

Friends of the Carthage Public Library

SPELLING BEE

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 6:30 pm
Carthage Middle School Gym



Carthage Community:

The Friends of the Carthage Public Library invite you to participate in our Community Spelling Bee Fundraising Event. The Friends are seeking teams and sponsors for the “Bee,” which will be held on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 pm in the Carthage Middle School Gym. It’s been 5 years since the last Bee, and we’re hoping to have a large number of teams participate. Come join in the fun.

Teams consist of up to 5 people of any age. Although many teams represent a specific business, church, club, or other group, that is not required. Groups of friends are also welcome. Please help us by spreading the word in your organization and throughout the community and by encouraging people to participate. Teams from other communities are also welcome.

Please let us know that you intend to participate as soon as possible, preferably by March 1. You may call or e-mail us, or use the bottom portion of the attached form. The official registration form should be returned to the library, with a \$25 registration fee, by March 8 even if you are not yet sure of all of the team members’ names.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Carthage Pubic Library as a fundraiser. The Friends support the Library and provide supplemental funding for various library projects and needs. Teams are requested to seek monetary donations from the community to support their team prior to the event. We have included a sponsor sheet. Feel free to make copies for your team members, or pick up additional copies at the library. Audience members will also have an opportunity to donate during the Bee to cheer on the teams.

Another way to raise funds prior to the event is to sell raffle tickets. Three gift packages will be raffled off that evening: a St. Louis outing package including 2 nights at a hotel, a dining out package with certificates for area restaurants, and a reading package. Individuals do not need to be present to win. Tickets cost \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Teams may pick up packets of tickets at the Library. The raffle ticket stubs and money may be turned into the Library in early, but all must be turned in by the start of the Bee on March 22. Prizes will be awarded to the top spelling and top fundraising teams.

We will also have a Spirit Award, for the team who gets into the spirit of the evening with a clever team name, slogan, costumes, cheering section, etc. Each team is asked to prepare a poster with their team’s name and any organization they represent.

Those who choose not to be on a team can participate by volunteering to help during the event, making a donation in advance to help sponsor a team and by coming to the Spelling Bee to root for their favorite team. Additional donations are encouraged during the event.

Thank you for your help in spreading the word about this event. If you have questions, feel free to call the Carthage Public Library, 217-357-3232, or send us an email, cartlib@mtcnw.net.

