

Carthage Public Library District

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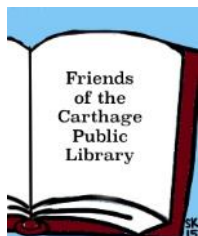
Planning for New Library Continues

The Library Board continues to work with the architect on the details and specifications for our new building. The bid documents should be ready to post in March. If the bids are within our budget, we hope to break ground in May.

We are working to raise funds for new furnishings and shelving. Naming opportunities are available. Gifts of any size are appreciated. The engraved brick and paver project is on-going. More information is on the Foundation's webpage: www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/



Above is the site plan for the new library at the corner of First and Center Street. (The top of the photo is East).



Friends of the Library

The next Friends meeting will be Monday, March 21, at 6:00 pm. We will be making plans for our annual meeting. Ideas for a program would be welcome.

Friends members attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 14 and presented the Board with a check for \$876, which was raised through the Christmas gift basket raffle. The money will be used toward the purchase of furnishings needed for the new library building.

In photo to right: John Dittmer, Board President; Donna Tracy, Board Secretary; Melita Finney, Friends President; Cheryl Underwood, Friends Treasurer; and Linda Tobias, Friends member.



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

Help for English Language Learners

Carthage Library will host a conversation group to help adults learn and practice English. The group meets on Thursdays from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

Books and puzzles are provided for children who accompany their parents.

Book Club

Book Club will meet Thursday, March 10th, at 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm. We will be discussing the children's Classic The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett.



In April we will be discussing this year's NEA Big Read book, a poetry collection called An American Sunrise by Joy Harjo, the first Native American Poet Laureate of the United States.

There are also copies of a companion title Cheyenne Madonna by Eddie Chuculate, a series of interconnected short stories about a Native American man struggling to find his way in the world.

Book Bingo!

March is the last month to work on your Bingo card! It's not too late to get a card at the library and begin. Bring it back by April 4, to be entered into a prize drawing! Watch for an announcement of our next reading challenge to start in April.



There are currently 31 children signed up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Four children have read 100 books already! Remember this is open to any child from birth to those entering kindergarten this fall. After registering please come in and have your child's picture taken and added to our 1000 books wall. More information can be found on our website <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten.html>

Learn to Crochet Night!

March is National Crochet Month.

Carolyn Rosenboom has offered to lead a "how to crochet" night on March 15 at 6:30 pm. This is open to those age 9 and up. If you already crochet please come and crochet with us! The people who are just starting would get a kick out of seeing all the different things you can do with crochet. If you are needing help with a pattern, bring that too. We will do the best we can to assist!



The library will have some basic supplies for people to use: thin thread and thick yarn and a few sizes of hooks.

If you are wanting to learn knitting Tori will be able to assist with that.

Minute To Win It Games

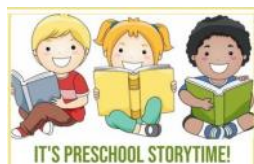
On March 4 we will host a Minute to Win It activity for students in elementary and middle school. This will be a come and go event—join us anytime from 3:30-4:30 pm. We will have eight games set up for kids to play.



Since this is National Sportsmanship Day, we will also practice being good sports. Prizes and some snacks will be provided.

Preschool Storytime!

Preschool story time is held on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Songs, rhymes, books, and crafts galore! This activity is geared towards kids 2-5 years. If you are interested in an afternoon story time please contact the library!



Readers Choice Voting!



If your child has been participating in one of the Readers Choice programs (Abe Lincoln, Rebecca Caudill, Bluestem or Monarch) and does not attend the Carthage Public Schools you can vote using [this form!](#) There is also a link to voting on our website.



Play to Learn

Play to learn meets at the library every Wednesday at 10:00 am. This is open to anyone

with children between the ages of birth and 3 years of age. Older siblings are welcome to attend. This program is co-sponsored with Early Beginnings and features songs, free play and a structured activity. A caregiver is required to stay with the child. Join us! No pre-registration is required.

National Library Week is

April 3-9th.



The library will be holding a **book mark design contest**. Forms will be distributed in March and entries are due by March 26. The winning bookmarks will be copied and distributed during NLW. Prizes will be awarded. We are also planning a Spirit Week. Stay tuned for more details.

Other March Celebrations:

- Women's History Month & March into Literacy Month.
- March 2 Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss's Birthday);
- March 6-12 Read an e-book Week and Return Borrowed Books Week
- March 19 International Read to Me Day
- March 20 World Storytelling Day and First Day of Spring
- March 27 National Scribble Day & March 31 National Crayon Day