

Winfield Library The Inside Page

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Summer Reading Kickoff! Monday, June 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



“Plant a Seed: Read” Kick-Off and Ice Cream Social
It’s a party! Join us for the most anticipated library event of the year, our FREE Ice Cream Social to kick-start our Summer Reading Program, “Plant a Seed: Read!” Join your neighbors to enjoy ice cream and vegan treats from Winfield Creamery, embark on a scavenger hunt, and take part in a magic show! Children, teens, and adults alike can sign up for Summer Reading during this event.

The Bad Seed, the Cool Bean, and the Good Egg Scavenger Hunt

Our Summer Reading Kickoff includes an outdoor scavenger hunt for kids. Pick up a list at the library table and search for images placed around the library grounds. Complete the hunt and receive a sticker or temporary tattoo. No registration required.



John Measner’s Traveling Truck Magic Show 7:00–7:30 p.m. & 7:45–8:15 p.m.

Combining talent, wit, and charm, professional magician John Measner delights audiences. He blends magic, comedy, and illusion from the stage for the Summer Reading Kick-off party. Suitable for kids of all ages, adults, and families. No registration required.

Please park at St. John the Baptist, located at the corner of Sunnyside Avenue and Church Street, 0S233 Church Street. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the outdoor show in the library parking lot. In case of rain, the two magician shows will be held indoors.

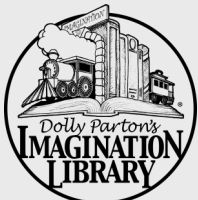
Winfield Library Friends Fundraisers



Have a delicious dinner and support the Friends! Visit the Portillo’s at 3895 E. Main Street in St. Charles between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11 and 20% of sales will benefit the Friends. Scan the QR code for the flier and ordering details.



Enjoy a treat at Winfield Creamery! On Tuesday, June 16 between 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., head to 27W460 Beecher and 10% of sales will benefit the Friends. Simply let them know you’re supporting the Winfield Library Friends.



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Announcements

- **Online registration for the summer events listed inside begins June 1 at 9:00 a.m.**
- “Plant a Seed: Read!” during our Summer Reading Program for all ages. Download the ReadSquared app and register today. Start logging your reading on June 1.



Scan the QR code to go directly to the ReadSquared registration page.

- Due to rising costs, we will be changing our print subscription of the Chicago Tribune to 4 days per week starting in June. The physical paper will be delivered Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Visit our website for the online version of the Tribune, which offers image and digital versions of every day’s paper.

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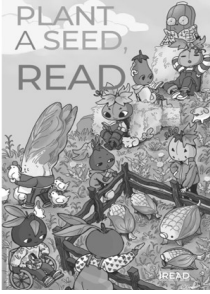
- The annual Passport to Adventure program has begun! Stop by Youth Services to pick up a passport to get stamped at museums in Kane and DuPage counties over the summer.

PASSPORT
TO ADVENTURE

- Are you unable to visit the library due to a disability, illness, or injury? Use our delivery service! Email wfdstaff@winfield.lib.il.us or call (630) 653-7599 to request materials and schedule delivery.

Teen Events - Registration Begins June 1

Follow us at [instagram.com/winfieldlibrary.teens](https://www.instagram.com/winfieldlibrary.teens) and [goodreads.com/winfieldlibraryteens](https://www.goodreads.com/winfieldlibraryteens)



Plant a Seed, Read: Teen Summer Reading Program Summer Reading with ReadSquared June 1–July 31

Read and win prizes this summer at the Winfield Public Library! Anyone ages 12 to 18 can participate in our online teen Summer Reading Program. Create your account on the ReadSquared app (available on Google Play and the App Store) or the website at winfieldlibrary.readsquared.com. Log your hours on ReadSquared and earn one point for every minute you read! All reading counts: books, eBooks, fanfic, magazines, graphic novels, manga, and audiobooks. The more you read, the more chances you can win!

Safe@Home Sitters Class Monday, June 8, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

A 90-minute course for students in grades 6 and up who may be staying home alone or caring for younger siblings. Participants will build confidence, practice safety skills, learn how to handle emergencies, and make smart decisions. Students are encouraged to bring a snack and water bottle. Grades 6-12. Registration required.



Bullet Journaling for Beginners Wednesday, June 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Want to try bullet journaling, but are too intimidated by the museum-quality examples on Pinterest and Instagram?

Learn the basics, including sample layouts and possible uses to find the right fit for you to remove some stress with artful organization. Grades 7-12. Registration required.

Grow Together Monday, June 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Each student helps create a small art piece and together we'll build a larger collaborative installation that will be displayed in the library for the rest of the summer. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Teen Graphic Novel Book Club Wednesday, June 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Pick up a copy of the book at the upstairs desk one month in advance, then join us for discussion on *The Worst Ronin* by Maggie Touduka-Hall. Snacks provided. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Dungeons & Dragons for Teens Saturday, June 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for a Dungeons & Dragons campaign! Beginners are welcome. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Intro To Magic the Gathering Monday, June 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to learn how to play Magic the Gathering at this casual event! You don't need to

bring anything with you - all participants will be provided all the cards they need to play (and you can take them home after the event!). Existing players are also invited to join; help invite new players into the game! Snacks provided. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Teen Gaming Wednesday, June 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us to play local multiplayer and single player games together! Bring your own console or play on one of ours! Special challenge: Beat the YA librarian at Smash Ultimate and win a small prize. Beat her at her game of choice and win a gift card! Snacks provided. Grades 7-12. Registration recommended.

Teens Creative Writing Workshop Wednesday, July 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Join us for creative writing discussion, advice, and writing prompts! Sharing your work is encouraged, but not required. Any form of creative writing, be it prose, poetry, scripting, or essaying is welcome! Grades 7-12. Registration recommended.

Architecture, Less and More: A Fun and Messy Introduction Wednesday, July 8, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join Robin, a Chicago-based architect, in an interactive introduction to architecture. There will be a brief presentation followed by a hands-on design exercise. Bring your creativity and curiosity! Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Teen Book Club – *Daughter of the Bone Forest* Wednesday, July 15, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Pick up a copy of the book at the upstairs desk one month in advance, then join us for a discussion of the book *Daughter of the Bone Forest*. Snacks provided. Grades 7-12. Registration required.

Recycled Papermaking Monday, July 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Have you ever been interested in making your own paper? Join us in experimenting with different paper types and colors to create a few sheets of your very own recycled paper! Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. Grades 7-12. Registration required.

Applications of Mathematics in Real World Tasks - When am I Ever Going to Use This? Wednesday, July 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Taking notes every day is boring, what's the point of this? Either you've been the one to say it, or you've heard it said. Outside of school, let's find ways to apply what you learn to the real world! Grades 7-12. Registration recommended.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens Saturday, July 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for a Dungeons & Dragons campaign! Beginners are welcome. Grades 7-12. Registration required.

Youth Events - Registration Begins June 1



Plant a Seed, Read: Children's Summer Reading Program June 1–July 31

Kids up to age 5 can participate in our PreK Summer Reading Program, and kids age 5 to 12 can join the Kids Summer Reading Program! Every minute a child reads or is read to earns them one point. For every 60 points, you can enter for a chance to win a raffle prize. When PreK readers reach 10 hours and Kids readers reach 20 hours, they'll be entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. Read whatever format you like! Books, audiobooks, graphic novels, and eBooks are acceptable. Storytime participation and Tumblebooks count, too! Sign up for Summer Reading on the library website or the ReadSquared app.

Summer Storytime: Mondays, June 8–July 20*

No Storytime June 29*

Storytimes will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring a blanket or picnic cloth.

Storytime Themes: Planting, Boats, Celebration, Swimming, Ocean, Summer

Little Wiggles
Birth to 36 months
June 8–July 20

Mondays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.



Join us for an engaging storytime experience tailored for babies and toddlers up to 36 months old with a caregiver. This program encourages interaction through lively short stories, songs, rhymes, music, and movement activities. Participants will receive weekly take-home crafts designed to aid in the development of early pre-literacy skills. Registration required.

Family Fun Storytime
Birth to 6 years old
June 8–July 20
10:15–11:00 a.m.

Join us for family storytimes filled with stories, delightful rhymes, catchy songs, and outdoor activities (weather permitting) that promote reading readiness. Each participating child will receive a complimentary take-home craft kit, perfect for honing their fine motor skills. This event is recommended for children up to 6 years old accompanied by a caregiver. Registration required.



Farmer's Market Finds: Cooking Demonstration Tuesday, June 9, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Join Chef Susan Maddox as she demonstrates tasty recipes using items found at farmers' markets and kitchen gardens. This program is perfect for the novice young chef who wants to learn new skills and sample delicious fresh dishes. Ages 9-12. Registration required.

Book Tasting

Thursday, June 11, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Summer is the perfect time to lose yourself in a good book or several books! Participants will have the chance to see "trailers" of several books to see which ones they might want to check out and read this summer. Come prepared for games, prizes, and tasty refreshments. Please send a snack if your child has food restrictions. Ages 5-12. Registration required.

Plant A Seed, Watch It Grow!

Tuesday, June 16, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Why are worms so important for growing food? SCARCE will introduce us to these fascinating creatures. We will also plant seeds in a CD case to be able to watch the roots growing. Ages 6-12. Registration required.



COD College Theater Presents: Sherwood's Merry Mateys Tuesday, June 23, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Join Robin and a crew of swashbuckling pirates as they sail to find a greedy sea captain who has hoarded all the treasure and made sailing unfair for everybody. Robin and their crew must work together to set things right. With imagination, audience participation and plenty of high-seas fun, the Mateys will have audiences cheering as the crew discovers the power of friendship, fairness and believing in yourself—because the best crews sail together! All ages. Registration required.

Storytime at Cantigny CANTIGNY PARK Wednesday, June 24, 10:30–11:00 am

Join Winfield library staff *In the Garden* for blooming stories for growing young bookworms! Remember to pick up a special parking pass from the Youth Services desk (while supplies last) starting June 1st. The pass grants FREE admission to Cantigny for the day, so you can continue your adventure after the story. Meet at the Visitors Center welcome desk. A Cantigny staff member will walk us to the storytime location as a group. No registration required. Cantigny Park is located at 1S151 Winfield Road in Wheaton.



LEGO Club

Thursday, June 25, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Challenge yourself to create a LEGO or DUPLO masterpiece! Bring friends or a caregiver to work as a team. The library will provide all the LEGOs. Ages 4-12. Registration required.

Youth Events - Registration Begins June 1

Book Buzz Club

Second Saturdays, 9:15–10:15 a.m. Ages 8-12.

Join us to discuss recent books you've read, find out about new releases, and have a good time with friends. Books are available one month in advance. Please send along a snack if your child has food restrictions. Registration required.



June 13
Sunny Side Up
by Jennifer Holm



July 11
Max and the Midnights
by Lincoln Pierce

Ready Readers Book Club

Thursdays, 2:00–2:45 p.m. Ages 6-8.

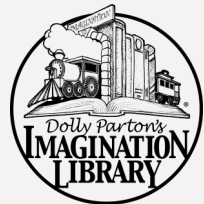
This book club is especially designed for new readers! Kids can talk about books, make new friends, and have fun. Books are available one month in advance. Please send along a snack if your child has food restrictions. Registration required.



June 18
Fergus and Zeke
by Kate Messner



July 16
Calendar Mysteries: July Jitters
by Ron Roy



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Dolly Parton has an inspiring message: "[H]ere we are today with a worldwide program that gives a book a month to well over 3 million children. Of course, I have not done this alone. The real heroes of our story are the thousands of local organizations who have embraced my dream and made it their own."



The Pet Protectors

Thursday, July 2, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Join us as DuPage Animal Services shows us the ways body language reveals how we and our animal friends feel. Through games and activities, students will learn to safely interact with animals. A surprise animal guest will make an appearance as well! Ages 5–12. Registration required.



Lux Blox Building Challenge

Tuesday, July 7, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Lux Blox are amazing building toys! Mike Acerra, co-founder of Lux Blox, will introduce us to the fascinating world of these blocks. The program will include a building challenge. Ages 6–12. Registration required.

Seed Art

Thursday, July 9, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Create artwork with various seeds to celebrate the growing season. Ages 5–12. Registration required.

Decorate Pencil Cases & Water Bottles

Tuesday, July 14, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

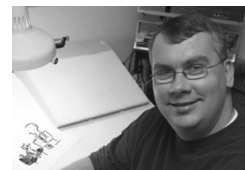
It's school supplies season! Decorate a pencil case and choose stickers to decorate your own water bottle. The library will provide pencil cases and fabric markers. Please bring your own water bottle. Ages 6–12. Registration required.



LEGO Group Build

Tuesday, July 21, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Bring a group of friends or form a group to work together on a LEGO set, following directions. The library will provide the LEGO sets. Ages 7–12. Registration required.



Space Plants!!! Cartoonist Mark Anderson

Thursday, July 23, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Professional cartoonist Mark Anderson of andertoons.com makes cartooning easy and fun! We're going to be drawing plants... IN SPAAAAAAACE! I know it sounds strange, but trust me, you are not ready for this class. I mean, just look at the title! Three exclamation points at the end! Three! Ages 6–12. Registration required.

New for Kids - WhaZoodles!



WhaZoodles are audio players that engage kids through stories, activities, immersive nature soundscapes, and more. Thematic, age-appropriate content includes podcasts, music, and stories.

With two hours of content and no Wi-Fi or downloads needed, WhaZoodles are perfect for long car rides, rainy days, or winding down before bed. Ask about WhaZoodles at the Youth Services desk.

Adult Events - Registration Begins June 1

BOOK CLUBS



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

Books available one month in advance.

All Meetings Held at the Library.

June 2 | *Hang the Moon* by Jeanette Walls

July 7 | *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau

Aug. 4 | *The Core of an Onion* by Mark Kurlansky



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

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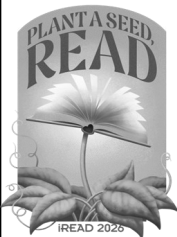
June and July Meetings Held at the Library.

June 17 | *Farm to Trouble* by Amanda Flower

July 15 | *The Gardener's Plot* by Deborah Benoit

Aug. 19 | *Against the Grain* by Peter Lovesey*

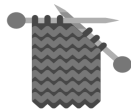
*Meet at East Street Park



Adult Summer Reading Program: Plant a Seed, Read June 1–July 31

Sign up for Summer Reading on the library website or the ReadSquared app. For every three books you read, you may enter a raffle prize drawing for either an Amazon, Target or Panera gift card.

You can also earn extra points by writing book reviews and completing missions! The missions involve library program attendance and gardening and can be completed through your ReadSquared account. Read six books and you'll be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card to Sonny Acres Farm in West Chicago.



Crafters' Circle

Saturday, June 20, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or quilting, this group is for you! Do you have unfinished projects that you keep telling yourself you're going to finish sometime? Bring them to the Library and get your creativity flowing again.

Crafting Herbal Blends

Thursday, June 11, 7:00 p.m.

Unlock the power of herbs in the kitchen! This demonstration workshop by "Backyard Herbalist" Marcia Lautanen-Raleigh includes creating dips, dressings, and spreads using fresh and dried herbs. Marcia also shows how to understand flavor families for expert herb pairing and provides a hands-on herb blending experience. Registration required.

Farm to Table Appetizers

Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.

Everything tastes better fresh from the farm stand! Chef Cherise Slattery will share garden-fresh appetizers with you that are easy to prepare and delicious to eat. Chef will discuss recipes using zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, corn, peppers, fresh herbs, and berries. Garden-fresh samples of Grilled Corn Crostini and Harvest Salsa with chips will be served. Registration required.



A Reluctant Cook Shares Tips on Preparing Plant-based Meals

Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.

In this presentation, Joan Davis, RN, MS, will share tips on how to cook healthier and faster, including how to be a plant-based cook without spending all your time in the kitchen. Other tips include how to cook simple meals with a few basic recipes you can modify for breakfast, lunch and dinner; how to organize a "salad bar" in your refrigerator; and how to create grain and veggie bowls. Samples will be provided. Registration required.

Gardener's Help Desk

Thursday, July 9, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Is there a strange bug on your plants? Are there spots on the leaves of your veggies? Are your blooms not healthy? The Winfield Area Gardeners can help! Bring your questions and samples to the Library, where the gardeners are staffing a table to solve your problems and give expert tips.



HISTORICAL PROGRAM SERIES

PRESENTED WITH WINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Defining US: the 250th Anniversary of the United States Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.



With the DuPage County Historical Museum as your guide, explore the significant events, moments, and milestones that have shaped the United States over the course of its 250 years as a country. Through wars, elections, protests, and cultural changes, hear how these historic highlights resonated in DuPage County. Registration required.

Sponsored by the Village of Winfield.

Winfield Library Friends

Friends Meetings

Monday, July 13, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, August 10, 1:30 p.m.

Join this dedicated group of library supporters to see how you can contribute.



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Book Donations

The library is accepting book sale donations from Thursday, August 13 through Saturday, September 12. Donations are tax deductible.



Mark Your Calendar for the Fall Book Sale!

Thursday, September 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, September 11, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

THANK Summer Reading Sponsors

YOU The library appreciates your donation of time, funds, & prizes.

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Winfield Area Gardeners

Winfield Library Friends

Special thanks to the Winfield Library Friends for their generous annual donation to the Summer Reading Program. This year's donation of \$2,850 will help fund programs for all ages, including the Ice Cream Social.

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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, July 4 -

Independence Day

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 p.m.

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