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. 9:00-5:00 pm

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We will be closed on May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Tuesday, May 26, our summer hours will begin . We will close at 6:00 pm Monday - Thursday.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Program Monday, May 4, 6:00 pm

***** At the NEW LIBRARY building*****

This event will include a program about the history of the library, a brief business meeting, the opportunity to see inside the new library building, and refreshments.

It's time to renew your Friends membership dues. $5 for students, $10 for individuals, or $25 for family or sponsor. Forms are available at the library or on the Friends webpage.

The Friends support the Library with volunteers and financially. This year they paid Harrison Monuments $11,297 for the cost of the bricks, pavers and engraving.

The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt – Raffle

This beautiful quilt was generously donated and you can enter for a chance to win it! The set includes a child-sized quilt, a matching pillowcase, and a copy of the book *The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt* by Riel Nason. Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20 and available from May 4 - June 20 at the library.

Babel-On With Rebecca F. Kuang Wednesday, May 20, 7 pm

Kuang is the award-winning #1 *New York Times* and #1 *Sunday Times* best-selling author of the *Poppy War Trilogy*, *Babel: An Arcane History*, *Yellowface* and *Katabasis*.

To receive a Zoom link register at https://bit.ly/ILPKuang

There will be no watch party at the library for this event. Register online to watch at home.

Adult Ongoing Programs

Book Club
Thurs. May 14, 12:30

Secret Life of Bees
by Sue Monk Kidd
Last Garden in England
by Julia Kelly
June 11, 12:30

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

Crochet and Knitting Group
Every other Tuesday
May 5 & 19
6:30-8:00 pm

Bring a current project or try something new. Share your skills with others. For ages 8 & Up

Euchre Club
Wed. 2:00-4:00 pm

All skill levels are welcome For adults and high school age students

English Language Learners

An informal group for adults and students 5th grade & older Thursdays 5:30-6:45

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IRIS - Illinois Reliable Information Sources

IRIS is a group of online databases provided by the State Library. You can access them through our library's website and log in with your library card barcode number, or go directly to the State's IRIS page,

https://research.ebsco.com/c/powx2f/topics/details/TOPIC-0000017736

This month we are highlighting Exploring: Gardening. This includes information about starting seeds from scratch, essential equipment, gardening for fun and profit and much more.

Fine Amnesty: May 18–30

Check your desks, lockers, under your bed, and even in the couch —wherever those overdue books might be hiding!
Return all late materials during this period and your fines will be cleared.
This is a great opportunity to clear your account before summer reading begins.

Please note: This amnesty applies to overdue fines only. Charges for lost materials are not included.

May Independent Reading Challenge

In honor of Be Kind to Animals Week read books about animals, your choice. May 1-15. Turn in your name and phone number for a fun prize

Summer Reading is almost here! Here is a sneak peek at some of the fun events :

Summer Reading Kick-off
Join us **Thurs., May 28, 6:00 pm** at the WOW Park in Carthage for tie-dying, bubbles treats and more!

Local Children's Author Visit
Join us for a special author visit! Tiffany Erickson will be sharing her book *The Snack Thief* on **Wed. June 3 at 10:00 am.** Come enjoy a fun story and meet the author—perfect for young readers and families!

Quincy Children's Museum
Thurs. June 11, 2:00-3:30 pm
Join us on the Courthouse lawn for tons of interactive fun.

Llama Llama Visit
Thurs. June 18, 10:00 am
Join us for a fun-filled event with a favorite storybook friend, Llama Llama!
We will have stories featuring Llama Llama, crafts, and a chance to take pictures with Llama Llama himself!

Youth Ongoing Programs

Please Note after May 5 we will be taking a break from PreSchool activities & STEAM until Summer Reading in June

Move & Groove and Preschool Storytime
Tuesday 9:30-10:30 am
May 5
Music and movement activities start at 9:30 am followed by storytime and craft at 10:00 am

STEAM Club
Tuesday 3:30-4:30 pm
May 5
Science, Engineering, Art, and Math Activities for students grades K-6th

1000 Books Before Kdg
We're always seeking new participants. Children receive a rubber duck and a free book for each 100-book milestone.
https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
Register your PreSchool child to receive a free book in the mail each month.
www.imaginationlibrary.com