

Middle School BUZZ

For Students in Grades 6-8
March / April 2012



ISAT Testing will be at your Middle School March 5-23

Interested in seeing sample Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) questions? [Live Homework Help](#) is THE Answer! And it is FREE with your St. Charles Public Library card. This online service assists you in preparing for several standardized tests. Take a look at or work with your son/daughter on sample ISAT questions in reading, mathematics and science. Check with your middle school for exact dates for ISAT testing.

High School students and adults may also want to look at the resources available while preparing for the ACT, SAT, AP exams, GED, GRE, Civil Service Exams, and more.

This resource is also available to anyone who comes into the Library. Stop by the ASK ME Desk for assistance.

Need help with your history research project?

The St. Charles Public Library is a great starting point.

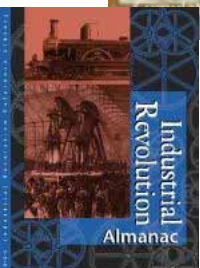
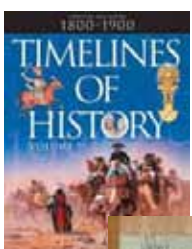
Great reference books on historical topics are available in Youth Services

- [Timelines of History](#) covers the America's, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania from prehistory to today
- Individual sets on the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Industrial Revolution, American Civil War, World War I and II, Cold War, Korean War, Vietnam War, Middle East Conflict and more.

Incredible resources are available online from home or in Youth Services

- [Ancient History & Culture](#) explores six ancient centers of civilization: Africa, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Mesoamerica and Mesopotamia
- [World History](#) covers civilizations and cultures of world history from prehistoric times through the modern era.
- [American History](#) from Facts on File provides more than 500 years of political, military, social and cultural history.
- [Biography in Context](#) includes more than 300,000 biographies for individuals from around the world, throughout history to the present.
- [Facts on File Curriculum Resource Center](#) has printable maps, flags and timelines.

Additional online resources are available that cover health, animals, science, language and literature.





No Library Card? Read This!

At the Library, you will find computers with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint applications, [Live Homework Help](#) and online resources that are **available to any student**. Internet access in the Library and access to online resources from outside the Library requires a St. Charles Public Library card. Drop by the Library any time to use our computers and online resources.



Freegal Music Download

Looking for music? With your St. Charles Public Library card you may download three DRM-free songs per week. Take a listen at [Freegal](#) for sample clips before your download. You can even create “My Wishlist” and queue up for future music. Browse the site by genre or artist. This service will work with any MP3 player, including iPod, and can be loaded into iTunes. It also works on both PCs and Macs. Happy listening.

EVENTS

Babysitter Workshop

Babysitter with First Aid and CPR for Infant & Child:

Two 6-hour training workshops ■ Ages 11–15

Monday, March 26 AND Tuesday, March 27

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ■ Fee: \$45

Become a Red Cross certified babysitter. Training will cover all aspects of babysitter responsibilities and includes a Babysitter Training set which features valuable resources – handbook, emergency reference guide, and CD-ROM with templates, organizer, activities, and more. Students must attend the entire training workshop and successfully pass all observable skills to earn and receive First Aid certification valid for 3 years, CPR certification valid for 1 year, and Babysitter certification. Grant funding provided by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library and St. Charles Kiwanis. Space is limited so sign-up today!

Registration Requirements: In-person registration only. **Full payment** (cash or check payable to St. Charles Public Library) required. Next training will be offered during the summer.

Movie Nights

Fridays, March 30 & April 27

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Watch a recent release on the big screen. Titles will be posted at the ASK ME Desk. Pizza provided by Gino’s East, popcorn and lemonade will be served. [Registration required.](#)



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- Call the ASK ME Desk at 630-584-9390
- Text the ASK ME Desk at **66746**. Enter **AskMeSC**. Type your question.
- E-mail us at ASKME@stcharleslibrary.org
- **Chat** with the ASK ME Desk staff at www.stcharleslibrary.org
- Call, stop in, or contact us via our website to discover the amazing things your Virtual Library can do for you!



Volunteer Opportunities at the Library

Junior Friends of the Library

Middle School students are eligible to volunteer weekly in Youth Services. There are limited openings for new volunteers, so if you are interested, place your name on the waiting list at the ASK ME Desk. We will contact students on the waiting list for summer 2012.

Book Buddies – Summer 2012

Have fun with books! Book Buddies are paired with 1st and 2nd grade students to read aloud to each other and talk about books. We will be seeking middle school students interested in volunteering who can commit two hours, for at least six dates from June-August. Applications will be available April 2. Application deadline is May 3.



Discover Your Library – St. Charles Public Library News & Event Guide is published three times per year. Please save the issue you receive. It will be available only in your mailbox or online. **NEXT ISSUE will be available mid-May.**

Spring event registration for April & May programs begins on Saturday, March 17.

[Register online](#) or call the ASK ME Desk at 630-584-9390.



To apply for or renew Library cards: two pieces of identification, one with name and current address, are required of the adult applying for a personal card or cards for their children under 18. Please check the expiration date on your Library card to be sure it is current. Circulation Staff will be glad to assist you.



NOTES

- Unless otherwise noted, a valid St. Charles Library card is required to participate in events and programs.
- Contact the Library 48 hours prior to a program if you need any special accommodations (physical or developmental).
- If you are a nonresident and would like to obtain a Library card, please contact us for details at 630-584-0076 ext. 0.

