

Carthage Public Library District

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our gift basket fundraiser and especially to all of the businesses and individuals who donated items or complete gift baskets. We raised \$1,585 which will go toward the Believe in the New Library fundraising match challenge.

Our next Friends meeting will be Monday, January 22 at 5:00 pm at the Library. If you can't attend in person, we have also set up a Zoom option. Email carthagelibrarydirector@gmail.com to request an invitation or use this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9831107385?pwd=fa3lVnaxZWlhY4QkD9lnDAjXhzQ5ee.1&omn=71432888533>

Upcoming activities include a "History of Pies" program at 6:00 pm on March 7, which was made possible by Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Program and our Pi Day pie sale fundraiser. We will be seeking volunteers to bake pies and taking advance orders. Pies will be available to pick up on Pi Day, March 14.



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

"Speculating about our AI Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells" will

be on Thursday, **January 11** at 7:00 pm. Three best-selling science fiction writers will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that Artificial Intelligence will have on our future, as well as AI in contemporary and future science fiction writing.

Register here: https://bit.ly/ILP_DoctorowLiuWells to watch on your own and receive a link to the recording. You are also welcome to come watch the program and enjoy snacks with us at the library.

On **Tues., Feb. 6, at 7 pm**, the awarding-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.

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

Closed January 1



BELIEVE IN THE NEW LIBRARY FUNDRAISING MATCH CHALLENGE

Carthage Public Library District's Board still believes in and is committed to constructing our new one-story library building. They have been working with the architect to simplify plans in an effort to reduce costs and hope to be able to rebid the modified project in early 2024.

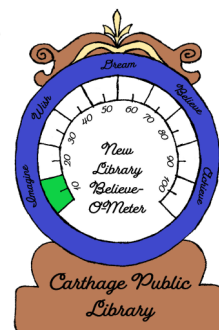
A generous donor, who also believes in the library and the importance of our project to construct a new building, has created an opportunity for the community. When others make donations and pledges totaling \$100,000 by March 31, 2024, the anonymous donor will match it with an additional \$100,000. This would bring the total amount raised through our capital campaign to over \$600,000!

A \$10,000 donation has gotten the campaign off to a good start. Please help us reach our goal - donations of any amount are welcome. Engraved bricks and pavers are still an option, and can be given in memory of or to honor someone.

The library now accepts pledges for monthly or quarterly donations, or for a one-time donation at a later date. For pledge forms received by March 31, the pledge amounts paid by the end of 2024 will count toward the matching challenge. Forms are available at the Library or on the Foundation's webpage.

Consider gifting a required minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA or other account directly to the Carthage District Library Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) qualified charity.

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR

We Believe!!!

New Events!

After Hours Nerf War: 7th-12th grades January 31st from 7-8:30pm. Please sign up here! We will have some nerf guns and ammo on hand but you are welcome to bring your own. No Nerf Disc products allowed. <https://forms.gle/9F578e5Q69fcnpWx8>



Green Screen Day. First Thursday of the Month January -May. Come by the library between 9:30am-5:00pm to use our green screen free of charge! January 4th.

Senior Tech Help! Monday, Jan. 8 11am-3pm. Did you get a new device over the holidays? Do you need help figuring out how to use the library's online services? This is the day for you! Bring your device by the library for assistance with all of the above!

Swaps— In 2024 the library is hosting monthly swaps! For January bring in a puzzle of any size to swap with another. It's important to take home a puzzle if you bring a puzzle! Future Swaps include: Games, Seeds, Arts and craft supplies, Toys, Costumes. All items left at the end of the swap will be donated.

Mondays at 3:30pm-4:30pm for Preschool-6th Grade— We have received a grant through the Tracy Family Foundation and are offering new programming on Mondays. Jan 8— Keeva Planks—flat wooden planks that come with building challenges.

Jan 15— Magna Tiles (best for Preschool –2nd grade)

Jan 22— Legos (we are also accepting donations of legos!)

Jan 29— Coding Critters, Prek-2nd. 3-5 coding club

No School Movie Days: Jan 3, 10:00am Page Master (rated G) **Jan 15, 10:00am** Oliver and Company (rated G) Popcorn and drinks will be provided!

Thursdays 4:30pm–5:30pm All ages groups families, kids, adults, seniors.

Jan 18— Mindful time. Coloring, calming music and snacks!

Jan 25— Chess we will have chess games on the computer and chess sets out for in person games. (We are accepting donations of chess sets. We currently have three)

Jan. 24th— Scrabble! 1pm-3pm. Its National Scrabble Day celebrate by coming to the library to play scrabble and scrabble adjacent games (Bananagrams, Upwords ect.)

Adults 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>

Family Fair Under the Sea Saturday February 3, 9am-1pm at the Hancock County Extension Center. Make sure to come and see us and all the other community resources for families!

Continuing Programs



English Language Learners

Group: Starting January 10

Adults and children 10 and older who wish to improve their English meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Participants may bring younger children if needed; however, there is no formal program for younger children at this time.



Crocheting Group - Participants ages 8 years thru Adult

Meeting January 9 and 23 at 6:30pm Downstairs! Yarn & hooks are provided for learning, or bring your own project. Knitters and embroiderers are also welcome.



Community Game Night Jan 16, 5:30 pm– 7:00 pm

Stop by the library for fun with board games, cards, and more.

Light snack provided. This is an all ages event -- Seniors to Toddlers are welcome -- and it's free. You can bring your favorite game to play with others or play a game the library has.

All Abilities Craft Club-Wednesdays at 1:00pm starting January 10th. These crafts take about half an hour. Sometimes we read a story that goes along with them.

Preschool Storytime starts Jan. 9 10:00am-11:00am. Ages 1-5 with a caregiver. Stories, songs, signing, sensory play and crafts! Jan 9 will be "Giraffes Can't Dance" Day.

New Program SOAR (Students Offering Assistance to Readers) This program will take place in January and February on Tuesdays at 3:30pm at the library. Children of different reading levels will be paired together to assist with reading aloud. 4th-6th graders interested in volunteering should come to the training session on January 9th at 3:30 pm. To sign a child up for the program Click here, Open to children in grades K-6.

Book Club!

Book Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 12:30. Jan 11. read Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Stout. Copies are available for all at the front desk! Open to everyone!



Reading Challenges!

Read around the Town!: For 2024 we have started a Read Around the Town Challenge. Each month have a picture taken of you reading a library book and either post to facebook or Instagram OR bring your photo into the library by the 10th of the following month to be entered into our monthly drawing for \$10 dollars Carthage Cash. Contact the library for complete details!

Sign up your 0-5 year-old for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Receive a free book and a rubber ducky for every 100 books read. Winter is a great time to start making reading a daily habit at your home! Remember it is never too early or too late to start reading with a child.

