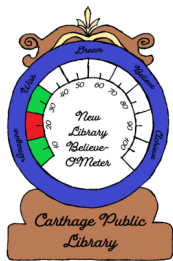


Carthage Public Library District

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BELIEVE IN THE NEW LIBRARY FUNDRAISING MATCH CHALLENGE



We're over the \$30,000 mark in our \$100,000 matching challenge! As of Jan. 26, our total was \$32,685. Please help us reach our goal by donating or making a pledge before the end of March.

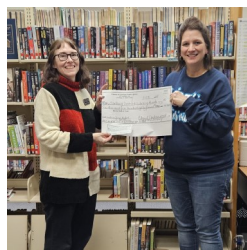
Engraved bricks and pavers are still an option, and can be given in memory of or to honor someone. You can Sponsor a Square foot for \$500.

Checks to the Carthage District Library Foundation can be mailed to Carthage Public Library at 500 Wash Ave., Carthage, IL 62321. Online giving is possible through the Foundation's webpage, www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.

We Believe!!!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY DONATION

Melita Finney, president of the Friends of the Library presented Library Director Amy Gee with a check for \$1,585 for the Believe Campaign. This money was raised through the Gift Basket Raffle in December. The Friends appreciate everyone who donated items and purchased tickets.



NO Pi Day Pie Sale This Year

At their meeting on Jan. 22, the Friends voted NOT to hold a pie sale this year. Instead, they will prepare pies to serve as refreshments for a free will donation at the History of Pies program to be held on March 7.

HISTORY OF PIES PROGRAM

The Library is sponsoring a History of Pies in America and Illinois presented by Catherine Lambrecht, editor of "Heirloom Recipes from the Illinois State Fair." (greatermidwestfoodways.com)

The program will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 7 at the First Baptist Church in Carthage. In addition to her talk, Catherine will demonstrate how to make a pie crust. Audience members are encouraged to bring a favorite pie recipe and share the story that goes with it. Library staff will photograph the recipes and email them to interested participants.

The program is free. The Friends of the Library will be serving pie for refreshments; a free-will donation would be appreciated.

The program is funded by a grant from the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars program. Illinois Humanities is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Illinois Arts Council.



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

LIBRARY VIDEOS AND VIRTUAL TOUR

CMS Student Colin Weber, WMWEBZ Productions, has created some promotional videos for the Library. There is a very short walk through of the building, and a documentary interviewing Amy Gee about libraries and about the plans for a new building. We have also pulled out a segment of the longer interview to make a shorter video about the building project. Those three videos, plus two created previously by Table Sixteen Productions, can all be found on the Carthage Library Youth Programs YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCHppFCkW2eA-6MooMWkI0w>

We are also working with Midwest Pano to create a Virtual Tour of the Library with funding from the Tracy Family Foundation. This tour should be available on our website by mid-February.

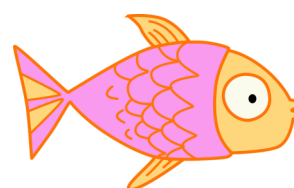
Illinois Libraries Present is a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier virtual events.



On **Tues., Feb. 6, at 7 pm**, the award-winning author-illustrator of middle grade graphic novels New Kid, Class Act, and School Trip will discuss his works and give a drawing demonstration. This event, which is appropriate for 3rd grade through adults, will NOT be recorded for later viewing, but you may register to view on-line that evening bit.ly/ILP_JerryCraft or attend a watch party at the library.

Fans of The Bridgertons (books & Netflix series) won't want to miss "Romance & Regency with Julia Quinn" on **Tues., Feb. 20 at 7 pm**. Register at bit.ly/ILP_JuliaQuinn to receive a link to the "live" virtual program as well as a link to the recording for later viewing, or join us at the Library. Refreshments will be served (including something chocolate).

Under the Sea Family Fair— Family fair is February 2nd from 9am-1pm. The library is excited to participate in this event. Come to the Hancock County Extension Center for this great event. A free lunch is provided.



Library Programs: Thank you all for your patience with us and the weather this last month. When school is canceled due to weather all library programs that day are also canceled. We hope that February brings better weather but just want everyone to keep this in mind!

After Hours Nerf War 5th-12th

grade: was held January 31st with nine participants. They had a lot of fun. For this month if you happen to find a nerf dart at the library bring it to the front desk for a piece of candy.



5th-12th grade Duct Tape Creations: Feb. 15th 3:30pm At the library come make your own duct tape masterpiece. We will have some video examples of things you could make or you can make something that you imagined! Snacks pro-

Multi-aged Programs:

Chess: Open to all ages. Thursday Feb. 22. 4:30pm-5:30pm. Stop by the library to play chess or learn a little chess. We will also have a couple checkers boards set up for those wishing to play that instead.

Yarn! Crochet/Knit! Tuesday Feb. 6, 20: 6:30pm-8:00pm Stop by the library to learn to knit or crochet or bring your current project!

Community Game Night: Monday Feb. 13 5:30pm-7:00pm stop by the library for games and refreshments. We will have games available to play or you can bring your favorite game to share with others!

Leap Year The movie: For teens and Adults we will be showing the movie Leap Year on Friday Feb 23 at 5:30pm. Pizza provided. Register in advance. <https://forms.gle/BwkgouTxtUkcSmwg9>

Adult Programs! **Movie Night Feb. 2** 5:15pm

bring your own beverages we supply the pizza! We will be watching the Barbie Movie. Sign up in advance here. <https://forms.gle/NnyG6EXcFQEv414U8>

Book Club! Meets February 8th at 12:30pm. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch. This month they are reading All That is Mine I Carry With Me by William Landay. There are copies available at the front desk. Everyone who has read the book so far has had good things to say about it. Bookclub will also meet on March 14th to discuss Every Note Played by Lisa Genova.

Weekly Programs!

Mondays 3:30pm Prek-6th grades Building/Coding Activities

Feb. 5– Keeva Planks. Come build more than you imagined with wooden planks!

Feb. 12. Magna tiles. We have magna tiles and Picasso tiles Last month participants built towers cars and tracks.

Feb. 19. LEGO Mania! 10lb+ of LEGOS to build with!

Feb. 26. Coding Critters for Prek-2nd grade. Coding Club for 3rd-6th grades.

Preschool Storytime– Tuesdays 10am! Kindergarten ages and younger with an adult. Songs, books, crafts, and activities designed to work on fine and gross motor skills and pre-reading skills! A great way to aid in socializing young children! February Themes: 2/6 Lunar New Year, 2/13 valentines day, 2/20 birds, 2/27 Bunny Hop

SOAR program has been canceled at this time.

All Abilities Craft Club– Wednesdays 1pm. These crafts take about half an hour. Sometimes we read a story that goes along with them.

Other February Programs

Movie Days– No pre-registration is requested or required. We hope you join us at the library on the no school days in February!

Feb.9 1:00pm, Movie day about Chinese New Year. Will watch the short episode Pippa Pig Chinese New Year. Along with a craft to go along with the Chinese New Year.

Feb. 12– 11:00am, We will be watching Ratatouille. Rated G.

Leap Year Party Kids Kindergarten-4th Grade: Feb. 29 4:30pm-6:00pm join us for some “Leaping” we will have games and prizes and frog crafts, because who leaps better than a frog!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten! For any child who is below kindergarten age. Children earn a free book for every 100 books that is read to them. Every book counts even repeat books and non library books! Register today!

Readers Choice: Voting for readers choice grades k-12 takes place this month. Participants who don't attend the Carthage Elementary School District should contact the library for a ballot! Middle school voting due by Feb 27, all other grades by March 10.

On Your Own Programs!

Stop by the library from now till Feb. 14th to make a Valentine!

Read Around The Town! Make sure to participate in our reading challenge for 2024! Bring a library book with you around the community and take a picture! More details available here! <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/adults.html>

SWAPS! - There are puzzles left over from the puzzle swap. Stop by before February 10th to pick out a puzzle!

February is Game swap month! Stop by the library to swap card/board games. All games left at the end of the month will be donated or added to the library's collection.