

Carthage Public Library District

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Building Project Update

Current word from the architects is that the project will go out for bid on January 17.

Launching Our Dream

A generous benefactor donated \$20,000 to the Launching Our Dream fundraising campaign. The goal is to raise \$50,000

before the end of February. If the community is able to raise the remaining \$30,000 to reach the goal, our benefactor will match it with an additional \$30,000 donation. Currently, community donations total \$6,875. Money raised from the Friends Gift Basket Raffle and Trivia night will be given to this campaign.

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 as well as engraved bricks and pavers. Checks can be brought in or mailed to the library. On-line giving is also an option. Visit the website <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html> for details.



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.

Learn about "Chicago Pizza - Past, Present & Future with Steve Dolinsky" on Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 pm. We are planning to serve pizza to those coming to watch at the library, so we need you to RSVP by Jan. 6. To watch on your own, register at https://bit.ly/ILP_SteveDolinsky. Steve is the "Food Guy" reporter at Chicago's NBC 5, an author, podcaster, and creator of Pizza City Fest.

Join us on Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 pm for "Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau". Michelle is a comedian and actress and the creator, writer, and star of the Netflix series Survival of the Thickest inspired by her autobiographical book of essays of the same name. Register at https://bit.ly/ILP_MichelleButeau.

ILP is funded in part by a grant from the Illinois State Library using federal LSTA funding.

Hancock County Family Fair
Saturday, February 1, 9:00-1:00
U of I Extension Center



This is the 30th annual Family Fair, put on by local agencies. Our theme is "Reach for the Stars! The Sky is the Limit!" It is a free event with games, activities, door prizes & lunch.

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.

After Christmas Trivia Contest Register Your Team Now



This family friendly event will be held Friday, January 17 at the First Baptist Church (601 Main St., Carthage). Doors open at 6:00 pm, with trivia beginning at 6:30.

Register your team of up to 8 people of any age (youth are welcome) by January 8 for \$50. Registration at the door will be \$10 per person - individuals are welcome to come and will be grouped together into a team.

This is sure to be a fun event with Pastors Jerome Lee and Clark Irwin as emcees. Questions will focus on Christmas songs, movies & traditions. Mulligans will be available for purchase.

Decorate your table -- attendees will vote (with money) for the best-decorated table and the winner will receive 5 mulligans. There will also be an Ugly Sweater Contest. Feel free to bring your own snacks & non-alcoholic beverages.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library to raise money for the new library building project.

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our gift basket raffle. We raised about \$1500 for the new library construction project. A list of winners is available at the library.

Special thanks to those who donated gift packages or items for the baskets. This wouldn't have been possible without your generosity. Donors included: Alfano's Pizza, All Seasons Music Therapy, Sharon Banner, Ben Franklin Crafts, Book Buddys Book Club, Marla Clark, Countryside Veterinary Care and Kaylee Krekel, DVM, County Market, Cups & Crafts, Deanne Dawdy, Kris Dornbush of State Farm Insurance, Barb Drozd, Farmhouse Meats, Melita Finney, Rose Fisher, Sandy Gavillet-Yager of Modern Designs Salon, Amy Gee, Kwik Shine Car Wash & Kristen Huls, Legacy Theater, Los Charros, LuLu's Bargain Den, Mahoney's Coffee, Rural Bliss, Tammy Seigfreid, Maxine Smart, Sarah Talley, Tobias Farms, Cheryl Underwood, Linda Webb, and The Wood Inn.



National Puzzle Month

January is National Puzzle Month!

Throughout the month, we'll have a variety of puzzles available for you to enjoy, including jigsaw puzzles, word searches, Sudoku, and more. We will also be hosting a jigsaw puzzle giveaway — they're completely FREE while supplies last, so be sure to stop by early for the best selection!

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.

- January 7—Penguins
- January 14—Snowmen
- January 21—Winter
- January 28—Pancakes



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.

- January 7—LEGO
- January 14—Shrinky Dinks
- January 21—TBD
- January 28—TBD



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

Family Game Night at the Library

Wed., Jan. 15th 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us for a night of family fun as well as a hot cocoa bar and popcorn.





Penguin Scavenger Hunt!

Hey Kids for the month of January come in and look for the penguins around the Children's Area of the Library. Solve the riddle and receive a small prize.



CROCHET GROUP

6:30-8:00 p.m.
Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 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., Jan. 13, Feb. 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, January 9 to discuss The Ultimate Gift by Jim Stovall.

For Feb. 13 read the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith. 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.

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 new Independent Winter Reading Challenge for January and February

Winter Reading Challenge
During the months of January and February, complete at least 8 Bigs 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!

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 with snow on the cover	A book about an animal or landscape	Read a book in a series
Read any fiction book	Read a book with one word title	Read a book from our "free" shelf	Read a book with Love in the title	A bestseller!
A book set in the country	DIY craft/ cooking, home projects	Read a book about a "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.

