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GROUNDBREAKING!!

The Library Board is signing agreements with the lowest bidder, Laverdiere Construction, Inc. of Macomb. Construction of our new library building should begin this month!!

We are holding a groundbreaking ceremony at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 15 at the building site on the corner of First and Center Streets. The public is encouraged to attend and bring their own shovels (or garden trowels for the kids) so everyone can participate.

Launching Our Dream

We are less than \$2,000 away from raising \$50,000 and receiving the \$30,000 match!

The CHS class of 1975 has made a donation and will have an engraved brick in front of the new building.

Fundraising efforts will continue to enable the library to purchase new shelving and furnishings.

The Carthage District Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3), and a qualified charity for RMDs and gifts. There are still naming opportunities available, as well as bricks and pavers. Checks can be brought in or mailed to the library. On-line giving is also an option. For details, visit the website:

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



BOBBOFEST RAFFLE

We recently received donations to the Launching Our Dream Campaign from Bobbofest sponsorships. The Bobbofest event will be held Sunday, May 25 at Lake Linda. Half of the proceeds raised will be given to the Library for our building project, and half to HUGS.

There will be a raffle drawing for a \$500 gift certificate to J&R Tire in Carthage. Tickets cost \$20 each or six for \$100 and may be purchased at the Library.



HC Public Library Road Trip

In honor of our county's bicentennial, the public libraries in Hancock County invite everyone to take a series of road trips to discover the many services and programs we offer. The program kicks off April 7, during National Library Week, and runs through Aug. 30.

Passport booklets are available at all 8 libraries: Augusta, Bowen, Carthage, Hamilton, LaHarpe, Nauvoo, Plymouth, and Warsaw. Have your passport stamped when you visit each library. When completed, turn in the form to be entered in a drawing for a prize basket.

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



Illinois Libraries Present

ILP is a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier virtual events. Register to receive a link to the Zoom event and to the recording. If you don't want to deal with the technology, come to the library and watch the program with us.

Learn about foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson on Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 pm. She is a forager and outdoor educator and uses her social media platforms to celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain site. Alexis Nikole will be joined in conversation by Natalie Evans, a wild edible foods instructor. Register at https://bit.ly/ILP_AlexisNikoleNelson

On Saturday, May 3 at 2:00 pm join us for Art and Adventures with Dan Santat, author and illustrator of books for young people. His graphic novel memoir, *A First Time for Everything*, was on the 2025 IL Rebecca Caudill reading list. Register at https://bit.ly/ILP_DanSantat. This program is appropriate for youth as well as adults.

ILP is funded in part by a grant from the Illinois State Library using funds provided by the US Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Friends of the Library Program

Joyce Buckert of the Hancock County Historical Society will speak about their book, *Farm Barns and Structures, 1830-1940, Hancock County, Illinois* at the Friends of the Library annual meeting. The program will be held on Thursday, May 1 at 6:00 pm in the welcome center of Trinity Lutheran Church, 709 Main Street, Carthage. The public is invited to attend.



Please consider supporting the Friends of the Library by becoming an official member. Annual dues are \$5 for student, \$10 for individuals, and \$25 for families or sponsors.

The next regular Friends meeting will be at 5:00 pm on Monday, April 28 at the Library to finalize plans for the annual program.



To celebrate Earth Day

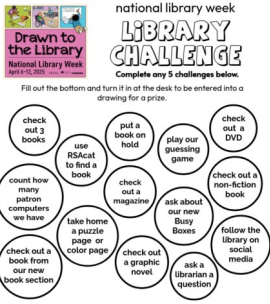
Paint a Pot, Plant a Seed

Thurs. April 24, 6-7 pm

All ages welcome



National Library Week



To celebrate National Library Week we will have a Library Challenge with prizes, library themed puzzle and color pages, and a guessing game "Guess how many books are in the Carthage Public Library?" the winner of the guessing game will win a free book

name: _____
phone number: _____



CROCHET GROUP

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Apr. 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27 (usually every other Tuesday)

Come to the library with your current knitting, embroidery, or crocheting project to work on while chatting with others! Share your skills.

If you are interested in learning to crochet join us; the library has materials available for practice, and group members love to teach others.

For anyone ages 8 and up!



CHESS CLUB

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Mon., Apr. 14 & May 12

Chess group will now meet on the second Monday of each month. It for all skill levels and ages, including adults. Stop by the library to enjoy a game or to learn how to play. Checkers will also be an option.



BOOK CLUB

Book Club is meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10 to discuss

The Wisdom of Sally Red Shoes by Ruth Hogan. For May 8 we will read Heart and Soul by Maeve Binchy. Copies of the books will be available for checkout at the library.

New members are always welcome. Feel free to bring your lunch. We'd love suggestions of books to read for future discussions.

Story Time Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Storytime includes stories with a craft or fine motor skills activities. For infant, toddlers and preschoolers.

April 1 —Spring

April 8 —Bunnies

April 15-Rain

April 22-Flowers

April 29-Birds



Move and Groove Wed. 10-10:30 a.m.

Music, movement, instruments and bubbles! It's for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers along with a caregiver.



The Move and Groove program is funded through a grant from the Tracy Family Foundation.

STEAM Club Activities for K-6th Grade

Changing to Mondays

Mondays April 7 –May 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.

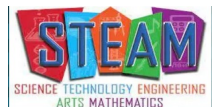
The program is for students in K-6th grade, younger children may attend with an adult.

April 7-LEGO

April 14– Art project

April 21– Rock Candy

April 28-TBD



Our new Busy Boxes are ready to enjoy!

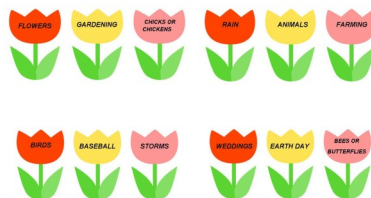
Ask for them at the desk.

These are for in-library use only



Spring Reading Challenge for all ages

SPRING READING CHALLENGE FOR ALL AGES
Beginning April 1st, pick at least 6 Flowers and read about the subject on each. Fiction or Non-Fiction. When you are finished, turn it in and receive a prize! Challenge ends May 31st.



Come into the library to pick up a copy or print one from the link in the email with the Newsletter

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

This program is continuing and we are always seeking new participants.

Children receive a free book and a rubber duck for each 100 books they read. More importantly, they are developing vocabulary and learning to enjoy books and reading.

