

Carthage Public Library District

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Deed for Building Site Officially Transferred

Carthage Public Library District now officially owns the land at First and Center Streets where the new library building will be constructed. The legal process was completed on December 6, 2021 and the land transfer was announced to the public at a press conference on January 19, 2022.

Doug Groth, DVM, and Bill Hollis, DVM, of Prairieland Investment Group, presented Library Board President John Dittmer with a copy of the deed. In return, the library presented them with a certificate of appreciation which represents a plaque that will be displayed in the new library.



We are grateful for this generous donation and appreciate the support from Prairieland Investment Group and the entire community.

The Library Board continues to work with the architect on the details and specifications needed to prepare the bid documents, and is hopeful that we may be able to break ground this spring.

We are working to raise funds for new furnishings and shelving. Naming opportunities are available. Gifts of any size are appreciated. The engraved brick and paver project is ongoing. More information is on the Foundation's webpage: www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html

Book Bingo!

We have already received four completed Book Bingo cards for our Independent Reading Challenge for January-March. Remember to get a Bingo card from the library and turn it in before April for the prize drawing. Open to all ages!

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

WINTER WEATHER HOURS

Weather and road conditions may cause the library hours to change with little advanced notice. If in doubt, please call or check Facebook. If Carthage schools are cancelled, dismissed early, or remote only due to the weather, Library programs scheduled for that day will be cancelled.

Help for English Language Learners

Carthage Library will host a conversation group to help adults learn and practice English. The group will meet on Thursdays, from 6:00-7:00 pm beginning Feb. 3.

For more formal instruction, Carl Sandburg College is offering an on-line class on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm beginning Jan. 31, and Spoon River College offers daytime classes in Macomb.

Please share this information with those who may be interested.

Book Club

Book Club will meet Thursday, February 10th, at 12:30 pm. We will be discussing the memoir Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb.

For March 10 we will read the children's classic The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

There has been some interest in a 6 pm book club. If this would interest you, please contact the library.

Congratulations to the winners for our 4th Qtr 2021 book challenges:

Linda W. (Read Your Way), Heather M. (Animals), and Jennifer H. (Family Reading). They each received \$20 in Carthage Cash.





We currently have 22 children signed up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Remember this is open to any child from birth-those entering kindergarten in the fall. After registering please come in and have your child's picture taken and added to our 1000 books wall. More information can be found on our website <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten.html>

Just for February Library Fun!

Write your letter carrier a thank you note anytime this month at the library! Feb. 4th is the official day, but come in anytime this month to write a note to thank the hard working people at the post office.

Groundhog Day was February 2nd and we have some (paper) groundhogs still hiding in the children's section of the library! Find one and bring it to the front to collect some candy!

Much progress has been made on the jigsaw puzzle, but it's not finished, so it will still be out in February. Come by the library to help us complete it!

Dog Biscuit Day!

February 23rd is National Dog Biscuit Day. Join us at 4:30 pm to make dog biscuits and read books about Biscuit the dog (by Alyssa Satin Capucilli).



Because of the need for supplies, pre-registration is required. You can register using [this form](#) or by calling the library! This is a fun activity for toddlers and elementary school aged kids alike. Children 6 & under should be accompanied by an adult.



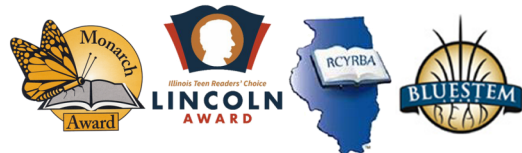
Middle/High School Corner:

After a fun time at the Bad Art Night the participants decided to have an

Un-Valentines Day themed event for February. So February 16th we will be doing just that at 3:30 pm! Join us for all things broken hearts (art activity), and other fun un-valentine activities. We will discuss a game session for March and other activities to do.

Readers Choice Voting!

If your child has been participating in one of the Readers Choice programs from home and does not attend the Carthage Public Schools you can vote using [this form!](#) There is also a link to the form on our website.



Play to Learn

Play to learn will be meeting at the library every Wednesday at 10:00 am. This is open to every-

one in the area with children between the ages of birth and 3 years of age. Older siblings are welcome to attend. This program is co-sponsored with Early Beginnings and features songs, free play and a structured activity. A caregiver is required to stay with the child. Join us! No pre-registration is required.

Valentines Activities for Elementary Kids

On February 16th at 5:30pm we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the elementary school kids with some fun games and building activities.



Pre-registration is requested to ensure that we have enough materials for every child. You can register by contacting the library or by using [this form](#).



Preschool Storytime!

Preschool storytime continues on Tuesdays at 10:00 am! Songs, rhymes, books, and crafts galore! This activity is geared towards kids 2-5 years. If you are interested in an afternoon story time instead, please contact the library!