

A World of Information

Library Card Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the second Library Card Art Contest for children and teens! Over 50 entries were received, and one winner was chosen from each of three different age groups.



Preschool – Second Grade: Isabella Maniez



Third – Fifth Grade: Jack Murphy



Sixth – Twelfth Grade: Sarah Elsner

Beginning February 1, 2011, each winner's design will be available to new Itasca library card holders. If they choose, current card holders may exchange their current card for a new design for a \$3.00 fee.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the contest and to The Friends of the Itasca Community Library for sponsoring the project. The library would like to extend a special thank you to the members of our community who served as judges for this year's contest: John Binneboese, John Pankau, Jeff Pruyon, Dawn Turner, and Kathy Zaleta.

In order to make program registration fair for all patrons, registration will be open to everyone beginning on one set date. Registration for all spring programming will be open to all patrons on **Monday, February 21 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

Computer Classes

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

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Friday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

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

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Friday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, May 27 at 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Food for Fines

Sunday, April 3 through
Sunday, April 17

Help the Itasca Food Pantry while erasing your library fines. Along with non-perishable food items, the food pantry is in need of cleaning products, paper products, and personal hygiene products. For every item you donate, a dollar will be removed from your fines (up to \$15.00).

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Itasca Community Library will be having a used book sale on: Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9 from 9am to 4pm.
Sunday, April 10 from 1pm to 4pm, and Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12, from 9am to 8pm.
Bake Sale on Saturday!

Morning Book Discussion

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

Wednesday, March 23

Girl With a Pearl Earring
by Tracy Chevalier

Wednesday, April 27

***No! I Don't Want to
Join a Book Club***
by Virginia Ironside

Wednesday, May 25

The Wednesday Sisters
by Meg Waite Clayton



Evening Book Discussion

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

Tuesday, March 29

Blind Fall
by Christopher Rice

Tuesday, April 26

The Book Thief
by Markus Zusak

Tuesday, May 31

On the Road
by Jack Kerouac

Spring 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:

April 24 - Easter Sunday

May 29 & 30 - Memorial Day

Adult Services

Download free ebooks from MyMediaMall @ Your Library!

Want to learn how? Join us on Saturday, March 19th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and learn how to download titles to your e-reader or MP3 device. The program will cover everything you need to know from logging on to your account, downloading the software, setting up your computer, and even transferring books to a portable device. There will also be a special segment on how to use MyMediaMall with an iPhone or Android phone. A Q&A session will follow the presentation portion of the program. Registration is required.

A new look for NoveList Plus



NoveList Plus is your personal guide to decide what to read next for both fiction and non-fiction titles. Search by author, title, series or plot. In addition

to the reviews of over 200,000+ fiction titles, you'll also find lists of award-winning books, discussion guides, and recommended reads. You can also create a personal reading list! Try it out!

NoveList K-8 Plus



NoveList K-8 is an extensive database of fiction and nonfiction for children and teens. It offers author read-alikes, award winners, theme-oriented booklists and much more.

NextReads

NextReads is an email book newsletter service offered by the library. You can subscribe to 25 different subject and genre lists, and a newsletter will be delivered to your email box on a monthly or bi-monthly basis.

To access any of the services mentioned above, visit www.itascalibrary.org and search under Good Reads for the NoveList products.



Itasca GALLERY *at the library*

Itasca Gallery at the Library

The Itasca Community Library is thrilled to have a permanent gallery housed on the mezzanine level of the library to feature local history exhibits throughout the year. A new exhibit titled, "**Birth of a Village: The Early History of the Village of Itasca**" will be on display starting February 7, 2011.

Adding to the gallery on the mezzanine level, the library is also going to host a gallery for local photography and art work on the first floor of the library. The first exhibit of this gallery is one by local Itasca photographer Aaron R. Sorenson. The exhibit will also be up on February 7, 2011.

Village of Itasca Archive Collection

During the fall of 2009, the Itasca Historical Society archives were moved from the Itasca Train Depot Museum to the Itasca Community Library. The archives remain in the ownership of the Itasca Historical Society, but will be maintained at the library. The archives contain historical documents dating back to the 19th century and consist of books, documents, ephemera, photographs, and audio/visual records. These records cover materials created by and pertaining to the Village of Itasca, local businesses, Itasca organizations, and local residents. The library is pleased to announce that the archive collection is currently being digitized and cataloged onto its online catalog. Residents can enjoy the online collection by going to the library's website, www.itascalibrary.org. Click on the "Itasca Archives" link on the far left column.

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Stitch and Bitch

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

March 14, April 11, May 9

No Registration Required.

Spring into Fitness

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

Financial Independence and Security for Women

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

Let's Go Digital! Photography Class

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

Laughter Yoga

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

AARP Drivers Safety Course

Tuesday, March 29 and Wednesday,
March 30, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The History of the Beatles

Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

Smart Retirement and Estate Plans

Monday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.

Post-Retirement Investing: Risks and Rewards

Wednesday, April 6, 10:00 a.m.

Career Changers and Adult Learners Information

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

Israel and Christian Traditions

Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

Is It Hot in Here or Is It Just Me? Menopause Program

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Night Out: BINGO!

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

Planning for the Fall Garden

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.

Illinois in the Civil War

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

Beginners Guide to the Golden Age of Radio

Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Stop Picking on Me! Conflict Resolution

Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.

Meditation: Out of the Monastery and into the Mainstream

Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.

Health and Fitness: Overcoming the Barriers

Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 p.m.

Youth Services

No registration is required for drop-in storytimes:

Drop-In Infant Storytime

(geared to ages 6 - 18 months)

Thursdays, March 10, 24, April 7, 21 and May 12 @ 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Drop-In ToddlerTime

(geared to ages 18 months - 3 years)

Wednesdays, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 11, 18 @ 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Drop-In Preschool Storytime

(geared to ages 3 - 6 years)

Fridays, March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 20 @ 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Drop-In Family Storytime

(geared to ages 2 - 6 years)

Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.



Registration is required for the following storytimes:

Eric Carle Storytime

(geared to ages 3 - 6 years)

Wednesday, March 16 @ 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Hello Kitty Party

(geared to ages 3 - 6 years)

Thursday, April 14 @ 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Mickey Mouse Storytime

(geared to ages 3 - 6 years)

Monday, May 9 @ 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

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

Read With Rover

(Grades 1 - 4)

Saturdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Registration for this program must be done in person at the Youth Help Desk. The Read With Rover program provides children with an opportunity to practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a specially-trained therapy dog in a fun, non-threatening environment. Read With Rover is sponsored by Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy.

Curiosity Club

(Grades K - 2)

Wednesdays, March 9, April 13, and May 11 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Magic School Bus

(Grades K - 2)

Magic School Bus In a Beehive Tuesday, March 15 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Magic School Bus Hops Home Tuesday, April 19 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Magic School Bus Butterflies Tuesday, May 17 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Globe-trotters

(Grades 3 - 5)

Globe-trotters Iceland

Monday, March 7 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.*
**Note: Special date in honor of Icelandic Bun Day!*

Globe-trotters Australia Tuesday, April 26 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Globe-trotters China Tuesday, May 31 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Reel Readers: Book and Movie Discussion

Read the book, and then see the movie at this special twist on our book discussions! After you read the book at home, come watch and discuss the movie at the library. Pizza will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own drink or other snacks. Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month prior to the discussion. A separate registration for each book discussion is required.

Thursday, March 10

@ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

(Grades 3 - 5)

Book: *The Capture*
by Kathryn Lasky

Movie: *Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole*

Monday, May 16

@ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

(Grades 2 - 4)

Book: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*
by Roald Dahl

Movie: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*



Potato Chip Day

(Grades 1 - 4)

Monday, March 14 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Kids Cooking Club

(Grades 3 - 5)

Thursday, March 17 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.



LEGOs @ the Library

(Grades K - 2)

Wednesday, March 23 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Sponsored by The Friends of the Library

Drop-In Spring Cleaning Craft Day

Tuesday, March 29 @ 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Help the Youth Services librarians clean out their closet by making a fun craft! Just stop by the Youth Department; no registration is required!

Butterfly Meadow Party

(Grades 1 - 3)

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

Beverly Cleary Birthday Party

(Grades 2 - 4)

Wednesday, April 20 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.



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Spring Garden Party

(Grades 1 - 3)

Friday, April 22 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Celebrate the spring season at this garden party sponsored by the Itasca Garden Club.

CSI – Crime Scene Itasca

(Grades 3 - 5)

Tuesday, May 3 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Follow the clues to the Itasca Community Library where we are partnering with the Itasca Police Department to learn about what takes place at a crime scene.

Mother's Day Crafts

(Grades K - 2)

Wednesday, May 4 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.



Mother's Day Crafts

(Grades 3 - 5)

Thursday, May 5 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

LEGOs @ the Library

(Grades 3 - 5)

Wednesday, May 18 @ 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Sponsored by The Friends of the Library



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Young Adult Programs:

Teen Tech Week iTunes Drawing

March 6-12 is National Teen Tech Week, and to celebrate we're holding a drawing for a \$20 iTunes gift card just for teens. Drop by the Youth Help Desk anytime between March 6-12, fill out a short survey about technology, and receive a ticket for the drawing. Anyone that attends the Teen Tech Crafts program on March 10 will receive an additional ticket for the drawing, giving you an even better chance to win!

Junior Page Volunteer Program

(Grades 6 - 12)

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

Spring Session 1: March 14 – April 17;
Training Class on Tuesday, Mar. 8 @ 7:00 p.m.

Spring Session 2: April 18 – May 22;
Training Class on Tuesday, Apr. 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Teen Tech Crafts

(Grades 6 - 12)

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

Teen Cooking Club

(Grades 6 - 12)

Thursday, April 7 @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Rock Band and Wii Night

(Grades 6 - 12)

Friday, May 6 @ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

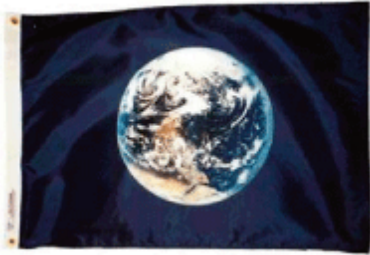
Teen Spa Night

(Grades 6 - 8)

Thursday, May 12 @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Earth Flag Celebration

Saturday, April 9, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Please join us as we celebrate receiving our Earth Flag from SCARCE director Kay McKeen. There will be family-friendly activities, earth-friendly exhibits, crafts, "green" giveaways, and more! No registration required.



Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

Boy Scout Andy Skepnek is organizing a shoe drive for new and gently used shoes to be donated to Soles4Souls with the goal of collecting 3000 pairs of shoes. Besides having collection boxes around town and scouts going door to door, Andy has organized a drive-thru shoe rally to be held on Sunday, March 20, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Itasca Bank & Trust parking lot. There will also be a collection box at the Earth Flag Celebration at the library on Saturday, April 9. For more information please call Andy Skepnek at (630) 773-2743.



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