



News from the Shelf

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STEM reading/discussion series continues

Reading, viewing and discussion are combined to bring the world of science into parts of everyday life. That is the goal of a grant received by the Carthage Public Library.

The first of four sessions was held Monday, Jan. 23. These will continue on the fourth Monday of the month in February, March and April, thanks to a \$3,500 National Science Foundation grant to provide science-based programs for adults in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math).

This month's event started with a soup supper. The 12 people present viewed a short video of Jean M. Auel discussing her Earth's Children series of books. The last book of the series, "The Land of Painted Caves," had been available for participants to read before the discussion.

A second video focused on seeking, preserving and using heritage sources of food.

The discussion centered on pushing the limits in search of knowledge, how that was done in the lives of early man and how it happens today. A door prize, a kitchen mandolin, was given to all who registered in advance.

The next session will be Monday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. at the library. "Arctic Drift" by Clive Cussler is the recommended (but not required) book for this session. Those interested who sign up by Feb. 13 will receive the February door prize. A light



supper of chili, a baked potato bar and refreshments will be provided.

The sessions continue on Monday, March 27, featuring "Thunderstruck" by Erik Larson and conclude on April 24 with a discussion based on "When the Killing's Done" by T.C. Boyle. Names of those attending each session are placed in a final drawing for Carthage Cash in April.

For more information or to sign up, call the library at 217-357-3232.

Children's programs planned for Spring

On Thursday, March 2 the Library will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a family activity night, beginning at 6:00 pm.

The Spring series of PreSchool story hours, for children 3-5 years of age, will be held from 9:30-10:30 am on Thursday mornings March 16-April 20.

These activities are planned by youth programs coordinator, Christine Snyder

The following dates and themes are planned for preschool story hour:

March 16 – Leprechauns

March 23 – Bears

March 30 – “Chicka-Chicka-Boom-Boom”

April 6 – Chickens

April 13 – Eggs and bunnies

April 20 – Your name

Call the library to sign up or go get more information, at 217-357-3232.

Festival of Wreaths 2016 was a holiday success

The second Friends of the Carthage Library Festival of Wreaths was held in connection with the Carthage Christmas Open House on Dec. 1. Thank you to all of the businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated this year. There were an amazing 30 beautiful and unique wreaths.

Thanks also to all of the individuals who participated by bidding on one or more of the wreaths, and congratulations of all of the top bidders.

The Friends of the Library raised \$1232.50 to benefit the Library. The next Festival of Wreaths will be in 2018.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library will be on Monday, March 6, 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.