Carthage Public Library District

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- 5:00 pm

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Construction work on the new library continues. The facade is going up and the windows are being installed.

The estimated cost for new shelving and furnishings is $350,000, so fundraising efforts will continue.

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

Canning Foods at Home

Learn about water bath and pressure canning through this recorded program from the University of Illinois Extension. View at the Library on **Mon., Oct. 13 at 6:30 pm or Thurs., Oct. 16 at 1:00 pm.**

This is the first in a Food Preservation series. Viewings of additional programs can be scheduled if there is interest.

Virtual Program with Marissa Bode

Join us for a watch party or register to watch at home

Marissa will share personal stories and insights from her time on stage, and the challenges and rewards of being part of an iconic production, *Wicked*. She will share what makes the story so meaningful to her and audiences around the world.

https://bit.ly/ILPMarissaBode

Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) is a collaboration among Illinois Libraries to offer premier virtual programs.

Gift Basket Raffle

The holidays will soon be upon us. The Friends of the Library group will be holding a gift basket raffle again this year. We are seeking donations of gift items as well as baskets and containers. Please bring donated items to the library by the 31st of October. Donations of complete baskets are due by November 6th. Advanced notification of the basket theme or contents is appreciated.

Be the Change With Your Change!

The Friends of the Library have organized a coin drive that will run from now 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.

ONGOING EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Book Club

Thurs., Oct. 9, 12:30,
Little Souls
by Sandra Dallas
Thurs. Nov. 13, 12:30
Giver of Stars
by Jojo Moyes

Copies of the book are available for checkout. New members always welcome.

Crochet & Knitting Group

Tuesday, Oct. 14 & 28
Nov. 4 & 18
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Bring a current project or learn something new. Share your skills with others. For anyone age 8 and up.

Euchre Club

Wednesdays and Thursdays
from 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
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23,30

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Halloween Party

Get ready for a spooky good time filled with food, fun, and games!
Stay tuned — the date and time to be announced soon. You won't want to miss it!

Trick or Treat

We're excited to be part of the **Chamber of Commerce Merchant Trick-or-Treat** — be sure to swing by the library for some sweet treats. **Friday, October 24, 2-4 PM.**

National Friends of the Library Week

The week of Oct. 19-25, we are celebrating **#NationalFriendsofLibrariesWeek** in our community and beyond. If you are not already a Friends member, it's the perfect time to join us and become a library supporter!
Volunteers needed for our annual patron count—just tally each person who enters the library during your shift.

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

Move & Groove and Preschool Storytime

Tuesday mornings

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

Geared for children ages 5 and under with an adult.

STEAM Club

Tues. from 3:30-4:30 pm

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

Chess Club
Monday Oct. 6
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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