



# ADULT PROGRAMS

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## 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!



### The History & Sounds of Bagpipes

**Monday, March 3, 6:30 p.m.**

Learn the rich history of bagpipes, one of the world's oldest currently played musical instruments. Dressed in full regalia, J. Kevin Chapman will give a stirring interactive demonstration of his piping skills as well as explain regalia, origins, and the construction & styles of bagpipes.

### Presidential Marriages and Romances

**Thursday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.**

Join historian Tom Emery for an entertaining look at the marriages, romances, and love lives of the presidents. From the famous to the lesser known, he'll cover the successes and failures of presidential romances. White House weddings will be covered, as well as the lives of presidents behind the scenes.

### Losing at the Oscars (on Zoom)

**Thursday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.**

Reminisce on past Oscar seasons by spending time with all the fabulous performers, filmmakers, and movies that have never won an Oscar. Let's celebrate these Oscar worthy iconic films with longtime presenter Steven Frenzel. You won't believe the long list of artists we'll see in some of the greatest scenes in movie history.

### Blood Drive with Versiti

**Thursday, March 27, 2:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

Help save lives by participating in our upcoming blood drive. Blood donations are vital for medical treatments, surgeries, and emergency care. Your donation can make a difference for patients in need.

### Afternoon at the Movies: *A League of Their Own*

**Friday, April 4, 2:00 p.m.**

Let's celebrate the start of baseball season by watching *A League of Their Own*! This baseball classic stars Tom Hanks and Geena Davis and is the perfect way to usher in baseball season. Snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring a lawn chair to get more comfortable.

### AARP Safe Driver Class

**Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8, 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.

### Make, Take, and Bake... Your Own Bread!

**Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m.**

Chef Cherise will guide students as they make their own yeast dough. Through this process, they will learn the steps of yeast bread production. Each person will end up with the knowledge of how to make a great loaf of bread. They will also have a bowl of dough, in the fermentation stage, which will be ready for them to take home, shape, and bake in their home kitchen. Itasca residents only, please.

## SPRING MIGRATION BIRD WALK

**Saturday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.**

Join an expert birder for a spring migration bird walk at Springbrook Nature Center! Springtime is most birders' favorite time of year in the Chicago area, as breeding birds are singing and migrating birds are pouring through. You will look for a variety of migrant and resident birds, learn all about migration and the birds you see, and be able to ask all of your burning bird-related questions.



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## **Kentucky Derby: History & Traditions**

**Monday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.**

First run in 1875, the Kentucky Derby is the oldest continuously running sports event in the nation. But that's only one reason we love it. In this lively illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard traces the history of the Kentucky Derby, looking especially at the traditions that make it so beloved. Put on your fancy hat, grab a mint julep, and get ready to learn what makes the first Saturday in May so special.

## **Ladies' Night Out: BINGO!**

**Thursday, April 24, 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!

## **Self-Defense for Seniors**

**Thursday, May 8, 2:00 p.m.**

Has your age or physical ability changed your thoughts about being able to confidently defend yourself? You don't have to be strong or fast to be effective. Join Lindsey of Strictly Self Defense to rebuild your self-confidence by learning prevention strategies, along with simple, effective strikes and escapes. Those who are differently abled and use walking aids are welcome to attend. All techniques can be modified to be used effectively by each attendee. Itasca residents only, please.

## **Paint-Along**

**Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.**

Unleash your inner artist at our Paint-Along Night! Follow step-by-step instructions as you create your own masterpiece to take home. No experience is necessary—just bring your creativity! All supplies will be provided, so come ready to relax, have fun, and discover your artistic side. Itasca residents only, please.

## **Discover DuPage on a Budget**

**Monday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.**

Chicago has lots to offer, but there's also plenty to do in DuPage County! Learn about deals, activities, and free options for all ages and interests.

# DINE OUT *With The Friends*

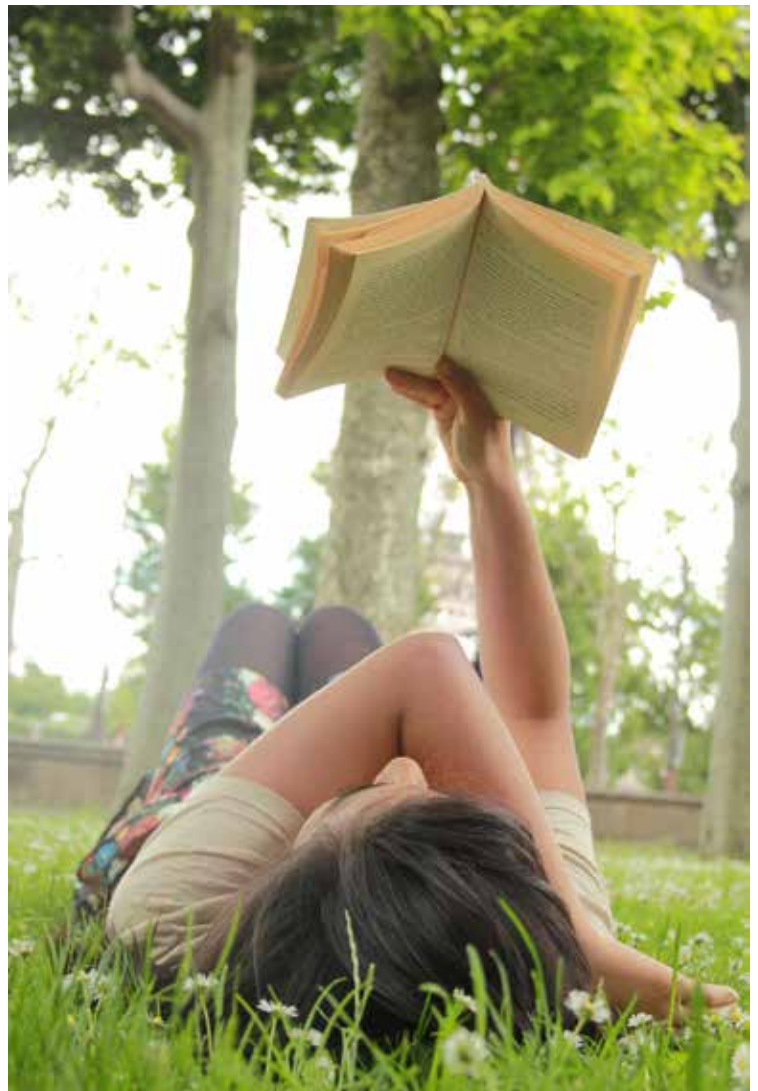
It's a win-win! You enjoy a good meal, and Friends of the Itasca Community Library receive a portion of the proceeds. Flyers will be available on our website and at the Adult Desk. Be sure to show the flyer when placing your order.

## **Buona Beef**

**1170 N. Arlington Heights Road, Itasca**

**Tuesday, April 29**

**20% of each sale will be donated.**



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## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### English Conversation Group

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

Speaking English doesn't have to be hard. Intermediate English learners can practice their skills in a friendly, casual group. The group meets in person and on Zoom. Please register to get the Zoom link.

### Trivia Night

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month: March 11, April 8, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month: March 19, April 16, May 21 at 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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. It's like having a personalized session just for you! Call the library or email [adultservices@itascalibrary.org](mailto:adultservices@itascalibrary.org) to make an appointment.

### Book Club Assistance

Are you in a book club and searching for multiple copies for your discussions? We can help with that, plus offer book recommendations and useful tips for your club. Ask for more details at the Adult Desk.



## KNIT & CRAFT CLUB

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month:**

**March 6, April 3, May 1 at 10:30 a.m.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month:**

**March 26, April 23, May 28 at 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.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### Beyond the Library

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

**March 10:** *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

**April 14:** *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac

**May 12:** *Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions* by John Grisham



### Evening

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

**March 25:** *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

**April 29:** *Funny Story* by Emily Henry

**May 27:** *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston



### Friends of the Library

Love the library like we do? Join the Friends of the Itasca Library! All you need to do is check out the sign-up form found on the library's website. It's that easy. We'll keep you updated with what we're doing along with volunteer opportunities. What a perfect time to become an e-member!

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization that helps support the work of the library. The group meets on the first Tuesday of every other month, and the next meetings are on March 4 and May 6 at 7:00 p.m.

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

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## FOR AGES 6 AND YOUNGER

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

**Wednesdays, March 5, April 2, and May 7, 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

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

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

**Mondays, March 10-May 5, 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

Join us for stories, songs, and more. No registration needed.

**Drop-In Baby Time** (Geared to ages 0-18 months)

**Thursdays, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, and May 8 & 22  
9:30-10:00 a.m.**

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

**STEAM Stories** (Ages 4-8 with a caregiver)

**Thursdays, March 13 and April 10, 4:15-5:00 p.m.**

It's STEM with art! Come listen to a story on a STEM topic and complete a simple art project and activities all around the theme of the day.

**Easy As Pie: A Pi Day Storytime** (Geared to ages 6 & under)

**Friday, March 14, 2:00-2:45 p.m.**

March 14 (or 3/14) is Pi Day! Join us for stories, songs, and a craft in celebration of Pi Day, an event to honor the magic and mystery of pi.

**Baby/Toddler SignTime** (Geared to ages 1-4)

**Tuesday, April 22, 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

Sign language can help your baby or toddler communicate before they can talk, or you can use it to enhance their language skills. Through books, songs, and play, come learn sign language you and your little one can use.

**Bring the Outside In: Baby Animals** (Geared to ages 2-6)

**Tuesday, April 29, 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

Enjoy activity stations all about baby animals including sensory bins, games, and a craft.



## FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

**Family LEGO Build** (For families)

**Tuesdays, March 4 and May 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, April 3, 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

Calling all LEGO enthusiasts! Join us for an hour of building LEGO creations that will be displayed in the library.

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**Thursdays, March 13 and April 10, 4:15-5:00 p.m.**

It's STEM with art! Come listen to a story on a STEM topic and complete a simple art project and activities all around the theme of the day.

**Homeschool STEAM Meetup** (Grades K-5)

**Tuesdays, March 18, April 15, and May 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

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

**Family BINGO** (For families)

**Tuesdays, March 18, April 29, and May 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

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

**Potion Making** (Grades K-5)

**Thursday, March 20, 4:15-5:00 p.m.**

Calling all fans of wizardry and magic! Join us for an afternoon of experimenting with unique ingredients and crafting magical concoctions.

**Newbery News and Reviews** (Grades 3-7)

**Wednesday, March 26, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

Have you heard of the Newbery Award for children's literature? Itasca has the honor of having a Newbery Committee member this year, Miss Kelly! Join her as she talks about the latest books coming out. You'll learn how to write quality reviews about books you've read. Maybe someday you'll be on the committee, too!

**Painting Pop-In** (All ages)

**Monday, March 31, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Drop in anytime between 1:00-4:00 p.m. to paint your own ceramic robot bank. No registration required, and while supplies last.

**Raina Telgemeier Midday Book Release** (Grades 3-8)

**Tuesday, April 1, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

Are you a big Raina Telgemeier fan, author of *Smile*, *Sisters*, *Guts*, and more? So are we! We can't do a midnight release, so join us for a midday release of her latest book, *The Cartoonists Club*. The first 10 registrants to sign up and show up get a copy of the book to keep. We'll also have activities and a craft.

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## Bookish Crafternoon (Grades K-5)

Thursday, April 17, 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Like books? Like crafts? Join us to make different bookmarks and other bookish crafts.

## Paper Airplane Tournament (Grades K-5)

Thursday, May 1, 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Ready, set, *soar!* Learn the art of folding different paper airplanes and test your airplane creations in a series of exciting challenges.

## UPCYCLED CINDERELLA BY BRIGHT STAR TOURING THEATRE

All ages

Friday, April 4, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Join us for a hilarious, eco-friendly take on the classic fairy tale, Cinderella, presented by Bright Star Theatre, a national touring theatre company based in North Carolina.



## YOUTH NEWS

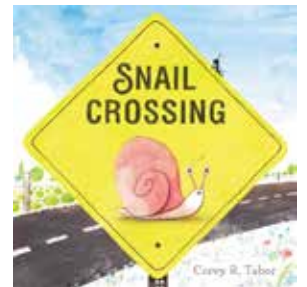
### Congratulations, Miss Kelly!

Youth Services Librarian Kelly Mueller has been appointed to the 2026 Newbery Committee, a national committee that selects the prestigious John Newbery Award for children's literature each year. The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year, and it's actually the oldest children's book award in the world! Kelly will be reading a lot of books from 2025 to prepare for her time on the committee, and she's excited to talk about some of them at her upcoming **Newbery News and Reviews** program for kids in grades 3-7 on Wednesday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. Register for it today if you want to learn more, or feel free to stop by the Youth Desk and chat with Kelly about her amazing accomplishment and recommend any 2025 children's books she should read!



### 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 Corey R. Tabor's picture book, *Snail Crossing*, 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.



### Scavenger Hunts

Each month we'll put up a new scavenger hunt in the Youth Services Department. Complete it for a sticker prize or just for fun!

# TEEN PROGRAMS

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## Teen Paint and Sip

Grades 6-12

**Thursday, April 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Follow along with a video on painting your very own springtime canvas and enjoy lemonade and light snacks.



### 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 8<sup>th</sup> of each month, then fill out a survey, and pick your box up beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Each box will include one book from our teen collection, candy, and other fun stuff.

### Take & Make Crafts for Teens (Grades 6-12)

**March 15, April 15, and May 15**

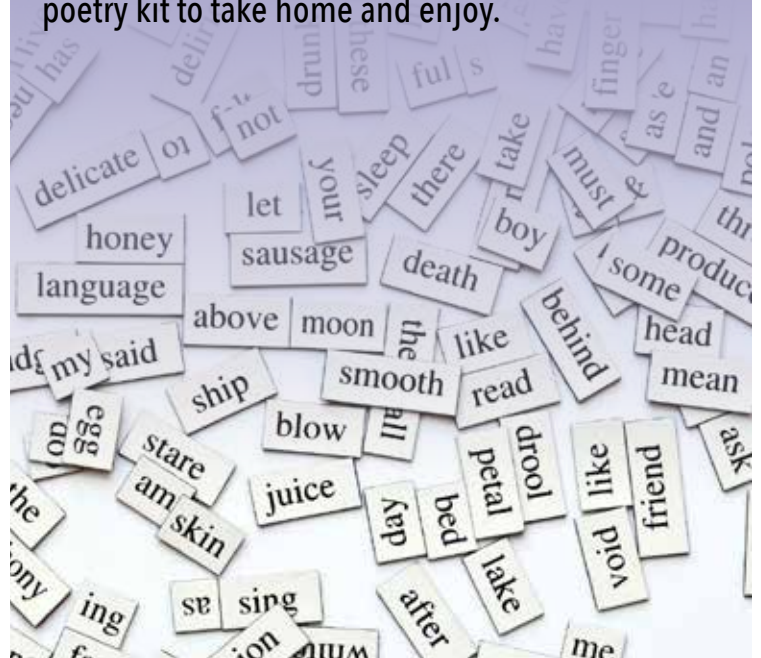
Pick up a Take & Make craft just for teens! Crafts will be available at the Youth Desk beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. While supplies last. No registration is required.

## DIY Magnet Poetry

Grades 6-12

**Tuesday, April 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Get creative and unleash your inner poet! You'll have the opportunity to craft your own magnetic poetry kit to take home and enjoy.



### VolunTeen Program (Grades 6-12)

Students in grades 6-12 may volunteer to work up to six hours in the Youth Department this spring as a VolunTeen. After you register, you'll receive instructions on how to choose the specific days during the session you'd like to volunteer.

**Spring Session 1:** March 17-April 13

**Spring Session 2:** April 21-May 18



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Sunday  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
(Closed Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.)

**Dates of Closing:**

April 20, 2025 – Easter: Closed all day  
May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day: Closed all day

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# LIBRARY NEWS

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