

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Mon. & Wed.  
11:00 am- 7:00 pm  
Tues. & Thurs.  
9:30 am- 7:00 pm  
Fri. 11:00 am- 5:00 pm  
Sat. 9:00 am-5pm



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**New Library Building  
Bricks & Pavers**



They've started laying out the bricks & pavers in front of the new building. It's not finished yet, but we're excited to see the progress.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in this fundraiser, and especially to the Friends of the Library who covered all of the costs for the pavers & engraving so the Library could receive the full benefit of the donations.



**Virtual Program  
"Beyond the Page with  
Percival Everett"**  
Thurs., Mar. 19, 7:00 pm

Percival Everett's most recent novel, James, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award. To receive a Zoom link register at <https://bit.ly/ILPPercivalEverett> or join us at the library for a Watch Party.

The April 16 ILP program features author Cristina Henriquez.

**Fundraising Matching  
Challenge - Stacking Up  
Support for our New Library**

We are now over half way to meeting the \$25,000 matching challenge. We've raised \$13,175!

**The Carthage District Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3), and a qualified charity for RMDs and gifts.** Checks can be brought in or mailed to the library. On-line giving is also an option, although fees apply. For details, click the link below:

<https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation.html>

**IRIS - Illinois Reliable  
Information Sources**

IRIS is a group of about 50 online databases provided by the State Library. Access them through our library's website and log in with your library card barcode number, or go directly to the State's IRIS page, [www.ilsos.gov/departments/library/iris.html](http://www.ilsos.gov/departments/library/iris.html)

This month we are highlighting **Learning Express** which includes tutorials, courses and practice tests for all ages, from math skills for middle grade students through computer skills for adults. Prepare for the GED, college or military entrance exams, and exams for nursing, civil service, CDL and more.

**ONGOING EVENTS  
FOR ADULTS**

**Book Club**

**Thurs., Mar. 12, 12:30**

Remarkably Bright  
Creatures by

Shelby Van Pelt

Thurs., April 9

James by Percival Everett

Copies of the book are available for checkout. New members always welcome.

**Crochet & Knitting group**

Every other Tuesday

**March 10 & 24**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

Bring a current project or learn something new.

Share your skills with others. For anyone 8 & up.

**Euchre Club**

**Wednesdays 2:00-4:00 pm**

(Thursdays could be added back in if there is enough interest. or we could add a group for a different game.)

All skill levels are welcome.

For adults and high school age students.

**English Language  
Learners**

An informal group for adults & students 5<sup>th</sup> grade & older

Thursdays 5:30-6:45



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## Carthage Public Library Newsletter

### State-Wide Reading Programs

It's voting time!! If you met the participation requirements (see below) you can vote for your favorite book. If you haven't already voted and turned in your list at school, bring it to the library by March 7.

Monarch for K -3<sup>rd</sup> grade - read 5

Bluestem for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade - read 4

Rebecca Caudill for 5-8<sup>th</sup> - read 3

We will submit the Carthage votes to the State and determine the prizes participants have earned.



### e-ReadIllinois now on The Palace Project App

The eReadIllinois content of ebooks and audios has been transferred from the Boundless app to the Palace Project app. Download the app, search for Carthage Library, and sign in using your library card barcode number and PIN.

Alliance Digital Media Library (ADML) is also available using the Libby app. This collection includes ebooks in Kindle format and audios.

Both contain books for all ages.

### Book Sales

Our shelves and carts of used books and DVDs for sale are overflowing, and we are NOT moving those items to the new building.

Please come and take as many as you would like - a monetary donation is appreciated, but not required.

We are not accepting additional used books at this time.

**We also have back issues of magazines to give away.**



### Family Game Night

**Monday, March 9  
4:30-6:30**

A variety of board games and cards will be available at the library, or bring your favorite.

Invite friends to come play too. Children under 8 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.

We're having Game Night instead of Chess Club, but you are still welcome to play chess.



## READ THE RAINBOW

### March Reading Challenge

Read a book based on the color of the cover! Adults read at least 3 books, children complete the rainbow and get a free book! Everyone will be entered into a drawing for Carthage Cash! Stop in today to get the form!



### ONGOING EVENTS FOR YOUTH

#### Move & Groove and Preschool Storytime

**Tuesday mornings  
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

Music & Movement activities begin at 9:30 am followed by story time with crafts and other activities at 10:00. For children ages 5 and under with an adult. Older siblings may attend.

#### STEAM Club

**Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm  
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

Science, Tech, Engineering, Art and Math Activities for ages K-6<sup>th</sup> Grades

#### 1000 Books Before Kdg

We're always seeking new participants. Children receive a rubber duck and a free book for each 100-book milestone.

<https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org>

#### Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Register your PreSchool child to receive a free book in the mail each month.

[www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com)