



News from the Shelf

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Roth shares humor, lifelong love for libraries

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library was held Monday, April 25, at the Welcome Center of Trinity Lutheran Church in Carthage. After a short business meeting, LaRae Roth spoke about libraries that had always been part of her life.

President Judy Fuellborn welcomed the group, and gave a report from the past year.

The treasurer's report showed income from memberships of \$1495, Festival of Wreaths brought \$1,000, and book sales netted \$504. The Friends bought two rocking chairs for the youth vault and a disc cleaning machine for \$995.

Roth, an English teacher, currently teaches at the Hancock County Academy. She told about how important going to the library was to her as a child, and the role libraries played as she raised her family.



"Friends" mourn loss of Pres. Judy Fuellborn



On May 5, Judy Fuellborn, president of the Friends of the Carthage Library, passed away. Judy had been ill for several years, but her passing was a shock for her many friends.

Judy moved to Carthage after the death of her husband,

to be near her daughter, Christine Wesp. She was active in many community groups.

Judy was among those who met last June to start the process of reorganizing the Friends of the Library, and was elected as its first president. The board will greatly miss her passion and style, and her dedication to help the library.

Vice president Joy Swearingen has stepped up as president of the board of Friends of the Library, and Linda Webb was elected as the new vice president to serve until the next annual meeting and officer election in April 2017.

We extend our sincere sympathies to her family and friends.

Summer book sales help support library

A used book sale will be held on Friday, July 8 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. This sale will be held upstairs in the library, with the elevator available for use. Volunteers who can help for an hour or two are always appreciated.

The library used book sales help the library in many ways. As the library continues to acquire new materials, some older books, VHS tapes 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 items 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.

A recent sale was held June 4, when people were on the square for the Strawberry Strut and Hancock County Fights Cancer, which netted \$72.65. A second on June 10-11, during city wide garage sales and sidewalk sales, brought in \$23. Proceeds are used to buy new materials for the library.

Summer reading program focuses on sports

The Summer Reading Program was kicked off on June 2 with a tailgate party in the library parking lot. With the theme of “Read for the Win,” tailgating is the frequent start to many sporting events.

The first week focused on the Olympics with videos about the history of the Olympics, the Olympic flame, and the Paralympic Games. Participants made their own Olympic laurel wreaths, and shot pool noodle “javelins” through hula hoop targets. The following weeks each focus on a different sport or activity. There are reading

logs for all ages, including adults. The final event is Aug. 9 at Jaycee Park, a cookout at 6:30 pm with field day games.



Sessions are Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoons for school aged kids, Thursday morning for preschoolers, and Thursday afternoons for teens. Family game nights are held each Monday evening at 6 p.m. at the library. Magician Rick Eugene Brammer will perform in the Baptist Church multipurpose room at 1:30 on July 19. The general public is invited.

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.