**Fall Hours**
Monday - Thursday       11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday                           11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday                             9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Special Hours for Senior Citizens:
Tuesdays & Thursdays   9:30—10:30 am

*Hours are subject to change depending upon state health phases and guidelines. Curbside still available!*

**NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS:**
Early closing 5:00 pm Wed., Nov. 25
& closed Thursday, Nov. 26

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**Land Donated to Library for New Building**

Prairieland Investment Group (PIG) announced on Oct. 24 that they are donating the building site for the new library. The site is on the northwest corner of their campus, on First Street and Center Street.

This donation, equivalent to $36,000, kicks off the Library’s Dare to Dream Capital Campaign. The Library’s application for a Public Library Construction Act Grant to construct a new building was approved. We will receive the $1,258,862.94 grant from the State if we are able to raise our cost share of about $1.2 million by June 30, 2021.

The Trustees are daring to dream that, with the community’s support, the library will be able to reach that goal, and construct a beautiful 10,660 sq. ft. one story building, designed to be a library. Features include: a large room for programs or meetings, two study rooms, ample comfortable seating with charging stations throughout the building, a drive-up book return and pick up window, and an attractive outdoor space for activities. Drawings of the new building and floorplan are on display in the library.

In addition to monetary donations community members can also contribute by serving on a committee, participating in fundraising events, and advocating for the new library, helping to spread the word to others.

#Giving Tuesday - December 1

The Library is planning a social media blitz for Dec. 1 to let people outside our community know about our Capital Campaign and dreams for a new building.

We need your help. Please share our posts with your Facebook Friends, or better yet share YOUR story about why the library is important to YOU.

If you don’t use social media, you can email us your story with permission to use it.

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**FUNDRAISERS—Cash Raffle**

We are currently holding a cash raffle. Tickets cost $20 each or $100 for six tickets, and may be purchased at the library or from members of the Board and Friends group. The winner will potentially win $2020, or 10% of tickets sold. Purchase your tickets by Dec. 31. The drawing will be held Jan. 4, 2021.

**Brick & Paver Fundraiser**

For donations of $100 or more, donors have an opportunity to have a brick or paver engraved, possibly with the family members’ names or in memory of a loved one.

Checks may be made to the Carthage District Library Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charity.

Credit card and Paypal donations may be made on the Foundation’s webpage: https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html
**C PROGRAMMING** Check the Calendar on our website.

**R E N E R**

Preschool story hour is live via Zoom on Fridays at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Meeting ID: 7593-859-9605 Password: STORY! (with a zero) Be sure to join the “Carthage Public Library Preschool Group” on Facebook.

Family Reading week! Family reading week is November 16-21. Tori will be doing a Facebook Live Event on November 19th reading bedtime stories to children. Tori will be live from 7:00pm-8:30pm on the Carthage Public Library Youth Programs Facebook page. We encourage all children to decorate a Paper Bear like their favorite book character or decorate one in general! All the bears will be listening to Tori’s stories on November 19th at the library!

Elementary School Students: December means Christmas Crafts! Pick up a bag at the Library to make Christmas Goodies! Available December 1st. We are unable to have our regular Christmas Party this year due to Covid, but hope to have in person activities in the new year!

Teens/Tweens. We are in need of volunteers in Nov. & Dec. to wrap books for our “Unwrap a New Story” program. Contact the Library to volunteer. Adult volunteers are also welcome.

State-wide Readers’ Choice Programs

There is a list of suggested books for each grade level range. Students who read the minimum number of books required by February will be eligible to vote for their favorites. If your school doesn’t do voting you can vote at the library!

Read all the books on your list and get a small prize and a free book! Our Rebecca Caudill Books are currently checked out, and they are very popular. You can place a hold by calling the library.

The Rubber Ducky Club is for ages 0-5 and their parents! Read, write, sing, talk, and play with your child. The activities be done on your schedule! Complete 15 and get a rubber duck, 30 activities and receive 2 duckies and a book. Activity sheets are available at the Library, or downloadable from our website.

**STORY WALK**

We have set up a story walk around the Courthouse lawn through Nov. 22. Begin near the East entrance and walk from sign to sign to read the story. Since the book is The Gingerbread Man, you may want to “run, run as fast as you can” to get to the next page of the story.

Stop in the library to let us know you participated and receive a piece of candy. Even if you don’t want candy, please let us know (phone, email, FB) you completed the walk so we can count you in our statistics.

**CONTACTING THE LIBRARY**

The best ways to contact us are to call 217-357-3232 or email us at cartlib@mtcnow.net.

**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).

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

**Carthage Architecture Walk Contest** Photos of portions of Carthage buildings on or near the square are posted on our website and Facebook page. Identify the building/business and submit your answers by Nov. 14 for a chance to win $10 in Carthage Cash. This is Children’s Book Week. We want to know what your favorite children’s book is! Email us, or comment on the Carthage Public Library District’s Facebook post!

Be sure to read together as a family during Family Reading Week, Nov. 16-22.

Unwrap a New Story Beginning Dec. 1 families are encouraged to check out a set of wrapped children’s books. Unwrap and read one each day. Then return them and check out another set the next week.

**ACTIVITIES for Adults**

Library’s Book Club is reading Circe by Madeline Miller. This novel features Greek gods and goddesses. It’s on the Read for a Lifetime list, so High School students are welcome to join. The discussion will be held on Thursday, November 19 at noon and 6:00 pm. We will meet at the library with masks and social distancing. A Zoom option will be available during the 6:00 session. Our next book will be What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty. Time and date to be determined.

Pushing the Limits Book and Video Discussions

Monday, Nov. 16 at 6:00 pm will be our rescheduled discussion of Monuments Men by Robert Edsel. We will meet in person and via Zoom. The theme is Heritage. We will view and discuss a short video and encourage participants to share their heritage, crafts, recipes, and traditions, so you may attend even if you haven’t read the book.

2020 FOCUS Adult Reading Challenge/Choice!

November’s theme is to read a book by a male Illinois author. December’s theme is READERS CHOICE! Read any book, fill out the form and get entered to win a $20 Prize from the quarterly drawing.

InterLibrary Loan Question of the Month

How many Public Libraries are in the RAILS system? It is a 3 digit number.

The answer to October’s question—which city did we send the most books to in Sept.—was Peoria. Three people guessed correctly and will receive a candy bar.

Be sure to check out the databases on our website: Ancestry, Gale Business Entrepreneurship, and Testing and Education Reference Center.

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