

Carthage Public Library District

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FUNDRAISING MATCHING CHALLENGE



To help us maintain momentum and revitalize our overall Capital Campaign to raise money for the construction of the new library building, one donor is challenging the community to raise \$25,000, which she will match. An anonymous donation of \$10,000 has brought our total up to \$20,105 as of January 26. We're 80% of the way there!

Stories from the Library - Help Us Build

In addition to fundraising, this donor encourages everyone to tell their stories about the library. Here is hers:

"I grew up in Carthage and recall vividly the role that the library played in my childhood. My siblings and I stopped by often on our way home from school or on a slow Saturday when the pool wasn't open. When Mother couldn't find one of us, she phoned the library early in her search to see if we were there - hidden in the stacks with a book.

The library taught me so much - to value the experiences of others, to see reading as a ticket to adventure, to take the time to start early on one of Miss Allison's research papers, and to return our books on time. I am so happy to support the new library project. I do so in gratitude for my own experience and hope that others will join the effort to create an important new home for an institution that has served many well for years."

Another former resident, Nancy Dixon Benz, shared this story on Facebook:

"The library was my second home growing up and I participated in SOAR for a long time. I loved being able to ride my bike downtown, pop in and find a new book, and escape to far-off places. I remember when the library moved into the Marine bank square location and I was bummed because I loved the old location so much, but I grew to love the move and became obsessed with the Teen Vault. I love that my hometown is progressing and growing. Our library is such an important part of that."

Please share your stories to remind people of the value of libraries and to encourage others to give to build the new library. Drop your stories off, send them in the mail, post them on our Facebook page, or email them to Carthagelibrarydirector@gmail.com. The stories will be shared on the library's website and Facebook pages (with or without a name, as directed by the writer).

If you are able to donate funds to help us receive the full amount of the match, checks should be payable to the Carthage District Library Foundation. Donations for an engraved brick or paver also count toward the match. More information is on the Foundation's webpage: www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html.

STORYTELLING VIDEO— Help Needed

We, along with several other libraries in our area, received a video storytelling grant from the Tracy Family Foundation to make promotional videos about our library. We will be working with a production company called Table Sixteen. They are coming to Carthage beginning at 9:00 am on Monday, Feb. 20 (President's Day) to shoot videos at our library and will probably be here most of the day. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to be interviewed or give a testimonial about the library on camera as well as adults, teens, and children to be in background shots or to help us recreate programs and activities. Call the library, 217-357-3232, and talk to Amy Gee if you are willing to help.

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



PI DAY PIE SALE - March 14

The Friends of the Library is holding a pie sale fundraiser. We are currently looking for volunteers to bake and donate fruit pies (apple, peach, cherry, or berry). The Friends will supply disposable 9" pie tins with lids as well as some ingredients, thanks to a \$200 gift voucher for Dorothy's Market from the Tracy Family Foundation.

Pies will be sold for \$20 each, and must be ordered and paid for in advance. Place your order Feb. 13 - March 1 at the Library or from a Friends member. Pies should be picked up at the Library on Pi Day, March 14, from 9:30 am - 7:00 pm.

All money raised will go to the Library's Capital Campaign for the new building, and will count toward the matching challenge if needed.

FAMILY FAIR of Hancock County

Join us for a Tropical Beach Bash at the Hancock County Family Fair on Saturday, Feb. 4, 9:00-1:00 at the U of I Extension Center here in Carthage. The Library and area agencies will be providing free activities for children and families. Lunch is also free, although donations are welcome. It's a great way to beat the winter blahs.



Book Club

Thursday Book Club: meets the second Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm. We welcome new members! Copies of the book are available for checkout. You do not need to be a Book Club member to check out the book!

For Feb. 9 we will be reading The Storied life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin. This book was recently made into a movie so also counts towards the independent reading challenge! (see page 2)

For March 9 we will read Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts, a novel telling the story behind making the film The Wizard of Oz through the eyes of the author's wife, Maud.

Saturday Book Club: will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm. Join us on March 18 to discuss the book Love and Luck by Jenna Evans Welsh.

WEEKLY EVENTS

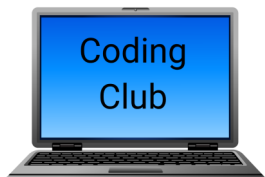
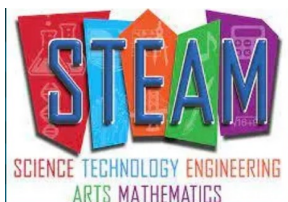


Rhythm and Movement Plus Storytime

Music storytime is back! Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. This is for kids ages 1-5 with a caregiver. We begin with stories, songs, and rhythm instruments. This is not a sit still storytime! At 10:30 am we begin the “plus” portion which features different activities each week including active games, fine motor and sensory activities, painting, using Hey Clay and more!

STEAM STORYTIME - Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30

Stories, snacks, and STEAM activities for children 3 years—3rd grade. We just finished a three week project on what makes ice clear or cloudy and are looking forward to learning about eyes in February.



Coding Club

The group meets at 3:30 on Thursdays and is for kids in 4th-6th grade! Anyone in that age group can come on weeks they are available!

English Language Learners Group:

This group meets on Thursdays at 5:30 pm and is for adults and teens who are learning English. Participants may bring their children if needed; however, there is no formal program for the children at this time.

DIY birdfeeders: It's national birdfeeder month. On February 7. Preschool and elementary kids are invited to the library at 5pm to make a bird feeder. Program will end at 6pm. This is a free event. Pre-registration is requested.



Puzzle Month Activities:

The jigsaw puzzle will remain out until it is completed. Although the official puzzle swap days are over, Jan. 31 we are happy to trade at any time.



Reading Challenges!

This month we have two new participants and two participants who have read 1000 books. Congratulations to Harper Johnson who read 1000 books in a little less than 6 months and to Harrison who is the youngest participant yet to complete the challenge. www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten.html to sign up.

Holiday Reading Challenge: Linda Stoverink and Josie Moore won the drawing for the holiday reading challenge. We had 30 participants in this reading challenge!

Books into Movies Reading Challenge: For January and February the independent reading challenge involves reading a book that has been turned into a movie and then watching the movie. Or you could watch the movie and then read the book! A list of suggested books and movies are on display at the library, but any book made into a movie counts! <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/uploads/4/2/6/0/42607329/publication8.pdf>

Statewide Reading Program Voting Children/Teens reading books from Monarch, Bluestem, Rebecca Caudill, Abe Lincoln list we will start voting in February at the library or at school.

ON DISPLAY: is your family trying to get more outside time this year? The official 1000 Hours Outside website has a list of books to go with their program. We have many of these books .

MONTHLY EVENTS

Crocheting Group



Crochet group is for anyone 8 years of age and older who crochets or wants to learn. Knitters and embroiderers are also welcome. Meet at the library from 6:30-8:00 pm every other Tuesday; **February dates are the 7th & 21st.** Bring your own project, or yarn and hooks are provided for learning & practicing.

3rd Saturday Programs

Third Saturday in February will be February 18th. This month we will look forward and have Saint Patrick's Day Activities.

10 am: **baby/toddler storytime:** come for a 1/2 hour of stories, songs and a quick craft followed by a bit of free play time! This really is for children birth – age 3.

11 am: **Elementary Craft,** We will be making Shamrock Decorations, and learning about the plant.

1 pm: **Teens:** Teen advisory will meet. We will have some snacks, and have teens answer some questions, then we will make some library decorations.

2 pm: **book club.** Going along with the theme we will be reading Love and Luck by Jenna Evans This is for HS students and adults.

3 pm: **Yarn!** Offering knitting and crochet lessons as well as just a space to talk with others while working on your craft. This month we will have a tutorial on shamrocks as well!

Community Game Night—

Jan. 31, 6:00 pm , Feb.20 6:00 pm

This is for all community members! Come make new friends, play new games, or bring your favorite to share with someone else! Event will last two hours from 6-8 but you don't need to stay the whole time.

