

# Carthage Public Library District

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## FUNDRAISING MATCHING CHALLENGE

### Stories from the Library - Help Us Build



We are very close to meeting the \$25,000 matching challenge. As of Feb. 28 we've raised \$22,905 for this campaign.

Marla Wood donated money she had received in memory of her brother, Lanny Thomas Wood, who passed away on June 13, 2021 at the age of 60. She shared this story:

*"As a child who grew up on our family farm in Hancock County, near Webster, IL he (we) frequently went to the Carthage Public Library for research, for homework, and for fun. He became an architect, a school teacher of the STEM program, and recognized in Central Florida as STEM teacher of the year in 2013. Lanny made Hancock County, Illinois proud."*

Please share your stories to remind people of the value of libraries and to encourage others to give to build the new library.

Drop them off, send them in the mail, post them on our Facebook page, or email them to Carthage-librarydirector@gmail.com.

If you are able to donate funds to help us receive the full amount of the match, checks should be payable to the Carthage District Library Foundation. Donations for an engraved brick or paver also count toward the match. More information is on the Foundation's webpage: [www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html](http://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html).

## STORYTELLING VIDEO

Thank you to everyone who came on February 20 to share their stories and support the library. Table Sixteen spent about seven hours at the library making video and audio recordings. Now they will condense that footage into two short promotional videos for the library. Please do not be offended if they are required to cut most or all of your segment due to time restraints. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to be part of the project.

The finished videos will be posted on our website, Facebook, and YouTube. This is possible through a video storytelling grant from the Tracy Family Foundation, who wishes to help support libraries and make communities aware of all that they have to offer. Several libraries in our area received grants to participate in the project.

## Bookmark Contest:

Our annual bookmark contest for National library week will kick off March 15th with all entries being due at the library by April 12th. Bookmarks should go along with the theme of "There's more to the Story at Your Library" Winners receive library cash.



## LIBRARY HOURS

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| 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  |

## PI DAY PIE SALE

### Order by March 1.



Be sure to order pies for the Friends of the Library Fundraiser by March 1. Orders and payment are accepted at the Library, or contact a member of the Friends

Board. We are selling 9" fruit pies (cherry, apple, peach, or berry) for \$20 each. Several local bakers have volunteered their time and talent to bake the pies.

Pies should be picked up at the Library on Pi Day, March 14, from 9:30 am - 7:00 pm.

All money raised will go to the Library's Capital Campaign for the new building, and will count toward the matching challenge if needed.



## Book Clubs

The **Thursday Book Club** meets at 12:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month. We welcome new members! Copies of the book are available for checkout. You do not need to be a book club member to check out the book!

For March 9 we will read Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts, a novel telling the story behind making the film *The Wizard of Oz* through the eyes of the author's wife, Maud.

For April 13, we will participate in the NEA Big Read for our area (Galesburg), Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu. Written in the form of a screen play, this satirical novel explores the racial stereotyping in Hollywood, which limited the roles available to Asian actors. *Booklist* describes it as, "both rollicking entertainment and scathing commentary."

**Saturday Book Club** meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm. March 18, April 15.

## March 24 6:30pm dinner from A to Z Database:

Explore the database, make a dish to bring from it and share with others. Sign up by March 10

<https://forms.gle/HNSpwb7eyxYX2cPKA>





## Rhythm and Movement Plus Storytime Tuesdays—10:00 am

Music story time continues! Bring children 0-6 years and join us for music, stories, & more!

For more information please [click here!](#)

### STEAM STORYTIME

#### Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30

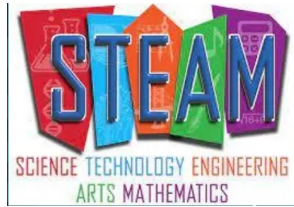
All preschool and elementary kids are invited.

March 7: Finish our City dioramas.

March 14: We will host a writing workshop for "Write your own story day"

March 21: International Color day! We will paint!

March 28: Childrens Picture Book Day



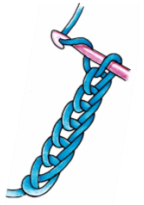
## Crocheting Group

Crochet group is for anyone 8 years of age and older who crochets or wants to learn. Knitters and embroiderers are also welcome.

Meeting at the library from 6:30-8:00 pm every other Tuesday;

**March dates are the 7th & 21st.**

Bring your own project, or yarn and hooks are provided for learning & practicing.



## 3rd Saturday Programs

### March 18: Spring Planting!

10am: **baby/toddler storytime:** This really is for children birth – age 3.

11am: **Elementary Craft,** We will be making Shamrock Decorations, and learning about the plant.

1pm: **Teens:** Teens Help us get ready for summer reading!

2pm: **books and Tea:** book club is trying something new this month, community members are encouraged to come talk about an ebook they read recently!

3pm: **Yarn!** Offering knitting and crochet lessons as well as just a space to talk with others while working on your craft.



**Coding Club** meets at 3:30 on Thursdays and is for kids in 4th-6th grade!

Anyone in that age group can come on weeks they are available!

### English Language Learners Group:

Thursdays at 5:30 pm beginning January 12th. This group is for adults and teens who are learning English. Participants may bring their children if needed; however, there is no formal program for the children at this time.

**Adult Crafts 1pm Mondays:** New in March 1pm crafts adult crafts. Some weeks it will be something for participants to take home some weeks it will be decorations to help the library get ready for summer reading.

### March 27 Get Ready for April Fools 6:30pm:

Suitable for kids ages 6-10. Come learn what makes a good prank and learn a few pranks, just in time for April Fools. This program requires pre-registration so we have enough materials and snacks for everyone.



<https://forms.gle/2NXVKyXVtYMTsKiU9>

### Community Game Night— March 20th 5:30pm-8:00pm

This is for all community members! Come make new friends, play new games, or bring your favorite to share with someone else! Event will last two hours but you don't need to stay the whole time.



### Early Out Activities March 10th

Stop by the library at after school on March 10th. At 1pm-3pm we will have crafts, games and snacks for elementary and middle school aged children!

### March 6-11 is return a borrowed book week!

To celebrate, the library is waving all late fines on materials returned to the library that week.

# Reading Challenges!



We had children register for 1000 books at the Family Fair this month and a few participants who reached milestones! We are looking forward to seeing everyone's progress in the following month. If you have not yet registered you can go to [www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten.html](http://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten.html) to sign up.

**Books into Movies Reading Challenge:** You have until March 10th to turn in your sheets. We currently have 9 participants, so if you complete the reading challenge you have a decent chance of winning the prize drawing. <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/uploads/4/2/6/0/42607329/publication8.pdf>

**Award Book Reading Challenge for March/April:** During March and April read four books that have won an award and be entered into the prize drawing! Did you know there are awards for everything from picture books to biographies? We have pulled together a list of recent award winners that are available at the library. You can view the list at the front desk.

**Statewide Reading Program Voting** Children/Teens reading books from Monarch, Bluestem, Rebecca Caudill, Abe Lincoln list we will finish voting this month at the schools.

**ON DISPLAY:** March is Womens History Month. We have biographies on display in the library.