

# Carthage Public Library District

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## LIBRARY BOND ISSUE ON APRIL 6 BALLOT

On April 6, voters in the Carthage Public Library District (same boundaries as CESD#317) will see the following proposition on the ballot: "Shall the bonds of the Carthage Public Library District, Hancock County, Illinois, in the amount of \$1,200,000 be issued for the purpose of building and equipping a new library facility, constructing site improvements and furnishing necessary equipment in connection therewith?"

If the referendum passes, this will show the State Library that the local cost share has been secured and they will release \$1,258,862.94 in grant funds to the Library enabling us to proceed with our plans to construct a new 10,660 sq ft library facility at First and Center Streets.

Depending on fundraising efforts, the Library may be able to reduce the amount of bonds sold. If the full \$1.2 million in bonds are issued, property tax rates will increase about 9.27 cents per \$100 of assessed value. For a house with a market value of \$100,000 the cost would be about \$25.34 per year. More detailed tax impact estimates and a calculation form are posted on a new page of the library's website: [carthagepubliclibrary.com/bond-proposition.html](http://carthagepubliclibrary.com/bond-proposition.html).

If the bond issue fails and the Library is unable to raise the local cost share, we must forfeit the grant funding and the new library will not be built. The Library would continue to operate in the current facility, spending funds for ongoing maintenance and needed repairs, and considering options. Renovating the current building, bringing it up to code with a new elevator and additional stairway, would cost over \$1.2 million.

## Public Informational Meeting with Q&A:

Tues., March 9, 6:00 pm, First Baptist Church multipurpose room, or on-line via Zoom. Pre-register for the Zoom meeting here: [https://zoom.us/join/register/tJwkc-yspjwrGdSv3emPT6ezz3jqAWbio1jj](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/join/register/tJwkc-yspjwrGdSv3emPT6ezz3jqAWbio1jj)

In addition to monetary donations, community members can also contribute by serving on a committee, participating in fundraising events, and advocating for the new library. We would appreciate your help spreading the word to others, including former Carthage residents and alumni.

## 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 and winter weather conditions.**

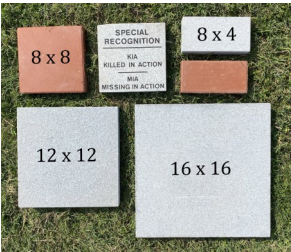
## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Foundation is excited to announce two major contributions. The Sherrick family has pledged \$100,000 for the privilege of naming the meeting room in memory of their grandparents, parents and sister. Tim and Trish Laffey have donated \$50,000 to name one of the study rooms in memory of his mother, Edith Bath Laffey.

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

## Fundraising Progress as of 3-2-2021

**\$ 36,000** Donation of land  
**470** Giving Tuesday  
**3,080** Raffle  
**51,735** Bricks, pavers, donations  
**50,000** Naming study room  
**100,000** Naming meeting room  
**\$241,285**



**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>

## SPRING INTO READING



**Preschool Make and Takes:**

Weekly take-home preschool story hour bags include a book plus materials to make a craft. If you haven't picked up your child's bags for a few weeks we are holding them for you!

**Literacy Kits!** The library has six kits available for checkout! These kits were provided by the Tracy Family Foundation, and have materials, activities and books in them. Appropriate for preschoolers! You can check one out for two weeks!

**Bookmark Design Contest**

This annual contest is for **ALL AGES**, children through adults. Design an original bookmark, 7.5"x2.25", with a theme related to libraries, books, or reading. Entries are due at the library by 7:00 p.m. on March 24. Bookmarks will be divided into age groups and judged based on theme, creativity, originality, attractiveness, and neatness. The winner from each group will receive \$5 in Carthage Cash. The winning bookmarks will be posted on the library's website and Facebook pages and also printed and distributed to patrons during National Library Week, April 4-10. Printed entry forms are available at the Library, or they may be downloaded from our website: [www.carthagepubliclibrary.com](http://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com)



Contest entry from 2017 designed by 10-yr-old Ella Shutwell.

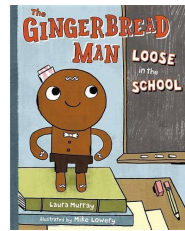
**State Wide Reading Programs.** Voting for Monarch, Bluestem, and Abe Lincoln is taking place through March 15th! Any child who participated can vote at the library until then!

The favorite of the local students who voted for a Rebecca Caudill winner was "Long Way Down" by Jason Reynolds. The state hasn't announced the overall winner yet!



**Teens, Young Adults and Older Young Adults!**

The Library is having a contest between "Old" Young Adult literature (pre 2010) vs. "Current" Young Adult literature. Brackets will be displayed in March! Come by the library to check it out! Voting starts next week, and can be done in person, on Facebook or Instagram!



**The Storybook Walk** around the square has changed in the last week! The current book is The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School by Laura Murray. This will be the last Gingerbread man book for the story-walk! The Walk starts at the library and continues around the square! A big thank you to the local businesses for displaying the book pages!

**READING PROGRAMS 2021,  
PICK YOUR CHALLENGE!**

Open to **ALL AGES!** You may participate in more than one! Never too late to join!

Let us know each month you participate—it helps our program statistics. You will also be entered in a quarterly prize drawing. Just complete a simple form on paper or online through this [link](#): If you signed up at the library you should be receiving monthly emails! If not contact the library! Or email the information to [cartlib@mtcnw.net](mailto:cartlib@mtcnw.net)

**Read Your way 2021!** You will receive a large list of different themes and other reading ideas. Select one topic each month and read a book that fits the theme you selected.

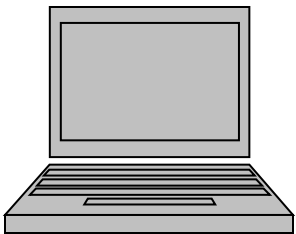
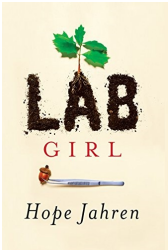
**Animals!** This year's summer reading theme is "Tails and Tales." Tying in with that this reading program focuses on animals for 2021. Read a book with an animal theme, an animal as a main character, about animals, or that has an animal on the cover.

**The "Family" Reading Challenge.**

Requires an adult and a child to participate. This program encourages you to talk about reading and other interests. The adult and child do not need to be related or live in the same household to participate. One adult can sign up with more than one child. There will be a theme each month. The adult and child each need to read a book that fits the theme, but they will probably not be reading the same book.

**Book Club & Pushing the Limits Discussion Group**

Book club meets March 18th at 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. We are meeting in person and there is a zoom option for both times. This month we are combining Book Club with the Pushing the Limits Discussion group. We are reading Lab Girl by and about geobiologist Hope Jahren and her study of plants and soils. Copies of the book are available at the library. We will also be viewing and discussing some video clips, so please join us even if you haven't read the book.



**Need to use a computer outside of Library hours?** The library will soon have laptops available for checkout! Contact the library for details and to reserve one. You can take these home with you for a 1 week

**BOOK SALE**

The Friends of the Library will hold a used book sale on Fri., March 19 from 11:00-5:00 and Sat., Mar. 20 from 9-1 during the "Hop Around the Block" event. The sale will be held outside if the weather permits.

