

# News from the Shelf

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## Friends help with computer chairs, kids' program

The Friends of the Carthage Public Library purchased eight new chairs to use at the computer desks at various places in the library. The Friends agreed to buy the chairs, and then the library staff researched several different options to find chairs that that would work best in the library at a reasonable price.

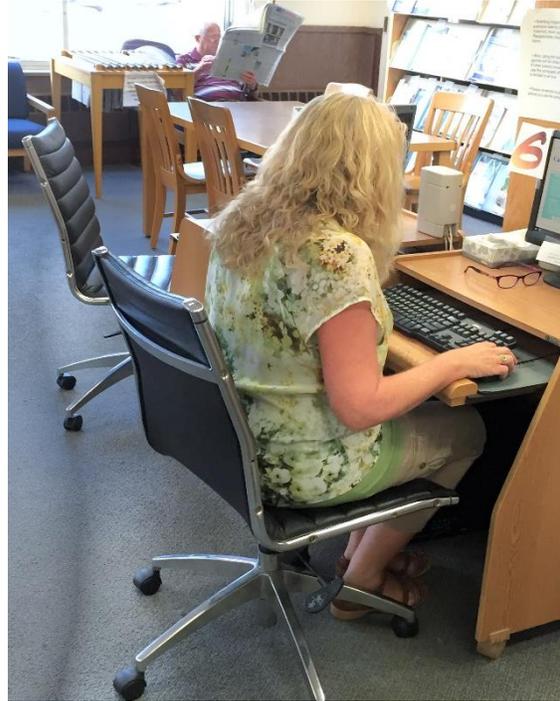
The result was a set of good used chairs that are comfortable, fit conveniently under the desks when not in use, and made of a durable and easily maintained material. They have received compliments on the new, updated look.

The Friends received this note from Librarian, Amy Gee, and Christine Snyder, youth librarian:

“We would like to thank the Friends of the Library for funding the Absolute Science kickoff event to the summer reading program. It was held at the Primary School in May so that all students could attend. The Friends also helped to purchase three MeeperBots – children build a vehicle with Legos, attach it to the MeeperBot wheeled base, and use an app to control it remotely.”

### Here are more ways to help

The Friends of the Library have planned two book sales this fall. The first one will be on Friday, Sept. 29, the day of the Illini West Homecoming Parade and on Saturday, Sept. 30. The second will be on Nov. 3 and 4, when the “Shop around the Square” craft event is planned.



**New chairs add comfort for computer users.**

The annual library patron count is scheduled during the week of October 16 to 21. For this count, a volunteer is posted during all hours the library is open to record the number of people coming in and using the library.

Calls will be made for volunteers to help with each of these book sales and the patron count. These are two simple ways to help the library staff. Please call the library in advance if you would be willing to be scheduled for one of these events.

Looking ahead, the Friends have voted to hold a community spelling bee next March. Watch for more information.

# Fall programs at the library for kids and adults

## Children's Programs

SOAR – Students Offering Assistance to Readers – 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers read aloud to younger children (4 yrs.-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and help beginning readers practice their skills. The training session for volunteers is Tues., Aug. 29 at 3:30. The SOAR program sessions are after school on Tuesdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19, & 26.

Pajama Story Time – Thursdays Sept. 14, Oct. 12, and Nov. 9, 6-6:30 pm. Children of all ages are invited to wear their pajamas into the library to enjoy stories before bedtime. (Children 6 & under must be accompanied by an adult).

Play to Learn for children 3 & under, co-sponsored by Early Beginnings. Mondays Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27, 9-10 am. Stories, rhymes, songs, and playgroup. (All children must be with an adult. Older siblings may attend.)

PreSchool Story Hours for children 3-5 years of age will be held from 9:30-10:30 am on

Thursday mornings Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16. (Younger children may attend with adult).

Halloween Party, Thursday Oct. 26 from 6-7:30 pm. Wear a costume and enjoy stories, games, a craft, and snacks. (Children 6 & under should be accompanied by an adult or teen.)

Family Reading Night, Thursday, Nov. 16, 6-7:30. Stories, crafts, and activities for families.

## Adult Programs

ABCs of Medicare, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6 pm, presented by Lora Felger of Health Alliance Medicare.

Photographer Bruce Morton, a Bowen native, will give a presentation featuring photos from his Forgottonia book series on Monday, October 23 at 6:30 pm.

Monday, Nov. 13, 6 pm, "Caregiver stress & holiday tips" presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

*The next meeting of the Friends of the Carthage Library is Monday, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m. at the library.*

**Thank you for being part of the Friends of the Carthage Public Library. Officers are Joy Swearingen, president; Linda Webb, vice president; Linda Tobias, 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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Email \_\_\_\_\_ I'm interested in volunteering \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form & your check to: Cheryl Underwood, 710 North Haven Dr., Carthage, IL 62321.  
Or drop it in the box at Carthage Public Library desk.