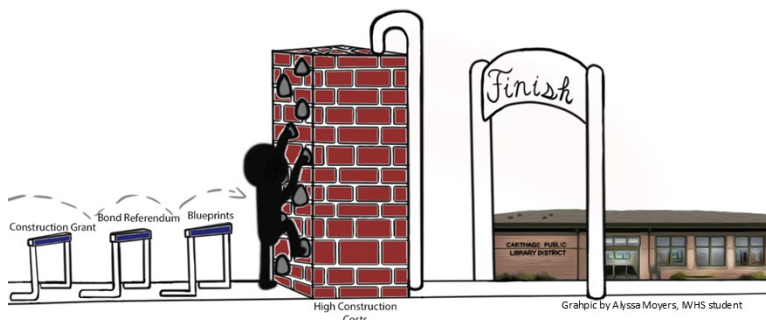


# Carthage Public Library District

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## Fundraising Efforts for New Library Continue



The Library Foundation is seeking alumni of Carthage High School, IWHS, Carl Sandburg College, Robert Morris College, and Carthage College who will contact their former classmates and ask them to contribute to the library's construction project. Our goal is to have a brick or paver representing each class. Contact the Library for a sample letter that can be sent to classmates.

Donations of any size are appreciated. Checks should be payable to the Carthage District Library Foundation. More information is on the Foundation's webpage: [www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html](http://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html).



The Library Board of Trustees is holding a Fish Fry Fundraiser at the Eagles Club on Friday, October 13 from 4:30-7:00 pm. Dine in and drive thru options are both available. Stop by before the IWHS football game vs West Hancock.

Volunteers are needed to help during the evening and to provide cookies or other desserts.

## On-line resources for adults and teens

Carthage Library patrons can access information about starting and running a business through *Gale Business* an Entrepreneurship and Small Business Resource Center.

Peterson's Test Prep contains practice tests for numerous exams including: ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB, GRE, NCLEX, EMT, MCAT, Civil Service, Real Estate, Corrections Officer and many more. This database also has information about colleges and careers and a resume builder.

These databases are available to all within the library, and to our patrons 24/7 logging in with your library card barcode and PIN. Contact the library to set up your PIN.



## Axis 360 changing to Boundless

If you use the Axis360 app to download audiobooks and e-books from the library's eReadIllinois site,

the last week of September you will be notified to download the Baker & Taylor Boundless app instead. All of your checkouts, lists, & holds should transfer. More info will be available in mid-Sept.

**Closed Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 4.**

## LIBRARY HOURS (beginning Sept. 5)

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



Carthage Public Library is now a member of **Illinois Libraries Present**, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier virtual events. The first ILP program for this season is "The Power of Story" with Pulitzer Prize Winning author Colson Whitehead at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 6. Join us at the Library for a Watch Party or register at [https://bit.ly/ILP\\_ColsonWhitehead](https://bit.ly/ILP_ColsonWhitehead) to watch via Zoom and to receive a link and password to the recording to watch at a later date.

Upcoming ILP programs include "Chills and Thrills with Stephen Graham Jones" on Oct. 4, and "Food, Family, and Folktales: A Conversation with Grace Lin," on Oct. 7. Grace Lin writes books for middle grade readers.



**Book Club** meets at 12:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month. For September 14 we are reading One True Thing by Anna Quindlen. We welcome new members! Copies of the book are available for checkout. The book for Oct. 12 will be Dinner at the Home-sick Restaurant by Anne Tyler.



## English Language Learners Group:

Adults and students 10 and older who wish to improve their English will now meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Participants may bring their younger children if needed; however, there is no formal program for the children at this time. Carl Sandburg College is offering a formal class on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Coming in October ... Banned Books Week

Learn more about book challenges and support your Freedom to Read with a Zoom event Oct. 2, 7:00 pm. The panel for the webinar includes IL Secretary of State, Alexi Giannoulis, Jasmine Warga, author of The Shape of Thunder and Other Words for Home. Register: [https://vapld.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_5JqN2Bt1RBOfsjQoWwNB7A](https://vapld.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5JqN2Bt1RBOfsjQoWwNB7A) or come watch at the library. The Library will also have an in person program for elementary and middle school students at 3:30 on Oct. 2.



## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Sign up for and use a new library card at the library this month to be entered to win a gift card. There will also be a drawing for current members who use the library in September! Everyone who lives in the Carthage Elementary School District qualifies for a free library card. Children who lived in unserved areas can also receive a free card from their closest public library through the Cards4Kids Act.

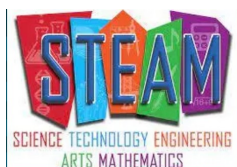
## WEEKLY EVENTS

Beginning the week of September 5th

### Rhythm and Movement Plus Storytime

Music storytime is back! Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. This active storytime is for kids ages 1-5 with a caregiver. It includes music, movement, and rhythm instruments as well as fine motor and sensory activities.

The Sept. 19 session will include a special visit by story-book character Pete the Cat.



### STEAM ACTIVITY TIME - Thursdays, 3:30 pm

Stories, snacks, and STEAM activities for children 3 years—3rd grade. (Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult).

**TWEEN TIME** -- Students in 4th-6th grade are invited to hang out and socialize with friends at the Library on Mondays at 3:30 pm. There will be snacks, games, and crafts. The group will help choose and plan activities. Computer coding activities can be an option. (This group will not meet Oct. 2, see Banned Book Week Activity at that time.)

**TEEN ACTIVITIES** -- 7th & 8th grade students will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month, and High School Students will gather on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Both groups start at 3:30 pm and include art, snacks, booktalks, cooking/baking, making videos & using the green screen, games, volunteering, and more. The group participants will help determine the activities.



### Crocheting Group - 8 years thru Adult

This group meets every-other-Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 pm. Fall dates are Sept. 5 & 19, Oct. 3 & 17 (skipping 31st), Nov. 14 & 28, and Dec. 12. For all skill levels. Yarn & hooks are provided for learning, or bring your own project. Knitters and embroiderers are also welcome.

## Reading Challenges!

ten children made progress towards their 1000 books goal this summer. Aiden Knowles Completed his 1000 book goal in May, and is excited for kindergarten. We had many new children sign up over the summer and are looking forward to where their reading takes them!



**READ IN COLOR:** You may judge a book by its cover for the Fall Independent Reading Challenge. From September through November participants of all ages read books with covers of various colors. You can download your copy of the form here: <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/adults.html> or pick one up at the library.

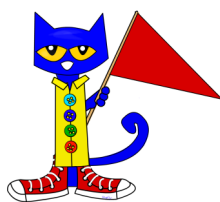
**Statewide Reading Programs:** Students are encouraged to participate in the statewide program for their grade level. Copies of the lists and many of the books are on display and ready to be checked out. Many of the books are also available as e-books or downloadable audiobooks through the library's eread Illinois or ADML sites.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Dot Day / Month:** Dot Day comes from Peter H. Reynolds tale, "*The Dot*." It celebrates all artists and encourages anyone to make art. Although the day is Sept. 15th, Carthage Public Library is celebrating during the entire month of September with a fun art activity available anytime the library is open. We hope to see all the students' art covering our walls!

### Dear Diary Day Program - Sept. 6, 4:00 pm

This event, for elementary children will feature the book *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin and include a journal making activity.



### Pete the Cat Visits the Carthage Library

Pete the Cat will be a special guest on Monday, September 18 at 5:30 pm. Activities will include books games, snacks, & more. Pete will also visit the Toddler/PreSchool storytime on Sept. 19.

### Movie Day - Sept. 15

We are tentatively planning a Movie Day (*Megamind* - PG) for 12:30 pm on Friday, September 15. However, this will depend upon the time of the IWHS Homecoming Parade.

### Good Neighbor Day Potluck

National Good Neighbor Day is Thursday, September 28. Volunteering in the community is encouraged. The library is organizing a park clean-up activity from 3:30-5:30, followed by a community potluck at the Library at 5:30. Sign up here!

<https://forms.gle/mFC5vMvygbsEPafo8>

**Patriot Day** - Stop by to view a special poster display commemorating 9/11 during that week.

**Have a program idea? Or what a library program offered at a different time? Let us know!** <https://forms.gle/ENDX8X1yjaTUxnH69>