

# Carthage Public Library District

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## Friends Gift Basket Raffle

This wonderful Dog Lover's Basket was donated to the Friends of the Library by Rod & Marla Clark for our gift basket raffle.

Others are preparing a handyman/woman package, a family movie night basket, a boredom busters basket for kids, a fitness package, and a music package.

We are still seeking donations of items for additional baskets. Suggested themes include: baking, cozy reading, chocolate lovers, and pamper yourself (lotions and soaps). Other ideas would be welcome. We also need baskets, totes or other containers and bows. If you are interested in putting together a complete basket, please let us know as soon as possible so we can avoid duplication. All items should be dropped off at the library by November 1.

Raffle tickets will be sold from Nov. 15-Dec. 15, and the winners will be drawn on Dec. 16. All funds raised will be used to help purchase furnishings for the new library building.

The next Friends meeting is Mon., Oct. 18, at 6:00 pm at the Library. We will be putting the baskets together on Nov. 4 & 9 at 5:00 pm. Help is always appreciated.

## USED BOOKS AVAILABLE

The Library has such a large quantity of used books on hand, both from donations and from weeding our collection, that we are running out of storage space. We are giving away the books for free, although monetary donations are always appreciated. No need to wait for an official "sale" date; the books are always available—stop in any time.



## CURRENT 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 open on Columbus Day (Oct. 11), but closed on Veterans Day, Thurs., Nov. 11.



## New Architect for New Library

The initial plans for the new library were developed with the help of Apace Design from Peoria. However, the owner is retiring and closing his firm. The Library Board announced our search for a new architect and interviewed four firms that had expressed an interest. The trustees chose Studio GC, an architectural firm from Chicago.

Studio GC is helping us refine our initial designs and discuss all of the details that must be decided in order to draw up the blueprints and specifications required for the contractors to bid on the project. We are hoping to break ground in Spring 2022.

Fundraising, including the engraved brick and paver project, continues in an effort to raise money for purchasing new shelving and furnishings. Gifts of any size are welcome. More information is on the Foundation's webpage: <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html>

**REMINDER** - Turn in your forms for the Read Your Way, Animals, and Family Reading Challenges. Prize drawings for the July-Sept. quarter will be held soon. Also turn in your Library Card Month BINGO card.



## PLAY TO LEARN Mondays @ 9:00 am

The Play to Learn Group, for children 0-3 with a caregiver, will continue to meet at the WOW Park whenever the weather permits; otherwise we will meet in the library. The group will not meet Oct. 11 since there is no school. We will meet Oct. 4, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 9:00 am.

## The Rubber Ducky Club

encourages parents and caregivers to read, think, write, talk, and play with their child. There are monthly activity sheets for children from birth-2 and for 3-5 years. The suggested activities are simple things that you are probably already doing. Complete 15 activities to receive a rubber duck. Complete a total of 30 during a month to receive a 2nd rubber duck and a book. We will continue this program through the end of 2021.

Rubber Ducky Club



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## BOOKS FOR BABIES

Carthage Public Library is working with West Central Child Care Connection to provide bags with a book and child development information to families of babies born in Memorial Hospital.

The library would also like to provide one of these bags to families from our district who give birth elsewhere. If you know someone who had a baby somewhere other than Memorial in 2020 or 2021, encourage them to stop by the library and ask for a Book for Babies bag.

The library also provides bags to the HC Health Dept. to distribute through their WIC program. These bags are funded by a grant from the Tracy Family Foundation.

**CODING CLUB** for students in 4th-6th grade continues to meet on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 pm through October 21.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Nov. 9, 3:30-4:30 pm, Story & activity session to celebrate Children's Book Week.

Thurs., Nov. 18, Family Reading Night activity from 5:30-6:30 pm.



Join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am for stories, songs, and crafts. The activities are designed for children 3-5 years, but older and younger siblings may attend. Children should be accompanied by an adult. The themes for the remaining sessions are: Oct. 7 - owls, Oct. 14 - books by Julia MacDonald, Oct. 21 - pumpkins, Oct. 28 - Halloween (children are welcome to wear a costume if they wish), and the final session on Nov. 4 - turkeys.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY



The Library will hold a Halloween Party after school on Thursday, October 28 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Stories and games are geared for children 5-9 years of age; younger children are welcome with an adult or responsible teen. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Donations of pre-wrapped treats or small toys for goodie bags are appreciated.

## BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Oct. 14, 12:30

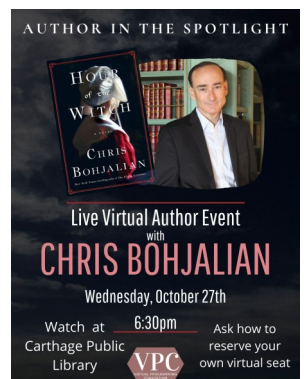
Check out a copy of The Guest List, a murder mystery that takes place during an exclusive wedding celebration on a remote island off the coast of Ireland.



For the November 18th meeting, we will be discussing These Ghosts are Family by Maisy Card. We're still seeking suggestions for 2022 - books, authors, or genres to read, the best day and time to meet, and a name for the group.

## MEET THE AUTHOR

Chris Bohjalian, author of more than 20 books, will give a live virtual presentation on Wed., Oct. 27 at 6:30 pm. He will answer pre-submitted questions and speak about his newest book, Hour of the Witch, an historical suspense novel set in 1662 in a Puritan colony in Boston.



We invite you to come to the library to view the presentation. In addition, we have purchased nine more virtual seats. Individuals may register to use these additional spots—use this [link to register](#), or contact the library.

The program will also be recorded and accessible via YouTube for two weeks following the event.