Carthage Public Library District

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Friends Seek Items for Gift Basket Raffle

The Friends of the Library are planning a gift basket raffle to help raise funds for furnishings for the new library. Tickets will be sold from Nov. 15 -Dec. 15, with the drawings held on December 16.

At this time, we are seeking donations of baskets, totes, and other containers as well as gift items for the various baskets. The most popular package themes from 2019 were: handyman/woman, baking, family movie night, cozy reading, and pamper yourself (lotions, soaps). Other suggestions were chocolate lovers, a boredom buster basket for kids, and an exercise or fitness package. The Friends would welcome additional ideas.

If you are interested in putting together a complete basket, please let us know as soon as possible so we can avoid duplications. Donations of items for any of the packages are welcome at any time. All items should be dropped off at the library before November 1.

We will need assistance in November to put the baskets together, and of course to promote the fundraiser and help sell raffle tickets.

For more information or to donate, call the library at 217-357-3232 or email friendsofcarthagelibrary@gmail.com.

More News from the Friends

Volunteers are needed to conduct a patron count at the library the week of October 4-9. It's a very easy task; just make a mark for every person that enters the library. These statistics are needed for the library's annual report to the State Library. Let us know if you're able to help for an hour or two.

The next Friends meeting will be Monday, September 20 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

CLOSED LABOR DAY—Sept. 6

HOURS (beginning Sept. 7)

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

9/11 Poster Exhibition: Posters will be on display about 9/11 and its aftermath from the 9/11 Memorial Museum. The Posters will be at the library from September 7th-September 19th. There will also be a virtual presentation showing during open hours on September 10th and 11th. From 9-2 on those days, you can log into a live chat and ask questions of 9/11 Memorial Museum Staff Members.

Fundraising for New Library Continues

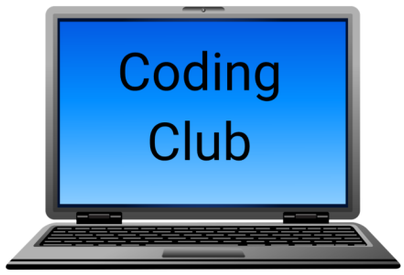
The Foundation has received a bronze level gift. The $10,000 has been designated for use for furnishing the teen area of the new library.

Also, a 6-year-old named Molly had a lemonade stand and donated the $21 she earned to the library. We are happy to see that people of all ages are excited about our new library building and want to help.

Gifts of any size are welcome. More information is on the Foundation's webpage: https://www.carthage publiclibrary.com/library-foundation.html

Play to Learn

Meetings are at 9:00am Mondays throughout September. (except September 6th) Play to learn is for children from birth-three years old. Play to learn meets at the WOW Park in good weather and the library incase of rain.



The library is starting a coding club for individuals in 4th-6th grades! The first meeting will be Sept. 9th at 3:30pm.

Those interested do not need to register in advance and may bring their own device although it is not required. The library will have some devices available. This is a beginners course and no prior knowledge is required.

Pre-School Storytime

Sessions will start at 9:30am on Thursday September 9th and run through Thursday November 4th! Each week there will be a new theme. We will meet at the library. Preschool story hour is for children ages 3-5, but younger children may attend if needed. This is not a drop off type event a caregiver needs to attend with the child/children. Our first meeting will be all about School Buses.

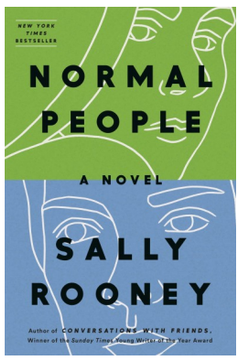
September is Library Card Sign Up Month

This September we want to get out the message that libraries are more than just books! So we have a fun bingo game for teens/adults. Available to print on our website now or you can pick up a copy in the library. Complete a Bingo and earn a prize! Also converse with your neighbors and friends about getting a library card. We will have goodies to pass out to the children who sign up for a library card!

Kids Fun Buckets

The Memorial Hospital Foundation dropped off these fun pails of summer activities for kids! Any child who draws a picture of their favortite summer activity and brings it to the library can pick up a bucket while supplies last!

Book Club



Book Club is reading “Normal People” by Sally Rooney this month. Meeting will be Sept. 9th at 12:30pm. You can checkout a book even if you cannot make it to the meeting. Bookclub is also looking for suggestions for books to read in 2022. Use this LINK, to give us suggestions of books, a name for bookclub or a time you would prefer to meet.

Check out facebook and our website to see more about banned books week and see how censorship divides.