

Carthage Public Library District

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Carthage Christmas Open House

Thursday, November 30. Be sure to stop by the library and enjoy our famous hot punch as well as cereal snack mix. It's also a great time to purchase raffle tickets!



GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

From now until December 14 stop by the library to buy your tickets for the basket raffle! Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 6 for \$10. There are fifteen different baskets. The Friends Group will draw winners and contact them on December 15. Photos and descriptions of all of the baskets can be found on our website www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/friends-of-the-library.html

The baskets include: Baby's First Christmas; Dinner and a Show (\$100 certificate from Legacy Theater & \$20 from Wood Inn); Bliss-full with a sweatshirt & insulated drink tumbler; Holiday Family Fun; Chocolate Lover's; Meat Me in the Kitchen with \$30 from Farmhouse Meats; Don't be a Grinch with \$25 from Los Charros; Pamper Yourself; Holiday Hair; Family Movie with a \$20 Netflix card; Winter Warmth; Pamper your Pooch with \$50 from Countryside Vet; Home is Where your Honey is; Curl Up With A Good Book with \$25 DQ card; and Snack Attack with goodies from Cups and Crafts.



Illinois Libraries Present is a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier virtual events.

"Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb" will be on **December 6** at 7:00 pm. Lori, a psychotherapist and bestselling author of Maybe You Should talk to Someone, gives tips for making the holidays less stressful. **Register here:** [Bit.ly/ILP_LoriGottlieb](http://bit.ly/ILP_LoriGottlieb) to watch on your own and receive a link to the recording. You are also welcome to come watch the program with us at the library. Snacks will be provided.

On **December 16 and 17** ILP will provide access to a recording of *The Nutcracker* performed by the Royal Ballet. No watch party will be held for this event, you must register to receive an email with a special link for viewing: bit.ly/WatchTheNutcracker Jan. 11 will be "Speculating our A.I. Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Lin, and Martha Wells.



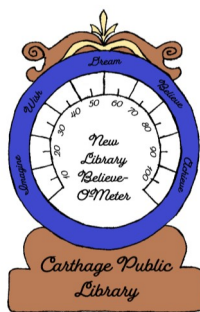
Voting Machine Demonstration

Hancock County polling places will be equipped with a new ballot scanning and tabulating device, for use in upcoming elections. Stop by the library between 1:00-3:00 pm on Tuesday, December 12 when Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, the Hancock County Clerk, will be demonstrating the new machine. Cast a mock ballot to see how it works.

LIBRARY HOURS

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| 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 |

Closed December 23 - 25, January 1



BELIEVE IN THE NEW LIBRARY FUNDRAISING MATCH CHALLENGE

Carthage Public Library District's Board still believes in and is committed to constructing our new one-story library building. They have been working with the architect to simplify plans in an effort to reduce costs and hope to be able to rebid the modified project in early 2024.

A generous donor, who also believes in the library and the importance of our project to construct a new building, has created an opportunity for the community. When others make donations and pledges totaling \$100,000 by March 31, 2024, the anonymous donor will match it with an additional \$100,000. This would bring the total amount raised through our capital campaign to over \$600,000!

This is a great time of the year for charitable giving and there are many ways donors can support this matching opportunity:

- Donations in honor or memory of others are welcome gifts.
- Engraved bricks and pavers are an option.
- Tickets purchased for the Friends gift basket raffle count toward the match.
- Gift a required minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA or other account directly to the Carthage District Library Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) qualified charity. Consult with your financial advisor about possible tax advantages.
- Pledges count. The library now accepts pledges for monthly or quarterly donations, or for a one-time donation at a later date. For pledge forms received by March 31, the pledge amounts paid by the end of 2024 will count toward the matching challenge. Forms are available at the Library or on the Foundation's webpage.
- 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.

Look for the "New Library Believe-O-Meter" in the library's front window and on the website and Facebook to keep track of donations and pledges.

We Believe!!!

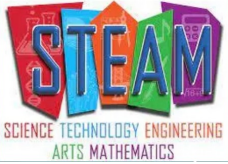


Sign up your 0-5 year-old for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Receive a free book and a rubber ducky for every 100 books read. Winter is a great time to start making reading a daily habit at your home! Remember it is never too early or too late to start reading with a child. Four Children read at least 100 books last month!

WEEKLY EVENTS

Rhythm and Movement Plus Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:00 am. This active storytime is for kids ages 1-5 with a caregiver. It includes music, movement, and rhythm instruments as well as fine motor and sensory activities. This weekly activity will continue through December 19.



STEAM ACTIVITY TIME - Thursdays, 3:30 pm This group will only meet on **December 7**. The participants will be finishing their own board games

TWEEN TIME—4th-6th grade. Will meet Monday, December 4 & 11 at 3:30.

TEEN ACTIVITIES -- Teen Hangout will occur Tuesdays, December 12 & 19. 7th-12th grade students can stop by the library at 3:30 pm for games and snacks. We will also have some of our teen resources out.

English Language Learners Group: December 6 & 13.

Adults and students 10 and older who wish to improve their English meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Participants may bring their younger children if needed; however, there is no formal program for younger children at this time.



Crocheting Group -

Participants ages 8 years thru Adult

This group will meet on December 12 from 6:30-8:00. Then on January 9 we will meet and resume our every-other-Tuesday schedule. For all skill levels. Yarn & hooks are provided for learning, or bring your own project. Knitters and embroiderers are also welcome.



EARLY LITERACY KITS - Available for Checkout

Each kit includes 2 or 3 books, plus activities, and are rotated among area libraries. We currently have: Fall 1 (with silk leaves), Castle #1, Colors #2, Monsters #1, Sleepy Time #1, Taco Time #1, and Unicorns. Great for toddlers through early elementary! Check one out today!

December!

Santa visits the Library!



Santa will visit the library on Thursday, December 14 at 5:30 pm. Santa has agreed to read a story and will be visiting with children and passing out candy canes. Family members can take their child's picture with Santa (bring your own camera). Afterward, the party will continue upstairs with crafts, games, and of course Christmas cookies. This family event is free and open to all.

Community Game Night

Dec 20, 5:30 pm— 7:00 pm

Stop by the library for fun with board games, cards, and more.



Light snack provided. This is an all ages event -- Seniors to Toddlers are welcome -- and it's free. You can bring your favorite game to play with others or play a game the library has.

We will have some games the children have made and tested out to play as well!



December Book Club

Book Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 12:30. There is no specific book to read for December 14 - everyone will discuss a holiday book they are reading / have read. It's a great time to join. We will also discuss books we want to read in 2024. For January 11 we will discuss Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout.



Reading Challenges!

READ IN COLOR: A fifth grader named Gabby has won the Read in Color Prize and earned \$10 Carthage Cash. We appreciate all 30 participants in this reading challenge.

Fireside Reading Challenge: There is still time to start the Fireside Reading Challenge. Color in a brick for each day you read. There are 23 bricks. Bring in your completed or partially completed by January 10th. Link Here: https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/uploads/4/2/6/0/42607329/fireside_reading_challenge.pdf

Statewide Reading Programs: Students are encouraged to participate in the statewide program for their grade level. Copies of the lists and many of the books are on display and ready to be checked out. Many of the books are also available as e-books or downloadable audiobooks through the library's eread Illinois or ADML sites.