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CARTHAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 5:15 p.m.

Carthage Public Library Board Room
612 S. Garrison Ave.

AGENDA

Roll Call of Members

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Financial Reports

Director's Progress and Service Report

President's Message

Council Liaison's Report

Committee Reports

Building Committee

Budget Committee-2025-2026 Budget

Community Relations

By-Laws

Library Gardens

ADA Compliance

Communications

Compensation/Wages-2025-2026 wage update

New Business

Cyber Policy

Payment of Bills

Adjournment

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The Carthage Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in the Carthage Public Library Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Justin Baucom, President.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Nancy Dymott, Gary Cole, Kevin Johnson, Justin Baucom, Carrie Campbell, Brian Schmidt, Doug Huntley and Donna Thomason. Board members absent: Sandy Swingle. Tom Barlow, City Council Liaison was also present, as were Julie Yockey, Library Director; and Sherri Luce, Children's Director.

Minutes of Last Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes of the regular meeting on February 11, 2025. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Nancy Dymott and seconded by Gary Cole. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Attached. Discussion included: Gary Cole made note that the Contract Fee was over budget. Julie Yockey explained that this was due to bookkeeping fees. Gary Cole moved that we accept the financials. The motion was seconded by Brian Schmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Progress and Service Report

Attached. Discussion included: (1) The Wages and Compensation committee will meet Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 pm at the library. (2) The Parks and Stormwater funds have been received and are on target with the budget.

Youth Services Progress and Services Report

Attached.

President's Message

No Report

Council Liaison's Report

No Report

Committee Reports

Building Committee

Attached. Gary Cole reviewed an estimate from Heidlage Electric to provide an alternate system for backup emergency electricity. The new system will replace the battery backup system that is not working and require no maintenance. This is a requirement from the Carthage Fire Marshal. Brian Schmidt made a motion that we accept the estimate from Heidlage Electric. Doug Huntley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Carthage Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2025

Budget Committee – No report

Community Relations – No report

By-Laws – No report

Library Gardens - No report

ADA Compliance - No report

Communications - No report

Compensation/Wages – No report

Unfinished Business – No report

New Business – Julie Yockey reported that it was time to renew our contract with Schmidt and Associates who do the libraries bookkeeping. Schmidt and Associates is offering their services at the same price of \$475 per week. Nancy Dymott made a motion to approve the hiring of Schmidt and Associates. Doug Huntley seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brian Schmidt abstained from voting.

Payment of Bills

Justin Baucom stated that the bills had been reviewed and could be paid. Brian Schmidt moved that we pay the bills. Nancy Dymott seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session – Attached

Adjournment

Brian Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. Gary Cole seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

President Justin Baucom requested that the Board move into Closed Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Thomason
Secretary-Treasurer

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CARTHAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2025





ACCOUNTANT'S DISCLAIMER REPORT

To Management
Carthage Public Library
612 S Garrison
Carthage, MO 64836

The accompanying financial statements of Carthage Public Library as of and for the month ended March 31, 2025 omit substantially all disclosures. The financial statements were not subjected to an audit, review, or compilation engagement by us and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on them.

Schmidt Associates, LLC

April 07, 2025



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**Carthage Public Library
Balance Sheet - Cash basis
March 31, 2025**

Assets

Current Assets

Cash in bank - treasurer's cash	\$	572,084.79
Cash in bank - Community National Bank		6,517.94
Cash in bank - Guaranty Bank		32,407.20
Cash on hand - circulation desk		100.00
Cash on hand - Internet desk		40.00
Petty cash		120.00
MOSIP Investment		<u>759,162.65</u>
Total Current Assets		<u><u>1,370,432.58</u></u>

Total Assets \$ 1,370,432.58

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accrued supplemental insurance - AFLAC	\$	685.76
Accrued insurance - Cincinnati Life		<u>29.40</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>715.16</u>

Total Liabilities 715.16

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets		873,251.09
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:		
Boylan Grant		(183.36)
Carthage Community Foundation		4,292.55
CPL Development Foundation		828.66
Debbie Putnam - Ebooks		11,821.74
Library Gardens		5,268.59
Spotlight on Literacy MOSL Grant - SLT23-048		(6,056.20)
Spotlight on Literacy MOSL Grant - SLT24-068		4,005.50
Spotlight on Literacy Grant - LOCAL FUNDS - SLT22-050		1,915.17
Spotlight on Literacy - LOCAL FUNDS - SLT23-048		(1,682.85)
Spotlight on Literacy MOSL Grant - SLT24-068		(2,858.66)
Summer reading program - Local		1,500.00
Summer Reading Program - Local Funds 2023		1,306.25
Summer Reading Program - Local Funds 2024		(4,950.79)
Summer Reading Program - MOSL Funds 2023		(1,321.19)
Thelma Stanley Foundation Grant		9,957.00
Multi Purpose Building - furnishings and supplies		144,867.24
Multi Purpose Building		(171.73)
Anne Elliff - Children's Dept		18,854.23
Excel High School		18,023.00
Operational reserves		195,998.47
Change in net assets		<u>95,052.71</u>
Total Net Assets		<u><u>1,369,717.42</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	<u><u>1,370,432.58</u></u>

Substantially all disclosures ordinarily included in Cash basis financial statements are omitted, and no assurance is provided on these financial statements.

Carthage Public Library

**Statements of Income and Other Changes in Net Assets - Cash basis
For the one month and nine months ended March 31, 2025**

	2025		Monthly		2025		Annual	
	Month Actual	Budget	Variance	Year to date	Budget	Variance	Budget	Variance
Revenue								
Book sale income	\$ 199.50	\$ 250.00	\$ (50.50)	\$ 1,958.05	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,041.95)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,041.95)
Copier income	566.75	416.67	150.08	4,330.25	5,000.00	(669.75)	5,000.00	(669.75)
Donations	1,764.69	0.00	1,764.69	15,757.89	0.00	15,757.89	0.00	15,757.89
Donations-restricted	3,580.50	0.00	3,580.50	54,961.83	0.00	54,961.83	0.00	54,961.83
Fax income	106.50	83.34	23.16	572.25	1,000.00	(427.75)	1,000.00	(427.75)
Circulation Fees	196.55	333.34	(136.79)	1,614.89	4,000.00	(2,385.11)	4,000.00	(2,385.11)
Internet usage income	49.00	0.00	49.00	343.00	0.00	343.00	0.00	343.00
Interest income	5,686.44	3,333.34	2,353.10	48,995.31	40,000.00	8,995.31	40,000.00	8,995.31
Non-resident fee income	1,240.00	500.00	740.00	6,520.00	6,000.00	520.00	6,000.00	520.00
Payment for lost books	75.89	0.00	75.89	359.82	0.00	359.82	0.00	359.82
State aid	(6,441.36)	1,000.00	(7,441.36)	5,525.26	14,000.00	(8,474.74)	14,000.00	(8,474.74)
Sur tax	89,740.33	6,666.67	83,073.66	93,235.22	80,000.00	13,235.22	80,000.00	13,235.22
Tax income	1,304.76	17,833.34	(16,528.58)	237,027.86	214,000.00	23,027.86	214,000.00	23,027.86
Tax income - Park and storm water	49,593.71	49,466.67	127.04	448,387.96	593,600.00	(145,212.04)	593,600.00	(145,212.04)
Athelete & Entertainers Tax Income	6,441.36	1,083.00	5,358.36	6,441.36	4,332.00	2,109.36	4,332.00	2,109.36
Miscellaneous income	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.00	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	6,000.00	(6,000.00)
Other income	21.20	0.00	21.20	188.24	0.00	188.24	0.00	188.24
Total revenue	<u>154,125.82</u>	<u>81,466.37</u>	<u>72,659.45</u>	<u>926,219.19</u>	<u>970,932.00</u>	<u>(44,712.81)</u>	<u>970,932.00</u>	<u>(44,712.81)</u>

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Carthage Public Library

Statements of Income and Other Changes in Net Assets - Cash basis For the one month and nine months ended March 31, 2025

	2025		Monthly		2025		Annual	
	Month Actual	Monthly Budget	Monthly Variance	Year to date	Annual Budget	Annual Variance		
Operating Expenses								
Salaries	45,767.63	48,508.33	2,740.70	435,966.85	582,100.00	146,133.15		
Lagers	2,076.08	1,916.66	(159.42)	20,040.53	23,000.00	2,959.47		
Insurance - health	1,417.00	1,833.33	416.33	16,261.56	22,000.00	5,738.44		
Insurance-Life	145.76	200.00	54.24	1,457.60	2,400.00	942.40		
Payroll taxes - FICA	3,501.68	3,708.33	206.65	33,361.60	44,500.00	11,138.40		
Total payroll expenses	52,908.15	56,166.65	3,258.50	507,088.14	674,000.00	166,911.86		
Employee goodwill	359.75	333.33	(26.42)	2,372.93	4,000.00	1,627.07		
Advertising	0.00	125.00	125.00	1,724.60	1,500.00	(224.60)		
Audio-visuals	510.91	83.33	(427.58)	697.15	1,000.00	302.85		
Books	1,324.78	2,333.33	1,008.55	24,065.28	28,000.00	3,934.72		
Books - children's	10.83	1,250.00	1,239.17	9,606.12	15,000.00	5,393.88		
Contract fees	(206.90)	3,750.00	3,956.90	50,876.81	45,000.00	(5,876.81)		
Dues and travel	1,147.11	583.33	(563.78)	5,167.64	7,000.00	1,832.36		
Ebooks	3,702.00	316.66	(3,385.34)	3,702.00	3,800.00	98.00		
Excel high school	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00		
Furniture and equipment	0.00	250.00	250.00	973.79	3,000.00	2,026.21		
Information technology (IT)	579.36	583.33	3.97	3,277.21	7,000.00	3,722.79		
Insurance	0.00	4,166.66	4,166.66	56,317.20	50,000.00	(6,317.20)		
Interest expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.12	0.00	(65.12)		
Legal and professional	0.00	708.33	708.33	8,815.00	8,500.00	(315.00)		
Multi purpose building	0.00	0.00	0.00	256.55	0.00	(256.55)		
Periodicals	74.90	250.00	175.10	2,305.91	3,000.00	694.09		
Postage	0.00	125.00	125.00	554.42	1,500.00	945.58		
Programs - adult	607.55	3,333.33	2,725.78	9,889.29	40,000.00	30,110.71		
Programs - children	7,937.84	3,333.33	(4,604.51)	28,510.61	40,000.00	11,489.39		
Programs, teens	0.00	8.33	8.33	0.00	100.00	100.00		
Repairs and maintenance	12,659.44	3,333.33	(9,326.11)	42,581.88	40,000.00	(2,581.88)		
Scholarships-Non residential	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	400.00	0.00	(400.00)		
Supplies	1,358.27	2,083.33	725.06	18,659.52	25,000.00	6,340.48		
Supplies - multi purpose building	1,916.91	833.33	(1,083.58)	6,082.66	10,000.00	3,917.34		
Telephone	272.50	500.00	227.50	4,335.70	6,000.00	1,664.30		
Utilities	5,785.72	4,166.66	(1,619.06)	42,840.95	50,000.00	7,159.05		
Athelete & Entertainers Tax Expenses	0.00	1,083.00	1,083.00	0.00	4,332.00	4,332.00		

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Carthage Public Library

**Statements of Income and Other Changes in Net Assets - Cash basis
For the one month and nine months ended March 31, 2025**

	2025 Month Actual	Monthly Budget	Monthly Variance	2025 Year to date	Annual Budget	Annual Variance
State Aid Expense	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total expenses and losses	38,140.97	35,532.94	(2,608.03)	324,078.34	409,732.00	85,653.66
	91,049.12	91,699.59	650.47	831,166.48	1,083,732.00	252,565.52

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For the one month and nine months ended March 31, 2025

	2025 Month Actual	Monthly Budget	Monthly Variance	2025 Year to date	Annual Budget	Annual Variance
Increase/(Decrease) in unrestricted net assets before transfers	63,076.70	(10,233.22)	73,309.92	95,052.71	(112,800.00)	207,852.71
Transfers from temporary restricted	9,892.17	8,983.34	908.83	51,750.63	107,800.00	(56,049.37)
Transfers to temporary restricted	(3,580.50)	0.00	(3,580.50)	(48,961.83)	0.00	(48,961.83)
Increase/(Decrease) in unrestricted net assets	<u>69,388.37</u>	<u>(1,249.88)</u>	<u>70,638.25</u>	<u>97,841.51</u>	<u>(5,000.00)</u>	<u>102,841.51</u>

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Statements of Income and Other Changes in Net Assets - Cash basis
For the one month and nine months ended March 31, 2025

	2025	Monthly	Monthly	2025	Annual	Annual
	Month Actual	Budget	Variance	Year to date	Budget	Variance
Changes in temporarily restricted net assets						
Spotlight on Literacy - LOCAL FUNDS - SLT23-048	0.00			30,947.33		
Summer Reading Program-Local Funds 2024	0.00			14,434.00		
Summer Reading Program-MOSL Funds 2024	3,580.50			3,580.50		
Carthage Community Foundation	(3,061.40)			(3,098.07)		
Debbie Putnam - Ebooks	0.00			(3,702.00)		
Spotlight on Literacy Grant - LOCAL FUNDS - SLT22-050	0.00			(81.20)		
Spotlight on Literacy - LOCAL FUNDS - SLT23-048	(402.68)			(4,926.59)		
Spotlight on Literacy MOSL Grant - SLT24-068	(3,506.20)			(11,127.76)		
Summer Reading Program - Local Funds 2023	0.00			(2,859.45)		
Summer Reading Program-Local Funds 2024	0.00			(7,809.57)		
Summer Reading Program-MOSL Funds 2024	(1,029.97)			(1,029.97)		
Multi Purpose Building - furnishings and supplies	(1,891.92)			(5,951.24)		
Multi Purpose Building	0.00			(101.06)		
Anne Elliff - Children's Dept	0.00			(11,063.72)		
Increase/(Decrease) in temporarily restricted net assets	<u>(6,311.67)</u>			<u>(2,788.80)</u>		
Change in net assets	<u>\$ 63,076.70</u>			<u>\$ 95,052.71</u>		

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Carthage Public Library

Gift Account Activity

For the one month and nine months ended March 31, 2025

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending balance
Boylan Grant	\$ (183.36)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ (183.36)
Carthage Community Foundation	4,292.55	0.00	(3,098.07)	1,194.48
CPL Development Foundation	828.66	0.00	0.00	828.66
Debbie Putnam - Ebooks	11,821.74	0.00	(3,702.00)	8,119.74
Library Gardens	5,268.59	0.00	0.00	5,268.59
Spotlight on Literacy MOSL Grant - SLT23-048	(6,056.20)	0.00	0.00	(6,056.20)
Spotlight on Literacy MOSL Grant - SLT24-068	4,005.50	0.00	(11,127.76)	(7,122.26)
Spotlight on Literacy Grant - LOCAL FUNDS - SLT22-050	1,915.17	0.00	(81.20)	1,833.97
Spotlight on Literacy - LOCAL FUNDS - SLT23-048	(1,682.85)	30,947.33	(4,926.59)	24,337.89
Summer reading program - Local	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Summer Reading Program - Local Funds 2023	1,306.25	0.00	(2,859.45)	(1,553.20)
Summer Reading Program - Local Funds 2024	(4,950.79)	14,434.00	(7,809.57)	1,673.64
Summer Reading Program - MOSL Funds 2023	(1,321.19)	0.00	0.00	(1,321.19)
Summer Reading Program-MOSL Funds 2024	0.00	3,580.50	(1,029.97)	2,550.53
Thelma Stanley Foundation Grant	9,957.00	0.00	0.00	9,957.00
Multi Purpose Building - furnishings and supplies	144,867.24	0.00	(5,951.24)	138,916.00
Multi Purpose Building	(171.73)	0.00	(101.06)	(272.79)
Anne Elliff - Children's Dept	18,854.23	0.00	(11,063.72)	7,790.51
Excel High School	18,023.00	0.00	0.00	18,023.00
Operational reserves	195,998.47	0.00	0.00	195,998.47
Totals	\$ 404,272.28	\$ 48,961.83	\$ (51,750.63)	\$ 401,483.48

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Statistics for

March 2025

New Items Added

Adult	110
Young Adult	5
Juvenile	28
Total	143

New Library Cards

Adult	73
Juvenile	54
Total	127

Steadley Family Legacy Center

Door Count	193
Makerspace Use	90
Assisted	27
Non-Library Programs	0
Participants	0

Computer Use

Wireless	468
Makerspace	0
Adult	194
Laptops	2
Adult Subtotal	664
Reference/Genealogy	84
Microfilm	8
Reference Subtotal	92
Juvenile	6
Tablets	1
AWE	144
AWE (Bilingual)	135
Juvenile Subtotal	286
Total	1042

Physical Circulation

	Adult	Young Adult	Juvenile	Other	Totals
Fiction	583	117	1,876	-	2,576
Non-Fiction	226	11	377	-	614
Biography	29	0	21	-	50
Large Print	331	-	-	-	331
Libros en Español	6	0	8	-	14
Periodicals	11	0	31	-	42
Audiobooks	16	0	0	-	16
Music CDs	1	-	-	-	1
Blu-Ray / DVDs	277	-	-	-	277
Makerspace	-	-	-	11	11
Total	1,480	128	2,313	11	3,932

Electronic Circulation

	E-book	E-audio	E-serial	Totals
Overdrive	787	597	0	1,384
Blackstone Unlimited	-	N/A	-	0
Total	787	597	0	1,384

Patron Circulations through the Missouri Evergreen Consortium

CARTHAGE circulations of items owned by other MEC libraries	664
OTHER MEC LIBRARIES circulations of items owned by Carthage	485
Total	1149
Physical Item Count of OUTGOING Items Sent Via Courier	877

Patrons

Curbside Pick-up	4	In-House Patrons	3,027
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Technical Services

	Adult	Young Adult	Juvenile	Total
Mending	23	3	44	70
Corrective Processing	4	0	21	25
Discards	113	80	1	194
Total	140	83	66	289

Digital Resources

Brainfuse	2	HeritageQuest	0	Ancestry	213	Ebsco	92	LearningExpress	0
Webpages/Served up to Hosts	17,122	/	5,057	Facebook Likes	3k	Facebook followers	3,721		
Most Popular Facebook Post	"The Carthage Public Library is preparing for 2025 SRP[...]" 5.4k likes, 57 reactions								

Programming

March 2025

	English Language						Totals	Craft Kits Distributed	
	Library Building		Steadley Building		Reading Challenge				
	Programs	Attendees	Programs	Attendees	Programs	Attendees			
General Interest	1	31					1	31	
Seniors			1	0			1	0	
Adults	1	10	2	18			3	28	
Young Adults							0	0	
Juvenile			3	66			3	66	
Early Literacy	6	228					6	228	134
Total	8	269	6	84	0	0	14	353	134

	Spanish Language / Bilingual						Totals	Craft Kits Distributed	
	Library Building		Steadley Building		Reading Challenge				
	Programs	Attendees	Programs	Attendees	Programs	Attendees			
General Interest							0	0	
Seniors							0	0	
Adults	8	58					8	58	
Young Adults							0	0	
Juvenile							0	0	
Early Literacy							0	0	
Total	8	58	0	0	0	0	8	58	0

Carthage Public Library Director's Progress and Service Report

April 2025, Julie Yockey, Director

Today, April 8th is National Library Workers Day!! Libraries are the vibrant hearts of our communities, the place we go to connect with knowledge, resources and others. That's largely thanks to the talented and passionate people who work here. On April 8th as the world celebrates National Library Workers Day, we invite all residents to join us in recognizing the invaluable contributions of staff at the Carthage Public Library.

Every day, our dedicated staff at the Carthage Public Library opens the library doors, welcoming everyone and working tirelessly to enrich lives. From fostering a love for reading in our youngest visitors to equipping students with resources for academic success and providing crucial support to job seekers and entrepreneurs, our library professionals are the unsung heroes who make it all possible. Our staff is the single most important expenditure in our Budget! Our community is blessed to offer limitless opportunities for people of all ages and walks of life in order to meet their own personal needs. Anything is possible with children, teens, and adult programs, high school diplomas, citizenship and language classes, a state of the art makerspace building, veteran as well as job seeking programs, a 4-State highlighted Reference and Genealogy department, not to mention a collection of over 70,000 books/thousands of e-books on site with access to over 3 million across our state, the opportunities are limitless. In order to make all of these things work, it takes a great staff, and we most certainly are blessed to have it. We appreciate them every day and to prove my point, the longevity of staff at the Carthage Public Library ranges from 3 years to 26, with the medium length of time a staff member has been with us is 13 years!

Despite all of the praise we give our staff today it is important to share with the public that although in recent years, public libraries have begun to face unprecedented challenges, bans on library materials and programs, threats to cut state funding and state legislation that would criminalize librarians for doing their jobs. Now the federal Government has shut down their modest support for public libraries from withdrawing support for broadband to the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. All staff at the IMLS has been put on administrative leave after an Executive order from the President. With this order all federal monies going to states has ceased, and this effects over 125,000 libraries nationwide. Here at home, this cut has eliminated our federal funding for grants, monies that are to go towards our Missouri Evergreen consortium, our courier service and in all probability our broadband. Our Summer Reading Grant, which has already begun to expend monies, and our new technology grant which was submitted last week, will not be funded, putting this library and all others in our state at risk of having to make cuts. If you love and appreciate your public library, please speak up to your legislators here and in D.C. We are in hopes this is just a bump in the road and that the President will put us back in the Budget.

The Library participated for the first time in many years In the Business Expo! It was great fun getting everything together, making giveaways for the public on our laser and 3 D printers, and showcasing every single program we offer here! Administrative staff took turns working the EXPO and we were able to reach a large number of people. We will surely participate again!

Our Gardens lost 9 trees in last years' spring storms. We have one larger tree that was damaged that we have tried to nurse back to health, but it is time to let it go. Shawn Baugh will be removing the tree as soon as possible. Pinewood Nursery will be replacing that tree as well as planting 3 more on the library property. Jerry has been refurbishing the Gardens and getting them ready for plantings as soon as the weather stays warm enough to get it completed. He does a great job and takes such pride in his work outside.

Paul Heidlage Electric has completed the massive job of installing new emergency lighting throughout the library in order for us to remove the aging emergency battery backup system we have had in place since 2007. We have made multiple updates throughout the library in order to be compliant with the Fire Marshall and we will have an inspection in the near future.

The Board of Trustees will be given a Cyber Policy to approve this evening as well as a rough copy of our Budget for 2025-2026.

Please take a look at our Facebook and website, find a program that sparks your interest, and join us. We really do have something for everyone!

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Yockey, Director

**Carthage Public Library
Youth Services Board Report
March 2025**

Programming:

1. Story Time Sessions:
 - We held four primary Story Time sessions this month. One of these was a collaborative event with the local Parents as Teachers group. These sessions continued to focus on early literacy skills, social interaction, and creativity, engaging children and caregivers through stories, songs, and crafts.
2. Reading with Dessa, the Therapy Dog:
 - Dessa visited the library for a special Reading with Dessa session, where children had the opportunity to read aloud to the therapy dog, promoting reading confidence and comfort.
3. Outreach Story Time at Mark Twain Elementary:
 - We visited the kindergarten class at Mark Twain Elementary to conduct a Story Time session. The children enjoyed interactive storytelling and songs, fostering enthusiasm for reading.
4. Spring Break Movie Party:
 - During spring break, we hosted a movie party at the library. Families enjoyed a family-friendly film, popcorn, and a relaxed atmosphere, creating an enjoyable break for both children and caregivers.
5. Parent Connections Meeting w/ Carthage Parents as Teachers:
 - This month, we hosted a Parent Connections meeting, providing a space for parents and caregivers to share resources and experiences and offer support. Discussions focused on child development and community involvement.

Additional Notes:

- The Carthage Family Literacy Council made their annual donation to support our upcoming Summer Library Program, reinforcing community commitment to literacy.
- Attendance at story time, the movie party, and Reading with Dessa remained consistent, with positive feedback from parents and caregivers.
- We continue to focus on building connections with community partners to enhance program offerings and outreach.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Luce
Children's Director
Carthage Public Library

**Carthage Public Library
High School Diploma Program Report
March 2025**

We have enrolled one new student this month and still have spots available for two additional students. Applications are reviewed weekly for possible enrollment.

The current student was accepted into the Excel Program on March 17th. She continues to log in and work on assignments multiple times each week. Since her enrollment and with the addition of her high school transcript, she has earned 12 of the required 21.5 credits for completion. The online coaches and tutors make the program website easy to navigate, and we communicate regularly via email. She knows she can stop by or schedule an appointment with me as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Luce
Children's Director
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