

A World of Information

Library Dedication

A library dedication was held on October 18th to celebrate the completion of both the interior and exterior library construction projects. The highlight of the day was when Library Director, Betsy Adamowski presented Library Board President, Maxine Swanson with a plaque honoring her for her 38 years of service. Mrs. Swanson began her service at the library as a Library Trustee in 1971. She took the position of Library President in 1975 and has been the President ever since. The Library Board of Trustees felt it was time to honor Mrs. Swanson and they did so by dedicating the entire library building to her. A plaque will hang on the outside of the library.

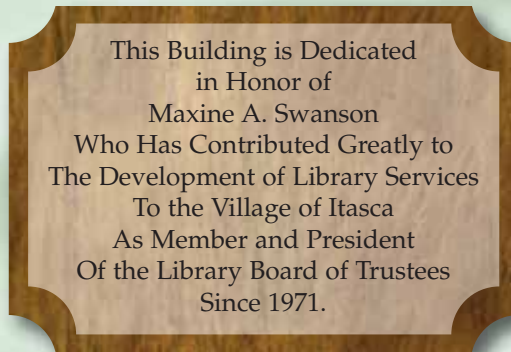
The Library Board of Directors would like to thank Itasca Mayor Jeff Pruyn, Illinois State Representative Dennis Reboletti, the North DuPage VFW Post #5167, the Itasca Friends of the Library and Building Technology Consultants for their contributions to this wonderful day.



North DuPage VFW Post #5167 dedicated the library flag.



Director Betsy Adamowski presenting the dedication plaque to Board President Maxine Swanson



Itasca Mayor Jeff Pruyn with Board President Maxine Swanson



DuPage Library System's Denise Zielinski with Illinois State Representative Dennis M. Reboletti and Director Betsy Adamowski



Board President Maxine Swanson with her family

@ @Your Library

Winter Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Days of Closing

December 18 at 3:00 p.m.

December 24, Christmas Eve

December 25, Christmas Day

December 31 at 2:00 p.m.

January 1, New Year's Day

IF YOU NEED ANY KIND OF ASSISTANCE IN THE LIBRARY, FEEL FREE TO ASK - WE'LL BE HAPPY TO SERVE YOU!!

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The Library Board of Trustees meet the third Tuesday of the month in the Library's East Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m.

From the Director's Desk...

Greetings!

On behalf of the library board of directors and staff, I would like to say thank you to everyone for being so patient during the library's construction project. It truly was a long project but one that was very necessary and important to all the residents in Itasca. I hope you all agree that the wait was worth it. If you have not visited the library recently, please stop in and explore the library's many collections and services, have a cup of coffee, read a magazine, and take a moment to relax.

Happy Holidays,

Betsy Adamowski
Library Director



From the Friends....

Mark your calendar for the upcoming book sales....

December 2009

December 4 (Fri.)	Sale	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
December 5 (Sat.)	Sale	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
December 6 (Sun.)	Sale (\$5.00 Bag of Books Sale)	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
December 7 (Mon.)	Sale (Scanners allowed in for a \$20.00 fee)	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Save these dates for the upcoming 2010 book sales....

March 4 -7; June 18, 19, 21; September 9-13



Library Program Policy

Adult programs require a valid library card & encourage registration; however, drop-ins are welcome if the program has openings.

Youth programs require registration & a valid library card, except for drop-in storytimes.



Children 8 and under must have a parent or caregiver in the building during all programs.

Children 3 and under must be accompanied at all times by a parent or caregiver.

Photo Policy

Photographs will be taken during some of our library programs and placed on our website for all to enjoy. If you do not want to be photographed, please be sure to inform the librarian.

Adult Services

A big "Thank You" to the Itasca Garden Club for the following donations:

Magazines:

Chicagoland Gardening
Fine Gardening
Garden Gate
Horticulture
Organic Gardening



Books:

Learn to Garden by DK Publishing
Big Green Purse by Diane MacEachern
The Ultimate Gardener by Health Communications
1000 Garden Ideas by Stafford Cliff
The Visual Encyclopedia of Garden Techniques by Jonathan Edwards
The Complete Practical Handbook of Garden Bulbs by Kathleen Brown
Crops in Pots by Bob Purnell
Guide to Illinois Vegetable Gardening by James A. Fizzell
The Gourmet Garden by Virginia Hayes

Computer Classes

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

In this basic class you will learn how to create and present a slideshow for work, school, or for personal use. Some basic computer experience is preferred.

Friday, December 4 at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, December 18 at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Getting Started with Computers

Get acquainted with the different parts of the computer, the difference between hardware & software, and how to start and shutdown your computer.

Friday, January 15 at 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Experience how to create word processing documents using Microsoft Word 2007. You will learn different editing functions, how to change font types and size, and how to save the document.

Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 22 at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, January 29 at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 5 at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Learn how to create basic worksheets using Microsoft Excel 2007. You will be taught how to enter data, edit cells, and create and use formulas. Some basic computer experience is preferred.

Attendance at both sessions is required.

Part 1: Friday, February 26 at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Part 2: Friday, March 12 at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

All classes are hands-on and held in the Computer Lab.

To register, call (630) 773-1699 or register online at www.itascalibrary.org

One-on-one Computer Tutoring

If you would like some individual time to have your basic technology and computer-related questions answered, contact us to schedule an appointment. These help sessions are free, by appointment only, and available only to Itasca residents. To schedule your appointment, call Tuki Sathaye (630) 773-1699 or email tsathaye@itasca.lib.il.us.



Adult Services

Itasca Historical Society Annual Tea

The Itasca Historical Society annual tea will be held on Sunday, February 21, in the Iris room at the Itasca Park District building. Doors will open at 1:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 1:30 and the program will begin at 2:00. Leslie Goddard will present a first-person, costumed portrayal of Bertha Palmer. Chicago socialite, wife of Potter Palmer and pace setting arts patron, Bertha Palmer is best remembered for her Impressionist art collection. Mrs. Palmer's story is fascinating. After the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, Mrs. Palmer helped recoup her husband's fortune and also served as hostess to the world at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. Intelligent and witty, the intriguing Mrs. Palmer still compels attention. The tickets will be available at the

Park District building and at the library after January 18 for \$14.00. For more information please call Mrs. Dolan (630) 773-1671 or Mrs. Smith (630) 773-9646.



English Conversation Classes

Thank you to those of you who came forward to volunteer your time; we now have more volunteers than we have students! If you know someone who would benefit from this service, please contact us. Remember, these classes are free; the only requisite is that the student be a resident of Itasca.

Keep it Green by Reading

Reading library books is a great way to reduce, reuse and recycle. The Adult Reading Club sign-up begins Monday, January 4, 2010. Read three books and receive a ticket (read six books to receive two tickets) for a chance to win one of three great prizes. If you read a book from our suggested "Go Green" list, you will get an extra ticket. Receive a free gift when you sign up. The club will end Sunday, February 28, 2010.

Book Discussion Groups

Get more out of the books you read! Join our lively and interesting discussions. Books will be available one month prior to the discussion.

Morning

10:30 a.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the month

Wednesday, December 16*

Rebecca

by Daphne Du Maurier

Wednesday, January 27

The 19th Wife

by David Ebershoff

Wednesday, February 24

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel

Pie Society

by Mary Ann Shaffer

* Discussion will be on the 3rd Wednesday in December.



Evening

7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month
Group does not meet in December

Tuesday, January 26

The Double Bind

by Christopher Bohjalian

Tuesday, February 23

The Man Who Cried I Am

by John Williams

Adult Services

ADULT PROGRAMS

Vintage Holidays:

Classic Cookies and Food from Decades Past

Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Cookbook collector and librarian Amy Alessio will share photos and stories from cookbooks from 1940 – 1980 that evoke delicious memories from holidays past in this hour-long multi-cultural presentation. Come enjoy samples of holiday treats and receive a packet of easy holiday recipes. Min. 10/Max. 50.



Foundations of Investing

Wednesday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

Brian Bare of Edward Jones will explain in plain language the fundamentals of investing. He will discuss different investments and outline the steps you can take to get started investing for your future. Min. 10/Max. 50.

What Is Facebook and What Am I Supposed to Do With It?

Saturday, January 9, 2:00 p.m.

Come join Jenny Warner, one of our Adult Services Librarians, and find out! Facebook is a popular social networking site that allows you to connect and keep in touch with old classmates, friends and family. Jenny will go over everything you need to know about Facebook through a PowerPoint presentation. Min. 10/Max. 25.



Faces and Places of Pakistan

Sunday, January 10, 2:00 p.m.

Bill Helmuth will share a wealth of knowledge and beautiful photos of Pakistan. Cleaved from India in 1947 to create a new Islamic nation, Pakistan sits uneasily between its former parent and a belligerent Afghanistan. Come learn more about the people and the struggles of this most interesting country that is a political hot spot. Min. 10/Max. 50.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series: Ernani

Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.

A Lyric Opera lecturer will be here to share with you information on this Giuseppe Verdi opera. Learn about the historical setting, composer, story of the opera, and musical highlights. Gorgeous sets and costumes transport us to Renaissance Spain where an epic battle ends with the death of a bridegroom on his wedding night. Min. 10/Max. 20.



Delectable Desserts

Thursday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.

Chef Pina and Chef Edward will work their culinary magic for this program all about desserts. Come learn how to make desserts that are easier than you may think. We will be sampling a fresh fruit tart, berramisu, chocolate mousse au raspberry, and more! Bring your sweet tooth and your sweetie! There is a \$5.00 non-refundable tasting fee. Min. 10/ Max. 50.



John and Carole Pankau Present: There Ought to Be a Law: How Ideas Become Laws and Estate Planning Part 2

Monday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

If you have an idea that you think should be a law, come and share your thoughts with Senator Carole Pankau as she leads a discussion on how ideas become laws. John Pankau will also talk about estate planning.

Topics to be covered include what you need to do before you meet with an attorney, legal documents that you must have today, different types of trusts and how they work. Time permitting, Medicaid information will be discussed. Min. 10/Max. 40.



Adult Services

ADULT PROGRAMS

Mamma Mia Movie Sing-Along

Thursday, January 28, 7:00 p.m.

Let your inner musical artist come out as we watch the hit movie *Mamma Mia* and sing along to the retro ABBA songs. This sing-along is open to all ages, but children under 12 years old should be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required, and goodie bags will be given to the first 36 people to register. Sponsored by the Friends of the Itasca Community Library. Min. 10/Max. 50.

Don't Forget! Tips for Improving Memory

Wednesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.

A reliable memory is so important! In this educational and entertaining presentation, Dr. Linda Sasser will teach you strategies to improve retention and recall of names, numbers, facts and tasks. Come find out how memory works and how lifestyle factors impact your memory. Min. 10/Max. 50.



Run For Your Life!

Practical Advice on Running

Thursday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.

Doug Blanchard is a pace group leader for a marathon training program and has run 5 marathons, over a dozen half marathons and many 5k and 10k races in the last four years; before that, the farthest he ever ran was about a mile. If he can do it, so can you! Doug will share advice on training programs, equipment, hydration, cross training and everything it takes to get to the start line this spring. Min. 10/Max. 50.



Handcrafted Cards for Any Occasion

Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.

Come create four beautiful cards and a clever paper tote to put them in! Diane Pappas will show you how to make your own personalized cards for any occasion using the latest stamps and beautiful paper from Stamping Up. Sign up early – this class will fill up fast! Min. 10/Max. 20.

Clara Barton: Civil War Nurse

Monday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.

Leslie Goddard presents a first-person program focusing on Clara Barton's childhood and her Civil War work, introducing Barton as a woman of unusual ambition who survived remarkable, often shocking experiences, in her quest to improve conditions for wounded soldiers during the American Civil War. Min. 10/Max. 50.



Your Spine: An Owner's Guide

Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.

Optimal Health Institute will present a seminar on the spine. Come and learn what causes back pain, what is new in the treatment of back pain, and what you can do to prevent future back problems. Min. 10/Max. 50.

Preventing Heart Disease through Nutrition

Thursday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.

Changes in diet and good nutrition can lower your risk of serious heart health problems. Join Dr. Eric Burseth, Midwest Heart Specialist, as he discusses ways to prevent or reduce the risk of coronary artery disease through nutrition. Registration is required. Call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (1-877-253-9426) or register at www.alexianbrothershealth.org.



A Chicago Firehouse: Stories of Wrigleyville's Engine 78

Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

Karen Kruse is the author of *A Chicago Firehouse: Stories of Wrigleyville's Engine 78*, the story of the famous firehouse, its Wrigleyville connection, and her father's thirty year career as a firefighter. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Min. 10/Max. 50.



Youth Services

Storytimes

Drop-In Monthly Infant Storytime

(geared to ages 6 - 18 months)
Thursdays, December 10, January 14,
and February 18 @ 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Drop-In ToddlerTime

(geared to ages 18 months - 3 years)

Winter Session 1:

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 @ 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Winter Session 2:

Wednesdays, January 13, 20, 27 and
February 3, 10, 17 @ 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Drop-In Preschool Storytime

(geared to ages 3 - 6 years)

Winter Session 1:

Fridays, December 4, 11, 18 @ 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Winter Session 2:

Fridays, January 15, 22, 29 and
February 5, 12, 19 @ 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Drop-In Evening Preschool Storytime

(geared to ages 3 - 6 years)

Winter Session:

Mondays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Storytime

(geared to ages 3 - 6)

Monday, December 14 @ 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Celebrate the holidays with stories, songs, crafts, and more! Geared to ages 3 - 6, but younger children may attend with an adult. Registration is required.



Caillou Storytime

(geared to ages 2 - 5)

Wednesday, December 30 @ 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Come to the library to celebrate Caillou with stories, songs, crafts and more. Geared to ages 2-5, but younger children are welcome with an adult. Registration is required.



Rock n' Roll Storytime

(geared to ages 3 - 6)

Friday, January 8 @ 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Are you ready to rock?! Roll yourself into the library for this truly rockin' storytime filled with stories, songs, and crafts. Geared to ages 3-6, but younger children may attend with an adult. Registration is required.



Valentine's Day Storytime

(geared to ages 3 - 6)

Tuesday, February 9 @ 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library with stories, crafts, and more. Geared to ages 3-6, but younger children may attend with an adult. Registration is required.



Youth Services

For School-Aged Children

Hardy Boys Mystery Party

(Grades 3 - 6)

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Be a part of an investigation at the library with Frank and Joe Hardy, the stars of the long-running *Hardy Boys* book series. Join us for stories, games, and crafts, all based on the adventures of the Hardy Boys. Registration is required.

Christmas Cookie Celebration

(Grades K - 2 with an adult)

Tuesday, December 15 @ 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Just in time for the holidays, parents and children are invited to come to this program together to decorate Christmas cookies. Baking and Pastry Art student Elisa Heimburger will join us to explain what it takes to be a pastry chef and lead us in decorating gingerbread houses and two types of Christmas cookies. All participants will also receive a free copy of the book *Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. Registration is required.



Rock Band and Wii Night

(Grades 3 - 5)

Friday, December 18 @ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

You're invited to come to the library after hours for a night of Rock Band and Wii fun. For less tech-savvy kids, a variety of board games will also be on hand. Snacks will be provided. Registration is required.



LEGOs at the Library

(Grades K - 2)

Monday, December 28 @ 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

If you love LEGOs, this is the program for you! Come to the library to build new creations,

participate in a LEGO race, have a LEGO snack, and more. Registration is required.

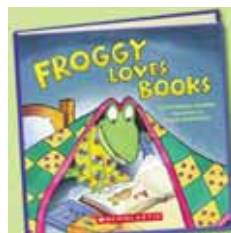


Fantastic Froggy Festivity

(Grades K - 2)

Wednesday, January 6 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Party with Froggy, the star of Jonathan London's popular picture books! Come to this program celebrating everything Froggy with stories, games, crafts, and more. Registration is required.



Babymouse Slumber Party

(Grades 3 - 5)

Thursday, January 7 @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Where is the glamour, the excitement, the adventure? At the Babymouse slumber party, of course! So grab your comfiest pajamas and get ready for games, crafts and more as we celebrate the popular *Babymouse* graphic novels created by Jennifer and Matthew Holm. Registration is required.



Kids Cooking Club

(Grades 3 - 6)

Thursday, January 21 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Got the after-school munchies? Come to our quarterly cooking club to learn how to make some fun, healthy snacks that will taste great after school or any time! Registration is required.

Youth Services

Rainbow Magic Party

(Grades 2 - 4)

Wednesday, February 3 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Follow a fairy to the end of the rainbow...at the library! If you're a fan of the "Rainbow Magic" book series by Daisy Meadows, then you won't want to miss this program. Join us for



Rainbow Magic crafts, a snack, and more.

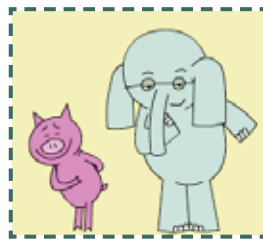
Registration is required.

I Am Invited to an Elephant & Piggie Party

(Grades K - 2)

Thursday, February 4 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Best friends Gerald and Piggie, the loveable characters of the series by Mo Willems, invite you to party with them at this fun program. Join us for stories, games, and crafts, all based on the "Elephant & Piggie" books.



Registration is required.

Monthly Curiosity Club

(Grades K - 2)

Second Wednesday of the month

(Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10) @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

This fun monthly program includes books, games, crafts and activities geared to curious kids in kindergarten through second grade. Join us as we explore something new and interesting each month. A separate registration is required for each month.

Magic School Bus

(Grades K - 2)

Each month, we'll join Ms. Frizzle on a new adventure on her Magic School Bus! Each program will include crafts, games and other activities based on an episode of the popular book series and television show. A separate registration is required for each month.

Magic School Bus Holiday Special
Tuesday, December 22 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Magic School Bus Ready, Set, Dough
Tuesday, January 19 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Magic School Bus Makes a Rainbow
Tuesday, February 16 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Globe-trotters

(Grades 3 - 6)

Each month we will celebrate the culture, crafts, food, sports and more from different countries around the world. A separate registration is required for each month.

Globe-trotters Canada
Tuesday, December 29 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

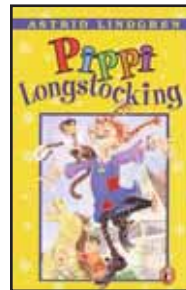
Globe-trotters Vietnam
Tuesday, January 26 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Globe-trotters Brazil
Tuesday, February 23 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Children's Book Discussions



Children's book discussions are offered monthly for various ages. Books will be discussed along with games, crafts, or other activities related to each book. Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month prior to the discussion. A separate registration for each book discussion is required. Program meets from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.



Monday, December 7
(Gr. 3 - 5)

Pippi Longstocking
by Astrid Lindgren

Friday, January 29
(Gr. 1 - 3)
Museum Trip
by Barbara Lehman



Monday, February 8
(Gr. 3 - 5)
The Valentine Cat
by Ann Whitehead Nagda

Youth Services

News From The Youth Department
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Donations for New Video Game Collection

We need your help! Do you have any video games at home that you no longer play? If so, the Youth Department is working on starting a video game collection, and we would love your donations to help us begin the process. Games for Playstation, Xbox, Wii, and Nintendo DS will all be accepted. Thank you for your assistance.

Macy's Museum Adventure Pass Program

Adult library patrons with a valid Itasca Library card can now check out a Macy's Museum Adventure Pass. You will receive a museum admission pass to hand in the box office of the participating organization for free admission for two or four people. Each Museum Adventure Pass expires within one week from the date of checkout, and there are 4 passes available per museum per week. Stop by Circulation or the Youth Help Desk today to pick up your pass to Brookfield Zoo, Morton Arboretum, or one of the 15 other museums or cultural institutions participating in the program!



Youth Winter Reading Club

(Preschool through 8th grade)

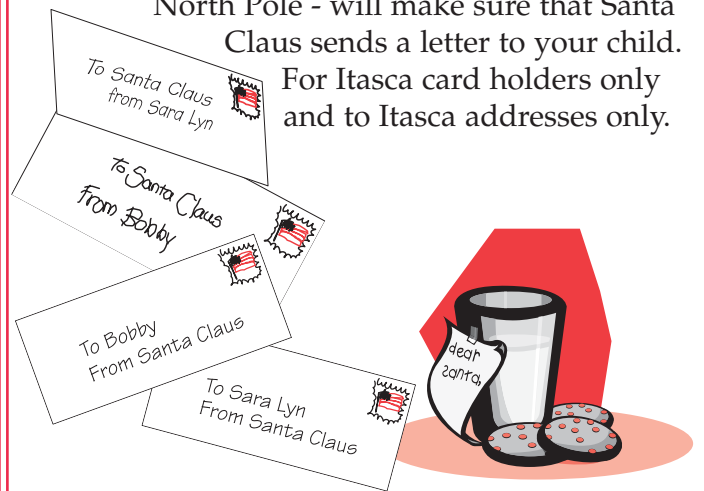
Register starting December 21

The library encourages you to read this winter by joining our Winter Reading Club. Read for at least 8 hours anytime from December 21 – January 31 and you will earn fun prizes. To be a part of the Winter Reading Club, please sign up at either the Youth Desk or the Circulation Desk.



Letters to Santa

From Monday, November 23 - Friday, December 4, the Youth Department will house a mailbox for letters to Santa Claus. If a parent fills out the special form (located by the mailbox), then our library staff - with its many connections to the North Pole - will make sure that Santa Claus sends a letter to your child. For Itasca card holders only and to Itasca addresses only.



Itasca's Night with Santa

Tuesday, December 8 @ 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join library staff at the **Municipal Complex** for a night of holiday fun. The festivities will kick off with Santa arriving at the Municipal Complex at approximately 5:45 p.m. Activities throughout the night include a holiday craft sponsored by the Itasca Community Library, carolers, snacks, and each family that attends will receive a commemorative ornament/sun catcher (while supplies last). Donations of **NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS** will be collected that night by the Police Department to help local families in need. There will also be a mitten and hat tree to hang your winter wear donations for needy children. Join us for a great family night of holiday festivities! If you have any questions about the Night with Santa, contact Police Officer Rick Brogan at (630) 228-5705.

Young Adult Services

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Junior Page Program

(Grades 6 - 12)

Students in grades 6 - 12 may volunteer to work up to 6 hours in the Youth Department this winter as part of the Junior Page program. There are two five-week winter sessions with a **mandatory training class**. Registration is required.

Winter Session 1:

December 7 – January 10;

Training Class on Tuesday, December 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

Winter Session 2:

January 18 – February 21;

Training Class on Tuesday, January 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Rock Band and Wii Night

(Grades 6 - 12)

Friday, December 11 @ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

You're invited to come to the library after hours for a night of Rock Band and Wii fun. For less tech-savvy teens, a variety of board games will also be on hand. Pizza will be provided. Registration is required.



Wrappin' in a Winter Wonderland

(Grades 6 - 12)

Wednesday, December 16 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

If you're looking for a more creative way to wrap holiday packages this year, then you should definitely join us for this program! We will be creating our own wrapping paper, gift tags and holiday cards while enjoying hot chocolate, cookies and more! Registration is required.



Teen Spa Night

(Grades 6 - 12)

Thursday, January 28 @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Do you have a case of the winter blues? Is school driving you crazy? Come relax with us at the library! Enjoy various relaxation activities, create your own bath product and make a delicious fruit



smoothie. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Registration is required.

Anti-Valentine's Day Party

(Grades 7 - 12)

Wednesday, February 10 @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sick of pink hearts and sappy love poems? Then join us as we create anti-valentine cards, decorate broken heart cookies, play games, and more! Registration is required.



Read. Return. Repeat.

Get your green on at the library by simply checking out our materials. Checking out items from the library is a great earth-friendly alternative to buying books! Every time you stop in and check out a book, you are potentially saving a tree and preventing a book from heading to a landfill. Small steps make great impacts...so stop in and check out a book today!!



Fight Like A Girl

Tuesday, January 12, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The Focus Martial Arts "Fight Like A Girl" Women's Empowerment Series is a self defense program designed to empower women to fight back when assaulted. Focus Martial Arts and Fitness has teamed up with the Itasca Police Department to bring their Fight Like A Girl Program to the junior high females of Itasca in a specially designed and unique esteem building, high energy, self-defense experience.

This event is FREE to all female Itasca residents in 8th & 9th grade. Participants should wear loose clothing. Sweat pants and a long sleeved shirt are recommended. This event will be held at the Itasca Park District, 350 East Irving Park Road. Space is limited, call Officer Rick Brogan at 630-228-5705 to register.



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