

LIBRARY 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 am-5pm

Closed Jan. 1, 2026



January 2026

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New Library Building

The general contractors will finish most of their work in January. We are looking forward to 2026 and expect to move in the Spring!!



The estimated cost for new shelving and furnishings is \$350,000, so fundraising efforts continue.

The Carthage District Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3), and a qualified charity for RMDs and gifts. Checks can be brought in or mailed to the library. On-line giving is also an option,. For details, click the link below:

<https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html>



Stacking Up Support for our New Library

Although the holidays are over, our fundraising continues with a goal of raising \$100,000 by the end of February.



Giving Tree

Twelve special ornaments decorated our Giving Tree, representing \$3,425 in donations toward shelving and furnishings for the new library.

Once the Christmas tree comes down, we will use paper snowflakes in the windows to recognize donations of \$50 or more.



Friends of the Library Gift Basket Raffle

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our gift basket raffle and to all of our generous donors. We raised \$2040 for furnishings for the new library.

Be the Change With Your Change!

If you have been saving your change for the Friends of the Library coin drive, please bring it to the library. Of course, we will continue to accept coins and other donations any time.

ONGOING EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Book Club

Thurs., Jan. 8, 12:30

Seven Perfect Things by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Thurs., Feb. 12

The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 Gander

Newfoundland by Jim DeFede

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

Crochet & Knitting group

Every other Tuesday

Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 10 & 24

6:30-8:00 pm

Bring a current project or learn something new. Share your skills with others. For anyone 8 & up.

Euchre Club

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. You are welcome to come one day or both! All skill levels are welcome. For adults and high school age students.

English Language Learners

An informal group for adults & students 5th grade & older Thursdays 5:30-6:45



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State-Wide Reading Programs

Just a reminder to keep reading books on the Readers' Choice lists so you can vote for your favorite.

Monarch for K -3rd grade - read 5

Bluestem for 3-5th grade - read 4

Rebecca Caudill for 5-8th - read 3

before the end of February

If you read 10 or more, and turn in your list, you will earn a prize.



The
Palace
Project

**e-ReadIllinois
now on The
Palace Project
App**

The eReadIllinois content of ebooks and audios has been transferred from the Boundless app to the Palace Project app. Download the app, search for Carthage Library, and sign in using your library card barcode number and PIN.

Alliance Digital Media Library (ADML) is still available using the Libby app. This collection includes books in Kindle format and audios.



**Virtual Program
"Bringing History to
Life with Jonathan Eig"**
Tues., Jan. 13, 7:00 pm

Jonathan Eig is an author of six books, including the Pulitzer Prize winning *King: A Life* about Martin Luther King Jr. Register at <https://bit.ly/ILPJonathanEig> to watch on your own, or join us at the library for a Watch Party.

The Feb. 24 ILP program will feature author R.L. Stine, but the program is intended for adults.



Family Game Night

**Mon., Jan. 12 & Feb. 9
4:30-6:30**

A variety of board games and cards will be available at the library, or bring your favorite.

Invite friends to come play too. Children under 8 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.

We're having Game Night instead of Chess Club, but you are still welcome to play chess.



Jigsaw Puzzle Give Away

We have about 19 used jigsaw puzzles to give away.

This is not an exchange (we don't want to store & move puzzles). If you wish, you may bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry or Food for Thoughts program.

We're also setting up a jigsaw puzzle for people to work on here at the library.

Winter Reading Challenge

Pick up a copy of the Scholastic Challenge which lists 25 reading activities.

See how many you can do in January & February.

Complete at least 8 to be entered in a prize drawing. For all ages, kids and adults.

ONGOING EVENTS FOR YOUTH

Note: if school is cancelled or dismissed early due to weather, Library programs will also be cancelled.

Move & Groove and Preschool Storytime

**Tuesday mornings
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27**

Music & Movement activities begin at 9:30 am followed by story time at 10:00 with crafts and other activities.

For children ages 5 and under with an adult. Older siblings may attend.

STEAM Club

**Tues. from 3:30-4:30 pm
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27**

Science, Tech, Engineering, Art and Math Activities for ages K-6th Grades

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>

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Register your PreSchool child to receive a free book in the mail each month.

www.imaginationlibrary.com