



# News from the Shelf

Friends of the Carthage Public Library

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## Friends of Library annual meeting is April 25

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library will be held Monday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Welcome Center of Trinity Lutheran Church in Carthage.

The evening includes a business meeting, reports from the year, election of officers, and a program by English teacher/humorist, LaRae Roth. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends executive board.

The Friends bylaws call for annual meeting and officer election each year. Officers to be elected are chairman, vice chairman, and

secretary. The treasurer serves a two-year term.

The Friends of the Library fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30. Memberships for those who joined during in the past six months, during our start-up phase, will continue until April 30 of 2017.

Just becoming a member of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library helps support library goals by paying the annual dues. Come see what the Friends are doing to help the library.

## More used book sales planned this summer

After last fall's used book sale, the Carthage Public Library contracted with a company to take the books that had been on sale for many years.

Donations of more used books continues, and another sale was held April 1 and 2. Now as books are donated they are placed on shelves in categories so they are easier for shoppers to find. At the end of each sale, books will be marked with a colored tag, allowing ones that have been on sale for several years to be removed.

The Friends of the Carthage Public Library plan their next sale on Saturday, June 4. This will be open early and available to those on the square for the annual Strawberry Strut. It will continue during the afternoon as teams



and visitors gather at the square for the Hancock County Fights Cancer block party.

Money raised at book sales is used to help the library in many ways including buying books and other materials, providing programs, and acquiring equipment.

**Plans are being made for the annual Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Read for the Win" featuring sports & games. Watch for details.**

# “Libraries Transform” is library week theme

Carthage Public Library invites the public to stop by during National Library Week, April 11-16, 2016. This year’s theme is “Libraries Transform.”

“I view this theme as having two broad applications,” says Carthage Library Director Amy Gee. “First, libraries themselves are continually transforming to meet the changing needs of our patrons. While we still have collections of printed books, other material formats change. Music has changed from LP record albums, to cassettes, to CDs, to downloadable files. Libraries must change to accommodate the space and computers for patron use.”

Libraries can play a role in the transformation of individuals, families, and communities. Libraries work with parents and educators to promote early literacy and offer summer reading programs. Libraries help bridge the digital divide by providing computers, Internet access, and printing for the public. Carthage Public Library’s computers are used daily by individuals checking email or Facebook, by high school students doing homework, adults taking on-

line classes or writing papers for a class, and those preparing or printing a resume or completing an on-line job application. Families use our wireless access to download books, games, or apps to an ipad or other device.

Carthage Public Library invites patrons to write “Libraries transform...” statements, posting them on our Facebook page, or writing them on mural paper in the hallway during National Library Week.

The library is holding a bookmark contest. Entry forms are available at the Library, or may be downloaded from our website, [www.CarthagePublicLibrary.com](http://www.CarthagePublicLibrary.com).

Participants design a bookmark with a library/book/reading theme, using original artwork. **Designs are due by 5 p.m. Saturday, April 16.** Winners will be chosen from several age groups. Winning bookmarks will be produced in limited quantities and distributed during Children’s Book Week, May 2-8, or see them on the Library’s Facebook page. Each winner will receive \$5 in “library cash”, used to pay for fines, copies, or book sale purchases.

**Thank you for being part of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library. Officers are Judy Fuellborn, president; Joy Swearingen, vice president; Susan Hunt, secretary, and Cheryl Underwood, treasurer.**

**Share this registration form with anyone you know who would like to be a Friend of Carthage Public Library.**

I have enclosed a check payable to “Friends of the Carthage Public Library” for membership:

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