

Carthage Public Library District

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FILL OUR STOCKING!

As part of our Capital Campaign, we are trying to raise \$200,000 toward our overall goal before the end of 2020. Each stripe of the stocking represents \$10,000—we now have 6 of the stripes filled in.

Fundraising Progress as of 12-15-2020

\$ 36,000 Donation of land

470 Giving Tuesday

27,360 Bricks, pavers, donations

\$ 63,830

Please remember the Library's Capital Campaign when making year-end donations.

Honor a family member or loved one with an engraved brick or paver.

Raffle Tickets Make Great Stocking Stuffers!

You have until December 31 to purchase tickets for the cash raffle. Tickets cost \$20 each or \$100 for six tickets, and may be purchased at the library or from members of the Board and Friends group. The winner will receive 10% of ticket sales and the name will be drawn on Jan. 4.



Winter Hours

Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 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.

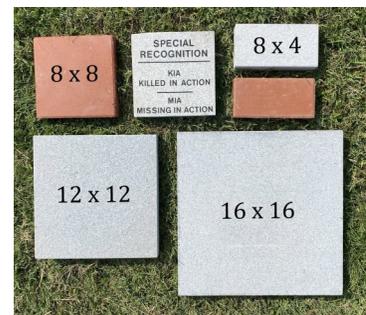
We are currently only open 1/2 days on Saturday but hope to return to full days soon.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Closed Dec. 24, 25, & 26

Early closing 5:00 pm Thurs., Dec. 31
& closed Fri., Jan. 1—New Year's Day.

Open 9:00 am—1:00 pm Sat., Jan. 2



\$ 100 - \$ 249 8" x 4" clay Brick
\$ 250 - \$ 499 8" x 8" Clay Paver
\$ 500 - \$ 999 8" x 4" Grey Granite Brick
\$1,000 - \$2,499 8" x 8" Grey Granite Paver
\$2,500 - \$4,999 12" x 12" Grey Granite Paver
\$5,000 - \$9,999 16" x 16" Grey Granite Paver

Checks may be made to the Carthage District Library Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity, and mailed to 500 Wabash Ave., Carthage, IL 62321.

Credit card and Paypal donations may be made on the Foundation's webpage:

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

In addition to monetary donations community members can also contribute by serving on a committee, participating in fundraising events, and advocating for the new library. We would appreciate your help spreading the word to others, especially former Carthage residents and alumni.



The overall Capital Campaign goal is to raise our local cost share of \$1.2 million by June 30, 2021, which will release almost \$1.26 in construction grant funds to us. We plan to build a new, one-story, 10,660 sq ft. library on land donated to us on First Street and Center. It will feature a large room for programs and meetings, two study rooms, ample seating, and a drive through book drop and pick-up window. The drawings may be viewed at the Library.



Happy New Year!

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Check the [Calendar](#) on our website.

Preschool story time is different in 2021! Zoom does not seem to be working for many of you. In 2021 there will be a craft kit, and accompanying book of the week available at the library starting January 11th. We ask that you register by Jan 4th to participate so we can order the proper number of books and make enough crafts. Tori will show how to put the craft together. The craft video will be posted on the Preschool Storytime Facebook page by 2pm.

If you want to sign up for a story-time for your family (just your household members and Tori) contact the library to set one up.

Stories under the Tree: Tori will be doing a Facebook Live event on December 23rd (the night before the night before Christmas) reading bedtime stories to children. Tori will be live 7:00pm-8:30pm on the [Carthage Public Library Youth Programs](#) Facebook page. Join when you can. We encourage all children to decorate a paper gingerbread person and return them to the library so they can participate in the live story-time with Tori.



State-wide Readers' Choice Programs

There is a list of books for every grade level range. Students who read the minimum number of books required by February can vote for their favorites. Voting takes place at school; homeschooled students can vote at the library!



The Library awards small prizes to participants, and a book to students who read all of the books on their list.

The Rubber Ducky Club is for children ages 0-5 and their parents! Read, write, sing, talk, and play with your child. The activities are simple and can be done on your schedule! There are new activity suggestions monthly! Complete 15 and get a rubber duck, 15 more during the month to receive another rubber duck and a new book! Activity sheets are available at the Library, or download one from our [website](#).

Rubber Ducky Club



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STORY WALK There is a story walk around the square! Our current book is [Gingerbread Mouse](#) by Katy Bratun! The storybook pages are in windows of businesses around the square. The first page is at the library. There will be a new book in January! Please let us know if you participate.

Book Bundles! The library will be putting together bundles of children's books on various topics or themes. Photos will be posted on Facebook and Instagram every Monday, you can comment to reserve yours! Also if your child has an interest in a specific topic we would love to make a book bundle just for them; contact us!

InterLibrary Loan Question of the Month

In which month of 2020 did we send out the most items? November's Question: How many Public Libraries are in the RAILS system? A: 462. Congrats to Elizabeth Dixon who guessed the closest.

CONTACTING THE LIBRARY

The best ways to contact us are to call 217-357-3232 or email us at 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)

ALL AGES ACTIVITIES

Unwrap a Story There are still wrapped books at the library for you to check out! These are for all age groups! Come check out/unwrap a book this holiday season.

READING PROGRAMS 2021, PICK YOUR CHALLENGE!

Reading challenges will be done a bit differently this year with three options! Open to any age group.

Option 1: Read Your way 2021! You will receive a large list of different themes and other reading ideas. Select one topic each month and read a book that fits the theme you selected. Check it off and fill out the quick form for the prize drawing.

Option 2: Animals 2021! This year's summer reading theme is "Tails and Tales." Tying in with that we will be offering a reading program focused on animals for 2021. Read a book with an animal theme, an animal as a main character, about animals, or that has an animal on the cover.

Option 3: The "family" reading challenge. Requires an adult and a child to participate. This program encourages you to talk about reading and other interests in your family. The adult and child do not need to live in the same household to register nor do they need to be related. One adult can sign up with more than one child. There will be a theme each month. The adult and child each need to read a book that fits the theme, but they will probably not be reading the same book.

Any month that you read a book that fits your reading program's theme you may enter the quarterly prize drawing. If you are able only to participate some months that's ok! See attached sign up form. You can sign up for more than one program. Contact the library with any questions.

ACTIVITIES for Adults

Library's Book Club Welcomes new members! We will not meet in December. The book Club will meet January 21st at noon and 6:00 pm to discuss the book [What Alice Forgot](#) by Liane Moriarty. Copies available at the library. We will also discuss [Code Girls](#) by Liza Mundy. Copies will be in soon.

2020 FOCUS Adult Reading Challenge/Choice!

As we finish our 2020 program, December's theme is READERS CHOICE (because you are an Illinois reader). Read any book, fill out the form and enter to win a \$20 County Market gift card from the quarterly drawing.

Be sure to check out the databases on our website: Ancestry, Gale Business Entrepreneurship, and Testing and Education Reference Center (which will soon be renamed Peterson's Test and Career Prep.)

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