

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The extent and quality of a community's public and semi-public facilities (community facilities) usually are an accurate indication of the attractiveness of that community as a residential and non-residential environment. As a result, these facilities will often directly influence the growth and progress of a community since modern community facilities and services will tend to attract new residents and commercial-industrial establishments. In addition, a community's character can be judged, to some extent, on the amount and quality of its community facilities.

However, merely providing community facilities and services without examining the needs of a given community does not necessarily make that community desirable nor does it necessarily satisfy the needs of the citizens of that municipality. As a community grows, expands, and develops, its citizens place greater demands and expectations on the quality and scope of its community facilities and services. For this reason, community facilities and services must be provided in a manner that is congruent with the desires of a varied population. In addition, the planning of community facilities and services must be coordinated with other elements of the comprehensive planning program, and such facilities must be located and designed in a fashion which adds to the aesthetic appearance and total environmental quality of the community and its component neighborhoods.

The "General Development Plan Report Part One: Background Studies for Planning" includes an in-depth study of both public and private (parochial) existing schools. Therefore, the updating of the Comprehensive Plan will be to review and evaluate with a determination as to change between 1974 and 1985 and also to compare the growth and development between 1985 through 1992.

The analysis will include schools, parks, the Itasca Police Department, the Itasca Fire Protection District, Village Facilities and the Community Library.

### EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN ITASCA

The land use category of institutional and governmental services represented 1.4 percent of the total land area within the corporate limits of Itasca in 1976. In 1985 it increased to 1.9 percent; in 1990, 1.95 percent, with a change from 1976 to 1990 of 2.44 percent. These facilities are a vital component of the community's ability to meet the needs of its residents in regard to education, protection, health care, and other necessary services. This section will establish the framework for analyzing these future needs.

During the nine year period (1975 to 1984-85 school years) all elementary school enrollments, both public and private, showed substantial decreases, except for the

Medinah Elementary North (K-5) School in District 11 which showed a small decrease of two students.<sup>27</sup>

Lake Park West High School had an increase of 104 students, while Lake Park East decreased by 901 students between 1975-1986.

During the nine year period, the two parochial schools had smaller decreases than the public schools. St. Luke's Lutheran School had a decrease in enrollment of 40 students, while St. Peter's Catholic Elementary School had a decrease of 74 students.

### ITASCA SCHOOL SYSTEM<sup>28</sup>

The school system serving Itasca and its planning area is composed primarily of two public elementary school districts, two parochial elementary schools, and one public high school district. The School Service Area includes five public elementary and three public high school districts that cover portions of the planning area, but only Itasca School District #10, Medinah School District #11, and Lake Park High School District #108 will be evaluated in this analysis. The other school districts lying in the planning area either serve few Itasca residents or non-residential areas, and for this reason, are not included in this inventory.

School District Service Area. Itasca is served by a two-layer school system - separate elementary and secondary school districts - rather than by a community unit school district. Even though the boundaries of Itasca Elementary School District #10 do not coincide exactly with the Itasca municipal boundaries, the vast majority of Itasca village residents are served by this school district. This helps to reinforce Itasca's identity as an individual community distinct from its neighbors. This is a very important factor in defining urban form and development among suburban communities that often times cannot be distinguished from each other. The high school district, Lake Park High School District #108, while it is able to take advantage of the economics of size by serving three communities and two unincorporated areas, provides an identification for Itasca with the Lake Park region rather than with its own school community planning area.

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<sup>27</sup>Itasca General Development Plan Update, DuPage County Regional Planning Commission, Revised March, 1987.

<sup>28</sup>Itasca, Illinois General Development Plan Report-Part One: Background Studies for Planning. DuPage County Regional Planning Commission, no date.

TABLE 6  
STUDENT ENROLLMENT

School District	1975- 1976 <sup>29</sup>	1985- 1986 <sup>30</sup>	1975- 1986 Change	1992- 1993	Projected 1993- 1994
<u>District No. 10</u>					
Elmer H. Franzen (K-5)	271	151	(120)	164	165
Washington (K-5)	451	302	(149)	281	280
F. Edward Peacock	369	265	(104)	246	240
Junior High School <sup>31</sup> (6-8)					
Total:	1,091	718	(373)	691	685
<u>District No. 11<sup>32</sup></u>					
Medinah North (K-5)	236	241	5	245	
Medinah South (K-5)	285	193	( 92)	186	
Medinah Middle (6-8)	<u>340</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>(130)</u>	<u>245</u>	
Total	861	644	(217)	676	
<u>Parochial Elementary Schools</u>					
St. Luke's Lutheran of St. Luke (Preschool-8)	180	138	( 42)	124	135
St. Peter the Apostle School (K-8)	274	236	( 38)	169	174
Total	<u>454</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>( 80)</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>309</u>
<u>High School District No. 108</u>					
<u>Lake Park Community High School District</u>					
Lake Park East (9-10)	2,331	1,430	(901)	1,318	1,301
Lake Park West (11-12)	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,304</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>1,154</u>	<u>1,280</u>
Total	3,531	2,734	(797)	2,472	2,581

<sup>29</sup>General Development Plan Report Part One: Background Studies for Planning, 1974

<sup>30</sup>School Districts Questionnaire, May 1993

<sup>31</sup>20,000 sq. ft. added in 1991 and new classrooms and utilization of space

<sup>32</sup>As of August, 1993, North will be Medinah Intermediate School (gr. 3-5), enrollment 241; South will be Medinah Primary (gr. K-2), enrollment 230; Medinah Middle School (gr. 7-8), enrollment 256

The student enrollment for schools providing educational services for Itasca is shown in TABLE 6 which compares number of students at various schools for 1975-1976 school year as compared to 1985-1986, which shows substantial losses. The 1992-1993 school year enrollments are also shown as well as projected enrollments for 1993-1994.

District No. 10 lost 37 percent of the enrollment since the 1975-1976 school year. District No. 11 lost 44 percent of the enrollment in the same school period.

High School District No. 108 lost 41 percent of the enrollment for both Lake Park East and Lake Park West during the 1975-1976 school year.

With the exception of District No. 10, which anticipates a decrease in student enrollment in the 1993-1994 school year, the other school districts and parochial elementary schools expect small increases.

Recommended areas:<sup>33</sup>

- a. For elementary schools - a minimum site of 5 acres plus an additional acre for each 100 pupils of predicted ultimate enrollment. Thus, an elementary school of 200 pupils will have a site of 7 acres.
- b. For junior high schools - a minimum site of 20 acres plus an additional acre for each 100 pupils of predicted ultimate maximum enrollment. Thus, a junior high school of 500 pupils would have a site of 25 acres.
- c. For senior high schools - a minimum site of 38 acres plus an additional acre for each 100 pupils of predicted ultimate maximum enrollment. Thus, a senior high school of 1000 pupils would have a site of 40 acres.

Therefore, four of the schools included in TABLE 7 have an excess of acres while two schools are deficient in school site size, and two schools, the recommended site size, based on 1992-1993 enrollment, is met.

In evaluating the projected student enrollments for 1992-1993 with the recommended school site size above indicates that where enrollments continue to decrease so does the need for large school sites.

The Peacock Junior High School has a deficiency in school site size of 16.6 acres.

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<sup>33</sup>Itasca General Development Plan, Revised March, 1987 (DuPage County Educational Service Region).

TABLE 7

## AVERAGE FOR SCHOOL SITES

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Existing Site (Acres)<sup>34</sup></u>	<u>Recommended Site Size Based on 1992-1993 Enrollments<sup>35</sup></u>	<u>(Deficiency)/ Excess Acres</u>
Franzen Elementary	10.0	6.5	3.5
Washington Elementary	3.0	8.0	(5.0)
Peacock Junior High	6.0	22.6	(16.6)
Medinah North Elementary	5.1	7.3	(2.3)
Medinah Middle School	7.3	7.3	0.0
Medinah South Elementary	3.0	6.6	(3.6)
Lake Park High-East	50.7	43.1	7.6
Lake Park High-West	61.5	41.5	20.0
St. Peter the Apostle School	7.6	7.6	0.0
St. Luke's Lutheran of St. Luke	14.0	9.2	4.8

<sup>34</sup>School District Questionnaire, 1993 (Also see Footnote 32 for Medinah schools.)

<sup>35</sup>DuPage County Educational Service Region and the Illinois Public Facility Section:  
Illinois State Board of Education

Lake Park-East High School had 60 classrooms with 24 pupils per classroom in 1975, compared with the 1992-1993 enrollment of 22 pupils or a decrease of 2 pupils per classroom.

Lake Park-West High School had 54 classrooms with 20 pupils per classroom in 1975, compared with 21 pupils or an increase of one pupil per classroom in 1984-1985.

St. Peter the Apostle School had nine classrooms with 34 pupils per classroom in 1975 which was four pupils over the designated capacity of a classroom in this school. In 1984-1985 the pupils per classroom decreased by 12 to 22 pupils per classroom.

St. Luke's Lutheran of St. Luke School had eight classrooms with 12 pupils per classroom in 1975 as compared with 20 pupils or an increase in 1992-1993 of eight students per classroom.

### Classroom Facilities

The ongoing changes in student enrollment in the pupil/classroom size is shown in TABLE 8.

Of the ten educational facilities providing education to the residents of Itasca, Franzen Elementary School, Peacock Junior High, Medinah North, Middle, and South, and St. Luke's Lutheran Elementary showed increases in pupils per classroom in the 1992-1993 school year.

Franzen Elementary School had 14 classrooms with 12 pupils per classroom in 1993 as compared with nine pupils or an increase of three pupils per classroom over the 1984-1985 school year.

Washington Elementary School had 19 classrooms with 16 pupils per classroom in 1993.

Peacock Junior High School had 28 classrooms with 20 pupils per classroom in 1993.

Medinah North Elementary School had 11 classrooms with 24 pupils per classroom in 1993. (For Medinah, see Footnote 32.)

Medinah Middle School had 8 classrooms with 24 pupils per classroom in 1993.

Medinah South Elementary School had 6 classrooms with 25 pupils per classroom in 1993. (For Medinah, see Footnote 32.)

TABLE 8  
CLASSROOMS VS. PUPILS  
1975-1993

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Number of Classrooms</u>	<u>Pupils/ Classroom 1992-1993</u>	<u>Standard<sup>36</sup> Pupils/ Classrooms</u>	<u>(Deficiency) Excess Students</u>
Franzen Elementary	14	21	30	9
Washington Elementary	19	22	30	8
Peacock Junior High	28	22	30	8
Medinah North Elementary <sup>37</sup>	11	NA	NA	NA
Medinah Middle <sup>37</sup>	8	NA	NA	NA
Medinah South Elementary <sup>37</sup>	6	NA	NA	NA
Lake Park High-East	71	22	35	13
Lake Park High-West	63	22	35	13
St. Peter the Apostle School	9	19	20	1
St. Luke's Lutheran of St. Luke	8	20	22	2

SOURCE: Based on Enrollments provided by the School District, 1993

School Facility Inventory

TABLE 9 "School Facility Inventory" shows the square footage of the school buildings and the last time any additions were added.

Lake Park High-West, constructed in 1975, had a 6,000 square foot addition added in 1979, providing a total of 186,000 square feet of facility.

St. Peter the Apostle School had 21,500 square feet when constructed in 1961. In 1984 an addition of 1,200 square feet was added, bringing the total area of this facility to 22,700 square feet.

In 1962 a new, 15,000 square foot St. Luke's Lutheran of St. Luke School was constructed to replace the original 100 year old building. No additions have been added since the new facility was constructed.

<sup>36</sup>Student capacity design standard

<sup>37</sup>See Footnote No. 32

TABLE 9  
SCHOOL FACILITY INVENTORY<sup>38</sup>

Franzen Elementary	30,120 sq. ft. <sup>39</sup> No additions since 1968
Washington Elementary	38,405 sq. ft. <sup>39</sup> No additions since 1970
Peacock Junior High	62,597 sq. ft. <sup>39</sup> 20,000 sq. ft. added since 1970
Medinah Intermediate School (Formerly Medinah North Elementary)	27,400 sq. ft. <sup>40</sup> No additions since 1964
Medinah Middle School	50,000 sq. ft. <sup>40</sup> No additions since 1988
Medinah Primary School (Formerly Medinah South Elementary)	23,600 sq. ft. <sup>40</sup> No additions since 1964
Lake Park High-East	220,504 sq. ft. No additions since 1971
Lake Park High-West	178,425 sq. ft. No additions since 1979
St. Peter the Apostle School	22,700 sq. ft. 1961 - 21,500 sq.ft. 1984 - 1,200 sq. ft.
St. Luke's Lutheran of St. Luke	15,000 sq. ft. - 1962 (replaced old building) 1976 addition to school building adding an additional 8,000 sq. ft.

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<sup>38</sup>DuPage County Educational Services Region

<sup>39</sup>School District No. 10 - Franzen Elementary, no additions, \$2.2 million renovation; Washington Elementary, no additions, \$2.8 million renovation; Peacock, Jr. High School, 20,000 sq. ft. addition, \$7.0 million renovation

<sup>40</sup>School District No. 11. (See Footnote 32.)



## Parks

The Itasca planning area formed by Community Boundary Agreements includes the Itasca Park District and parts of the Wood Dale and Medinah Park Districts. The present park and open space system is one of the community's most valued assets. The General Development Plan report "Part One: Background Studies for Planning," which was previously identified, extensively covers the Park, Recreation and Open Space System in the planning area.

The Park District has practiced the park-school concept in conjunction with school district officials in its site acquisitions. Such a combining of educational and recreational facilities on a single site makes possible a wider variety of opportunities on less acreage and at a lower cost than do separate installations. All three of the existing public schools have parks located adjacent to them. This multi-functional nature allows both the parks and the schools to provide greater space and facilities at one combined site than they could at two separate sites. This occurs at Franzen, Washington and Peacock Schools.

### Park District Limits

The Itasca Park District includes most of the populated area within the Village and part of Songbird Slough (Campbell Slough) which is owned by DuPage County Forest Preserve District.

There have been no annexations or disconnections of the Itasca Park District since 1985.

The bulk of the Itasca Park District is located between Rohlwing and Prospect Roads from Devon Avenue south to I-290. South of I-290 the district still includes unincorporated lands not yet annexed to Addison. A small portion of the district extends into Bloomingdale Township along Norwood and Glenlake Avenues in the industrial park.

The Medinah Park District covers the rest of the Itasca planning area in Bloomingdale Township west of Rohlwing Road. The Wood Dale Park District covers the planning area east of Prospect Avenue, both in Itasca and the unincorporated area in Addison Township.

### Existing Parks

The basic network of parks in Itasca was outlined in the "Background Studies for Planning." All three park districts were contacted to update park information.<sup>41</sup>

The Medinah Park District maintains the 11.6 acre Meacham Creek Park primarily as a nature area. This park is located north of Thorndale Road east of Medinah Road. In the Ranchettes the district has acquired a four acre park at the south end of Lloyd Avenue which has two tennis courts and a playground. In the Nordic Park subdivision is located Nordic Park on Fairway Lane. This 1.2 acre park has two tennis courts, a basketball court and a playground.<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>41</sup>Itasca General Development Plan Update, Revised March, 1987

The Itasca Park District has acquired and developed various sites either alone or in conjunction with the Village and School District #10. All these sites are located between Rohlwing Road and Prospect Avenue south of Thorndale Avenue. They are:<sup>42</sup>

1. Benson Park - 6.7 acres on Mill Road/Parkside Avenue adjacent to a vacant school site owned by District #10. This park serves a residential neighborhood in Wood Dale east of Mill Road. It contains two (2) tennis courts, one (1) playground due to be re-done in 1993, one (1) garden plot area and one (1) ball field.<sup>42</sup>
2. BMX Track - 5.5 acres on Rohlwing Road along Spring Brook. This site is now a combination 18 acre Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary and softball complex, two (2) full size lighted softball fields, parking area and nature trails.
3. Clayson Park - 1.5 acres in the Arlingdale subdivision bounded by Maple Avenue, Walnut Street and Theodore and Walters Lanes. This park to be completely renovated in June, 1993, new play equipment, shelters, sidewalks and landscaping.
4. Franzen Park - 3.0 acres on the north side of Franzen School at the end of Catalpa Avenue. It provides one (1) ball field, two (2) basketball courts, one (1) playground, one (1) garden plot area, two (2) tennis courts, one (1) soccer field and location of "Play for All" handicapped accessible park (1991).
5. Peacock Park - 3.0 acres on Bryn Mawr Avenue adjacent to Peacock Junior High School. It provides two (2) ball fields only.
6. Schiller Park - 5.4 acres on Schiller Street just west of Prospect Avenue, of which 0.9 acre is owned by the park district and 3.5 acres by the Village. (An additional acre is contained within the right-of-way of Sunnyside Avenue.) Only partly developed, it contains a playground, picnic area and a storm water detention area.
7. Spring Brook Nature Center - A multi-purpose site containing 51.4 acres, 46.8 acres owned by the Village and 4.6 acres by the park district. The site contains the Village library and fire station, the park district swimming pool and nature center and an extensive nature preserve along Spring Brook. A water slide at the pool site was developed between 1987 and 1988.
8. Wesley J. Usher Memorial Park - 7.3 acre triangular site bounded by Irving Park Road, Walnut Street and Bloomingdale Road, Walnut Street and Bloomingdale Road which was developed by the Village in memory of Wesley J. Usher, former Village President.
9. Washington Park - 7.5 acres adjacent to Washington School on the south side of Irving Park Road. The Park District owns 5.9 acres; the Village, 1.6 acres. It contains the main offices of the park district in the Walter Schmidt Building and four (4) ball

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<sup>42</sup>Park data revised by questionnaire, April, 1993

fields, two (2) playgrounds, four (4) basketball courts, and one (1) picnic shelter and parking.

10. Recreation Center - The Center was constructed in 1992 and is located in Washington Park. The building includes 30,000 sq. ft. providing a full size gymnasium with two (2) basketball courts and locker rooms, permanent gymnastic area, dance studio, preschool, teen drop-in room, fitness center with running/walking track, three (3) kitchens, classroom, administration offices and conference room.

The Wood Dale Park District, located east of Prospect Avenue, includes the Salt Creek Golf Course which is within the Itasca planning area.

There are one or more parks located within half a mile of every residential area in the Village and of nearly every residential property in the unincorporated planning area. By and large, areas that are more than half a mile away from a park facility are either developed with non-residential uses or have been planned for non-residential uses in the future.

The Village should make sure, as additional residential development occurs, that appropriate recreation/open space facilities are available for use by the new residents.

The Elk Grove Park District annexed to the Village in 1993 twenty-three (23) acres for the development of an athletic field complex including four (4) baseball fields, three (3) soccer/ football fields, two (2) regulation soccer/football fields to be utilized when baseball is not in season, necessary sports field lighting, paved parking, etc.

#### The Itasca Fire Protection District

The fire station in Itasca is located on the south side of Irving Park Road near the Itasca Library creating a small complex of public uses consisting of the library, fire station, and museum.

The Fire Protection District covers about six square miles and serves a nighttime population of about 7,000 with a daytime population of 35,000<sup>43</sup>. The building size is 18,000 square feet and is adequate for the population and uses served. There is no second fire station in Itasca.

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<sup>43</sup>The difference in population (28,000) comes from the transient labor force that comes to the Village daily.

The up-to-date list of equipment is as follows:

- Two (2) 1,250 gpm Mack pumps
- Truck
- Mobile fire apparatus
- Small tools
- Boat and motor
- Contractual ambulance

Additional Equipment:

- 85 foot platform
- 1 Squad
- Highrise hose pack

In January, 1992, an addition was added to the existing building including the following:

- Three (3) offices
- Dayroom
- Kitchen
- Bunk area
- Conference Room
- Meeting room
- Secretarial/bookkeeping area

The Fire Protection District has the following personnel:

- Twelve (12) full-time Fire Fighters
- Nine (9) Fire Fighters paid-on-call
- Administrative Support Staff
  - Chief
  - Asst. Chief
  - Secretary
  - Bookkeeper

The district has six (6) all trained paramedics and one (1) ambulance. The district also include a Fire Prevention Bureau consisting of:

- One (1) full-time inspector
- Four (4) part-time inspectors

This Bureau assists the Itasca Building Department with annual inspections of multi-family, commercial, and industrial buildings.

### Village Facilities

The Village Hall was completely remodeled in 1988, and, at that time, the police facility was relocated to the new police station on North Prospect and the Building Department was relocated to the Village Hall.

In February, 1988, part of Line Street that sided along the Village Hall was vacated, and the area was changed into a small, attractive mall which provides aesthetic setting for the building. This area also provides park benches for leisure rest and a group conversation area.

Number of Employees

Department

Police	38
Public Works	22
Water	5 full time, 2 part time
Building	7
Nature Center	6 full time, 6 part time
Administration	<u>3</u> full time, 2 part time
Total:	81 full time, 10 part time

Itasca Police Station

In 1987 a new police facility was constructed on North Prospect Road south of the new Public Works building. The police facility site is 9,818 square feet and the building coverage is 7,856 square feet. The former police station was included in the Village Hall. The new facility provides offices, communication room, conference room, records room, kitchen, jail cells, locker rooms, roll call room, interview rooms (2), storage rooms, booking room, rally post, planning room, mechanical and electrical rooms.

The facility provides for thirty-eight (38) employees including the following:

Personnel

Chief of Police	1
Commander Support Services	1
Commander Field Operations	1
Sergeants	6 Authorized / 5 Filled
Detectives	3
Patrolmen	15
Civilian Personnel	10 / Communications, Records, & Clerical 1 / Police Assistant

Equipment

Squad Cars	12 Total / 6 Marked, 6 Unmarked
Chevrolet Police Package Vehicles / 1991 - 1993	

The present size of the police department facility is adequate for the population size of the Village.

The present size of the police department based on revised statistical data base appears adequate at this time. Due to the unique demographic and fluctuating population base of the Village (daytime versus evening population), a statistical data base derived from calls for service and officer availability is not yet available.

Population is not the criteria to establish adequate police services within the municipality. As data becomes available based upon police services provided, an anticipated manpower study will be accomplished with projections into the future.

### Public Works

In 1980 a new Public Works facility was constructed on North Prospect Road north of the new Itasca Police Station. The Public Works building site is three acres in area and the building coverage is 21,080 square feet. The public works department includes the following divisions and the square footage for each area:

Streets	286 sq. ft.
Water	484 sq. ft.
Parks and Signs	1,460 sq. ft.
Mechanics	1,920 sq. ft.
Office	484 sq. ft.

The facility provides for the present 22 full time employees including the Superintendent and one administrative support staff and five summer employees.

The up-to-date list of equipment is as follows:

9	Pick-Up Trucks	1	Street Sweeper
5	1 Ton Trucks	2	Bobcat Loaders
4	2½ Ton Trucks	1	Sewer Flusher
1	Backhoe	2	Air Compressors
1	510 Payloader	2	Sprayers
2	Light Payloader	1	Rollers
1	Flatbed-1 Ton		

The size of the Public Works facility does not appear adequate for the population and the size of the Village.

## Itasca Community Library

The Itasca Community Library was established in 1957 and now occupies a building constructed in 1973.

### Library Staff and Materials

In 1976 there were four (4) full-time and three (3) part-time staff members. At the present time, the number of employees are as follows:

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1993</u>
Full-time employees	4	6
Part-time employees (20 or more hours/week)	4	7
Part-time employees (less than 20 hours/week)	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>
Total employees (full and part-time)	15	23

The number of volumes have increased from 36,342 in 1985 to 50,063 in 1992 or an increase of almost 14,000 volumes in seven years. The circulation in 1992 was 79,039.

The 1993 plan documents the existence of approximately 4,365 linear feet of shelving which allows for a book capacity of 39,920 volumes at eight (8) volumes lineal foot.

Other circulation items include:

Books on Cassettes	Film Strips
Records	Polaroid Cameras
Tape Cassettes	Learning Games
Video Cassettes	Large Print Books
Art Prints	Slides
Sheet Music	German Collection
Compact Discs	

Other special programs and special services include:

#### Special Programs

- Battle of the Books
- Children's Story House (year round)
- Summer Reading Program (summer)
- Book Discussions (Adult & Children year round)
- Holiday Programs
- Winterfest

### Special Services

Electronic magnifier

Computer for public use

Talking books for the blind

Microfilm reader/printer

Literary collection

IRS forms

Voter registration

Polling place

Multi-Purpose meeting room has been used for community service projects such as workshops to help with tax matters

Access to additional material through Interlibrary Loan Service

On-Line public access computers

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### Library Service

The library's operating hours have increased from 50 hours per week in 1976 to 64 hours in 1985. In 1993, the hours are 64 hours per week in summer (3 months), 68 hours per week in the other nine (9) months, and Sunday hours. The Illinois Library Association standards recommend that a library serving a population of 5,000 to 9,999 people should remain open 45 to 50 hours per week. Since the official 1990 census of population for Itasca was 6,947, the Village exceeds the recommended hours of service by 12.

Under the provisions of the American Disabilities Act, extensive remodeling must be done to the Library's main doors and washrooms. The aisles will have to be widened to make the Library wheelchair-accessible.

In April, 1993, the voters approved a referendum to raise funds to construct a 10,000 sq. ft. addition to the present building and to obtain the necessary furniture and equipment to make it fully functional. This expansion is to serve the current and future needs of the Itasca residents. The addition to the library is expected to be completed in April, 1995.