

# Carthage Public Library District

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## MATCHING CHALLENGE MET

### Fundraising Continues

THANK YOU! Thanks to everyone who donated, we were able to meet the \$25,000 challenge and received the \$25,000 matching donation!



The Builders Club at the Carthage Middle School donated \$125 to the library for our building project and the CMS Inklings donated \$500 raised during their Battle of the Book Competition.

### Sponsor a Square Foot—\$500

Donors of \$500 or more, like the Inklings, can choose to "Sponsor a Square Foot" of the new library. These sponsors will be named on a plaque in the new building. MTC Communications of Macomb, our phone and Internet Service Provider, also sponsored a square foot.

Engraved bricks and pavers are still available for donations of \$100 or more. Checks should be payable to the Carthage District Library Foundation. More information is on the Foundation's webpage:

[www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html](http://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html).

## STORYTELLING VIDEOS

The storytelling videos have been completed and we think they turned out great! View them on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDfdFu86Hp8> and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kX-h2LTYSis> or on

our website. There are also links on our Facebook page.

Thank you for everyone who took the time to come in and help us on filming day. Special thanks to the Tracy Family Foundation for funding this project.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Thank you to our pie bakers and to everyone who purchased a pie from the recent fundraiser. We sold 47 pies!

The next Friends meeting will be Monday, April 10 at 6:00

pm. Everyone is invited to attend. The main agenda item will be to make plans for the annual meeting and program in May.

## Bookmark Contest:

Entries for our annual bookmark design contest for National Library Week are due at the library by April 19th. The theme is "There's more to the Story at Your Library."

Adults are encouraged to enter as are students of all ages. The winner for each age group will receive \$5 in Carthage Cash. Our favorite bookmarks will be printed and available at the library during National Library Week, April 23-29.



## 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



## Book Clubs

The Thursday Book Club will meet at 12:30 pm on April 13. We will discuss the NEA Big Read for our

area (Galesburg), Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu. Pick up a copy of the book that we received through the Big Read program, then keep it or pass it on to someone else.

Written in the form of a screen play, this satirical novel explores the racial stereotyping in Hollywood, which limited the roles available to Asian actors. *Booklist* describes it as, "both rollicking entertainment and scathing commentary."

For May 11, the group will read The Great Alone by Kristen Hannah.

**Saturday Book Club** meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm: April 15 & May 20. Talk about the books you have been reading and receive recommendations for future reads.

## Decorating for Summer Reading —

**Oceans of Possibilities.** Stop by the library during the day on **May 5th** to help make decorations for summer reading. On **May 6th at 10:00 am** we will be putting the decorations in place and could use volunteers.



**Donations Needed!** We are accepting donations of items for summer reading. We are in need of large pieces of cardboard and bubble wrap. We would also appreciate ocean or beach decorations. If you have something to donate for the summer please contact the library.

## Money Monsters!

April is Financial Literacy Month. We are offering a program called "Money Monsters" from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau for families with children ages 4-12 on Wednesdays starting April 12 at 4:30pm. This is a 7 week offering each week will host a new topic the topics are as follows: saving, careers, protecting your things, how much things really cost, becoming a good borrower, giving, and starting a business. Participants do not need to attend weekly. There will be a story then opportunity for families to discuss and have a related activity.



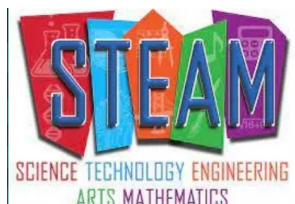
## Rhythm and Movement Plus Storytime Tuesdays—10:00 am

Music story time continues! Bring children 0-6 years and join us for music, stories, & more! For more information please [click here!](#) Rhythm and Music Storytime will conclude on May 9th as we prepare for summer reading.

### STEAM Fun time

**Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30**

All preschool and elementary kids are invited. This month we will do art, talk poetry and explore simple machines. The last STEAM Storytime will be May 16th.



**Coding Club** meets at 3:30 on Thursdays and is for kids in 4th-6th grade! Anyone in that age group can come on weeks they are available! Last Coding Club will be April 27.

### English Language Learners Group:

Thursdays at 5:30 pm. This group is for adults and teens who are learning English. Participants may bring their children if needed; however, there is no formal program for the children at this time.

**Adult Crafts 1pm Mondays:** Some weeks we will make a craft for participants to take home and some weeks we will make decorations to help the library get ready for summer reading. **There will be no meeting April 10th.**

### April “No School” Activities

There is no school on April 7, 10, 28. On these dates from 10 am-noon we will have, games, a movie, a snack and a craft. Kindergarten-Middle School students are welcome. There will be activities for all ages.



*Money Monsters have just landed on Earth  
Help them learn see  
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## Crocheting Group

Crochet group is for anyone 8 years of age and older who crochets or wants to learn. Knitters and embroiderers are also welcome.



The group meets at the library from 6:30-8:00 pm every other Tuesday: **April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 30.** Bring your own project, or use yarn and hooks that are provided for learning & practicing.

## 3rd Saturday Programs

### April 15: Spring Planting!

**10:00 -10:30 am - baby/toddler storytime:**

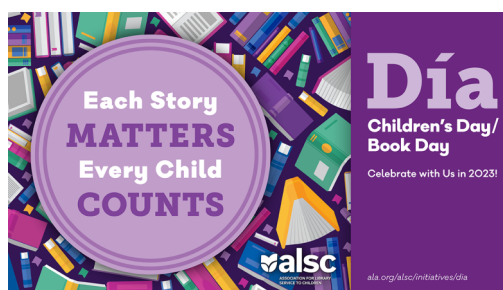
For children birth – age 3. Singing, rhymes, flannel board, books!

**11:00 am - Elementary kids:** This month we will learn about and plant peas.

**1:00 pm - Teens (Middle School & HS):** Help us get ready for summer reading!

**2:00 pm - Books and Tea:** Come converse about books and drink some tea!

**3:00 pm - Yarn!** Offering knitting and crochet lessons as well as just a space to talk with others while working on your craft. Ages 8 yrs. - adult.



Día is on April 30th, which is a Sunday this year. Stop by on May 1st, anytime during open hours, to learn about books

for every child from birth - Young adult. We will also have a fun activity for families to do together to learn more about Children's Book Day.

## “Lets Learn About May Day”

May day is the first of May. Starting Monday, April 24, stop by the library during open hours to learn about May Day, make a mini Maypole, and create a basket to hang on a neighbor's door.

# Reading Challenges!



Any child is eligible for this program if they have not yet entered kindergarten. Remember to stop by the library during your child's birth month to receive a finger puppet. If you have not yet registered you can go to [www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten.html](http://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten.html) to sign up. We have had five new registrations this month!

**Award Book Reading Challenge for March/April:** During March and April read four books that have won an award and be entered into the prize drawing! Did you know there are awards for everything from picture books to biographies? We have pulled together a list of recent award winners that are available at the library. You can view the list at the front desk.

## ON DISPLAY:

Books that have won awards. April is Financial Literacy month so we have finance books out! April is also autism awareness month. We will also display planting and gardening favorites!

**Our Tuesday afternoon STEAM group has been working on making city dioramas. They are now on display at the library. Stop by to view their unique creations.**