

Carthage Public Library District

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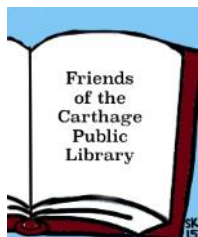


Planning for New Library Continues

The architects and engineers are pulling together the details and specifications for every aspect of our new building. The bid process for contractors should begin in April. We hope to break ground in May or June.

We are working to raise funds for new furnishings and shelving. Naming opportunities are available. Gifts of any size are appreciated. The engraved brick and paver project is ongoing. More information is on the Foundation's webpage: www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting



The public is invited to attend the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting on Monday, May 2, at 6:00 pm in the Welcome Center of Trinity Lutheran Church, 709 Main St., Carthage.

Following a brief business meeting and election of officers, our program will be presented by Jennifer Boyer from Celebration School of Dance. Jennifer has written and published a children's book, Avella Marie Starts Dance and will speak about her experiences with the writing and publishing process. She will also be signing autographs and will have copies of her book for sale. Cookies and punch will be served.



The Friends will meet on Mon., April 8 at 6:00 pm at the Library to finalize plans for the Annual meeting. New members are always welcome.

Spring into Reading

Our independent book challenge for April and May is to read books with a Spring theme. Participants 5th grade through adult read two books to complete the challenge, younger children should read five books. Participants will be entered in a prize drawing. To print your own click [here](#)

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Wednesday	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	9:30 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Help for English Language Learners

Carthage Library hosts a conversation group to help adults learn and practice English. The group meets on Thursdays from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

Books and puzzles are provided for children who accompany their parents.

Book Club

Book Club will meet Thursday, April 7th, at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm.



In April we will be discussing this year's Big Read book, a poetry collection called An American Sunrise by Joy Harjo, and a companion title Cheyenne Madonna by Eddie Chuculate. May's book is The Jungle by Upton Sinclair.

Storybook Walk

National Walking Day is April 6th!

To encourage families to go for a walk, a storybook walk will be set up around Hartzell Lake on the Memorial Hospital campus during National Library Week, April 4-9. Walk around the lake, stopping at each sign to read The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle. Later, come by the library and tell us about it to receive a prize!

The storybook walk is provided through a grant from the Tracy Family Foundation.

Book Bingo!

If you participated in the Jan.-March Book Bingo reading program, be sure to bring in your form by April 4, to be entered into a prize drawing! Please bring in your sheet even if you didn't get a Bingo so we can count our participants.



National Library Week is April 3-9th.

Specially designed bookmarks will be available at the front desk! These are the winners of the bookmark contest. We had 75 participants this year!

In addition, we have many activities happening at the library during this week. See below for details!

Library Week Activities!

All week - come pick up a bookmark!

Go on the storybook walk around the lake at the Hospital (see p. 1 for details).

Wednesday 3:30 pm: Elementary activity at the library with a scavenger hunt

Thursday 3:30: Coding Club (4th - 6th grade)

Thursday 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Teens (5th-12th grade) Library games and a scavenger hunt!

Earth Day Lorax Activity! This month we will have an earth day activity set up at a table in the library all day on April 22nd. This is for all ages! Stop by at your convenience!

Making May Baskets! On April 29th and 30th there will be materials set up inside the library to allow community members to make May Day baskets to give to their neighbors and friends. The tradition is to hang them on doors early May 1st morning!

Scrabble Day! Scrabble day is April 13th. We will be hosting a scrabble game for adults over the noon hour and a scrabble game for all ages at 3:30pm.

Crochet Group! Our crocheters had so much fun that they chose to continue meeting! We will be meeting every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm upstairs in the library! Next meetings will be April 12 & 26. Anyone ages nine and up is welcome to join. All skill levels welcome! Basic supplies for learning or practicing are provided.



Haiku Poetry Contest! The library is hosting a Haiku poetry contest for all ages. Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry, that has three lines, with 5 syllables in the first and third line and 7 syllables in the 2nd line. To enter online click [here](#). Entries must be nature-centered and are due by 5:00 pm on April 16th.



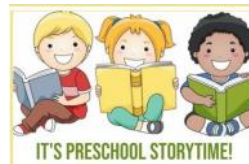
There are currently 33 children signed up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Five children have read 100 books, and two have read 200!! This is open to any child from birth to those entering kindergarten this fall. After registering please come in and have your child's picture taken and added to our 1000 books wall. More information can be found on our website www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten.html

April 2nd - National Read A Children's Book Day and Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Day!

Special Saturday story-time at 2:00 pm for preschool and elementary aged children with books, a craft and a snack. (Please contact the library if your child has food allergies) We will be making sandwiches using cookie butter instead of peanut butter.

Gardening Meeting: We are having a meeting for gardeners or those interested in gardening April 11th at 6:30pm. Light refreshments provided. Some of the master gardeners will be attending and can answer gardening questions. National gardening day is April 14th so come get the knowledge you need to plant this spring!

Preschool Storytime!



Preschool story time is held Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Join us for songs, rhymes, books, and crafts! This activity is geared towards kids 2-5 years. Older and younger siblings are also welcome to attend. A caregiver needs to attend with the children. If you are interested in an afternoon story time contact the library! April themes are: Library Scavenger hunt! On April 4, Tweet Tweet Birds for April 12, Earth Day on April 19, and Shel Silverstein on April 26.

Play Group



Play to Learn meets at the library every Wednesday at 10:00 am. This is open to children between the ages of birth and 3 years of age. Older siblings are welcome to attend. This program is co-sponsored with Early Beginnings and features songs, free play and a structured activity. A caregiver is required to stay with the child. Join us!