SUMMER READING EDITION - see page 2

CURBSIDE PICKUP
Are you running out of books to read? We will offer curbside pickup of library materials by appointment, beginning Thursday, May 21. The library building will remain closed to the public at this time.

To request books, magazines, DVDs or audio books, send an email that includes your phone number to cartlib@mtcnow.net or call 217-357-3232. If staff members are unable to answer the phone, please leave a message with your name and phone number, stating that you wish to request books. You may also place holds through RSACat, however only items we own will be available at this time; we are unable to borrow items through InterLibrary Loan until the Library System is ready to resume delivery.

You may request specific titles, authors, genres, or non-fiction subjects. For children’s picture books, unless there is a requested author or topic, staff will select a variety of books as a surprise bag.

After receiving the request, library staff will call you to schedule a pickup time and explain the procedures. Currently appointments will be scheduled between 1:00-5:00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and from 9:00 am-5:00 pm on Thursdays. A scheduled appointment time is required in order to pick up materials.

RETURNING MATERIALS
The due date for all items has been extended through mid-June, and no late fees will be charged. Library materials may be returned in the book drop. Items will be cleaned & sanitized and kept in quarantine for a week. We cannot accept donations of used books at this time.

LIBRARY CARDS
Many of our original on-line services require patrons to log in using their library card barcode number and a PIN. If you do not know yours, call or email the Library.

If you know someone who lives in the Library’s District (same boundaries as the elementary school district) but has not registered for a library card, please encourage them to contact the Library. We can sign them up for a temporary card to give access to on-line resources. Then once we reopen they can supply ID and verification of address so they can check out physical materials.


CONTACTING THE LIBRARY
The best ways to contact us are to call 217-357-3232 and leave a message on the answering machine or email us at cartlib@mtcnow.net. We are monitoring both from home, and will respond.

INTERNET ACCESS—WIFI
The Library’s Wifi Signal extends to the sidewalks and parking areas by the Library. Look for the network Library Guest and log-in using the password Library1234 (with a capital L). The password is CPLD1894.

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT — On-line Resources

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS
Carthage Library patrons have access to multiple sources of free downloadable audio books and ebooks. Books may be read on a computer, e-reader, tablet, smartphone & other devices. Once they have been downloaded, you do not need an Internet connection to read or listen to them. E-Read Illinois uses the Axis360 app and includes books in Kindle format. Alliance Digital Media Library (ADML) uses the Overdrive or Libby app. Log-in with your library card barcode number and PIN. Biblioboard.com and Inkie.org are free for anyone physically in Illinois. No library card is needed. Biblioboard has many classic titles and children’s books as well as open source textbooks. Inkie features ebooks by independent authors, many from IL.

Tumble Books is providing free access to their collections which also include Teen Book Cloud, Audio Book Cloud, and Romance Book Cloud.

ANCESTRY
During this time we are able to allow remote access to Ancestry’s databases of immigration, census, vital statistics, and other records. Begin at the Library’s website: carthagepubliclibrary.com. Hover your mouse over the “References & Resources Tab” then click on the Ancestry tab. The password is CPLD1894.

TESTING & EDUCATION REFERENCE CENTER
This valuable resource includes full-length practice tests for GED, SAT, ACT, PSAT, GRE, LSAT, MAT, MCAT, ASVAB, NCLEX-LPN, NCLEX-RN, and more. It also offers practice for certification tests for various career fields including: accounting, cosmetology, fire fighter, law enforcement, postal worker, real estate, and social work, as well as resume, interviewing and networking advice.

CONSUMER REPORTS & USA TODAY - online
Contact the library for the log-in and password.

Links to all of these databases plus many other resources are available on the Library’s website: carthagepubliclibrary.com. Call or email us if you have questions or need help.
Please complete an on-line registration form for each participant from the above link or through the link on our website.

VIRTUAL SUMMER READING

This year’s summer reading program will be a little different than usual. We will not hold any in-person events in the Library building. But the program will still be designed to encourage reading, prevent summer skill loss, and to offer learning activities to engage children, teens, and adults.

Everyone is encouraged to keep a log of all books they read or listen to from May 17 - July 31. This list may be maintained in any format: handwritten on paper, typed into a computer document, or mobile app, or logged in through a link on our website.

Prizes - including pencils, some food coupons, and books - will be awarded in August. We will also have drawings for some larger prizes.

Patrons have access to downloadable audio books and e-books, and can now schedule curbside pickup of books from the Library, which should make it a little easier to find books you want to read.

One great thing about this year’s theme is that it can be applied to any topic - you can Dig Deeper into anything and everything. So we encourage you to Read and learn more about the subjects that intrigue you, and to Investigate other topics as well. You might Discover a new hobby or interest.

Library staff members are putting together some themed units with lists of books on the topic, links to on-line resources, craft ideas, and suggestions of activities to do at home or outside. All of these activities are optional, of course, but we would love it if you would share pictures or let us know what you have done. There may also be opportunities to enter some additional prize drawings.

More information and links to the activities will be emailed to registered participants and posted on the summer reading page of our website: carthagepubliclibrary.com/summer-reading.html.

DIG DEEPER: READ, INVESTIGATE, DISCOVER

We still need a name for this newsletter. If you have any suggestions, please email them to us.

ADULT SUMMER READING

Adults are also encouraged to complete an on-line registration form and participate in summer reading.

Our traditional adult reading log challenges participants to read 9 books that meet specific criteria. In the Adults Reading Kids’ Stuff (ARKS) program, participants read 25 children’s or Young Adult books in various categories. Choose one program or participate in both.

Both logs are available to download from the summer page of our website: carthagepubliclibrary.com/ summer-reading.html. You may also call the Library to request that a paper copy be mailed to you or included in a curbside pick-up of library books.

High school students may choose to participate in either one or both of the adult programs, or they may participate in the teen summer reading program.

All participants will be entered in a prize drawing to be held in August.

READING CHALLENGE 2020: FOCUS ON ILLINOIS (for adults and HS students)

In this year-round program, participants read 1 book for each month’s theme, and are entered in a quarterly prize drawing. For May, read a book by a female Illinois Author. For June read 2 children’s picture books that are set in IL or were written by an IL author. In July read a Juvenile or YA book set in IL or by an IL author. These themes have been incorporated into the ARKS and Adult reading logs. Suggestions can be found on our website: carthagepubliclibrary.com/2020-Focus-on-Illinois.html. You can download a bookmark there, or just send us an email with the information after you have read a book for the month, and we will enter you in the prize drawing.

READING CHAT

Would you like to talk about books you have been reading and ask for recommendations of what to read next? Request to join the private Facebook Group “Hancock County IL Adult Reading Chat.”

RUBBER DUCKY CLUB

This program encourages caregivers of children age 0-5 years to read, write, talk, sing, and play with their children to help them develop pre-literacy skills.

Complete 15 activities and receive a rubber duck. Complete another 15 activities in the same month to receive another duck and a book. The monthly activity sheets can be downloaded or viewed from our website: www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/children--families.html, or request a copy by mail.

Please register on-line for our summer reading program for babies & toddlers and keep track of all books read to your child for the chance to win additional prizes.