

Carthage Public Library District

Library Lines Newsletter May 2023 Vol. 4 No. 5



Fundraising Updates

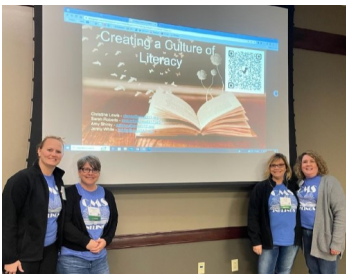


Marine Bank & Trust recently donated \$5,000 to sponsor the flag pole at the new library. Shown in the photo are Amy Bruenger and Tim Parrish from the bank, with library director Amy Gee in the center.

The Library received many donations in memory of Mary Jane Williams, totaling more than \$7,900. One generous out-of-town donor wrote, *"I cherish my local library and sincerely believe libraries can change lives. Libraries provide more than enrichment, they also offer opportunity and the wonder of discovery. I feel privileged to be able to make a contribution that will benefit so many."*

We also received a grant of \$2,045.08 from the Carthage Community Improvement Fund through the Community Foundation Serving West Central Illinois & Northeast Missouri to be used for the new library.

We are very grateful for the donations and community support. Information about making a donation can be found on the Carthage District Library Foundation's website: www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html. There are options to name a section of the library, to sponsor a square foot, and for engraved bricks and pavers.



You are invited to the FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Carthage Middle School Literature teachers, Amy Shirey, Chris Lewis, Sarah Roberts, and Jenny White will present "Creating a Culture of Literacy" at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 709 Main St., Carthage. The event will begin at 6:00 pm with a brief business meeting and election of officers, followed by the presentation and refreshments.

The public is invited to hear the presentation that the CMS teachers gave at the Illinois Reading Conference in Springfield and to learn more about the Friends of the Library organization.



MORE to the LIBRARY

Most people know that the library is the place to borrow books, DVDs, audios, and magazines, but we offer much more.

The Carthage Public Library has fishing poles, e-readers, and laptops to check out. We have computers, sewing machines and a green screen that can be used at the Library. We offer many programs and services. Some are featured in these videos: <https://youtu.be/kX-h2LTYSiS> <https://youtu.be/iDfdFu86Hp8>

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

**The Library will be closed on Monday,
May 29 for Memorial Day.**

Summer hours begin May 30 -
the only change is that we close earlier at
6:00 pm Monday - Thursday.



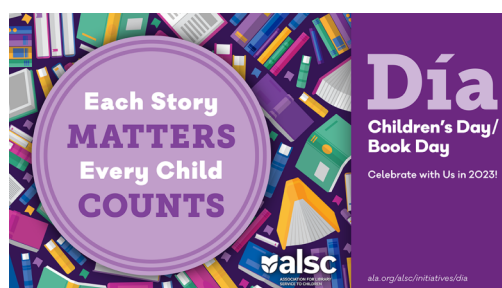
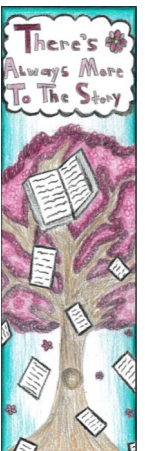
Book Clubs

The Thursday Book Club will meet at 12:30 pm on May 11. We will discuss The Great Alone by Kristen Hannah. For June 8 we are reading The Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman. For July, we will choose a book that fits the Independent Reading theme for June and July.

Saturday Book Club will meet May 20 at 2:00 pm. Talk about the books you have been reading and receive recommendations for future reads.

Bookmark Design Contest

We received 88 entries in our annual bookmark contest. Thank you to all participants. It was a difficult to choose. Congratulations to our winners: Age 6-8 Jackson Baker Hall, Age 10 Bella Wright, Age 11 Cyrus Rouggy and Sophia Aanenson, Age 12 -13 Jenny Naomy Zenteno Gutierrez, and age 14 - adult Kennedy Artman. Copies of the bookmarks are still available at the library. And can be viewed on facebook and our website.



Día is on April 30th, which is a Sunday this year. Stop by the week of May 1st to see Día books and complete a craft to go in our window!





Volunteers Needed: We are in need of volunteers for summer reading! We have crafts to prep and decorations to make. If interested contact the library. We will be working on decorations Friday May 5th.

Summer!

Summer reading, learning and activity programs will start in June. You can sign up for summer reading online or at the library starting May 8. We are hoping to be able to visit many of the area daycares again this Summer bringing Summer Reading to those who can't come to the library during the day!

3rd Saturday Programs

May 20:

10:00 -10:30 am - baby/toddler storytime:

For children birth – age 2. Singing, rhymes, flannel board, books!

11:00 am - Elementary kids:

1:00 pm - Teens (Middle School & HS): Help us get ready for summer reading!

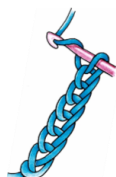
2:00 pm - Books and Tea: Come converse about books and drink some tea!

3:00 pm - Yarn! Offering knitting and crochet lessons as well as just a space to talk with others while working on your craft. Ages 8 yrs. - adult.



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



The group meets at the library from 6:30-8:00 pm every other Tuesday: **May 2, 16, 30.** We will be discussing our plans for the summer.

English Language Learners Group:

Thursdays at 5:30 pm. 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: Continuing through May! We have paper crafts at the library!



New this year! Library programs at the farmers Market every week! Our first event will be June 5th from 11-3! The Quincy Children's Museum will be bringing their equipment to help us kick off summer reading!

Sign up Kickoff Event May 30th 12pm or 5pm. At both times we will have Bubbles all sorts of bubbles to make and play with and bring your own tie dying!

May Weekly!

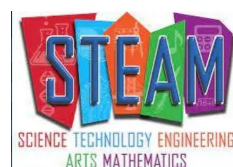
Fridays in May from 10am-12pm We will have games, crafts, snacks and a movie for kids kindergarten-Middle school.

Rhythm and Movement Plus Storytime Tuesdays—10:00 am

Rhythm and Music Storytime will conclude on May 9th as we prepare for summer reading.



STEAM Fun time
Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30
ages 3-12



The last STEAM Storytime will be May 16th.

Money Monsters Continues



What a fun way for children ages 4-12 to learn

about money! This family program is at 4:30 pm on Wednesdays May 3, 10, 17, and 24. Upcoming topics include: how much things really cost, becoming a good borrower, giving, and starting a business. Sessions include a story and related activity. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. The materials are provided by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Reading Challenges!

We have had 2 more participants finish their 1000 books. Be sure to congratulate Jeremiah and Isabella Hartweg when you next see them. Any child is eligible for this program if they have not yet entered kindergarten. Remember to stop by the library during your child's birth month to receive a finger puppet. If you have not yet registered you can go to www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten.html to sign up. This month 10 children reached a new milestone!

Reading Challenges for all ages: Be sure to turn in your completed March/April award book challenge by May 6 to be entered in the prize drawing! Our upcoming challenges correspond to our Summer Reading Program theme: Oceans of Possibilities. For May, read a book with the word "Ocean" in the title. For June, read a book that is set by the sea. For July read a book about fish or other ocean life or a book with "Sea" in the title.