



Off the Shelf

Itasca Community Library's Newsletter for Benson & Franzen Students

October 2011

Fall Into a Good Book! Youth Reading Challenge

We know the new school year brings plenty of homework, textbooks, and after-school activities. It's important, though, that your child still makes sure to take time to read for fun! To help with this, the Youth Services Department is offering the *Fall Into a Good Book!* Youth Reading Challenge for children in preschool through fifth grade. Drop by the Youth Help Desk and pick up a reading challenge to complete by Monday, November 7th. Children that complete the challenge will win a certificate for a free kids' meal from Applebee's and a small prize.

Forgot A Textbook? We Can Help!

If your child ever forgets one of their textbooks at school, come check out the Homework Shelf at the library. Textbooks from Benson, Franzen, Peacock, and other area schools are available for in-house use at all times that the library is open. Please remember that these textbooks are the property of the schools, and the library is housing them for the convenience of the students.

Tutor Board

Are you looking for a tutor for your child? The Youth Department has a Tutor Board to help parents and students connect with tutors. The board is located on the wall next to the shelves that house our textbook collection. If you are looking for a tutor for your child, check out the tutors that have posted information on our board. If you are a tutor and want to add a flyer to the board, please give it to a Youth Librarian and we will be happy to post it for you. (The Itasca Community Library does not endorse any particular tutors.)

Calling All Collectors!

Does your child have a cool collection that they would like to show off to the community? The Youth Department has a display case that can be reserved for up to a month to house their collection at the library for all to see. Whether they collect matchbox cars, dolls, model trains, or anything else, we would love to see their collections at the library! If you are interested in displaying your collection at the library, please contact Jackie Stork, Head of Youth Services, at (630) 773-1699 or jstork@itasca.lib.il.us.

New Book Releases for October

Check out these titles that will be arriving at the library in the upcoming month. You may place a hold on any of these titles by visiting the library, calling us at (630) 773-1699, or through your Itasca library card account at our website, www.italibrary.org.

The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse by Eric Carle

October 4th

Happy Pig Day! by Mo Willems

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If You Give a Dog a Donut by Laura Numeroff

October 4th

The Son of Neptune by Rick Riordan

October 4th

Secrets at Sea by Richard Peck

October 13th

E-mergency! by Tom Lichtenheld

October 19th

Upcoming Programs at the Library

Unless otherwise noted, registration is required for each program. You may register in person at the library, by phone at (630) 773-1699, or online at www.itascalibrary.org. A complete program listing can be found at the library or on the library's website.

Drop-In Preschool Storytime (geared to ages 3-6 years)

Fridays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Drop-In Family Storytime (geared to ages 2-6 years)

Saturdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Globe-trotters (Grades 3-6)

Each month we will celebrate the culture, crafts, food, sports and more from different countries around the world. A separate registration is required for each month.

Globe-trotters Korea

Tuesday, October 25 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Globe-trotters Poland

Tuesday, November 29 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.



Reel Readers: Movie and Book Discussion

Read the book, and then see the movie! Join us for this special twist on our book discussions. After you read the book at home, come watch the movie at the library, and a discussion will follow. 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.

Hotel for Dogs (rated PG)

Tuesday, October 4 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Grades 3-5)

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who (rated G)

Thursday, November 3 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Grades 1-3)

Kids Cooking Club (Grades 3-5)

Thursday, October 6 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Got the after-school munchies? Come to our cooking club to learn how to make some fun, healthy snacks that will taste great after school or any time!

It's a Shelebration! (Grades 2-5)

Wednesday, October 12 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the poetry of Shel Silverstein with crafts, games, and more.

Goosebumps Fright Fest (Grades 2-5)

Tuesday, October 18 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Don't be afraid...come join us for a frightfully good time as we enjoy crafts, games and a snack based on the popular *Goosebumps* series by R.L. Stine.

LEGOs @ the Library (Grades K-2)

Wednesday, October 19 @ 4:00-4:45 p.m.

If you love LEGOs, this is the program for you! Come to the library to build new creations, participate in LEGO activities, and more. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.