



# Carthage Public Library District

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## LIBRARY'S CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATION APPROVED!

We are excited to announce that our application for a construction grant to build a new library has been approved!

This is a matching grant, with the State paying just over half of the cost. The estimated cost for the entire project is \$2,459,000. The grant would cover \$1,258,863 and our local cost share is \$1,200,137. The library has until June 30, 2021 to raise our portion of the funds and we have started working toward that goal.

The plan is to build a 10,660 square feet one-story, easily accessible building on land currently owned by Prairieland Investment Group LLC at First and Center Streets in Carthage. Included in the plans are a large program/meeting space that could also be used by community groups, a drive up book return and pickup window, two study rooms, public access computers, and ample seating with electrical outlets throughout the building to help keep up-to-date with the ever-changing use of technology.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to bring almost \$1.26 million dollars of grant funds into our community," states John Dittmer, president of the Library Board of Trustees. "We realize that raising our \$1.2 million share will be a challenge, and we will need the community's support. The Board has spent over eight years evaluating our options and applying for grant funding. We feel extremely fortunate to receive this grant and will work diligently for the project until the doors are opened. This new facility will allow us to continue to provide the community with outstanding library services."

The Board will be launching a capital fundraising campaign and is seeking community volunteers to serve on the fundraising committee. Please contact us for more information.

## InterLibrary Loan Question of the Month

What is the furthest away state from which we received an Interlibrary Loan item during July 2020? Reply by August 31<sup>st</sup> for a chance to win your favorite candy bar!

Congratulations to Heather Mohr for guessing last month's question correctly! We sent out 1722 more items to other libraries from July 2019-June 2020 than we received for our patrons.

## CONTACTING THE LIBRARY

The best ways to contact us are to call 217-357-3232 or email us at [cartlib@mtcnw.net](mailto:cartlib@mtcnw.net).

## INTERNET ACCESS—WIFI

The Library's WiFi Signal extends to the sidewalks and parking areas by the Library. Look for the network Library Guest and log-in using the password Library1234 (with a capital L)

## CURRENT LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 5:30 pm  
Friday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Special Hours for Senior Citizens:  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30—10:30 am

**The Library will be CLOSED on Labor Day, Monday, September 7.**

**FALL HOURS** begin Sept. 8.

Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Friday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Special Hours for Senior Citizens:  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30—10:30 am

**Hours are subject to change depending upon state health phases and guidelines.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL??

This school year will be very different for most families. The schools are dealing with constantly changing situations and guidelines. The Library wants to support and assist students, parents, and teachers. However, we must also take precautions so that we do not negate all of the safety protocols enacted by the schools.

We request that the public wear masks while in the library. Hand sanitizer is available. Patrons may browse the shelves and select their own materials for checkout, or call to arrange for curbside pickup. Children 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger must be supervised by an adult. Copying, printing, and Fax services are available.

Middle School and High School students with a parental permission form on file are welcome to use the Library's computers. Younger students may use them with a parent's supervision. We still request that computer time be reserved in advance. Appointments are for 1 hour time slots and end 30 minutes before closing. At this time we are still limiting individuals to 3 computer sessions per week.

Due to the need for social distancing, adults or students who wish to sit and work at the library or use their laptop or other personal devices, are also asked to limit their time in the building to 1 hour. The Library's wi-fi signal extends to the parking areas outside the library and the public is welcome to use it. We are working on boosting the signal so it will extend to the benches on the courthouse lawn.



## PROGRAMMING CORNER

Library staff member Tori Buckert is now the Library's program coordinator and is excited to plan activities for all ages. The majority of programs this fall will need to be offered remotely due to Covid-19 safety precautions.



**The Library's Book Club** is reading All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doer. This book is a Pulitzer Prize Winner and is set in Europe during WWII. We are presently planning to meet at Friendship Park, just down the block from the library, on Thurs., Sept. 17 at noon and 5pm. Please pick one session to attend. The 5pm group will also have an online option.

There are still copies of the book available at the library so come by to get yours! If we need to only meet virtually Tori will contact anyone who has checked out a book.

**The Rubber Ducky Club** is a year-round program for children 0-5 and their families, to encourage them to read, write, talk, sing, and play together. Pick up an activity sheet at the library, or download it from our website.

Rubber Ducky Club



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**Preschool story hour** will meet virtually during September. A pre-recorded storytime video and list of activities will be posted on our website each Monday. We will try a live Zoom meeting on Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm.

September's theme is Superheroes! Watch for an on-line registration form. Families will be able pick up the books and copies of everything needed to complete activities. Packets for the first 2 weeks will be available starting Aug. 31, and for the second two weeks starting September 12<sup>th</sup>.



**Elementary School Students:** September is Super Reader's Month! Stop by the Library beginning Aug. 31 to pick up a super hero kit, then return your art for our Superheroes on Parade!

Also, remember to start reading books from the Monarch (K-3) and Bluestem (3-5) lists.

**Middle School & High School Students:**

We have the books from the Rebecca Caudill (4th-8th) and Abraham Lincoln (HS) reading lists.

What types of programs are you interested in— Zoom gatherings, take-home craft kits, other suggestions? We would welcome your feedback.

**Crafty 4th Monday!** The 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of September (28th) we will have a virtual craft sharing time for Middle School age through adults. Show us a craft you have been working on, or ask for feedback on something you are struggling with. The program will take place via Zoom, with a tentative 7:00 pm time. Please call or email the library to sign up so we can send log-in information.

**Coming in October... RECIPIE SWAP!**



## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to register for a library card. There is no fee for residents of the Carthage Elementary School District.

## FOCUS 2020 Adult Reading Challenge

The August challenge is to read a fiction book set in Illinois. In September, read a nonfiction book about Illinois history.

Congratulations to Heather Mohr, who won the 2nd quarter prize of a Ben Franklin gift certificate.

## RESOURCES FOR HOME LEARNING

Our library owns books about homeschooling as well as books with instructions and activities for math, science, and other content areas. A list of selected titles is available at the library and can be downloaded from our website.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of our InterLibrary Loan service, which allows us to borrow materials from other libraries to check out to our patrons. Please be aware that under current conditions it may take 2 weeks to obtain these items.

The Library subscribes to the Gale Testing and Education Reference Center database which includes: basic skills question banks in Math, Reading, and Writing for Grades 6-8 and 9-12 and Science for grades 9-12; Advance Placement (AP) Practice Tests and HS entrance exams and assessments from various states; practice tests for GED & HiSet, SAT, ACT, & PSAT; CLEP Tests; College & Scholarship Search; career exploration; practice questions and certification tests for various career fields; and resume building.

Patrons have 24/7 remote access using their library card barcode number.

We are compiling a list of on-line resources that may be useful to parents. Links to these resources may be found on our website: [www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/educational-resources.html](http://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/educational-resources.html). If you have discovered additional resources that you would recommend, please share them so we can add them to our list.



Our patrons have access to free downloadable audio books and ebooks. [E-Read Illinois](#) uses the Axis360 app and includes books in Kindle format. [Alliance Digital Media Library \(ADML\)](#) uses the Overdrive or Libby app. Log-in with your library card barcode number and PIN.

[Tumble Books](#) is providing free access to their collections which also include [Teen Book Cloud](#), [Audio Book Cloud](#), and [Romance Book Cloud](#).

**COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS — by mail, telephone, or on-line at [My2020census.gov](http://My2020census.gov) & encourage your neighbors to complete theirs.**

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