

A World of Information

Itasca: Celebrate Our Community!

December 1 through 31, 2010

The community festivities begin at the Itasca Community Library where 12 Christmas Trees all sparkling with decorations done by Itasca organizations are on display. Stroll through the library and discover how our very own Itasca organizations strengthen, beautify and support the community of Itasca. Celebrate the season with special events, performances and programs throughout the community.



Itasca Community Library Foundation

The Gift of the Community...

To help fund new library programs and services, the Itasca Community Library has joined **The DuPage Community Foundation**. This foundation receives contributions and bequests that will be put into a permanent Itasca Community Library Endowment that will continue to grow and help meet the needs of our library.

The Itasca Community Library is proud of its reputation for friendly, individualized service while maintaining the vast resources for the diverse needs of our patrons. The library is a reflection of our community – an illumination of our lives – and home to the village's knowledge, imagination, and history. For more than 75 years, we have been a mainstay in the community. Now we need your support.

If you want to make a contribution and count yourself as an inaugural supporter of the Library Foundation, you can send a check payable to the **Itasca Community Library Fund to the Itasca Community Library at 500 West Irving Park, Itasca, IL 60143**. All donations made to the library's endowment fund are tax-deductible.

The DuPage Community Foundation ensures that with your help, the Itasca Community Library will fulfill its obligations and soar beyond expectations in resources and services.

For more information please contact Betsy Adamowski, Library Director, at 630-773-1699 or badamowski@itasca.lib.il.us

"Generosity toward the future lies in giving to the present." *Albert Camus*



In order to make program registration fair for all patrons, registration will be open to everyone beginning on one set date. Registration for all winter programming will be open to all patrons on **Monday, November 22 at 9:00 a.m.** You may register at the library, by phone at (630) 773-1699, or online at www.itascalibrary.org.



Adult Services

Registration is required for all programs. Please visit our website for program descriptions and registration at www.italibrary.org.

Computer Classes

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

Introduction to Microsoft Word

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

Friday, January 7 at 1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

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

Friday, February 25 at 1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Friday, January 14 at 1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Friday, January 28 at 1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Friday, February 11 at 1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.

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or register online at
www.italibrary.org.

Morning Book Discussion

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

*Wednesday, December 15

The Uncommon Reader

by Alan Bennett

*meets on the 3rd Wednesday in December

Wednesday, January 26

Wishin' and Hopin'

by Wally Lamb

Wednesday, February 23

The Whistling Season

by Ivan Doig

Evening Book Discussion

7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, January 25

Kabul Beauty School

by Deborah Rodriguez
and Kristin Ohlson

Tuesday, February 22

Olive Kitteridge

by Elizabeth Strout



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:

Friday, Dec. 17 - Closing at 3 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Saturday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

Friday, Dec. 31 - Closing at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

Itasca GALLERY *at the library*

The Itasca Community Library Board of Trustees thanks the following donors for their generous contribution toward the newly created Itasca Gallery that is housed on the mezzanine level of the library. The donors are:

- The Friends of the Itasca Community Library
- Guenther Gallery and Design
- Itasca Bank & Trust Co.
- Itasca Community Library
- Itasca Community Library Endowment of The DuPage Community Foundation
- Itasca Historical Commission
- Itasca Historical Society
- Itasca Park District
- Keeper Corp.
- Linda Susan Benson Fund
- Village of Itasca

The Gallery will feature local art, photography and history exhibits throughout the year. The first exhibit on display is the ***First Presbyterian Church: Celebrating 125 Years in Photos.*** This exhibit will be open through January 30, 2011.

Winter Reading Program

Sign up for this year's Winter Reading Club. Registration begins Dec. 20, 2010 and runs through Feb. 28, 2011. The theme this year is *Holistic Living @ your Library*. We will be hosting programs that will focus on helping create better and healthier lives for ourselves and our children through sustainable living practices. We will have programs, prizes, and a fun quiz as we strive to learn ways to sustain healthy lives and a healthy planet for all of us to enjoy.

Seeking Volunteers for Conversational English

Do you speak English fluently? We are looking for volunteers to help residents whose native language is not English and are looking to improve their conversational skills. If you are able to help out, please email Tuki at tsathaye@itasca.lib.il.us or call 630-773-1699.

Hands-on Technology

We know some of you would like help with technology issues beyond using Microsoft programs. How about learning how to save pictures to a flash drive or downloading Skype to your laptop so you can video conference? We will guide you through the process. Restrictions may apply on what we can help you with, but give us a call and we'll do our best to assist you. Contact the Adult Dept. at 630-773-1699.

Do you have a special collection or hobby you'd like to share with others? Display your collection in our lobby display cases or the Youth Services display case.

Please contact Colleen Blanchard at 630-773-1699 for more information.

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Stitch and Bitch

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on the
2nd Monday of the month

Bring your handwork projects to the library and enjoy the company of other fiber arts enthusiasts.

December 13, January 10,
February 14

Christmas in Williamsburg

Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

College of DuPage Information Table

Thursday, December 9,
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Holiday Centerpiece

Thursday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.

Go Bananas! Fair Trade Program

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

AARP Drivers Safety Course

Tuesday, January 18 and Wednesday,
January 19, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Health Starts Here Cooking Program

Thursday, January 20, 7:00 p.m.



Lunch Hour Storytime for Adults

Tuesday, January 25,
12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Chair Yoga: Mind and Body Harmony

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



Protect Your Assets: Understanding the Tax Law Changes for 2011

Monday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.

Navigating Life's Curves and Corners

Tuesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.

Laughter Yoga

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

History of Itasca

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

Soul of the Navajo Nation

Wednesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

Headache Help

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

Getting What You Want – Really!

Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.

Youth Services

Youth Winter Reading Club (Preschool-Gr. 12)

December 20-January 31

The library encourages you to read this winter by joining our Winter Reading Club, *Snowmen Under Construction*. For every hour you read, you'll receive a different piece to build a paper snowman. Read 10 hours total to collect all the pieces you'll need to construct your snowman to display in the Youth Services Department. You'll also receive a small prize when your snowman is complete. To be a part of the Winter Reading Club, please sign up at either the Youth Desk or the Circulation Desk.



February is Library Lover's Month

During the month of February, any child that comes to the youth desk and says "I Love the Library" will receive a lollipop. Only one per person, please.



No registration is required for drop-in storytimes:

Drop-In Infant Storytime

(geared to ages 6 - 18 months)

Thursdays, Dec. 9, 23, Jan. 13, 27
and Feb. 10, 24 @ 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Drop-In ToddlerTime

(geared to ages 18 months - 3 years)

Winter Session 1:

Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15 @ 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Winter Session 2:

Wednesdays, Jan. 12, 19, 26
and Feb. 2, 9, 16 @ 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Drop-In Preschool Storytime

(geared to ages 3 - 6 years)

Winter Session 1:

Fridays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 @ 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.*

Winter Session 2:

Fridays, Jan. 14, 21, 28
and Feb. 4, 11, 18 @ 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.*

*NOTE: New Time!



Drop-In Family Storytime

(geared to ages 2 - 6 years)

Saturdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29 and
Feb. 5, 12, 19 @ 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required for the following preschool programs:

Christmas Storytime

(geared to ages 3 - 6 years)

Wednesday, Dec. 15 @ 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Winnie-the-Pooh Party

(geared to ages 3 - 6 years)

Tuesday, Jan. 18 @ 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Hello, Hospital

(geared to ages 3 - 6 years)

Wednesday, Jan. 26 @ 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Presented by Alexian Brothers

Maisy's Mousetastic Celebration

(geared to ages 2 - 5 years)

Thursday, Feb. 10 @ 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Youth Services

Registration is required for all programs. Please visit our website for program descriptions and registration at www.itascalibrary.org.

Curiosity Club

(Grades K - 2)

Wednesdays, December 8, January 12
and February 9 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Magic School Bus

(Grades K - 2)

Magic School Bus Lost in Space
Tuesday, Dec. 14 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Magic School Bus Gets Ants in Its Pants
Tuesday, Jan. 11 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Magic School Bus Ups and Downs
Tuesday, Feb. 15 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.



Winter Wrap Party

(Grades 3 - 6)

Thursday, December 9 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Winter Holidays Around the World

(Grades 3 - 6)

Tuesday, December 21 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Holiday LEGOs @ the Library

(Grades K - 2)

Wednesday, December 22
@ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Magic Tree House

(Grades 2 - 5)

Monday, January 3 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Kids Cooking Club

(Grades 3 - 5)

Thursday, January 6 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

SpongeBob SquarePants Party

(Grades 1 - 5)

Tuesday, January 25 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Stuffed Animal Sleepover!

(Grades K - 2)

Thursday, January 27 @ 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Flat Stanley: A program based on the books by Jeff Brown

(Grades 1 - 3)

Tuesday, February 1 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Bubble Gum Day

(Grades 3 - 6)

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

An Afternoon with Geronimo Stilton

(Grades 2 - 4)

Thursday, February 10 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

LEGOs @ the Library

(Grades 3 - 5)

Wednesday, February 23
@ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.



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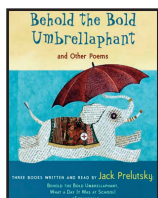
Children's Book Discussions

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.

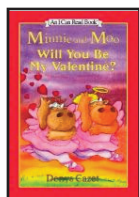


Friday, Dec. 10
@ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
(Grades 1 - 3)
Help Me, Mr. Mutt!
by Janet Stevens

Monday, Jan. 10
@ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
(Grades 3 - 5)
Behold the Bold
Umbrellaphant: and
Other Poems
by Jack Prelutsky



Friday, Feb. 11
@ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
(Grades 1 - 3)
Minnie and Moo:
Will You Be My
Valentine?
by Denys Cazet



Young Adult Programs:

Junior Page Volunteer Program

(Grades 6 - 12)

Students may volunteer 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**.

Winter Session 1: Dec. 20 – Jan. 23;
Training Class on Tuesday, Dec. 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Winter Session 2: Jan. 24 – Feb. 27;
Training Class on Tuesday, Jan. 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

Teen Cooking Club: Holly Jolly Treats

(Grades 6 - 12)

Monday, December 20
@ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

In this special edition of our quarterly Teen Cooking Club, you will learn to make a variety of fun holiday recipes. Come hungry!

Teen Drop-In Crafts

(Grades 6 - 12)

Monday, January 17
@ 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Drop by the library on your day off school to make fun crafts and have a snack.

*No registration is required for this program

Duct Tape Crafts

(Grades 6 - 12)

Wednesday, February 16
@ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Come construct a craft made completely out of duct tape!

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

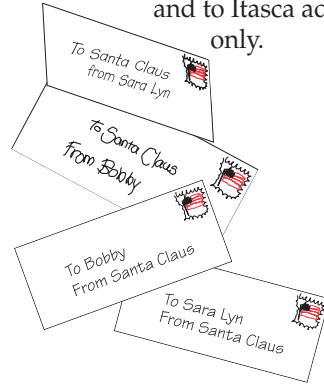
Tuesday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
On December 7th, kick off "Celebrate Our Community" with *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town* sponsored by the Village of Itasca, Itasca Park District and Itasca Community Library. The festivities will kick off with Santa arriving at the library at approximately 6:00 p.m. Activities throughout the night include a holiday craft, choir music from the Peacock Middle School, refreshments, and each family that attends will receive a commemorative ornament (while supplies last). Donations of **NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS** will be collected that night by the Itasca Police Department to help local families in need. There will also be a mitten and hat donation basket to collect winter wear donations for needy families as well as a basket to collect food and household necessities for the Itasca Food Pantry. Join us for a great family night of holiday festivities!



Letters to Santa

From Monday, November 22 – Friday, December 3, 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.



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