### **Carthage Public Library District**

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## Angie Perry Honored for 44 Years of Service

Angie Perry has served on the Board of Trustees of the Carthage Public Library since 1977. She chose not to run for re-election at the end of her term in 2021. During the June 14

meeting, the board honored Angie. They bestowed upon her the honorary title of Carthage Public Library District Board Member Emeritus. This is a non voting member position created in recognition of her extraordinary contributions, allowing her to participate in an advisory capacity.

The board appointed Sarah Talley as trustee, to fill the vacancy created when no candidates ran for the position. Sarah was welcomed to the board and sworn in at the June 14 meeting.

#### **Friends of the Library News**

Joyce Buckert and Susan Cheney from the Hancock County Historical Society presented a very interesting program about the county's rural one-room school houses during

our annual meeting on May 24. The current officers were re-elected.

It's time to renew your membership! If you have not already paid your dues, there are forms available

at the Library. New members are always welcome!

If you wish to be actively involved, the next
meeting will be held on Monday, July 19, at 6:00 pm
at the Library.



#### Plans for the new library continue

Bond sales will be completed by the end of June. Corporate offices of our three local banks are purchasing the bonds. We will soon finalize the grant agreement with the State Library.

We will work with architects to finalize plans and prepare the blueprints and bid documents. The Library will then begin the formal process of advertising and receiving bids to select a general contractor. We hope to begin construction in Spring of 2022.

Fundraising efforts continue, focusing on raising funds for new furnishings for the library. 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.

Checks may be made to the Carthage District Library Foundation. More information is on the Foundation's webpage: <a href="https://www.carthage.publiclibrary.com/library-foundation.html">https://www.carthage.publiclibrary.com/library-foundation.html</a>

#### **Closed July 3rd**

Summer Hours: (June 1-Sept. 4)

Monday & Wednesday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



The Carthage Public Library is collecting items for the Kiwanis Club school supply drive to benefit the children of Carthage Elementary District. Between now and July 5th bring a school supply item and receive \$2 in library cash. Library cash can be used for book sale items or to pay off fines. Library cash cannot be used to pay for lost materials. In addition to regular school supplies they are also requesting socks and underwear.



Adult Book Club

Book Club meets July 8th to discuss <u>Dominicana</u> by Angela Cruz. Copies are available at the library. The Book Club will meet at 12:30pm in Friendship Park or the Library, depending on the weather. Friendship Park is next to City Hall.

We have a few copies of the book In The Time of The Butterflies by Julia Alvarez. This is the Big Read book of 2021 for our area and copies do not need to be returned to the library but can be shared with others when you finish reading it!

There are weekly activities for adults on Thursdays at 12:30 pm.



Summer
Reading
2021
June 1stJuly 31st

It's not too late to register for summer reading! Remember summer reading is for everyone—not only youngsters but also those who are young at heart!!

Kids this year are doing a "read to bead" program which means that they get beads for their reading! Children under age 3 get Rubber Duckies instead. All that they need to do is bring their reading log to a library program or to the library to receive their beads!

All other prizes (food coupons, bracelets, finger puppets, coloring posters, books, etc.) will be awarded at the end of the summer after turning in your reading logs! You will also receive entries for a prize drawing. Each age group has some pretty cool grand prizes this year!

# Special Events



**July 2nd at 11am!** The library has brought in special guest Rick Eugene Brammer to make balloon animals! Southwest corner of the courthouse lawn. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on!

Author to Speak! Brent Hickenbottom, author of The Youngest Swine, will speak at 5:30 pm on Thursday July 15th. The presentation will be at the Carthage Public Library. Brent grew up in this area and is excited about holding a presentation, book reading and book signing in Carthage. The event is open to all ages!





Ag in the Classroom program with a guest speaker and activities will be July 28th at 9:30 am at the WOW Park. Learn more about local farms and farm animals!

Come see us at the Fun in the Sun Family Event, July 29th from 4-7 pm! We will have a booth set up with some fun activities!





The Farmers Market is having a Kids' Carnival on July 26th from 12 pm-2 pm. The library will have a booth set up, and offer some activities.

#### **Independent Reading Challenges 2021**

Our independent reading programs for all ages are happening even over the summer. Tori is sending out an email every month to remind participants to enter for the quarterly prize drawing. If you are not receiving the email, contact the library! Follow this link to fill out the prize drawing entry form for all months participated to be entered for the 2nd quarter prize drawing. Drawing to be held July 10th.

This summer is a great time to participate in the animal independent reading challenge. Every child who has attended a summer reading program this summer has listened to an animal book and is eligible to enter the prize drawing!

Explanations of the three options are on our website: <a href="mailto:carthagepubliclibrary.com/pick-your-reading-challenge-2021.html">carthagepubliclibrary.com/pick-your-reading-challenge-2021.html</a>

#### **Teen-tastic Summer**

Teen Activities are occurring every Monday at 10:30 am and Wednesday at 1:00 pm. The Monday theme varies week to week but on Wednesdays the group is focused on crafts!

Teen activities are open to everyone who is entering 6th-12th grade this fall. There are no other requirements! Activities are free; bring a friend!

**Summer Activities!** Summer activities have been a lot of fun! We have activities every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. In July we even have some guest speakers!

We want to encourage everyone of all ages to attend Family Night Activities on Thursdays starting at 5:30pm. Tori and Sara will be at the W.O.W Park from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Activities are designed to take between 10-20 minutes but can take longer depending upon how much time you want to spend. Sometimes there is a game, sometimes a craft, but always something for all ages!

