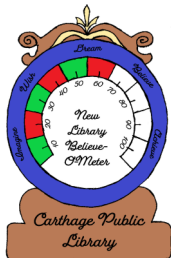


# Carthage Public Library District

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## BELIEVE IN THE NEW LIBRARY FUNDRAISING MATCH CHALLENGE DEADLINE EXTENDED!



We're over 2/3 of the way to meeting the \$100,000 matching challenge! As of March 22 we have raised \$67,755. Our deadline has been extended for another month! If you can't donate at this time, you can make a pledge and designate if it will be paid monthly, quarterly, or in one payment before the end of 2024. Engraved bricks and pavers are still an option and can be given in memory of or to honor someone. Please help us reach our goal.

Checks to the Carthage District Library Foundation can be mailed to Carthage Public Library at 500 Wabash Ave., Carthage, IL, 62321. Online giving is possible through the Foundation's webpage, [www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation](http://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/library-foundation).



### Decorate for Summer Reading!

Yes, it's time to think about and decorate for summer reading! Come to the library on April 30th anytime during open hours (9:30-7:00) to help us decorate. Last year's volunteers had people talking about our windows for

months! Volunteers of all ages welcome!

### Friends of the Library:

Thanks to those who attended the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars program about the History of Pie. We received \$60 in free-will donations for the pies we served.

Mark your calendars for Monday, May 6. Our annual meeting will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6:00 pm with Joyce Steiner from Plymouth Rock Antiques presenting a stoneware 101 program with an emphasis on pottery from the Macomb area.

### Craft Supply Swap! April 1-30

In April bring your unused craft supplies that are in good condition to the library. You can swap them for other craft supplies that hopefully better suit your current interests!



### Read Around The

**Town!** Be sure to participate in our reading challenge for 2024! Bring a library book with you around the community and take a picture! More details available here! <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/adults.html>



### 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

### Illinois Libraries Present

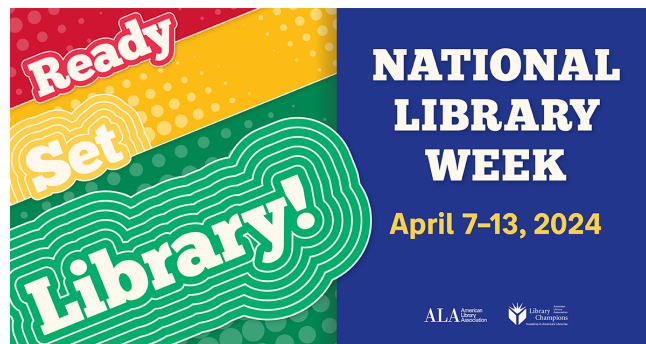
is a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier virtual events.



**Postponed!!!!** join us for "The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers" with Dr. Temple Grandin. Dr. Grandin's Presentation has been postponed to June 4th at 7:00 pm. Those who have already registered should receive an email from Zoom to let them know about the change.

Attend a watch party at the library or register at [bit.ly/ILP\\_TempleGrandin](http://bit.ly/ILP_TempleGrandin) to receive a link to the Zoom program and to the recording.

The final program for this season will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 7 featuring "The Many Lives of Kal Penn." He is known for his role in the movie *Harold & Kumar*, serving in the Obama administration, guest-hosting *The Daily Show*, and writing a bestselling memoir. Register at [bit.ly/ILP\\_KalPenn](http://bit.ly/ILP_KalPenn).



### National Library Week Poetry Contest

April is National Poetry Month and April 7-13 is National Library Week. To celebrate both, we are holding a Library Poetry Contest!

Submit a poem about your library, librarians, books, or reading by April 13! Winner(s) to be determined April 15. <https://forms.gle/p1nEG46FCBomQB3K6>

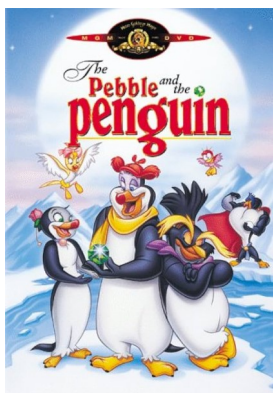
## Nerf after hours: Friday April 19

For grades 5th-12th. Come to the library at 5:00pm on April 19 to have an hour of Nerf battles followed by 15 minutes of clean up. Pre registration is required to ensure we have emergency contact information. <https://forms.gle/HfvVQ9QyJFhGKw6K8>



## Movie Day: It's 90's movies at the library!

April 2nd 1:00 pm- The Pebble and the Penguin  
Popcorn and a drink are provided. We have quiet activities set up for those who would like to watch a movie and do other things at the same time. (magna type tiles, games)



## Multi-aged Programs

### Chess/

**Checkers:** Open to all ages kids and adults. Thursday April 25 4:30 pm- 5:30 pm. Stop by the library to play chess or learn a little chess. We will also have checkers boards set up.



**Yarn! Crochet/Knit!** Tuesday April 2, 16, 30. From 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Come to the library with your current knitting, embroidery, or crocheting project to work and chat with others! If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet join us!



The library has materials available for practice and group members love to teach others. For anyone ages 8 and up!

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

We had many new participants sign up in March. If you know of a child ages 0-Entering Kindergarten this fall make sure they are signed up for the 1000 books challenge!

### Readers Choice Statewide Winners

Monarch: *Chez Bob* by Bob Shea. Bluestem: *Allergic* by Megan Wagner Lloyd. Rebecca Caudill: *Alone* by Megan E. Freeman. Abraham Lincoln List: *You'd be Home Now* by Kathleen Glasgow. The vote was really close among the Abraham Lincoln books with a tie for 2nd place votes and the top pick only winning by two!

## Page to Stage! New!

In conjunction with the Legacy Theater, Carthage Public Library is Hosting A Page to Stage Event Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00 pm. To coincide with their upcoming magic show, come learn a few magic tricks yourself! The Legacy Theater is donating an adult and child ticket to their May 3 "Jason Hudy: Mesmerizing Magic" show as a door prize for our program!



## Weekly Programs

**Mondays 3:30 pm Prek-6th grades Building/Coding Activities.** Due to Spring Break there will be no activities April 1st. Come to our movie day on April 2nd instead!

**April 8- Keeva Planks- Build a Bridge!**

**April 15- Magna Tiles- Arch building and more!**

**April 22- Lego Day! Creatively build as you wish or we will have kits to build a "little free library"**

**April 29- Coding Club and Coding Critters.**

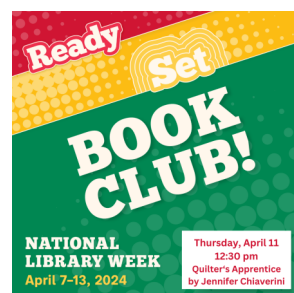
**Preschool Storytime- Tuesdays 10am!** Kindergarten ages and younger with an adult. Songs, books, crafts, and activities designed to work on fine and gross motor skills and pre-reading skills! A great way to aid in socializing young children! April Themes: 4/2-Dr. Seuss, 4/9 Libraries, 4/16 bad day, 4/23 dance, 4/30 Eric Carle

**All Abilities Craft Club- Wednesdays 1 pm.**

These crafts take about half an hour. Sometimes we read a story that goes along with them. This is open to community members as well. There will not be a program on April 17th.

## Adult Programs

**Book Club** meets Thursday, April 11 at 12:30 pm to discuss Quilter's Apprentice by Jennifer Chiaverini. Anyone is welcome to join the club. Books are available at the front desk. You do not need to be a book club member or to attend sessions to checkout the book! The May book club read is Invisible Hour by Alice Hoffman. Date to be determined.



**Adult Nerf War??** When creating a Nerf Night For kids, several parents suggested the adults would like one too. If there is enough interest we will have one in May. If you are interested please complete this form! <https://forms.gle/mEU6EbGgkWR5tcpb9>