

# Carthage Public Library District

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## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

The Library Board has been working with our architect to simplify the building plans in an effort to reduce costs. We plan to put the project out for bid before the end of 2024 and hope to be able to select a contractor to break ground in spring of 2025.

Fundraising efforts are continuing. We appreciate the many donations we received as memorials for Mary Jane Williams, Pat Weatherington, and Barbara Cole. Many naming options are still available and engraved bricks and pavers are an option, as well as sponsoring a square foot of the building. Checks to the Carthage District Library Foundation can be mailed to Carthage Public Library at 500 Wabash Ave., Carthage, IL, 62321. Online giving is possible through the Foundation's webpage,

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



## BE A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY

Everyone is invited to become part of the Friends of the Library group. While we welcome the support of paid memberships, we also need individuals who are willing to attend meetings and take a more active role.

**The next meeting is Monday, August 26 at 5:00 pm at the Library.**

The Friends will hold a Gift Basket Raffle Fundraiser again this year, and we are seeking ideas for basket themes and donations of items for the baskets.



## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club would love to have new members. The next meeting is at 12:30 pm on Thursday, Sept. 19, discussing The Year of Pleasures by Elizabeth Berg. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library.

On Thursday, October 10, we will discuss a non-fiction book, Women in White, by Olivia Campbell.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

Do you know someone who wants to learn or improve their English? The Library has an informal group for adults and teens that currently meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Through August 31

Monday & Wednesday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**The Library will be closed Monday, Sept. 2 for Labor Day. Beginning Sept. 3, we will remain open until 7:00 pm Mon.-Thurs.**

## Farewell from Tori

I have accepted a new position with the Dallas City Schools effective later this month. I am going to miss visiting classrooms, daycares and running library programs. Amy has agreed to let me continue to run chess club and so I hope to see many familiar faces there.

## JOB OPENING

### Youth Programs Coordinator & Marketing

The Carthage Public Library is seeking an enthusiastic, self-motivated, organized individual who enjoys working with children and planning events. This individual will plan, publicize, and implement a wide range of programs for children and teens. Must be able to work independently, deal with multiple on-going projects, and prioritize tasks. Experience with children and planning activities is a high priority. Computer proficiency is required along with excellent verbal and written communication skills. Marketing experience is a plus.

This is a part-time position, 28-34 hours per week, that pays \$14/hour. The schedule is somewhat flexible but includes some morning hours, after school and evening hours, and some Saturdays. The duties could be divided into two positions.

A job description and application form are available on the library's website, <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/job-openings.html>. Please email resume and application to [carthagelibrarydirector@gmail.com](mailto:carthagelibrarydirector@gmail.com).

**Please help spread the word about this open position.**





## SUMMER READING 2024 Wrap-up

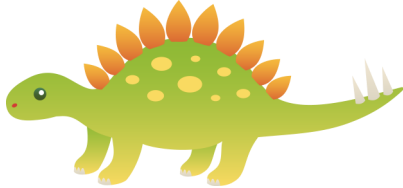
Stop by the library ASAP to pick up summer reading prizes and place your prize drawing tickets into the containers for the prizes you wish to win! We are waiting to draw winners until all participants have picked up their prizes. We had an active summer with greater participation than last year. Let us know what your favorite part was!

### Dinosaur Bash

**Thursday,  
August 15, 6:30 pm**

Come to the library for fun dinosaur games, music, snacks and more! Intended for families with kids ages 10 and younger.

One lucky winner will receive two tickets to the Legacy Theater's Dinosaur Show, which will be on August 24.



### CROCHET GROUP

**6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Every other Tuesday  
Aug. 20, Sept. 3 & 17.**

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!



### 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.

Congratulations to Wyatt Culpepper and George Hastings who each completed the 1000 Books program in July!! Kudos to their parents!

### Read Around The Town!

This independent reading program is for all ages and runs throughout 2024! Bring a library book with you when you're out and about around the community and take a picture! More details available here! <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/adults.html>



## FALL PROGRAMS

### PreSchool Story Time and Move and Groove - now on Wednesdays

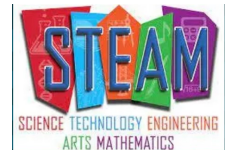
Move and Groove is an active program full of music and movement - singing, dancing, and playing rhythm instruments. It's for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers along with a caregiver. The Move and Groove program is funded through a grant from the Tracy Family Foundation.



Move and Groove will be from 9:30-10:00 am on Wednesdays, beginning September 11. Each session will be followed by Storytime, (beginning around 10:15), which will conclude with crafts or fine motor activities. Children may attend one or both activities. Both programs will be led by Elaine Hanks, who also conducts these programs at the Colchester Public Library.



### STEAM Activities for K-6th Grade



This group will meet after school (3:30-4:30 pm) on Tuesdays, beginning September 10. The program is for students in K-6th grade, although younger children may attend with an adult.

- September 10 - Legos
- September 17 - Magnetic tiles
- September 24 - Keva Planks

These activities will be led by current staff members Sarah Gates & Amy Gee during September.



### CHESS CLUB - Thursday, Sept. 12 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Our chess group is for all ages, including adults. Stop by the library to enjoy a game or to learn how to play. Checkers will also be an option. This will be a monthly activity, but you're not committing to attend each session - come when you can.

### September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month

Since you receive this e-newsletter, you probably already have a library card.

However, please encourage your friends & neighbors to sign up. If they live in the Library's district (same boundaries as the Carthage Elementary School District), it's free. We also honor cards from other Illinois libraries.

