Library Regular 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
These hours begin Sept. 8th

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Aug. 31-Sept. 3, close at 6:00 pm

September is Library Sign-Up Month!!

Library Cards are FREE for anyone who lives in our library district which has the same boundaries as the Carthage Elementary School District.

September Independent Reading Challenge
For all ages. The tracker sheet contains 30 apples - 1 per day. Read at least 20 minutes to color an apple. Color it green if the book was checked out from our library, otherwise color the apple red. Prizes will be awarded.

Learning Express Library

Part of IRIS - Illinois Reliable Information Sources, provided by the State Library. Access to this resource is available on the home page of our website.

A unique collection of tutorials, practice tests, and educational courses for all ages. This database includes early math concepts for those in elementary school, up to college entrance exam practice tests. One can expand skills by learning to type, or study up on Excel and Word and learn how they are different than Google Docs and Sheets. It contains career and resume information, exams for nursing and other careers, and much more. This is a full and varied database that includes tutorials, videos, and even flash cards.

The Library will be CLOSED in observance of Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7th. On Sept. 8 we will resume our regular hours.

Adult Ongoing Programs

Book Club
Thurs. Sept. 10 , 12:30
The Things We Cannot Say
Thurs., Oct. 8
The Ride of Her Life
by Elizabeth Letts

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

Crochet and Knitting Group
Every other Tuesday
Sept. 9 & 22
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
Sept. 2,9,16,23,30

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

English Language Learners Class
Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm
No class Sept. 24
FREE for adults and kids 5th grade and up

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From September 8-19, the library will feature a special poster display commemorating the 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. We invite you to visit the library and take a moment to remember, reflect, and honor the day that changed our country forever.

Gauging Interest for Possible Programs

If you are interested in any of these topics, or have other suggestions, please contact the library and let us know your availability. This will help us plan and schedule daytime or evening programs or groups.

Scrapbooking:
Meet together to work on projects and share ideas and materials.

Hand and Foot:
A volunteer has offered to teach the card game Hand and Foot if we can get a group together.

Other Games:
Dominoes, chess, checkers, or any other games are an option if there is interest.

Teen/Tween Progams:
We would love to offer activities for MS & HS students - possibly a program with planned crafts and activities, or an unstructured (but supervised) time to hang out with friends. We need input for planning and scheduling.

ILP ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

INSIDE THE EMPIRE OF AI

Sept. 17, 7:00 PM

Virtual program with author Karen Hao in conversation with Reanna Esmail

scan the QR code to register for the program link

or join us for a watch party at the library.

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

Youth Programs resuming Sept. 1

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays 9:30 AM

Craft included. Great for ages 3-5 but younger children are welcome.

(There will no storytime on Sept. 15.)

Move and Groove
Wednesdays 9:30 AM

This is perfect for your littlest movers and shakers

(There will no Move and Groove on Sept. 16.)

STEAM Club
Tuesdays 3:15-4:14 PM

K-6th grade
Younger kids may attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

(There will no STEAM Club on Sept. 15.)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Register your infant to 5-year-old child to receive a free book in the mail each month.

www.imaginationlibrary.com