



ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration is required for the following programs, except where noted. Please call 630-773-1699 or visit itascalibrary.org for additional information and registration.

The World of Tea

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

Ever wonder about brewing the perfect cup of tea? Certified tea specialist Sharough Khamisi will share different types of tea and production processes. Demystify tea while enjoying tea samples from around the world.



Spring Mini Art Show

Show off your talent by participating in our mini art show! Artists of all ages are encouraged to participate. Canvases can be picked up starting March 15 and should be returned by March 29. The art will be on display for the entire month of April. We can't wait to see what you create!

AARP Safe Driver Class

Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Adults 55 and older will get a review of driving skills and techniques in this two-day course. Get a certificate of completion when you finish all eight hours of the course, which can be submitted to your insurance company for a possible rate discount. There is a \$25.00 fee due at the beginning of the class (\$20.00 if you present your AARP card). Please pay by check.

Apple Watch for Beginners

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

Did you get a new Apple Watch for the holidays and aren't quite sure how to use it? Interested in buying an Apple Watch, but not sure it's worth it? Learn the basic functions and features of the Apple Watch in this beginner class.

One Hundred and Sixty Minutes: The Race to Save the RMS Titanic

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.

One hundred and sixty minutes. That is all the time rescuers would have before the largest ship in the world slipped beneath the icy Atlantic. Historian and author William Hazelgrove will explain how over 28 ships were involved in the rescue of Titanic survivors.

Ladies' Night Out: BINGO!

Thursday, April 18, 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!

DIY Teacup Fairy Gardens

Monday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

Bring the magic inside and decorate teacups with moss and miniatures to make a dainty dwelling for the wee folk. Teacups and materials provided or bring your own. Itasca residents only, please.



Mother's Day Flower Arranging

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.

Peggy Garvin from Garvin Gardens returns to help us create a fresh flower arrangement perfect for Mother's Day. Itasca residents only, please.

Kiddieland Remembered

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

An exciting ride down memory lane! Come explore the 80-year history of the park with vintage pictures, memorabilia, and hear why it had to close. Presented by historian and Oakton College professor, Cheryl Brown.

Paint & Plant

Monday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.

Join us and learn how plants, nature, painting, and creative outlets benefit our mental health and act as positive defenses to combat mental health symptoms. Leave with a hand-painted pot and a new plant! Itasca residents only, please.

100 Things to Do in Chicago Before You Die

Thursday, May 23, 7:00 p.m.

It could take a lifetime to experience everything Chicago has to offer. So how do you narrow down your options? Chicago tour guide and author Molly Page shares tips for planning your next staycation in the city, ideas for a memorable night out, and hidden gems to explore with the whole family. Copies of her books will be available for purchase.

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

Knit & Craft Club

1st Thursday of the month: March 7, April 4, May 2, 10:30 a.m.

4th Wednesday of the month: March 27, April 24, May 22, 7:00 p.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. The group meets in person and on Zoom. Please register to get the Zoom link.

Trivia Night

2nd Tuesday of the month: March 12, April 9, May 14, 7:00 p.m. at 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.

Adult Board Game Night

3rd Wednesday of the month: March 20, April 17, May 15, 7:00 p.m.

For patrons 18 and older. 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!

Take & Make Crafts for Adults

A new craft kit for adults will be available on 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.

A photograph of a pair of black-rimmed glasses resting on an open book. The book's pages are filled with text, and the lighting is warm and focused on the glasses and the book. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown.

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.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

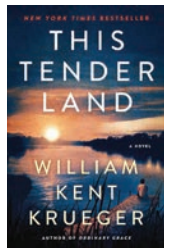
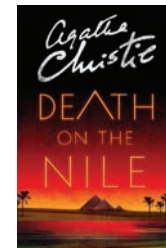
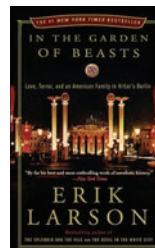
Beyond the Library

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

March 11: *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

April 8: *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie

May 13: *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger



Evening

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

March 26: *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes

April 30: *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict

May 28: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple



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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 Adult Desk. Be sure to show the flyer when placing your order.

Buona Beef

1170 N. Arlington Heights Road, Itasca
Tuesdays, March 26 and May 28
20% of each sale will be donated.

Culver's of Addison

1347 W. Lake St.
Tuesday, April 23
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
15% of each sale will be donated.

FEATURED RESOURCES

Find these resources at itascalibrary.org/databases

Ancestry

Ancestry is the world's most popular online genealogy resource that provides access to over a billion names in hundreds of databases, as well as record collections from all over the world. Access this resource in the library.

Auto Repair Source

Want to learn how much parts and labor might cost before consulting a mechanic? Auto Repair Source, powered by the automotive experts at MOTOR, contains step-by-step repair information, diagrams, maintenance schedules, parts and labor estimates, service bulletins, and recall notices for all makes and models.

Consumer Reports

Find buying advice, product ratings, reviews, recommendations, money-saving advice and tips, and videos for products including appliances, electronics, food, and more.

Creativebug

Creativebug has thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Create a free account to access these classes and let your imagination go wild.

Newspaper Source Plus

Enjoy cover-to-cover access to hundreds of national, international, and regional newspapers as well as complete television and radio news transcripts from major networks.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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YOUTH NEWS

Take a StoryWalk® This Spring!

The library has teamed up with the Itasca Park District to present 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 spring will feature Bess Kalb's picture book, *Buffalo Fluffalo*, and it will be at the loop right next to the Springbrook Nature Center building starting in early to mid-March. This project is sponsored by the library, Itasca Park District, Friends of the Itasca Community Library, Friends of Springbrook Nature Center of Itasca, and the Village 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 each Monday.



FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER

Doodlebugs (Geared to ages 2-5 with a caregiver)

Wednesdays, March 6, April 3, and May 1, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

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

STEM Tales (Ages 4-8 with a caregiver)

Thursdays, March 14 & 28 and April 11 & 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us for this four-part program on STEM in the media. Watch an episode of a new show called *Book Drop*, engage in a hands-on activity, and receive a free copy of a book to take home! Registration is required. While we hope you can make all four sessions, you may still register even if you can't attend them all.

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

Thursdays, March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, and May 9 & 23, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

We'll share stories, fingerplays, and songs perfect for little ones.

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

Mondays, March 18-May 6, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and more.

Bring the Outside In: Spring (Geared to ages 2-6)

Tuesday, April 23, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Enjoy activity stations all about spring including sensory bins, games, and a craft. Registration is required.

Peppa Pig Party (Geared to ages 2-6)

Monday, May 13, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Celebrate Peppa Pig, and her family, and friends with a story and craft. Registration is required.



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FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Puzzlepalooza: Family Puzzle Competition (For families)

Monday, March 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

How fast can your family puzzle? Show off your skills at this exciting friendly puzzle competition! Teams will have up to two hours to complete a 300-piece puzzle, and the fastest family will take home bragging rights and a small prize. Families with kids of all ages are welcome, but the program is geared towards those with elementary-aged kids.

National Oreo Day (Grades 3-6)

Wednesday, March 6, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Celebrate National Oreo Cookie Day with games, taste testing, and more.

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SHARK TANK JUNIOR: CRAFT SALE FOR KIDS AND TEENS Grades 1-8

Saturday, March 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Shark Tank Junior is back at the library! All young entrepreneurs are invited to bring their business to the library for the Shark Tank Junior competition and craft sale. Sell your homemade jewelry, sewing projects, artwork, or any other craft items at your own booth. Make a pitch to representatives from Itasca Bank & Trust Co., just like on Shark Tank. A cash prize will be awarded by the bank. **Registration for this event will be in-person at the library only and starts at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14. An application will need to be filled out along with your registration.**



Taylor Swift Party (All ages)

Monday, March 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Are you ready for it, Swifties? Join us for a celebration of all things Taylor: friendship bracelets, fashion, and, of course, music!

Family BINGO (For families)

Tuesdays, March 26 and May 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Painting Pop-In (For families)

Wednesday, March 27, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Drop in anytime between 3:00-7:00 p.m. to paint your own wood flower photo holder. No registration required, and while supplies last.

T-REXPLORERS

For families

Friday, March 29, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Learn all about prehistoric creatures through real fossils from our friends, the paleontologists of T-Rexplorers. Weather permitting, Ranger the T-Rex will also have a special appearance 15 minutes before the program right outside the library!



Solar Eclipse Extravaganza (For families)

Monday, April 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Get ready for the total solar eclipse on April 8 at this program all about eclipses. All participants will take home their own pair of solar eclipse glasses.

Who Would Win?: Mammals Edition (Grades 1-5)

Thursday, April 4, 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Enjoy the *Who Would Win?* book series? Listen to animal facts, present your arguments, and help us decide *Who Would Win?: Mammals Edition*.

Leap Into LEGO (For families)

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Celebrate spring with LEGO creation stations, a fun LEGO craft, and more.

Homeschool STEAM Meetup (Grades 1-8)

Tuesday, April 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for STEAM-based activities geared to all age levels. We'll do an art project and take part in challenges appropriate to your grade.

Mother's Day Mug Craft (Grades 3-6)

Wednesday, May 1, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Come create an awesome dip-dyed mug for your mom to show her you care! We will also be creating a gift bag and card.

Curious Kids: Pets (Grades 1-4)

Wednesday, May 15, 4:15-5:00 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 pets for National Pet Month. We'll also have activities and a snack.

TEEN PROGRAMS

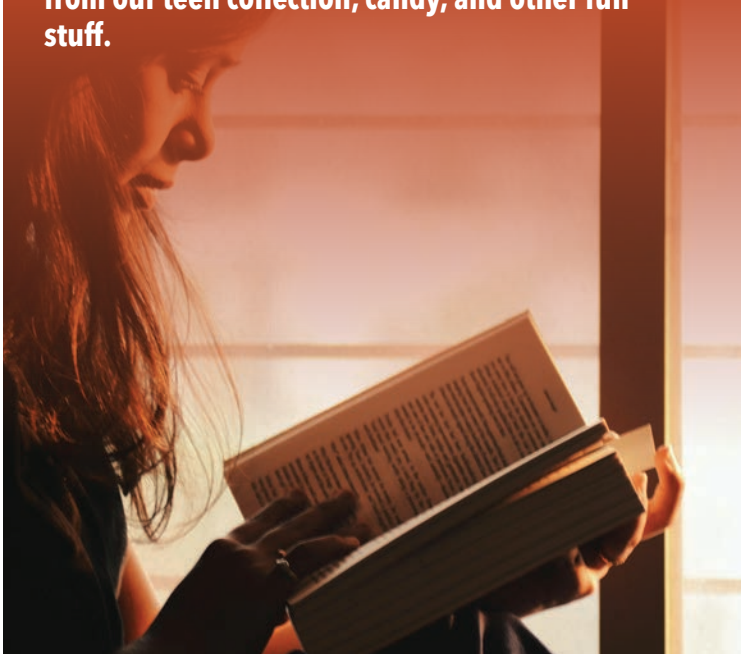
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TEEN BOOK BOXES

Grades 6-12

March 8, April 8, and May 8

Finding your next great read just got easier! Teens can subscribe to our monthly book boxes to get a book customized to their reading interests. Register by the 8th of each month, then fill out a survey, and pick your box up beginning on the 15th of the month. Each box will include one book from our teen collection, candy, and other fun stuff.



DIY FELT CUP COZIES

Grades 6-12

Thursday, March 21, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Create a fox or bear felt cup cozy for your hot chocolate or coffee cups. Hot chocolate and sample cups will be provided, but feel free to bring your own cup to use as a guide.



Shark Tank Junior: Craft Sale for Kids and Teens (Grades 1-8)

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Can You Beat a Guinness World Record? (Grades 6-12)

Monday, May 20, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

How much Jello can you eat in a minute...with chopsticks? Do you know the alphabet forwards...and backwards? Try to beat a Guinness World Record with your friends.



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1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
(Closed Sundays from Memorial Day
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Dates of Closing:

March 31, 2024 - Easter:
Closed all day
May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day:
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LIBRARY NEWS

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