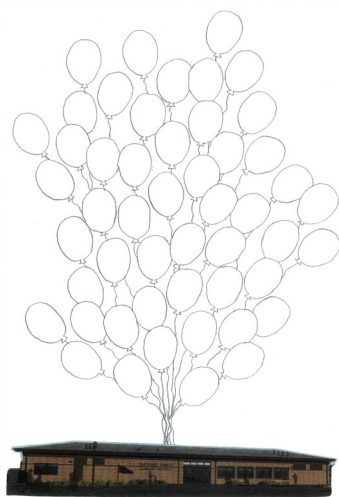


Carthage Public Library District

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Launching Our Dream



We are currently waiting for the architectural firm to finish the specifications and documents needed to put our construction project out for bid again, with the hope of breaking ground in the spring.

In the meantime, we are continuing our fundraising campaign with a "Launching Our Dream" initiative. We hope to raise \$50,000 by the end of February. We will track progress by coloring in one balloon for each \$1,000 donated, to take us UP over our goal.

There are still naming opportunities available as well as the engraved bricks and pavers. Donations should be made to the Carthage District Library Foundation, and mailed to the library. On-line giving is also an option. <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html>



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 watch from anywhere. Don't want to deal with the technology? Come to the library and watch it with us. Many programs will be recorded and available for viewing at a later date, but you must register to receive the link.

ILP: Holiday Tips & Tricks with Chef Art Smith Wed., Nov. 20, 7:00 pm Register for the Zoom link at https://bit.ly/ILP_ArtSmith. Chef Art is currently the Executive Chef and Co-owner of six restaurants and two non-profits. He was formerly Oprah Winfrey's personal chef and has made numerous television appearances.

The Dec. 10 ILP program will feature Raina Telgemeier, author of graphic novels for middle grade readers.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

Do you know someone who wants to learn or improve their English? The Library has an informal group for adults and teens. Beginning in November, we are changing to **Thursday** evenings from 5:30-7:00.

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

Closed Mon., Nov. 11 for Veterans Day
Closing early at 5:00 pm Wed., Nov. 27
Closed Thurs., Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving



GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

Thanks to generous donations from businesses and individuals, it look like we may have about 20 baskets this year!

Raffle Tickets cost \$2 each or 6 for \$10 and will be on sale from Nov. 18 - Dec. 16 at the library and from Friends officers & Library trustees. There will be a separate drawing for each basket - you choose which drawings to enter.

The Friends will be meeting to create baskets on Nov. 4, but we already have: a monkey basket (pictured above), a honey basket (right), a car care basket, a family movie basket, gift certificate for a show at the Legacy Theater, certificate for Countryside Vet, and a hair care basket. Photos and descriptions will be posted on the Friends Facebook page and webpage: <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/friends-of-the-library.html> by mid November.



Proceeds go toward the "Launching our Dream" campaign to raise money for the new library building.



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club would love to have new members. We meet at 12:30 pm, and participants are welcome to bring their lunch. The next meeting is on Thursday, November 14, discussing City Baker's Guide to Country Living by Louise Miller. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library.

For the Dec. 12 meeting, read any holiday book, then share with the group. We will also discuss books we want to read in 2025.

Family Reading Night November 21

Come into the library Mon. Nov. 18th- Thurs. Nov. 21 and check out 5 books to receive a kit featuring popcorn and hot chocolate packets for hosting your own Family Reading Night at home.

Elephant and Piggie

Mo Willems's beloved characters Elephant and Piggie are coming to visit the library!! Come for the fun, crafts and photos!!

Tuesday November 19th 3:30-4:30 p.m.



CROCHET GROUP

6:30-8:00 p.m.
Every other Tuesday
Nov. 12 & 26.

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 -

Thursday, November 14
4:30 - 5:30 pm

Our chess group is for all ages, including adults. Stop by the library to enjoy a game or to learn how to play. Checkers will also be an option. This will be a monthly activity, but you're not committing to attend each session - come when you can.

Read Around The Town!

This independent reading program is for all ages and runs through the end of November. Bring a library book with you when you're out and about around the community and take a picture! More details available here! <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/adults.html>



Watch for our new Holiday Independent Reading Challenge for December!

FALL PROGRAMS

Pre-School Story Time and Move and Groove - new days & times

Story Time Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Storytime will include stories with a craft or fine motor activities.



November 5—Foxes

November 12—Insects

November 19—Thanksgiving

November 26—No Storytime today

Move and Groove Wed. 10-10:30 a.m.

Move and Groove is an active program full of music and movement - singing, dancing, and playing instruments. It's for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers along with a caregiver.



The Play to Learn room will be open afterwards for free play if any families wish to stay.

No Move and Groove on November 27

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, although younger children may attend with an adult.



November 5 - Coding

November 12 - Robot Hand

November 19 - No STEAM

Club today - Come see Elephant & Piggie

November 26 - No STEAM Club today

TWEENS & TEENS 5TH -12TH Grade

The Crazy Librarian Escape Room Challenge

Thursday, November 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Come test your skills to see if you have what it takes to unravel the riddles and crack the case.

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.

