

Carthage Public Library District

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\$100,000 RAISED - MATCH CHALLENGE COMPLETE!!

Thanks to all of our wonderful donors and supporters we have raised the \$100,000 for the Believe in the New Library Challenge and the entire amount will be matched!! So, our total is \$200,470. Some of the recent donations are corporate sponsors for BobboFest (see below).

Fundraising efforts will continue. Engraved bricks and pavers are still an option. 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.

BOBBOFEST - Sunday, May 26, 2024

Bobbofest is an annual event held at Lake Linda, 2396 ECR 1800 N, Carthage, IL. Jim Gill, a nationally known children's singer will perform at 2:00, and there will be other live musical performers throughout the day. Children's activities from 1:00-5:00 pm include a bounce house, face painting, sand and water station, a treasure hunt, petting zoo, and much more. Free fishing & kayaks are available for all. Food will be available for purchase, and you're welcome to bring your own. Entry costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for teens. Kids 12 & under are free. This year proceeds are going to the Carthage District Library Foundation for our new library building and to HUGS of Hancock County.



RAFFLE TICKETS may be purchased at the Library. Cost is \$20 each or 6 for \$100. You do not need to be present to win.

Prize is the winner's choice of a sleeper for 20 in the Lake Linda A-frame, a day party for 50 at Lake Linda or a private dinner for 10 guests at Lake Linda with food & wine, or \$200 in cash.

FOL Program - Stoneware 101

Join The Friends of the Library at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 6 at the Trinity Lutheran Church Welcome Center. Following a brief annual meeting, Joyce Steiner from Plymouth Rock Antiques will present a program about stoneware, featuring pottery from the Macomb area. Everyone is invited to attend. Forms to become an "official" member of the Friends are available at the Library and on our webpage: <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/friends-of-the-library.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

The Library will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day. Summer Hours begin May 28 - opening times are the same, but we close at 6:00 pm Mon.-Thurs.

Illinois Libraries Present

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



"The Many Lives of Kal Penn" -

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 pm. He is known for starring roles in TV shows and movies including: *Designated Survivor*, *House*, the *Harold & Kumar* franchise, *Superman Returns*, *The Namesake*, and *The Santa Clauses for Disney +*. He served in the Obama administration, has been a guest host of *The Daily Show*, and wrote a bestselling memoir, *You Can't Be Serious*. Register at bit.ly/ILP_KalPenn or join us at the Library for a watch party.

"The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers" with Dr. Temple Grandin - Tues., June 4th, 7:00 pm. Attend a watch party at the library or register at bit.ly/ILP_TempleGrandin to receive a link to the Zoom program and to the recording.

Carthage Public Library will continue to participate in ILP next year. Season 4 programs will begin on Sept. 17 with Neil Gaiman (author of juvenile and YA books). Other upcoming programs include: Erika Sanchez (poet & YA author); Jason Reynolds (Juv & YA author); Chef Art Smith; Steve Dolinski ("Food Guy" reporter); comedian & actress Michelle Buteau; author & musician James McBride; forager & cook Alexis Nikole Nelson; Dan Santat (Juv book author), and sociologist & author Matthew Desmond.

New Works Concert - May 24, 7:00 pm

This free concert features Karisa Antonio on oboe, Claire Happel Ashe on harp, Ashlee Mack on piano and vocalist Liz Pearse. It will be held at the Methodist Church, 402 Main St., Carthage. It is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency and co-sponsored by the Library.



Summer 2024- "Read ~ Renew ~ Repeat" Kickoff event is May 29 at 6:00 pm. We will be decorating reusable bags for summer reading! You do need to register for summer reading in order to participate though. You can register at <https://www.carthagepubliclibrary.com/summer-2024.html>.

Summer Programming will have guest speakers every Monday in June and July. Preschool storytime will be on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and Lunch at the Park will be on Wednesdays at 11:30 am at Jaycee Park. Teens will meet every other Tuesday at 2:00 pm. There are other activities during the summer check out the library calendar or the summer reading page for more information.

Summer Reading logs will start June 1st. Readers are encouraged to track their summer reading over the months of June and July.

Everyone who has registered for summer reading by May 29th will be entered to win a day pass to the Carthage Pool!

Multi-aged Programs

Chess Open to all ages, kids and adults. Thursday May 23, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm. Stop by the library to play chess or learn a little chess. We will also have checker boards set up.



Yarn! Crochet/Knit! Tuesday, May 14+28 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

Reading for 1000 books before kindergarten will count towards the summer reading program at the Carthage Public Library! Make sure to continue reading over the summer!

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>



Weekly Programs

Will conclude the week of May 6-10 in order to give the library staff time to prepare for summer reading!

We will have Preschool Storytime on May 7th at 10:00 am for anyone younger than 5 and a caregiver.

Keeva Planks– May 6th at 3:30pm for kids ages Pre-school-6th grades

All Abilities Craft Club-Will meet at May 8th at 1:00pm and will resume in June.

Book Club meets Thursday, May 16. at 12:30 pm May book is *Invisible Hour* by Alice Hoffman. June book club is June 13 at 12:30 pm. Book Club is reading *Boys in the Boat: The Young Readers Edition*, by Daniel James Brown.



End of School Party!

Movie Day will be May 23rd at 1:00 pm. Popcorn and drinks free. We will be watching Disney's Robin Hood.

Alternative events include building with legos or magnetic tiles, or playing games.