



News from the Shelf

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Festival of Wreaths fundraising event planned

Friends of the Carthage Public Library plan a repeat of the successful Festival of Wreaths this Christmas season.

The wreaths will be sold by a silent auction concluding the night of the Carthage Christmas Open House, Dec. 1.

The wreaths donated and created by various businesses, organizations and individuals will be on display on the square from Nov. 21 to Dec. 1. Photos will also be posted at the library and on the Friends' Facebook page.

Buyers should submit the top price they are willing



to pay naming the number of their wreath of choice.

Silent bids will be accepted at the library or via email and during the Carthage Christmas Open House.

The high bidder for each wreath at the end of the open house is the winner.

For information about how to donate a wreath, call the library at 217-357-3232.

Book sales planned at the library this fall

The Carthage Public Library is planning two used book sales this fall. The first is Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23 and 24, during Illini West High School homecoming weekend. The second will be Nov. 4 and 5, as part of the "Shop Around the Block" sales around the square. Both sales run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The library used book sales help the library in many ways. The sales foster the love of

reading, putting inexpensive materials into the hands of readers.

As the library continues to acquire new materials, some older books and CDs are removed from the collection and offered for sale. In addition families can donate books from their home collections that they no longer want. All these books are offered for sale at a very low cost at periodic sales in the upstairs rooms of the library, and are continually for sale on a rolling cart near the main library desk.

Rural Gateways Grant offers adult STEM programs

The Carthage Library has received a \$3,500 National Science Foundation grant to provide science-based programs for adults in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math).

With the grant, programs will be held that are described as “book club meets science café”. Those taking part will read a designated popular book on a science topic, then come to the library

for an event that includes discussion of the book. Then they will watch and discuss a short video on how ideas from the book relate to everyday life.

The program will start in late fall or at the first of the year and consist of four sessions. Watch for more information about events from this grant in coming months

Coming opportunities at Carthage Public library

Fall brings the start of many different events at the library for all age groups.

New sessions of Sit and Stitch will begin shortly, where patrons can bring stitchery projects to the library, work on them, share ideas and visit. These will be held one day a week, most likely from 1 to 3 p.m.

S.O.A.R. and Reading Buddies help young readers. S.O.A.R. helpers read to or listen to young readers each Tuesday afternoon through Oct. 4. Reading Buddies will continue to meet with and help a young reader during October.

Preschool Story Hour will run on Thursdays, Oct. 13 to Nov. 17 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library will be on Monday, Dec. 5, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Carthage Library. The public is invited to come.

Thank you for being part of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library. Officers are Joy Swearingen, president; Linda Webb, vice president; Susan Hunt, secretary, and Cheryl Underwood, treasurer.

Share this registration form with anyone you know who would like to be a Friend of Carthage Public Library.

I have enclosed a check payable to “Friends of the Carthage Public Library” for membership:

_____ \$5 Student _____ \$10 Individual _____ \$25 Family _____ \$25 Supporter

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email _____ I’m interested in volunteering _____

Please mail this form & your check to: Cheryl Underwood, 710 North Haven Dr., Carthage, IL 62321.
Or drop it in the box at Carthage Public Library desk.