

Itasca Young Authors



Do you love writing and illustrating your own books? Then Itasca Young Authors is the program for you! Read the guidelines of the program below and submit the release form and attached idea sheet to the Youth Services Desk. When you submit the idea sheet, you'll receive a blank book where you'll write and illustrate your own story!

- 1.) Children of preschool age (at least three years old) through 8th grade who live in Itasca or attend an Itasca school are eligible to participate.
- 2.) One submission per child will be accepted.
- 3.) Children who can not write yet may dictate their story to an adult.
- 4.) Submissions must be the child's original, unpublished work. Copyrighted characters may not be used. (Disney, Pokemon, etc.) Submissions may not include violence, inappropriate language, or explicit content.
- 5.) To receive a blank book, you must submit the release below and the attached idea sheet to the Youth Help Desk. At that time you will also be given more detailed instructions on completing your book.
- 6.) All submissions become the property of the library and will not be returned. Final submissions will be added to the Itasca Community Library's circulating youth collection. Each entrant grants the Itasca Community Library all rights to the content contained in that final submission and agrees that the content may be displayed and/or reproduced without limitation or compensation to the entrant. Please remember that these books will be circulating, and we cannot be responsible if your child's book is damaged or lost.

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Name _____ Telephone # _____

Address _____

Grade _____ School _____

I have read and agree to the Itasca Young Authors guidelines.

Child's signature _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____

Itasca Young Authors Idea Sheet

Before we give you your blank book, we'd like a sneak peek of your story! Please answer the questions below about your book idea. There's also some blank space if you'd like to share any illustration ideas. Don't worry if you don't know the exact answers to all of the questions yet; we just want to have an idea of what you're planning!

My book is going to be about _____

Some of the characters in my book include _____

Use the space below to practice drawing some of your characters or anything else that is in your story.