



# News from the Shelf

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## Inklings featured at Friends annual meeting

The Inklings book club at the Carthage Middle School presented the program for the Friends of the Carthage Public Library annual meeting held April 27. Chris Lewis, literature teacher and Inklings advisor, and Sadie Steward, a seventh grade member of the club, spoke about the club.

Their mission: to promote high quality young adult literature and to come together to share our love of reading and our love of a “good story.” Inklings was started for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in 2009. Members vote on what books to read and discuss.

The club tries to choose authors or books that are new to members. They include one Rebecca Caudill nominee, and sometimes read two books at a time if they cannot choose between two good selections. The Inklings promote reading beyond their club by hosting book fairs, buying book sets for classrooms and sponsoring the annual Battle of the Books contest at school based on Rebecca Caudill Award winning books.



### Other annual meeting business

Officers of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library were elected for the coming year. They are Joy Swearingen, president; Linda Webb, vice president; Linda Tobias, secretary; and Cheryl Underwood, treasurer.

Reports were given by the president and treasurer. The next Friends board meeting is Monday, July 24, at 6 p.m. upstairs at the Library. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting and share ideas.

## Friends of the Library memberships are due

The Friends of the Carthage Library annual memberships run on the fiscal year, May 1 to April 30. Many members have already renewed membership that help support Friends projects.

To renew your membership, use the form on the back of this newsletter or stop in at the library to for information on the adult, student, family or supporter membership options.

# Summer plans for Friends of the Library

## Summer Reading Program

The Friends of the Library helped kick off the summer reading program by funding scientist, Rick Brammer of Absolute Science, for an assembly at the Carthage Primary School on May 18. The summer program, Reading by Design, invites all kinds of creative designing and innovative projects.

Reading logs (for adults as well as kids) start May 30 and are turned in Aug. 4. There will be activity sessions June 6 to July 28, and “Maker Monday” time for creative arts, robot building, crafts and more. Watch for details on a Lego building contest. See information at the library for registration details.

## Family movie night

Plans are forming for a cook-out and family movie night with food at Lily’s Frozen Yogurt and the movie in the library parking lot. Final results of the Summer Reading Program will be announced with special activities planned.

This is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 8, with the rain date of Tuesday, Aug. 15. Watch for more details as the summer moves forward.



**Rick Brammer encourages young scientists.**

## Book sales

The Friends of the Library plan two used book sales during June. The first is June 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., during the Strawberry Strut in the morning, and the beginning of the Hancock County Fights Cancer Block party in the afternoon.

The second book sale will be June 23 and 24, as part of the city wide garage sales and sidewalk sales around Carthage. At both sales, the books will be placed conveniently just outside the library doors, weather permitting.

**Thank you for being part of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library. Officers are Joy Swearingen, president; Linda Webb, vice president; Linda Tobias, 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

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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.