



# Carthage Public Library District

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## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to register for a library card. There is no fee for residents of the Carthage Elementary School District.



## LIBRARY'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are excited that our application for a construction grant to build a new library has been approved! It is a matching grant, with the State paying just over half of the cost. The library has until June 30, 2021 to raise our portion of the funds, approximately \$1.2 million.

A fundraising committee has been formed and additional volunteers would be welcome. We are also seeking volunteers to help with mailings, write thank you notes, plan social media and on-line fundraising, and help with other aspects of the campaign. If you are willing, we will find a task that fits your interests and abilities.

We are planning a kickoff event to be held in mid October, details will be announced later.

If anyone has questions about our building plans, please ask the Library Director or a member of the Board of Trustees.

## RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The Library now subscribes to a database called Gale Business Entrepreneurship. This Resource Center provides expertise covering all aspects of starting and operating a business, including finance, management, marketing, human resources, franchising, accounting, and taxes. The database contains hundreds of sample business plans created by real-life entrepreneurs, award-winning eBooks, as well as content from over 300 business journals and magazines.

24/7 access is available to our patrons using their library card barcode number. Use the link on our website.

## RESOURCES FOR JOB SEEKERS

The Library has temporary access to A to Z Databases as a free trial. One section of this product allows users to search for job openings by type of job, location, etc. Contact the library for more information.

## CONTACTING THE LIBRARY

The best ways to contact us are to call 217-357-3232 or email us at [cartlib@mtcnw.net](mailto:cartlib@mtcnw.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)

## New 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.

## InterLibrary Loan Question of the Month

How many items did we receive for our patrons via Interlibrary loan during August 2020? Enter for a chance to win your favorite candy bar.

Congratulations to last month's winners, Lydia and Amy, who correctly guessed Florida as the furthest location from which we received an IL-Loan item in July.

**BOOKS for BABIES** With the cooperation of Memorial Hospital, our Library and West Central Child Care Connection have been providing bags with parenting information and a board book to families of new babies. The Library would also like to give a bag to our families whose baby is born elsewhere.

If you know someone from our district who had a baby in 2020, please let them know that they can stop in the Library and receive a bag and book. These books were purchased with funding from a Tracy Family Foundation Early Literacy Grant.

## Homeschooling??

Remember, our librarians would be happy to help you order materials from other libraries, that may assist you in your homeschooling journey. Interlibrary loan is free of charge! We also have a list of helpful online resources on our [website](#).



## For MS, HS, and Adult Learners

The Library subscribes to the Gale Testing and Education Reference Center database which includes: basic skills question banks in Math, Reading, and Writing for Grades 6-8 and 9-12 and Science for grades 9-12; Advance Placement (AP) Practice Tests and HS entrance exams and assessments from various states; practice tests for GED & HiSet, SAT, ACT, & PSAT; CLEP Tests ; College & Scholarship Search; career exploration; practice questions and certification tests for various career fields; and resume building.

Patrons have 24/7 remote access using their library card barcode number.

## C PROGRAMMING

**R** We have so much going on! Check the [Calendar](#)  
**N** On our website.

**E** Wow our Superhero Packets have been very  
**R** successful! Don't forget to check online for more  
superhero activities! Please return your superhero bin-  
go and super animal man craft to the library for display.  
Next month's packets will have monster activities and  
will be available starting October 1st.



**Library's Book Club** is reading All the  
Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doer.  
Book club is meeting at Friendship Park  
(next to City Hall) on Thurs., Sept. 17 at  
noon and 5:00 pm. Please pick one session to attend.  
The 5pm zoom option is ID: 729 2975 3404 Password:  
Books!

The book for October will be American Dirt by  
Jeanine Cummins. Meeting will take place October 15th  
at noon and 6:00 pm. This is a very exciting book about  
a migrant's journey and the different ways and reasons  
immigrants travel to the United States.

**The Rubber Ducky Club** is for Children  
ages 0-5 and their parents! Simple  
activities that don't take very long!  
Complete 15 and get a rubber duck.  
Complete 30 and get a rubber duck  
and a new book! Activity sheets are available at the  
Library, or download one from our [website](#).

Rubber Ducky Club



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**Preschool story hour** is live via Zoom  
on Fridays at 2:00 pm. If a different  
time works better for your family con-  
tact the library. Video recordings will  
be posted to view at your convenience.

Bags are available with materials needed for Preschool  
Story hour. Theme for the first four weeks of October is  
"Things that Move" and the theme for Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> is Hal-  
loween! Be sure to join the "Carthage Public Library  
Preschool Group" on Facebook.

**Elementary School Students:** Monster Packets will be  
available Oct. 1. Also in October, check out a book in  
which the main character is a different gender than you  
are and get a piece of candy!

**Teens/Tweens. October is TEENTOBER!** We are excited  
to start this tradition! There are numerous activities for  
your age group this month. First there is a book discus-  
sion via Zoom (date and time TBA). There are copies of  
the book Fresh Ink at the Library for you to check out!  
Ask for one at the front desk or via email. Second, we  
are wanting the teens to do a takeover of our library  
Instagram! Contact the library for info!

**High Schoolers!** There is a Readers Choice program for  
you too—the Abraham Lincoln Award. We haven't had  
any teens submit a ballot in recent years so we are  
challenging you to invite your friends to read the books  
and vote. If ten participate we will have a special prize/  
reward. Lists and books are available at the library and  
voting can occur at the library by March 2021! There is  
also the Read for a Lifetime Program. No voting is in-  
volved, but there will be prizes. Some of the books are  
on both lists—double credit!

## MORE ACTIVITIES!!!

**Banned Books Week** is Sept. 27-Oct. 3. This is still  
relevant as book banning, or topic banning still  
occurs today. We are having a Zoom discussion  
for Teens on September 30th at 7pm! Also watch  
for our "Get Caught Reading a Banned Book" chal-  
lenge on Facebook and Instagram. Meeting ID:  
729 7737 0710 Password banned!

**Craft Show and Tell** is September 28th at 6:00 pm.  
This is for adults as well as Middle School and High  
school students. We need individuals to  
volunteer to show their projects to others! Can be  
crafting projects of any type! Please contact us!  
This will also take place via Zoom - Meeting ID:  
747 0077 7751 Password: Crafts!

### Fall Décor! October 19th at 6pm.

During this live Zoom meeting we will guide you  
through the steps to make a fall decoration for  
your home. This is for adults and teens. Please call  
or email the library by October 11th to register.  
Supplies will be available October 14th-19th for  
those who have registered. Live Zoom Meeting  
will take place October 19th at 6pm. Meeting ID:  
720 4335 8296 Passcode: FallFun!

**RECIPE SWAP!** We are hosting a Recipe Swap Just  
in time for the holidays. It's super simple! All you  
need to do is send us your favorite recipe (by mail,  
email, or drop it off at the library) along with your  
contact information. The deadline is Halloween,  
Oct. 31. We will make copies of all of the recipes,  
and send them out to all participants by Nov. 6th.

**STORY WALK** - The Library will be providing a story  
walk around Hartzell Lake on the Memorial Hospi-  
tal Campus during the Hospital Foundation's  
Harvest for Hope event September 28 - Oct. 3.  
Laminated pages from a book will be posted  
around the lake, so as you walk pause to read the  
pages, until you've finished the book and the walk.

### 2020 FOCUS Adult Reading Challenge

For September, read a nonfiction book about  
Illinois. Be sure to turn in your entry at the end of  
the month, as we will be drawing the winner of  
the (July/Aug/Sept.) prize in early Oct.

October theme is , read a book with a local con-  
nection. (Local means our county or neighboring  
counties). The author, subject, setting, or charac-  
ters can be connected to our area. As always, we  
will prepare a bookmark with suggested titles, but  
any book that meets the criteria is fine.

High school students are also welcome to partici-  
pate in this challenge.

### The 2020 CENSUS count ends Sept. 30.

This is your last chance to be counted. The  
numbers will impact our community for the  
next 10 years. Respond by mail, telephone, or  
on-line at [My2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) & encourage  
your friends & neighbors to complete theirs.

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