

## NEW, UPGRADED EVENTS CALENDAR

It's time for an upgrade to our online calendar of events! Our new site is modern, visually dynamic, and scalable to your mobile device. Events will be clearly labeled on the calendar view as Registration Open, Registration Full, or Waiting List Open. You can also see how many seats are still available for each event requiring registration.

It's easy to filter events by age or program type, like "arts & crafts" or "book groups." We've also kept some features you're used to, including color-coded events: dark blue for adults, green for teens, and purple for children. We know you'll love it as much as we do.



## SIMPLER, MORE USER-FRIENDLY MEETING ROOM RESERVATIONS

We have a new, more user-friendly way for groups to make meeting room reservations. Our new system does not require creating an account or an organization listing; groups may simply choose a date and time and fill out a short form with their information.

There have been few changes otherwise. All reservations must be affiliated with a Winfield community group or organization, reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance, and reservations may be made for the current 90 days on a rolling basis. However, going forward, all reservations will be for the entire meeting room.

If you had a reservation under the old system, it has been transferred to the new system. We hope you agree that our new process is simple, streamlined, and easy to use.



*The events calendar and room reservations share a site. Use your phone's camera or a QR code app to scan this code and go directly to the calendar. Click "Reserve a Room" to see the reservation form.*

## Announcements

- Ready, Set, Library! Race to discover the possibilities at the library during National Library Week, April 8-13.



- Get ready for the April 8 total eclipse of the sun! We will have solar eclipse safety glasses available from March 23 to April 8, while supplies last.
- Congratulations to our fantastic children's librarian, Nuccia Choate, on being nominated for the I Love My Librarian award! This award invites library users to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional librarians. Nuccia was honored by the nomination, saying, "Although I did not win, it was indeed an honor to be considered. What we do in libraries does make a difference in our community every day."
- Explore More Illinois is live! Take advantage of offers from museums and other cultural attractions with your library card. Offers differ between attractions, but with a library card and the pass, library members will receive free admission or discounts. Visit [www.winfield.lib.il.us](http://www.winfield.lib.il.us) for details.



- Are you unable to visit the library due to a temporary or long-term illness, injury, or disability? Use the library's delivery service! Email [wfdstaff@winfield.lib.il.us](mailto:wfdstaff@winfield.lib.il.us) or call (630) 653-7599 to request materials and schedule delivery.

## Chick Hatching Project

Egg-citing things are hatching at the library from April 9 to May 8: back by popular demand, we'll be incubating chicks! Follow the progress from eggs to fluffy chicks in this much-anticipated STEM program. The incubator will be in Youth Services and all ages can observe, wonder and watch the eggs for 21 days until our chicks hatch. They will stay in Youth Services for a week after hatching, until they can be donated to a local farm. Peep in the children's department to check out the eggs, and later chicks!

# Youth and Family Events

Spring Storytime March 25 - April 29

## Little Wigglers

**Mondays, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.**

### Birth to 36 Months

Join us for an interactive storytime for babies and toddlers up to 36 months. Participants are encouraged to interact through short stories, songs, rhymes, music, and movement. You will receive weekly take-home crafts to help toddlers develop early pre-literacy skills. Registration required.

## Shake It Up Storytime!

**Mondays, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

### 18 months to Age 6

Join us for a fun storytime with a focus on music, rhythm sticks, dancing, and make believe. You will receive weekly take-home crafts to help toddlers develop early pre-literacy skills. Registration required.



## Ready Readers Book Club (Ages 6-8)

This book club is for new readers! Kids can talk about books, make new friends, and most of all, have fun. Books are available one month in advance. Please bring a snack if your child has food restrictions. Registration required.

**Thursday, March 21, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.**

*Captain Awesome and the New Kid* by Stan Kirby

**Thursday, April 18, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.**

*Stink: Hamlet and Cheese* by Megan McDonald

**Thursday, May 16, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.**

*Eugenia Lincoln and the Unexpected Package* by Kate DiCamillo

## Book Buzz Club (Ages 8-12)

Join us to connect, discuss recent books, find out about new releases, and have fun. Books are available one month in advance. Please bring a snack if your child has food restrictions. Registration required.

**Saturday, March 9, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

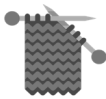
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

**Saturday, April 13, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

*The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman

**Saturday, May 11, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

*The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm



## Crafters' Circle

**Saturday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. - noon**

**Saturday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. - noon**

**Saturday, May 11, 10:30 a.m. - noon**

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, this program is for you!



## Library Egg Hunt (Youth Services)

**Tuesday, March 26, 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.**

Children age six and under are invited to hop down to the library for our annual egg hunt. Children taking part in the hunt will search for eggs hidden around the Youth Services area to receive treats. Registration required.



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## Grab and Go Craft Kits

Pick up a kit at the Youth Services desk, starting on the dates listed, while supplies last.



## Bunny Flower Pot

**Tuesday, March 12**

Turn a mini clay pot into a cute bunny, or transform it into a beautiful work of art that can be used for spring planting.

## Wildflower Seed Balls

**Tuesday, April 9**

Make a plantable seed ball from recycled paper and wildflower seeds for a gift that keeps on giving! Kids will love this easy garden project, perfect for Earth Day.

## Gift for Mom

**Tuesday, April 30**

Mother's Day is the day that we can really show how much we love and appreciate our Mom! Paint a "Best Mom" wooden tag and attach to a special gift or card.



## "I Spy" Spring Bulletin Board March and April

Sharpen your child's visual discrimination and counting skills with our fun and engaging "I Spy" bulletin board. This activity includes a new search list each week.

## Family Fun Saturdays

Join us for an afternoon of exciting and educational programs for families to enjoy together!



**Animal Quest  
Saturday, March 9  
2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Animal Quest will showcase the wonders of the animal kingdom with their interactive show. Get up close with a variety of animals, such as a Patagonian cavy, a white nosed coatimundi, and many more. Free tickets available starting Saturday, February 24.



## Juggling Funny Stories

**Saturday, April 13, 2:00 -3:00 p.m.**

You'll be laughing as entertainer Chris Fascione brings children's stories to life with his high-spirited and innovative performances. He creates colorful characters through his unique combination of acting, storytelling, comedy, and juggling. *A Storytelling World* Award winner, Chris brings out the kid in everyone, as adults and children have fun participating in the show. Free tickets available starting Thursday, March 28.

# Adult Events

## BOOK CLUBS



### Off the Shelf Book Group First Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Books available one month in advance.  
All Meetings Held in Person AND via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 889 6444 3195; Passcode: 473850  
Phone: (312) 626-6799

March 5 | *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf

Jan. 2 | *Rabbit, Run* by John Updike

Feb. 6 | *An Immense World* by Ed Yong



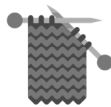
### Mysteries at Lunch Book Group Third Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

Books available one month in advance.  
All Meetings Held in Person AND via Zoom  
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Phone: (312) 626-6799

March 20 | *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn  
This meeting will be held at Cooper's Corner.

April 17 | *Suburban Dicks* by Fabian Nicieza

May 15 | *Cherry Pies and Deadly Lies* by Darci Hannah



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### New College Planning Strategies and ACT/SAT Updates Monday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.

#### Zoom Program

Learn how new changes to testing and college planning may impact your family, and new strategies to maximize financial assistance and admission opportunities. Registration required.

### Decarbonize Your Home with Smart Energy Choices Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

Citizens Utility Board will show how renters and homeowners can access energy-efficiency and cost-savings programs. Topics include building decarbonization, new tax credits and rebates, heat pumps, and induction stoves. Registration required whether attending in person or on Zoom.



### Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

#### Zoom Event

Academy Award-winning costume designer Ruth E. Carter explores the passion that inspires her pieces spanning from Spike Lee costume design to Wakanda. Registration required.



### Stephen Douglas

Thursday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Terry Lynch presents a brief biographical portrayal of the famous Illinois senator as seen through the eyes of his greatest adversary, Abraham Lincoln. The famous debates will also be covered. Registration required. *Presented in partnership with the Winfield Historical Society.*

### Darkness at Noon! The Coming Total Eclipse of the Sun Saturday, March 23, 2:00 p.m.

Rick Gering from the Naperville Astronomical Association will talk us through this rare event, including: eclipse science; eclipse safety; things to watch for during each phase; and eclipse photography. Attendees will receive eclipse glasses, compliments of STAR Library Network. Registration required.



### The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

#### Zoom Program

Dr. Grandin has led research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. Her most recent book is "Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions." Registration required.



### The History of the Band Chicago Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Using performance and interview clips, music historian Gary Wenstrup traces the arc of the music group Chicago's career, from their early rock 'n' roll successes to their softer hits. Registration required.

### Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.

Join a representative from the Alzheimer's Association to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, then use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Registration required.



### Easy-Care Native Plants Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.

Many home gardeners would like to add native plants to their garden, but are not sure how to start. This program by a UI Extension Master Gardener takes a look at the native plants that are low maintenance, including native grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs. Registration required. *Sponsored by the Winfield Area Gardeners.*

### Marvelous Mothers: A Mother's Day Program Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.

#### YouTube Event

Starting with the mother who inspired Mother's Day - and her daughter who tried to stop it - come stories of mothers who did extraordinary things in extraordinary times. Martina Mathisen presents stories to inspire and uplift while celebrating mothers. Registration required to receive the video link.



### The Many Lives of Kal Penn Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.

#### Zoom Program

We are thrilled to welcome Kal Penn: actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. Registration required.

### Chair Yoga with Patricia Thursday, May 9, 2:00 p.m.

Our certified yoga teacher leads us in an adapted version of yoga for those who find a typical session too challenging. Postures and breathing exercises are practiced with the aid of a chair. All are welcome to this class. Participants must sign a waiver. Registration required.



### Taming the Wilderness of Northern Illinois Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.

Local historian Pat Camalliere talks about the settlement of Northern Illinois. Registration required. *Presented in partnership with the Winfield Historical Society.*

# WINFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS

## Upcoming Friends Meetings

**Monday, March 11, 1:30 p.m.**

**Monday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.**

The Friends' volunteer efforts directly benefit the library. Join us this winter and see how your talents can help this dedicated group of library supporters.

## Annual Meeting & Officer Election

**Monday, April 8, 1:30 p.m.**

Are you interested in helping guide the Library Friends' volunteer and fundraising efforts? We will be electing new officers at our April meeting. Join us if you're interested in a leadership role in the Friends, or if you want to cast your vote for next year's officers.

# WHERE TO GO TO DOWNLOAD & STREAM

<b>Formats</b>	eBooks, eAudiobooks, and Digital Magazines	eBooks, eAudiobooks, Graphic Novels, TV, Movies & Music
<b>Extras</b>	Classica, Craftsy, Qello Concerts, IndieFlix, and The Great Courses	Filmocracy, GoKidGo, Curiosity Stream & more using BingePass
<b>Availability</b>	Magazines are always available. You may need to place a hold on eBooks and eAudiobooks. Holds help the library decide whether to purchase additional copies.	Content is always available. No holds, no waiting.
<b>Checkouts</b>	You may check out up to 10 items at one time, and have up to 10 items on hold.	You may check out up to 10 titles per month. The library pays per checkout for this service, so we must put a cap on checkouts.
<b>Currency</b>	Check Libby first for new releases.	Check hoopla first for older titles.

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## Library Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Library Closings

Friday, March 29 - Spring Holiday  
Saturday, March 30 - Spring Holiday  
Friday, May 17 - Staff In-Service  
Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day

## Library Board of Trustees

Robert W. Brown, President  
Amanda Hjerpe, Secretary  
Carol Tenyak-O'Connor, Treasurer  
Lynn Ables  
Rebecca Johnson  
Shelley Kenyon  
Mary Vanco

## Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.

**Director:** Matthew Suddarth

## Newsletter Editors:

Nicole Heffron & Katie Clark

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