

Carthage Public Library District

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THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUR STOCKING

Thanks to all of your donations, our goal of raising \$25,000 before the end of January was met before Christmas! From Nov. 1—Dec. 15 we received \$25,253.48. This includes \$1,474.22 raised by the primary school students' coin drive. We will continue to add booksale donations to this total through the end of December.

MATCHING CHALLENGE

Stories from the Library - Help Us Build

Another goal of the Fill Our Stocking campaign was to revitalize our overall Capital Campaign to raise money for the construction of the new library building. One donor was very pleased by the response and wants to keep the momentum going. She is challenging the community to raise another \$25,000, which she will match. She shared her memories of the library and why she is supporting our construction project and is encouraging others to share their stories.

Please donate in January and February so that we can receive the full \$25,000 match. In addition, please share your stories to remind people of the value of libraries and to encourage others to give to build the new library. The stories will be shared on the library's website and Facebook pages (with or without a name, as directed by the writer). Library staff will visually track donations with a stack of books painted in the front window, adding a book for every \$1000 contributed.



Stories may be dropped off, sent in the mail, or emailed to carthagelibrarydirector@gmail.com. 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.



Puzzle Month Activities: January is puzzle month! There will be puzzles out for patrons to put together throughout the month! The library will also have different crosswords, wordsearches, and sokudo puzzles out for patrons to take home.

January 16-31 bring a puzzle (500 pieces or more) to the library and swap it out with a different puzzle. This is free of charge and is a great way to put together different puzzles!

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Closed Christmas Eve and December 26th.

Thurs., Dec. 29, open at 11:00 (not 9:30)

Closed Monday, Jan. 2

SUCCESSFUL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GIFT BASKET RAFFLE



The Gift Basket Raffle raised \$1735, about double the amount of our 2021 raffle. Many thanks to all of the businesses and friends who donated items for our 16 wonderful gift packages. Also thanks to everyone who purchased tickets - over 1000 tickets were sold.

This money will go toward the Library's construction project, and since the Fill Our Stocking goal has already been reached, it is the start of the new matching challenge.

A list of the raffle winners is at the Library, and the winner's names have been added to the basket descriptions on the Friends Facebook Page.

FAMILY FAIR of Hancock County

Mark your calendars for the Hancock County Family Fair—Saturday, Feb. 4, 9:00-1:00 at the U of I Extension Center here in Carthage. The theme is Tropical Beach Bash. Area agencies will be providing free activities for children and families. It's a great way to beat the Winter Blahs.



The library is proud to have a table at this event and will have some small activities for children of all ages!



Book Club In January we will be reading: *A Perfect Day* by Richard Paul Evans. January meeting is on the 12th at 12:30 pm. We welcome new members! If you want a copy of the book for January they are available at the front desk.

For February 9 we will be reading *The Storied life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. This book was recently made into a movie so also counts towards the independent reading challenge! (see page 2) You do not need to be a book club member to check out the book!

WEEKLY EVENTS



Rhythm and Movement Plus Storytime

Music storytime is back! Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 am beginning on Jan. 10. This is for kids ages 1-5 with a caregiver. We begin with stories, songs, and rhythm instruments. This is not a sit still and be quiet storytime!

At 10:30 am we begin the “plus” portion features different activities each week including active games, fine motor and sensory activities, painting, using Hey Clay and more!

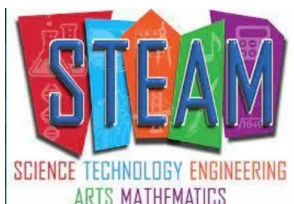
We have a great active group but are always looking for more families to join!

STEAM STORYTIME - Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 Beginning January 10th

Stories, snacks, and STEAM activities for children 3 years—3rd grade.

(Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult)

This semester we will be focusing on **STEAM** elements found in nursery rhymes and stories!



Coding Club will resume January 12th.

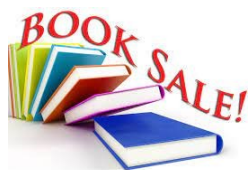
The group meets at 3:30 on Thursdays and is for kids in 4th-6th grade!

Anyone in that age group can come on weeks they are available!



English Language Learners Group:

Thursdays at 5:30 pm beginning January 12th. This group is for adults and teens who are learning English. Participants may bring their children if needed; however, there is no formal program for the children at this time.



To go along with our 3rd Saturday programs there will be a book sale on **January 21st from 9am-4pm.**

There is no set cost for buying books, it is a free will donation all booksale proceeds go toward the matching challenge.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Crocheting Group

Crochet group is for anyone 8 years of age and older who crochets or wants to learn. Knitters and embroiderers are also welcome.



Meeting at the library from 6:30-8:00

pm every other Tuesday; **January dates are the 10th and 24th.** Bring your own project, or yarn and hooks are provided for learning & practicing.

3rd Saturday Programs!

New in 2023—3rd Saturday! Ever wish that library programs were on weekends so that your family could attend? Now they are! Every 3rd Saturday starting January 21st, we will have the following programs:

10am: **baby/toddler storytime:** come for a 1/2 hour of stories, songs and a quick craft followed by a bit of free play time! This really is for children birth – age 3.

11am: **Elementary Craft,** Create your own Puzzle for National Puzzle day! Come create a puzzle to take home!

1pm: **Teens:** We are starting a teen advisory group that will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Great opportunity for volunteer hours! This month come learn more, complete a craft and eat a snack!

2pm: **book club.** For this month please come to state a book you like, and what you would like to read in future months.

3pm: **Yarn!** Offering knitting and crochet lessons as well as just a space to talk with others while working on your craft.

Community Game Night—Jan 31st, 6:00 pm

This is for all community members! Come make new friends, play new games, or bring your favorite to share with someone else! Event will last two hours but you don't need to stay the whole time.



Reading Challenges!

We have 1 child at 900 books already!!!! Over 60 participants. This program is ongoing if you have a child younger than kindergarten age sign them up! **New in 2023 birthday month gifts!** Come to the library during your child's birthday month and receive a finger puppet! www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten.html



Holiday Reading Challenge: You have until January 10th to turn in your Holiday Reading Ornament Challenge to be included in the prize drawing! You can download your copy here: or pick up one at the library! https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/uploads/4/2/6/0/42607329/reading_challenge_holiday_2022.pdf

Books into Movies Reading Challenge: For January and February the independent reading challenge involves reading a book that has been turned into a movie and then watching the movie. Or you could watch the movie and then read the book! A list of suggested books and movies are on display at the library, but any book made into a movie counts! <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/uploads/4/2/6/0/42607329/publication8.pdf>

Statewide Reading Program Voting Children/Teens reading books from Monarch, Bluestem, Rebecca Caudill, Abe Lincoln list we will start voting in February at the library or at school.