This collection includes books in Kindle format.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Imagination Library is available in Hancock County for children under age 5. Click the link below for more information.

www.imaginationlibrary.com

ONGOING EVENTS FOR YOUTH

Note: if school is cancelled or dismissed early due to weather, Library programs will also be cancelled.

Move & Groove and Preschool Storytime

Tuesday mornings
Dec. 9 & 16, Jan. 6

Music & Movement activities begin at 9:30 am followed by story time at 10:00 with crafts and other activities.

For children ages 5 and under with an adult. Older siblings may attend.

STEAM Club

Tues. from 3:30-4:30 pm
Dec. 9 & 16 & Jan. 6

Science, Tech, Engineering, Art and Math Activities for ages K-6th Grades

Chess Club
Monday, Dec. 8
4:30-5:30 pm

Adults and students of all ages and skill levels welcome

1000 Books Before Kdg

This is an ongoing program and always welcoming new participants. Children receive a rubber duck and a free book for each 100-book milestone.

https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

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