

# Carthage Public Library District

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## Building Project Update

The advertisement for bids has been published and documents are posted for contractors to view in City Blue Technologies online plan room. Current plan is for a special board meeting to be held on Feb. 24 to review the bids.

## Launching Our Dream

The goal for this fundraising initiative is to raise \$50,000 by the end of February. A generous benefactor donated \$20,000. If the community raises the remainder to reach our goal, she will match it with an additional \$30,000 - so the impact of your donation will be doubled. Community donations currently total 11,415.61.

Carthage High School Class of 1961 recently donated \$1094. We challenge each CHS and IWHS class to make a contribution to the building project. CHS Class of 1993 has accepted the challenge, will your class? With the donation, you can request a brick or paver to be engraved to recognize your class - these pavers will be installed in the front of the new library building.

The Carthage District Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3), and a qualified charity for RMDs and year-end gifts. There are still naming opportunities available. Checks can be brought in or mailed to the library. On-line giving is also an option. For details, visit the website:

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



The Friends of the Library decided to cancel the After Christmas Fundraiser due to lack of registrations.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 24 at 5:00 pm when we will make plans for our annual meeting and program.

Everyone is invited to attend all of our meetings. We would love to have more active members.

## Hey Kid's, It is time to VOTE

It is that time again to vote for your favorite Rebecca Caudill, Bluestem, or Monarch books. We will be delivering ballots to the schools, and we will also have them here at the library. You must have read or listened to 5 Monarch books (K-3rd), 4 Bluestem books (3rd-5th) or 3 Rebecca Caudill books (4th-8th) to vote. [CMS students will vote for RC books at school.] Bring in the ballot to the library with your vote and receive a treat.

## 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 & road conditions may cause a change in library hours - if in doubt, please call before venturing out.



## Illinois Libraries Present

ILP is a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier virtual events. Register to receive a link to the Zoom event and to the recording. If you don't want to deal with the technology, you can come watch the program at the Library.

"An Evening with James McBride" will be Tues., Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm. McBride's landmark memoir, *The Color of Water*, was published in 1996 and is considered an American classic. His 2013 novel, *The Good Lord Bird*, won the National Book Award for Fiction and was adapted into a Showtime series bearing the same name. His latest, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*, was named one of the New York Times' 100 Notable Books of 2023. Register at [https://bit.ly/ILP\\_JamesMcBride](https://bit.ly/ILP_JamesMcBride).

Join us on Wed., Feb., 19 at 7:00 pm for "Slowing Down with Amy Tan." The bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club* and other novels joins us to share about her body of work and reflect on the wonder of slowing down and savoring the quiet moments. Her connection to nature is captured in her latest book, *The Backyard Bird Chronicles*, a collection of sketches and essays. Register at [https://bit.ly/ILP\\_AmyTan](https://bit.ly/ILP_AmyTan).

Mark your calendars for "Exploring Space with Coralie Adam" on Tues., March 4 at 7:00 pm. A native of Illinois and graduate of the U of I, Coralie leads the multi-mission Optical Navigation team at KinetX Aerospace and is currently the Deputy Navigation Chief on NAS's Lucy mission to the Jupiter Trojan asteroids. Register at [https://bit.ly/ILP\\_CoralieAdam](https://bit.ly/ILP_CoralieAdam).

For each of the programs, you may register and watch on your own, or come to the Library and watch the program with us.

ILP is funded in part by a grant from the Illinois State Library using funds provided by the US Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

## CUPCAKE WARS!!



{It will be a delicious competition}

**Kids ages 8 and up**

**Tuesday February 18, 3:30—4:30**

This will be in place of STEAM Club

## Valentines Bingo Scavenger Hunt



Hey Kids for the month of February come in and look for the valentines around the Children's Area of the Library to complete a bingo. Get at least 1 bingo and receive a small prize.



## CROCHET GROUP

**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Feb. 4, 18, Mar. 4, 18**  
(usually every other Tuesday)

Come to the library with your current knitting, embroidery, or crocheting project to work on while chatting with others! Share your skills.

If you are interested in learning to crochet join us; the library has materials available for practice, and group members love to teach others.

For anyone ages 8 and up!



## CHESS CLUB

**4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Mon., Feb. 10 & Mar. 10**

Chess group will now meet on the second Monday of each month. It for all skill levels and ages, including adults. Stop by the library to enjoy a game or to learn how to play. Checkers will also be an option.



## BOOK CLUB

Book Club is meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 13 to discuss the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith.

For March 13 we will read If You Ask Me, (but of Course You Won't) by Betty White. Copies of the books will be available for checkout at the library.

New members are always welcome. Feel free to bring your lunch. We'd love suggestions of books to read for future discussions.

## Story Time Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Storytime includes stories with a craft or fine motor skills activities. For infant, toddlers and preschoolers.

**February 4—Feelings**

**February 11—Valentines**

**February 18—Pancakes**

**February 25—Things that Go**



## Move and Groove Wed. 10-10:30 a.m.

Move and Groove is an active program full of music and movement. It's for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers along with a caregiver.



The Move and Groove program is funded through a grant from the Tracy Family Foundation.

## STEAM Club Activities for K-6th Grade

**Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

The program is for students in K-6th grade, younger children may attend with an adult.

**February 4—LEGO**

**February 11—Shrinky Dinks**

**February 18—Cupcake Wars**

**February 25—Cobra weave**



**If school is cancelled or dismissed early due to weather, all programs scheduled for that day will be cancelled.**

## Play to Learn Room

With the cold weather upon us, the Play to Learn Room will be open following Move and Groove on Wednesdays at 10:30 and all days by appointment. So if you need to get out or meet up with some friends for a playdate give us a call and set up a time.

## Our Independent Winter Reading Challenge continues on through February

**Winter Reading Challenge**  
During the months of January and February, complete at least 8 Bings and turn it in. Your name will be entered in the drawing for \$10 in Carriage Cash that can be used anywhere it is accepted. Drawing will take place March 3rd. 2 names will be drawn! 2 Winners!

**Brrrr Reading is cool!**

Read a book by your favorite author	Read a magazine from our collection	Any book in a series	Attend a library event	Read a book set in winter
Read a non-fiction book	A book made into a movie	Read a graphic novel	A book more than 5 years old	Read a classic
Read a book with a number in the title	Read a biography		Read a book set in the city	Read a book in a series
Read any fiction book	Read a book with one word title	Read a book with snow on the cover	A book about an animal or landscape	Read a book with Love in the title
A book set in the country	DIY craft, cooking, science projects	Read a book from our "free" shelf	Re-read a favorite book	A bestseller!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Come into the library to pick up a copy or print one from the link in the email with the Newsletter**

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

This program is continuing and we are always seeking new participants.

Children receive a free book and a rubber duck for each 100 books they read. More importantly, they are developing vocabulary and learning to enjoy books and reading.

