

CARROLL PUBLIC LIBRARY

www.carroll-library.org



The Carroll Public Library provides materials and services to promote and satisfy the thirst for information, knowledge and a good story.

Phone 792-3432

Book renewals taken by phone

Fax: 792-0141

Winter Hours: Monday- Thursday 9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday- 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Current Programs:

Preschool Story Time with Nancy- Thursdays 10:00-10:30 am

Computer Instruction- Fridays with Lynette 9:00-10:00 am

Crafty Library Ladies- Tuesdays 10:00-12:00 and Wednesdays 6:30-8:00

Free movies- First and Third Friday at 6:00 pm

Monthly book discussions held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Geranium & Used Book Sale May 7, 2009

9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Geranium and used book sale on May 7th. Geraniums are being supplied by our local Earl May this year and will be in zonal plants in 4 1/2" pots in three colors.

Anyone wishing to donate used books or movies to the Friends may drop them off at the library May 1- 7th. Books should have solid bindings and be in good condition. No textbooks, please.



The sale will also include some framed artwork and record albums from the library's storeroom. There may be real treasures to be found that day!

The Friends will be taking membership dues of \$5.00 that day if you are interested in joining the Friends of the Library. The group is planning activities for the coming months and would love to have more members!



Carroll Friends of the Library

Be Creative @ the Library

Summer reading program plans are underway. It is going to be a great summer to hang out at the library! Sign up will start on June 1 and the program

will run through August. Many special rewards and prizes will be available for participants, along with the ever-popular Sticker Book!



Special event dates :

Wed. June 24- The Bucketboys: hip-hop fun
Tuesday, June 30- Fax Gilbert: Mime, Masks and Magic

Friday, July 17- The Spoon Man: musical comedy

Teen Tuesdays

Any teens who like to read and eat are going to think this is the greatest deal ever! Starting Tuesday, June 2 from noon until one, teens will meet in the library with Director, Kelly Fischbach, talk about books they have been reading and share lunch. They'll choose a book to read over the summer as a group and talk about it at the end of the summer. The food is free, so you'll need to sign up by 10:00 on Tuesday mornings so we have enough. Bonus of being a part of Teen Tuesdays is getting to help plan the Teen Space when the new Carroll Public Library is built!

Look for more information at your school in May or on our web page- www.carroll-library.org

Carroll Public Library Plans

The Library Board of Trustees is moving into the initial stages of designing a new library. This is an update of what has transpired so far, and what steps will be taken in the future. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the library and speak with Director Kelly Fischbach. The Trustees want this facility to be a reflection of the city of Carroll and to meet the needs of its citizens for generations to come.

Building Feasibility Study 2005

George Lawson of Ames, a well-respected library consultant, was hired to study the library needs of the city of Carroll. This study determined the amount of square feet needed for a Carroll Public Library where programs for children, teens and adults could be held without interfering with the general library users. It would have adequate parking and meeting rooms for large groups. It would be a welcoming environment for families to come and spend time reading or doing homework and research. It would provide computers for individuals without home access and be designed to protect viewing rights without offending other patrons.

About the same time, consideration was given to building a joint library facility with DMACC. After lengthy discussion and on the recommendation of the consultant, the Library Board of Trustees, in April 2008, voted to pursue a building project independent of DMACC. The trustees felt it would be to the benefit of the taxpayers of Carroll to have a building solely dedicated to the city.

Architect Selection Nov. 20, 2008- Feb. 19, 2009

The Library Board of Trustees, along with consultant, George Lawson, issued a Request For Proposals to architects interested in designing a new library for the citizens of Carroll. Twenty-three firms submitted proposals by the December 17th deadline.

The Trustees met on January 13 and chose three firms to interview for the position. The firms Leo Daly of Omaha, OPN of Des Moines and FEH of Des Moines made 45-minute presentations to the Trustees on February 19. The trustees chose FEH because of their recent library projects in Sioux Center, Marshalltown and Waukee. FEH also indicated a desire to build a facility to match the needs of Carroll by listening to citizen input and a broad based understanding of what libraries can provide for a city. FEH has a history of working in Carroll, having designed the Bill Farner Government Building and the Carroll Recreation Center.

City Council approves FEH contract April 13, 2009

On April 13, the city council approved a contract with FEH, which covers the design phase of the project. FEH will assist in site selection for the library. They will hold meetings for city council and staff, library staff and trustees and citizens of Carroll to discuss the project. They will hold a three-day workshop with citizens to draw preliminary plans. Most importantly, they will present a budget for the cost of the project and future costs for running a new, larger building.

All of these steps will be completed with money the city council approved for the library's budget. Once completed, private fundraising will commence. **The city will not act further, and no taxpayers' money will be spent, until after fundraising efforts are complete.** Based on results from private fundraising, the city council will determine if the project will continue with the possibility of a bond referendum.

Site selection Committee meets April 29, 2009

The initial meeting of the site selection committee will be held to determine what things are most important for a new library site. The committee will consist of Trustees, Foundation and Friends members, a city staff member, a council member, the mayor, a representative of the Chamber and CADC, and the RSVP.

FEH will facilitate the meetings and help members develop a rating scale to judge the various sites to be considered. The rating scale will assign point values to things like cost of the property, parking, location in relation to other amenities, to downtown, to neighbors, sewer, water, electricity, etc.

Three site options exist; constructing a new building, an addition to the current library, or remodeling an existing structure. The Trustees, at this time, do not have a favorite spot or a preconceived ideal location. They are open to all suggestions.

Carroll Library Foundation 501(c)(3) Public Charity

The Carroll Library Foundation received their 501(c)(3) status March 30, 2009. This allows all donations made to the Foundation to be used as tax deductions. The Foundation will be the fundraising force for a new Carroll Public Library. Anyone who is interested in donating to the new library may contact Carol Gronstal, president of the Foundation or Kelly Fischbach at the library.