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@mtnow.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.
We have so much going on! Check the Calendar on our website. Wow our Superhero Packets have been very successful! Don’t forget to check online for more superhero activities! Please return your superhero bingo 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.

Preschool story hour is live via Zoom on Fridays at 2:00 pm. If a different time works better for your family contact 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. 30th is Halloween! 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 discussion 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 involved, but there will be prizes. Some of the books are on both lists—double credit!

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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” challenge 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 Hospital 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 connection. (Local means our county or neighboring counties). The author, subject, setting, or characters 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 participate 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 & encourage your friends & neighbors to complete theirs.