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Building Project Update

The advertisement for bids has been published and documents are posted for contractors. The due date has been extended until 1:00 pm on March 4. The Board will review them at their regular meeting on March 10 at 4:30 pm.

Launching Our Dream - date extended



We're very close to reaching our goal of raising \$50,000, so we are continuing the campaign through the end of March. A generous benefactor, who donated \$20,000 to this campaign, will match the remaining donations if we reach our goal.

Recent donations have brought the community's total to \$22,867 - we're only \$7,333 away!

Each CHS and IWHS class has been challenged to make a contribution to the building project. We have donations from the Class of 1951, 1952, 1961, 1973, 1991, and 1993, and some Robert Morris College Alumni. With the donation, you can request a brick or paver to be engraved to recognize your class - these pavers will be installed in the front of the new library building.

The Carthage District Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3), and a qualified charity for RMDs and gifts. There are still naming opportunities available. Checks can be brought in or mailed to the library. On-line giving is also an option. For details, visit the website:

<https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html>

On-line Resources

Carthage Library patrons can download e-books and audio-books to a phone, tablet, or other device using the Libby and Boundless apps. Contact the library to set up a PIN for free access.



Library patrons also have access to four on-line databases from A to Z: World Travel, World Culture, Food America, and Maps On-line. The State Library is providing access to a host of Ebsco databases on a variety of topics including practice and preparation for academic and career tests. Find more information on our website: carthagepubliclibrary.com/reference--resources.html

We also subscribe to the library edition of Ancestry.com for genealogical research. This resource can only be used within 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

Winter weather & road conditions may cause a change in library hours - if in doubt, please call before venturing out.



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.

"Exploring Space with Coralie Adam" will be held Tues., March 4 at 7:00 pm. A native of Illinois and graduate of the U of I, Coralie leads the multi-mission Optical Navigation team at KinetX Aerospace and is currently the Deputy Navigation Chief on NASA's Lucy mission to the Jupiter Trojan asteroids.

Register at https://bit.ly/ILP_CoralieAdam or come and watch at the library. This program would be of interest to older students as well as adults. The knitting and crochet group will also be meeting at this time, so feel free to bring a project to work on while watching the program.

Also in March is a screening of the documentary *9to5: The Story of a Movement*. Register at https://bit.ly/ILP_9to5 for a link and watch between 2:00 pm on Friday, March 21 and 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 23. There will not be a showing at the library.

The documentary tells the true story of the 9to5 movement for workplace rights that was portrayed in the well-known feature film and song.

ILP is funded in part by a grant from the Illinois State Library using funds provided by the US Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).



Friends of the Library

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 24 at 5:00 pm. We will be making plans for our annual meeting and program. Suggestions for presenters would be appreciated.

Everyone is invited to attend all of our meetings. We would love to have additional active members.

ROCK PAINTING

We have the supplies, you bring your imagination!

Wed. March 19, 6-7 pm
ages 5 and up

Younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult



Photo credits: the best ideas for kids, one little project, lets live and learn

Dr. Seuss Joke Scavenger Hunt

In the children's space we have hidden some things.

Hunt for the pictures and see what it brings.

Solve all the riddles, and soon you'll have won.

A prize to enjoy when the quest is all done.



CROCHET GROUP

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mar. 4, 18, Apr. 1, 15, 29
(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., Mar. 10 & Apr. 14

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, March 13 to

discuss If You Ask Me, (But of Course You Won't) by Betty White. Up next, April 10 The Wisdom of Sally Red Shoes by Ruth Hogan.

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.

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.

March 4—Dr. Seuss

March 11-Rainbows

March 18-Things That Go

March 25-Kites



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.

March 4-LEGO

March 11- Slime Time

March 18- Cobra Weave

March 25-Art Project



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

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.

Kids and Students Pot O' Gold Reading Challenge March 1-20

Pot of Gold Reading Challenge!
March 1st—20th
Children and students this one's for you!

- Read for 17 minutes
- Read with someone
- Read on St. Patrick's Day
- Check out a new book
- Read a book longer than 17 pages
- Read a paperback from our collection
- Read a book with a green cover
- Go to a Library program or event

Complete at least 5 challenges on the list above and receive a prize. If you complete ALL of the challenges, your name will go in the drawing for \$50 (Cash Prize)!

GOOD LUCK!

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.

