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FILMS, LECTURES, &
BOOK DISCUSSIONS
BASED ON THE NOVEL



BY ALICE RANDALL

COMING TO
ITASCA COMMUNITY LIBRARY,
BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY, &
ROSELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
IN OCTOBER, 2022



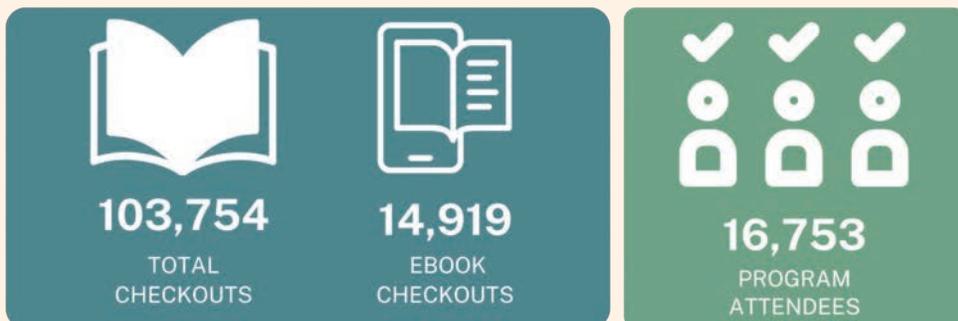
DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Looking back on the last fiscal year (May 2021 - April 2022) at the library, it's great to see that Itasca residents are returning to the library and making visiting a part of their routines. Checkouts of books and other materials are back to pre-pandemic levels while ebook checkouts are higher than they have ever been. Program attendance is up with craft kits and take-home activities garnering sustained interest. After more than two years of change, it's great to see concrete evidence that you are using all the great resources the library offers.

By the time September starts, the library will have completed replacing carpeting, moving the coffee station to the first level, and painting the entrance. These improvements to the building are in addition to the new lounge furniture, updated displays, and the relocated newspaper area. The next time you visit, take a second to check out these improvements and let the library staff know what you think - we'd love to hear your feedback!

See you in the library,
Ridgeway Burns
Library Director

Itasca Community Library FY2021-2022 Annual Report



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ADULT NEWS

Get Crafty with Cricut Maker

Our Cricut Maker 3 is available for public use with an appointment. Use this electronic die-cutting machine to cut paper, vinyl, and other materials to make stickers and craft projects. Ask at the Adult Desk for details.

Book Club Assistance

Are you in a book club and in need of multiple books for your discussions? We can help with that, and with book suggestions and tips for your book club. Ask for more details at the Adult Desk.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Knit & Craft Club

1st Thursday of the month: September 1, October 6, November 3, 10:30 a.m.

Everyone who does handwork and wants to share time with like-minded people is welcome to join this fun, casual get-together. Bring whatever you're working on! No registration is needed.

English Conversation Group

Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Come meet new people and practice your English-speaking skills. Learning a new language doesn't have to be hard.

Trivia Night

2nd Tuesday of the month: September 13, October 11, November 8, 7:00 p.m. Fox & Turtle Restaurant, Itasca Country Club

Compete with your team of up to six people for a chance to win prizes. A reservation at Fox & Turtle is highly encouraged.

Take & Make Crafts for Adults

Thursday, September 15; Saturday, October 15; Tuesday, November 15
A new craft kit for adults will be available the 15th of each month.

Book a Librarian

Need a computer lesson or one-on-one tech help? Itasca cardholders can make a one-hour appointment with a librarian to get the help they need at their convenience. Call the library or email adultservices@itascalibrary.org to make an appointment.

ON THE SAME PAGE

Each October, we partner with Roselle Public Library and Bloomingdale Public Library for *On the Same Page*, a community reading event. This year, we'll read *Black Bottom Saints* by Alice Randall. Programs and book discussions based on the book are held in October at each of the three libraries. See the list of programs on pages 4-5. If you participate in a book discussion at the Itasca Community Library or a library-run discussion off-site, you'll receive a copy of the book to keep. To register for a program at the Bloomingdale Public Library (BPL), go to mybpl.org or call 630-529-3120. To register for a program at the Roselle Public Library District (RPLD), go to rosellepld.org or call 630-529-1641.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

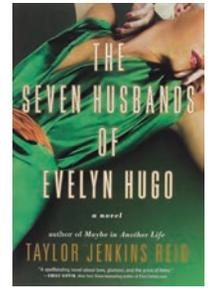
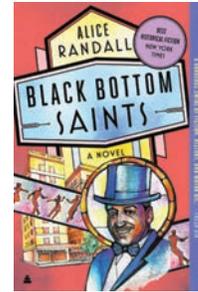
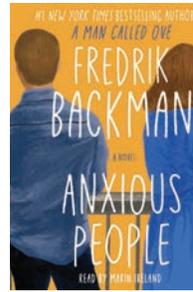
Beyond the Library

7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at Fox & Turtle Restaurant, Itasca Country Club

September 12: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

October 10: *Black Bottom Saints* by Alice Randall

November 14: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid



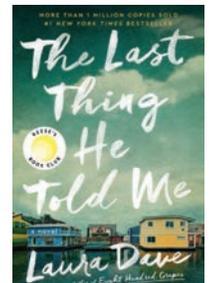
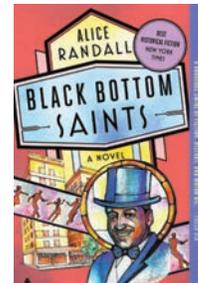
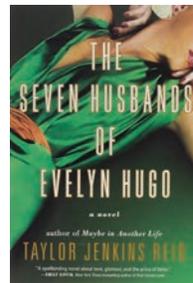
Evening

7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month

September 27: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

October 25: *Black Bottom Saints* by Alice Randall

November 29: *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave



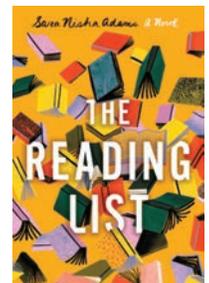
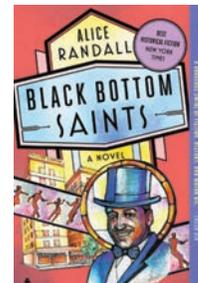
Morning

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

September 28: *Light Perpetual* by Francis Spufford

October 26: *Black Bottom Saints* by Alice Randall

November 16 (one week early due to Thanksgiving): *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams



BLACK BOTTOM SAINTS – OCTOBER 2022 PROGRAMS

ARTISTS OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE (RPLD)

Thursday, October 6 · 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

Between the world wars, African American artists produced an extraordinary output of painting, sculpture and photography. Diverse in style, these artists often told the story of important events in African American history, including The Great Migration. In this Zoom presentation, art historian Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions discusses artists associated with this movement, including Aaron Douglass, Augusta Savage, Archibald Motley, Jr., James Van Der Zee, and Jacob Lawrence.

Register at rosellepld.org or call 630-529-1641.



DROP-IN MOVIE: HIDDEN FIGURES (BPL)

Wednesday, October 12 · 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.

Rated: PG

No registration necessary.



CRAFTING HERBAL MOCKTAILS (ICL)

Monday, October 17 · 7:00 p.m.
In-Person Event

Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh, owner of Backyard Patch Herbs presents a masterclass demonstrating how to make simple syrups and herb extractions to craft a myriad of herb flavored and scented alcohol-free mocktails. We will rethink party punch with herb ingredients, make our own bitters, create flavors with herbed simple syrup, stir up a faux Gin, and blend alcohol-free martinis, fizzes, and sours while discussing the history of herbs in alcoholic beverages. Marcy will even make a mocktail featured in *Black Bottom Saints*.



Register at itascalibrary.org or call 630-773-1699.



THE HISTORY OF STEVIE WONDER (RPLD)

Thursday, October 20 · 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

In the 1960s...
“Fingertips” · “Uptight (Everything’s Alright)” ·
“I Was Made To Love Her” · “My Cherie Amour”

In the 1970s...
“Signed, Sealed, Delivered” · “Superstition” ·
“You Are The Sunshine of My Life” · “Sir Duke”

In the 1980s...
“Master Blaster (Jammin’)” · “Ebony and Ivory” ·
“I Just Called To Say I Love You”

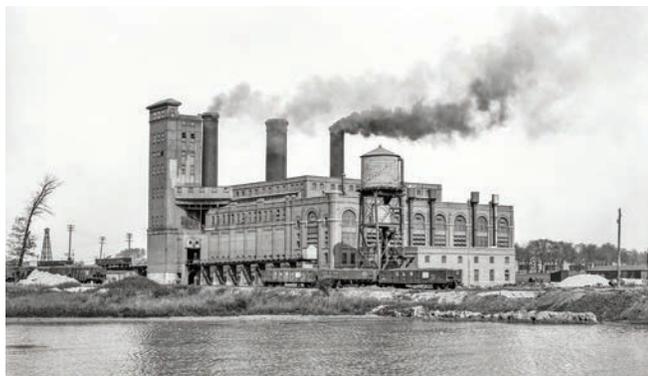
It’s a stunningly long list of hits! Using performance and interview clips we’ll trace the arc of Stevie’s amazing career to gain a deeper understanding of one of America’s national treasures. Register at rosellepld.org or call 630-529-1641.

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE DETROIT WORKING CLASS (BPL)

Monday, October 24 · 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
In-Person Event

Detroit is commonly seen as the symbol of American industrial might, but also a symbol of postindustrial decline. Find out what explains the development of a high standard of ordinary workers and its subsequent disappearance. Presented by Sam Mitrani, professor of history, College of DuPage, and Maureen Heffern Ponicki, assistant professor of political science, College of DuPage.

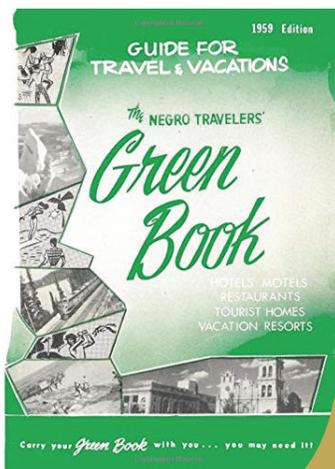
Register at mybpl.org or call 630-924-2730.



THE GREEN BOOK (BPL)

Tuesday, October 25 · 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

In the 20th century, it could be extremely dangerous for people of color to travel. For nearly 30 years, a guide initially called the "**Negro Traveler Green Book**" offered advice about safe places to eat and sleep and was published from 1936-1966. Learn about its role in the struggle for civil rights during this virtual slide presentation by Karen Hall, Executive Director of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society.



Register at mybpl.org
or call 630-924-2730.

DROP-IN MOVIE: GET ON UP (BPL)

Wednesday, October 26 · 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A chronicle of James Brown's rise from extreme poverty to become one of the most influential musicians in history.

Rated: PG-13

No registration
necessary.



MASTERPIECES IN THE MOTOR CITY: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ART (ICL)

Thursday, October 27 · 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

One of America's largest encyclopedic art museums, the **Detroit Institute of Arts** houses masterpieces in a variety of media representing a variety of historic eras. In this presentation, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses a selection of museum highlights, including works by van Eyck, Artemisia Gentileschi and Vincent van Gogh. Mishur will pay particular attention to Diego Rivera's "Detroit Industry" murals, some of the most important frescoes in the United States.

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Ladies' Night Out: BINGO!

Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Itasca Community Library are hosting their popular Ladies' BINGO Party to benefit the Itasca Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items, household products, or personal hygiene products. Win fabulous prizes!

Mini Art Show

Thursday, September 15

All are invited to create a mini masterpiece for the library's first art show! Drop by the Adult or Youth Desk beginning Thursday, September 15 to pick up a canvas. Return it by Friday, September 30 to have your art displayed in the library during the month of October. No registration is needed. While supplies last.

Create a Fall Fresh Floral Arrangement

Monday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.

Join Peggy Garvin for this fun seasonal activity! We will use the fall colors of fresh flowers in a seasonal-themed centerpiece. Sunflowers, mums, and asters will be some of the fall attractions.

Board Game Night

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.

Come learn the rules of a new board game in a non-stressful environment. Groups will play practice rounds to get the hang of it and then spend the remainder of the night playing the new game!

NASA's Next Great Telescope

Thursday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

The James Webb Space Telescope will fundamentally alter our understanding of black holes, the early universe, the life cycle of stars, planets, and more. Learn more about this groundbreaking mission as we prepare for the next giant leap forward in astronomy and space exploration. Suitable for patrons ages 10+.

Cards for Kindness

Monday, September 26, 7:00 p.m.

Get together with other crafty people and create handmade cards. We'll send the cards to Cards for Kindness, and they'll be distributed to various organizations in need. All supplies will be provided.

Passport Fair

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Thinking of traveling this winter? Need to get passports for yourself or the kids? Drop in to apply for a passport, pick up forms, or just get your questions answered! Make sure you have the required IDs, photos, and paperwork, but let the passport agents do the rest. No appointments necessary.

Lights Out, Everybody: Mystery and Horror During the Golden Age of Radio

Monday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.

Using sound clips from some of radio's best-known mystery and horror programs (including *Escape*, *Inner Sanctum*, and *Lights Out*), Steve Darnall illustrates how radio could truly be a "theater of the mind." Darnall uses music, voices, and sounds to create indelible – and often frightening – "pictures."

Create a Halloween Terrarium

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.

Come craft with us as we create and learn to take care of your own living Halloween-themed terrarium. All supplies will be provided.

Cricut Sticker Party

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

Come try out our new Cricut die-cutter with a sticker party! Join us and draw your own design—or bring a premade design—and leave with a vinyl sticker and tumbler. The library will provide all the necessary materials for a 3" x 4" vinyl sticker; apply it to a tumbler or take it home. We'll provide registrants with guidelines for designing and applying their Cricut stickers.

Journey to Successful Senior Living: Am I Prepared?

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

Join attorney Lisa Knauf and others for a panel discussion that includes a financial planner, attorney, senior living consultant, and senior living specialist. The speakers will provide education, suggestions, guidance, and support to help navigate questions during the senior living journey. Don't miss this opportunity to learn some valuable tips that will empower you to make educated decisions for yourself or when assisting loved ones.

Sears Homes of Chicagoland

Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

Do you love old houses? Come explore the Sears Homes of Chicagoland. From 1908 to 1942, Sears Roebuck and Company sold ready-to-build kit homes. Despite the rash of teardowns in the Chicago area, some of these houses have managed to survive. In this presentation, you will learn what a Sears house is (and isn't), how to authenticate one, and common misconceptions about these houses. Lara Solonickne is the creator of the viral blog Sears Homes of Chicagoland, which spotlights kit homes in the Chicago area.

Lincoln and Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Lincoln, portrayed by Kevin Wood, shares the story of how our national, annual observance of the Thanksgiving holiday came to be established during his presidency. It is a reminder that despite whatever difficulties we might be experiencing, we can still find reasons to be thankful.

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CLASSROOM KITCHEN FALL SEASONAL SERIES WITH KRISTYN SLICK

Do you enjoy cooking shows? If you want to cook along, an ingredient list will be provided after you've registered for each program—registrants provide their own cooking equipment and ingredients. Feel free to watch this entertaining program without cooking! A separate registration is required for each session.

PART 1 — PERFECTLY PUMPKIN

Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.

Pumpkin is such a versatile ingredient and is filled with so much potential just waiting to be tapped in your kitchen. Get ready to diffuse that autumnal vibe throughout your kitchen and fuel your fall spirit with Pumpkin Butter Roll Cookies and Pumpkin Pasta.

CLASSROOM KITCHEN, PART 2 — SHARING IS CARING

Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

Clever hacks will give you triple or quadruple the Thanksgiving food fun! Flavors will coexist peacefully in our Tear and Share Bread and Sheet Pan Pie.

CLASSROOM KITCHEN, PART 3 — APPETIZERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.

Appetizers, hors d'oeuvre, canape, finger food? Regardless of what you call them, we will learn to build some dishes designed to whet your appetite and set the tone for any meal.

DINE OUT *With The Friends*

It's a win-win! You enjoy a good meal, and Friends of the Itasca Community Library receive a portion of the proceeds. Flyers will be available on our website and at the Checkout Desk. Be sure to show the flyer when placing your order.

Buona Beef
1170 N. Arlington Heights Road, Itasca
Wednesday, September 21
20% of each sale will be donated.

Culver's of Addison
1347 W. Lake Street, Addison
Tuesday, November 15
15% of each sale will be donated.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER

Registration is required for some programs where noted. A separate registration is needed for programs with multiple sessions. Please call 630-773-1699 or visit itascalibrary.org to register.

Drop-In Baby Time (Geared to ages 6-18 months)

Thursdays, September 1 & 15, October 6 & 20, and November 3 & 17, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

We'll share stories and songs perfect for little ones! No registration is needed.

Doodlebugs (Geared to ages 2-5)

Wednesdays, September 7, October 5, and November 2, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking, cutting, and creating. Dress for a mess! Registration is required.

Drop-In Family Storytime (Geared to ages 6 & under)

Mondays, September 12-November 7, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and more at this in-person storytime. No registration is needed. There will be Halloween-themed stories on Monday, October 31.

Drop-In Baby-Tot Gym (Geared to ages 1-5 years)

Wednesdays, September 14, 21, and 28, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Let's move! Each week will include new activities to enhance gross and fine motor skills. Drop in anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Special thanks to Gym Stars ETC in Itasca for lending us equipment for this program!



Virtual Cook Up a Good Book

(Geared to ages 4-8 years with a caregiver)

Tuesdays, September 20, October 11, and November 15, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

We'll listen to a few stories and then make a recipe together in your own kitchen over Zoom in this storytime/cooking class combo! Registration is required.

Grandparents Storytime Celebration (Geared to ages 3-6)

Thursday, September 22, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grandparents are great! Don't you agree? Grab a grandparent or two and join us for fun-filled stories, songs, and a craft. Registration is required.

Picture Book Art Club (Ages 4-8)

Make your own masterpiece based on a different picture book each month! Registration is required.

Thursday, October 6, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

The Good, the Bad, and the Spooky by Jory John and Pete Oswald

Thursday, November 3, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Dino-Thanksgiving by Lisa Wheeler

Drop-In Trick-or-Treating

Thursday, October 27, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Wear your Halloween costume and drop by the library to trick-or-treat and decorate a Halloween bag. No registration is needed.



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FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

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Cookie Book Club (Grades K-3 with a caregiver)

Join us for cookies and a book discussion with your grown-up! Books will be available for checkout one month prior to the discussion at the Checkout Desk.

Thursday, September 8, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Doggo and Pupper by Katherine Applegate

Thursday, October 13, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

The Haunted House Next Door by Andres Miedoso

Thursday, November 10, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Just Help! by Sonia Sotomayor

Fairy Tale Science (Grades 1-4)

Tuesday, September 13, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Have you every wondered what kind of force it would take to blow down the Little Pig's house? Or if a glass slipper could really withstand an evening of ballroom dancing? Join us as we explore fairy tales, folktales, and fables with scientific curiosity.

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We'll listen to a few stories and then make a recipe together in your own kitchen over Zoom in this storytime/cooking class combo!

FAMILY BINGO (All Ages)

Tuesdays, September 27 and November 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of BINGO, prizes, and fun.



GET CREATIVE! LETTER WRITING AND DESIGN (Grades 3-6)

Thursday, September 29, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Discover the art of letter writing and create a fun cover for a card to send. Bring your address as well as a friend's or family member's.



Guinness World Records (Grades 3-6)

Tuesday, October 4, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Did you know that a 5-year-old British girl recently became the youngest female to publish a book? Or that a 16-year-old from Australia broke the record for identifying the most American Presidents in 30 seconds (she named 40)? If you like facts like these, join us for activities and trivia based on the popular *Guinness World Records* books.

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Thursday, November 3, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

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InvestiGators Celebration (Grades 1-5)

Wednesday, October 26, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Celebrate the release of the latest *InvestiGators* book, *Heist and Seek*, with activities centered around the series.

History Smashers (Grades 3-7)

Thursday, November 17, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Do you want the FULL story about certain events in history? Join our quarterly book club featuring the series *History Smashers* by Kate Messner. This quarter, we'll read and discuss the book *History Smashers: The Mayflower* in time for Thanksgiving. Pick up your free copy of the book at the Youth Desk a month before the program when you register.

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DINOVEMBER @ THE LIBRARY

Join us in the Youth Department for a month-long celebration of dinosaurs during the month of November! We'll have a daily Find the Dinosaur game, book displays, and dinosaur-themed programming.

PICTURE BOOK ART CLUB: *DINO-THANKSGIVING* – (See page 8 for details)

Thursday, November 3, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

DINOSAUR-THEMED FAMILY STORYTIME

Monday, November 7, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

DINOSAUR-THEMED TAKE & MAKE CRAFT

Monday, November 14

CURIOUS KIDS: DINOSAURS (Grades 1-4)

Wednesday, November 16, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Are you curious about the world around you? Have questions you want answers to? Join other kids at this quarterly program, and get your questions answered while also improving your research skills. This quarter bring your questions about dinosaurs. We'll have dinosaur activities and a snack.

BOOKASAURUS REX PAINT PARTY (All Ages)

Monday, November 21, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Join us as we paint and party with Bookasaurus Rex, the library's unofficial dinosaur mascot. We'll paint dinosaur banks together, and then Bookasaurus will be available for pics and autographs!

JURASSIC WORLD: DOMINION MOVIE SHOWING (All Ages)

Wednesday, November 30, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Celebrate Dinovember by watching this summer's blockbuster on the big screen at the library. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy during the movie. *Jurassic World: Dominion* is rated PG-13.

TEEN PROGRAMS

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VolunTeen Program (Grades 6-12)

Students in grades 6-12 may volunteer to work up to six hours in the Youth Department this fall as a VolunTeen. There are two five-week fall sessions with a **mandatory training class**.

Fall Session 1:

September 12-October 16;

Training Class on Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m.

Fall Session 2:

October 17-November 20;

Training Class on Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.

Make It! (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays, September 7, October 12, and November 9, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Relax after school, create something fun, and enjoy a snack.

Teen Book Boxes (Grades 6-12)

Boxes available for pickup beginning September 15 and November 15.

Finding your next great read just got easier! Teens can now subscribe to our bi-monthly book boxes. Each box will include one book from our Teen collection, fun swag, and snacks.

NASA'S NEXT GREAT TELESCOPE

Ages 10 through adult

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Crafting for a Cause (Grades 6-12)

Do you need a couple hours of community service for school, or do you just want to make a fun craft that will benefit the community? Join us for one or both of the following crafting sessions.

Monday, September 26, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Make handmade cards for Cards for Kindness.

Wednesday, October 5, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Decorate quilt squares for lap quilts for local charities.

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Jurassic World: Dominion Movie Showing

All Ages

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YOUTH NEWS

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a library program that encourages parents and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help to strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary – two important tools for beginning to learn to read when they enter kindergarten. For more information or to register, please visit the Youth Desk.

Halloween Candy for the Troops

Wondering what to do with your extra Halloween candy? Wonder no more – Itasca Girl Scouts will be collecting candy at the Checkout Desk and at all Itasca public schools. They will donate the candy to Packages for Patriots, who will send it to active military members. **A box will be at the library November 1-13.** Thank you in advance for your support.

Itasca Young Authors (Preschool – Grade 8)

If you love to write and illustrate your own stories, then the Itasca Young Authors program is for you! Visit the Youth Desk to find out how you can submit your very own book to the library collection.

Mini Art Show (All Ages)

All are invited to create a mini masterpiece for the library's first art show! Drop by the Adult or Youth Desk beginning Thursday, September 15 to pick up a canvas. Return it by Friday, September 30 to have your art displayed in the library during the month of October. No registration is needed. While supplies last.

Take a StoryWalk® This Fall!

The library has teamed up with the Itasca Park District to present a StoryWalk®, a fun way to combine reading and exercising. A StoryWalk® is a series of signs featuring spreads from a children's picture book. Those signs or pages are spread throughout indoor or outdoor spaces in all seasons, allowing a reader to follow along with a story by walking.

The StoryWalk® this fall will feature Alison Murray's picture book, *Dino Duckling*, and it will be at the loop right next to the Springbrook Nature Center building starting in late September or early October. This project is sponsored by the library, Itasca Park District, Friends of the Itasca Community Library, and Friends of Springbrook Nature Center of Itasca. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

Take & Make Crafts

A new craft will be available to pick up at the library each Monday.

