

Carthage Public Library District

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Friends Gift Basket Raffle a Success



Many thanks to those who donated gift baskets and items and to everyone who purchased tickets. We sold 1018 tickets and raised \$876 in ticket sales and donations. The funds will be used to purchase furnishings for the new library building.

Winners were: #1 Dog Lovers' Basket - Sirius Eagan; #2 Reader's Delight - Wanda Wear; #3 Boredom Busters - Adalynn Duffy; #4 Sports & Speakers - Devin Weber; #5 Dinner & a Show - Sherri Douglas; #6 Movie - Jessica Wilson; #7 Home Spa - Sara Brodie; #8 Baking Basket - Red Squier; #9 Fitness Package - Michelle Merritt; #10 Snack Center - Susan Climer; #11 Books & Beverages - Sharon Banner; #12 Handyman (woman) - Sara Kugler; #13 Chocolate Lovers' - Carolyn Rosenboom.



Planning for New Library Proceeding

We continue to work through details for the new building and hope to have updated drawings to share soon.

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

CURRENT 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



RESOLVE TO READ in 2022!

Did you make a New Year's Resolution? The Library can obtain books or DVDs to help you.

Food for Fines

During the month of January, bring in an item for the food pantry and wipe away \$1.00 worth of library fines for late materials. (This does not apply to payment for missing items.) Donations to the food pantries often slow down in January so this is the perfect time for a canned goods drive. Even if you don't have fines you can bring items to the library. We will make sure they are delivered to the food pantry.



Students also have the option to "Read down" their fines; for every 15 min. they sit in the library and read, \$1 of fines will be cleared.

Select the Library Foundation as your Amazon charity of choice.



Individuals who shop on smile.amazon.com may select a charity to receive a small donation. Please select Carthage District Library Foundation as your preferred charity. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-5183105>. [If you had previously selected the Library, please change to the Foundation. The Library is no longer eligible since we are not a 501(c)(3).]



PLAY TO LEARN: Ages 0-3

There is a survey for play to learn as we are trying to decide what day and time works best for

those interested in attending. Take the survey: <https://forms.gle/TxKjAP4YVQ4YXAwB9>

Currently it looks like Tuesdays at 2 pm or Wednesdays at 10 am work best. We will resume this program the first week of February.

We would like to have more input from parents though before picking a definite time.

PreSchool Story Hour Ages 2-5

Preschool Story Hour will start January 11th. Join us Tuesdays at 10 am. We are going to focus on seasons and weather for the first 4-6 weeks and then focus on emotions for the next 4-6 weeks. The last preschool storytime session of the spring will be May 3rd.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The Library is starting a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. This is open to any child from birth-preschool. Reading to children prepares them for success in school and life. It also promotes bonding and critical thinking skills.



By reading one book per day, you can read 1000 books in less than three years. Prizes will be awarded for every 100-book milestone, so even children who enter Kdg in the fall are encouraged to participate.

[Click here to learn how to participate.](#)

Middle and High School Aged Students:

We will be hosting an Ugly Art Night on Wed., Jan. 12 at 3:30 pm. We provide the supplies, and you make the ugliest masterpiece you can. There will be prizes, and we will discuss upcoming programs for the year.

Elementary School Aged Children:

We are having a winter/snow themed activity on Wed., Jan. 26 at 5:30 pm. There will be crafts, science experiments, books and snacks.



PUZZLE MONTH: During January, stop in the library to work on a jigsaw puzzle, or pick up copies of a crossword, word search or Sudoku puzzle to take home.

The 2021 Reading Challenges have ended! Be sure to turn in your entry forms to be included in the final quarterly prize drawing.

2022 READING CHALLENGES

In 2022 we will be promoting quarterly reading challenges instead of year long ones. For January-March we have a [bingo card!](#)

All ages may participate.



BOOK CLUB

Thursday, January 13, 12:30

For January, read a holiday book of your choice. Then come tell the group about that book or anything else you've read. This is a great time for new members to join.

For February we will read the memoir, Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb. Copies will be available to check out at the library.

CODING CLUB RESUMES Jan. 13

Beginning Jan. 13, Coding Club will again meet on Thursdays, from 3:30-4:30 pm. Students in 4th-6th grade learn the logic behind computer coding as they use blocks of code to complete challenges, play games, and show their creativity.



This is a great time for new members to start, although they are welcome at any time. No prior experience is needed and laptops are provided.

Students who are unable to attend with the group could sign up to do the activities on an independent basis, if they have access to a device and Internet. Contact Amy at the Library for more information.

HANCOCK COUNTY FAMILY FAIR

Are you ready for a Tropical Beach Bash? Mark your calendars for the Family Fair on Sat., Feb. 5, from 9-1 at the Extension Center. This free event includes entertainment, games, crafts and activities for children and information for families provided by area agencies. There is even a free lunch!

