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Understanding Your Property Tax Bill

Thursday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

Understand your tax bill. Bring a copy with you and follow along as real estate broker and Winfield resident Michael Belica explains your property tax bill.

Before April 15...

Remember, your library has copies of many state and federal tax forms available for you. A listing of tax resources is available on our website at www.winfield.lib.il.us/winfield/taxreso.html.

Library Hours

Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday—Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday—Closed

Library Closings

Spring Holiday—Friday, April 14

Spring Holiday—Saturday, April 15

Staff In-service—Friday, May 19

Memorial Day—Monday, May 29

Library Board of Trustees

Carol Tenyak-O'Connor

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Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

Director: Matthew Suddarth

Newsletter Editor: Katie Clark

Library Referendum Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Since the present library building opened in 1981, many changes have taken place in Winfield, creating the need for a new library facility. The current building does not meet handicap accessibility requirements; does not have adequate space for collections, programs, storage, or staff; and many of the building's systems are in need of updating.

In order to solve these problems and provide for improved services, the library board of trustees is proposing to build a new 28,000 square foot facility on the same site as the present library. The proposed new library facility would be fully handicap accessible, have room for collection growth for at least twenty years, provide increased public meeting space, more public access computers, quiet study areas, and increased parking, among other improvements.

The Winfield Public Library will have a referendum question on the ballot asking for an additional tax rate of .26%. This increase in tax rate will allow the library to build the new expanded 28,000 square foot facility and operate it for at least twenty years. This will be the first increase in the library's operating tax rate ever and the first increase for the building since 1979. A 1979 referendum allowed the present building to be built. The bonds issued from that referendum were paid off in 1999, dropping the tax rate back to just the operating levy amount.

The increase in rate will pay for the cost of the new building, estimated at \$7,500,000, provide additional revenue to operate the building, and provide for improved services. For an owner of a home valued at \$300,000 this will be an increase of about \$21.00 per month.

For more information regarding the building project and referendum, please contact the library at (630) 653-7599 or email us at wfdstaff@winfield.lib.il.us.

ADULT SERVICES

Check Out Our New Research Databases!

Take advantage of the library's new research tools for all ages and interests, available now at the library or from home. Call the library with your library card number and we will provide you the password information you need to access these user-friendly resources.



Let your grade-schooler investigate "Searchasaurus" and they'll have fun while learning research skills.



Middle- and high-schoolers can research any topic with age appropriate content and design in the "Kids Search" or "Student Research Center" databases.



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Visit NoveList or Novelist K-8 and check out book reviews, booklists, and author read-alikes.



Try one of the databases in the "EBSCOhost Web" for thousands of full-text articles, encyclopedia entries, images and more.

Enjoy the 2006 Historical Series

Programs are given in conjunction with the Winfield Historical Society and are held in our community meeting room.

Looking back on "The White City": Art and Architecture at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago Thursday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.

The recent book *The Devil in the White City* has resulted in increased popular interest about the 1893 World's Fair held in Chicago. Inspired by this renewed interest, this slide lecture focuses on the design of the fairgrounds and on certain pavilions. The program features a discussion of important



personalities such as Daniel Burnham and Louis Sullivan, selected artworks, and the Woman's Pavilion. This program is presented by art historian Jeff Mishur, owner and operator of Art Excursions, a company that specializes in lectures and tours in the United States dedicated to learning about and appreciating art.

Memories of a Broadway Hooper with George Zima Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

Winfield resident George Zima performed in vaudeville as a child and on Broadway and television through the years. He's danced his way through life and will recount his career via slide and video, plus share many heartwarming stories.

Historical Society Annual Meeting Thursday, May 25, 7:00 p.m.

Followed by...

Chauncey McCormick: The Other McCormick of DuPage County

Join us as Kevin Davis, Winfield native, talks about the life of Chauncey McCormick, a former owner of St. James Farm in Warrenville and Col. Robert McCormick's cousin. Davis will provide an overview on the life of this little known Chicago philanthropist and businessman and a brief history of his St. James Farm estate.

Adult Book Group

We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the small meeting room.

Books are available one month in advance.

March 7

Fleur de Leigh's Life of Crime by Diane Leslie

April 4

Midnight at the Dragon Café by Judy Fong Bates

May 2

The Book of Salt by Monique Truong

Young Adult Book Group

We meet at 6:00 p.m. in the large meeting room. Books

are available one month in advance.

March 2

Straw into Gold by Gary D. Schmidt

April 6

Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo

May 4

Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry

YOUTH SERVICES

Spring Storytime —Registration Required

Dates March 27 – May 4

Registration begins March 3rd. You can register at the library, by phone at 653-7599 or by e-mailing the library at wfdstaff@winfield.lib.il.us.

Two-year-olds

Mondays, 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Three to five-year-olds

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Mondays, 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Winfield Express Across America

Saturday Drop-In Storytime, 10:00 a.m.

Take a train ride across the USA! We will learn about our great states through stories, festivals, songs, crafts, and specialty state foods.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>
March 4	Washington
April 1	Kansas
May 6	Illinois

Family Favorites

Scavenger Egg Hunt

Friday, April 7, 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Children under age six are invited to take part in our scavenger egg hunt. Search for three eggs hidden around the Youth Services area to receive special treats. Registration is not required; however, participation is reserved for Winfield Library cardholders.

Poetry Week

April 10-16, 2006

All ages are invited to write a poem all about growing up; it can be about something that happened to you, or something special that you did. Add a drawing or picture to your poem to make it even more special! Poems will be featured on our web page and in our third annual poetry book. Submit your poem by April 19 on 8 x 11 inch paper and don't forget to sign your name. Authors could win a special prize drawing.

Spring Craft

Saturday, May 13, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun spring craft that you'll be proud to give your mom for Mother's Day.

New Children's Magazines

Dig

Explore the latest worldwide archaeological finds through articles and photos while learning about the cultural, scientific, and architectural accomplishments of different societies.

Junior Scholastic

Middle schoolers will find up-to-the-minute current events coverage to help support their studies. Articles, maps, and activities make this an important resource for national and world events.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Franceska's Marionette Theater

Thursday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

Let the library brighten up your spring break! Bring the entire family to see Franceska's colorful handcrafted European marionettes for an incredible performance of *Folk to Rock to Pop*. After the show there will be a marionette demonstration as well as a question and answer session. Registration is not required but seating is limited for this family event.

Arbor Day Fun

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.

Join us at Cantigny's Visitors Center as we celebrate Arbor Day. We'll start by reading *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss as well as other great stories. A craft project to take home will be handed out to participants, as long as supplies last, and the first 100 children will receive a Red Oak seedling with planting and care instructions. The festivities will end with a tree planting demonstration by Todd Henderson, Cantigny's Forester. There is no charge for this program but a parking fee applies.

Family Evening Getaway

Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.

Come see for yourself what the buzz is all about as the library invites you to preview our Summer Reading Island Getaway with its treasure chest of summer prizes. Come dressed Hawaiian style or in your pajamas for this relaxing evening. We will read a few stories, enjoy refreshments and have special drawings for prizes. Registration for this event is only necessary if you are planning on being a reader.

NEWS FROM THE WINFIELD FRIENDS



Our Semi-Annual Book Sale is Back!

Preview Sale

Thursday, March 9, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For a \$5 donation at the door, be the first to check out our selection and find that hidden treasure. No cost to Friends in good standing.

Friday and Saturday, March 10-11, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There is no cost at the door.

The sale will take place in the large community meeting room.

Most paperbacks are 50¢

Most hardcover books are \$1.00

We will accept book donations until the beginning of the sale. Drop them off at the circulation desk or outside the back door by the book drop. Tax receipts are available at the circulation desk.

Referendum Committee Meetings

The Friends are taking part in campaign activities for the library's upcoming referendum. If you would like to join the referendum committee, upcoming meetings will take place as follows:

Monday, March 6, 6:45 p.m.

The Hannah's 27W724 Brookside Drive

Monday, March 13, 6:45 p.m.

Winfield Community Bank meeting room,
27W111 Geneva Road

Officer Elections

Elections for Friends officers will take place in May. We are looking to elect a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please contact the library and leave your name and phone number.

Upcoming Friends Meetings: March 1, April 5, May 3

Join us at one of our monthly meetings to find out what we're working on and how you can help! All members are welcome to attend. Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the large community meeting room in the library.



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