Winfield Library

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Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 12, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Stop in for some seasonal cheer at our annual Holiday Open House! Take this opportunity to reacquaint yourself with everything the library has to offer and have fun with the whole family. Refreshments provided by the Winfield Library Friends.



Storytime with Mrs. Claus and Santa
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Mrs. Claus is making a special visit to the library to read Christmas stories and she's bringing a surprise visitor! Take this special opportunity to have your picture taken with Santa and receive a gift from Mrs. Claus.
Registration required for all attendees.

Teen Holiday Hangout, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
While the kids are meeting Santa, we'll be hosting a sticker mosaic, video games, and custom pin-making for teens upstairs.

"Winfield's Good Old Days" Book Launch Party, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Celebrate the release of the much-anticipated second edition of the history book first published in 1978. Meet the creative team and purchase a copy of the book for $25.

Holiday Extravaganza, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Our favorite musical duo, Tom and Amy Malouf, get us into the holiday spirit with favorite songs and carols. Kids can play along on instruments as well!

Sponsor a Book for the Holidays
With a donation of $20 or more to the Winfield Library Friends, you may choose a title from a selection of books to be added to the library collection. We will add a custom book plate honoring your friend or family member.

Gift Basket Drawing
Fill out a ticket to win one of several holiday-themed gift baskets provided by the Library and Winfield Library Friends. The drawing will be held at 3:30 p.m., and winners will be notified that day.

Brainfuse: Live Online Tutoring & More

Winfield Library cardholders may now get K-12 homework help and more 24/7 from Brainfuse's live tutors! Tutors can give assistance for work up to the college level, and even FAFSA assistance. All tutors are trained by Brainfuse, must possess a four-year degree, have prior teaching or tutoring experience, and clear a background check.

Visit our website's Research page to log in to Brainfuse with your library card. Click "Live Tutoring," to select your subject and level. For ACT, AP, and SAT practice tests, choose "Leap Learning Platform," and to discover the college majors and careers that match your skills and interests, use the "eParachute" tool. Available now.

Winfield Library Friends

- **Upcoming Friends Meetings**
  Monday, January 11, 1:30 p.m.
  Don't miss our winter meeting!
- **Help us Raise some Dough!**
  Panera Bread Fundraiser
  Thursday, December 17, 4-8 p.m.
  167 Danada Sq. East, Wheaton
  Have a delicious dinner at Panera Bread and help the Winfield Library Friends. Order in-store and show the printed or online flier available at the library or on our website. Or, you may order online with promo code FUND4U.

Library News & Tips

- **Are you unable to visit the library due to a disability, illness, or injury?** Use our home delivery service! Email staff@winfieldlibrary.org or call (630) 653-7599 to request materials and schedule delivery.
- **Winfield Township has a new community calendar**, with events in Winfield township including park districts and libraries. Visit our website's Community Links page to access the calendar.



Youth and Family Events

Winter Storytimes: January 11–February 16

NEW! Babygarten (Birth to 24 months)
Mondays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

We will have stories, songs, rhymes, tickles, and bounces just for babies and caregivers to share! The goal is for caregiver and child to bond, building early literacy skills. It is a great time for parents to chat and for little ones to practice social skills such as sharing and communication. Siblings are welcome to attend. Please bring a blanket to sit on. We will end with an optional 15 minutes of free play. Registration required.

Shake It Up Storytime! (18 months to age 6)
Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Take part in a fun storytime with a focus on catchy songs, rhymes, finger plays, stories, and some silliness! We will end with an optional 15 minutes of free play. Registration required**.**

Little Wigglers (Birth to age 3)
Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Join us for an engaging storytime experience tailored for babies and toddlers up to 36 months old. Participants are encouraged to interact through lively short stories, songs, rhymes, music, and movement activities. We will end with an optional 15 minutes of free play. Registration required.

Interactive Bulletin Board: December 1–30

Help color the Nutcracker Ballet poster on the hallway bulletin board in Youth Services to celebrate the season! Ask for colored pencils or crayons at the Youth Services Desk.

Grab and Go Craft Kits

Kits will be available on the date indicated, while supplies last.



Gnome Sweet Gnome
Wednesday, December 9

Cat in the Hat Puppet
Wednesday, January 13

Valentine's Day Fun Packet
Wednesday, February 10

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Saturday, December 12, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Claus is making a special visit to the library to read Christmas stories. She will bring a surprise visitor! Take this special opportunity to have your picture taken with Santa and receive a goody bag from Mrs. Claus with a Nutcracker-themed gift. Registration required for all attendees.



Book Buzz Club
Saturdays, 9:15–10:15 a.m. Ages 8–12.

Join us to discuss recent books we've read, discover new books, and have fun! Books available one month in advance. Please send a snack if your child has food restrictions. Registration required.

January 9 | *Nutcracker Mice* by Kristin Kladstrup
***Book Bundles Available in December.**
February 13 | *They Call Me No Sam!* by Drew Daywalt

Ready Readers Book Club
Third Thursdays, 4:00–4:45 p.m. Ages 6–8.

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

January 21 | *Merlin Missions: Blizzard of the Blue Moon* by Mary Pope Osborne
***Book Bundles Available in December.**
February 18 | *A to Z Mysteries: The Absent Author* by Ron Roy

***NEW! Book Bundles for Book Club Participants**
December 14–18 Pick Up at Youth Services

How it works: 1) Register for the January Book Buzz or Ready Readers book clubs; 2) Fill out and hand in the "What Do You Like to Read?" questionnaire by December 7 at Youth Services. 3) You will be able to pick up your bundle from the Youth Services desk December 14–18. Your bundle will include the January book club book, some library books selected for you, and goodies you can keep.

Saturday, January 9, 2:00–3:00 p.m.
What's for Dinner? DuPage County Animal Services

Find out about different animal diets and how we can keep our pets and ourselves healthy. Learn the difference between carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. Students will then get to make treats for shelter pets. Ages 5–12. Registration required for all attendees.

LEGO Club Challenge
Monday, January 18, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Participants can take part in a building challenge or free build. The library will provide the LEGOs. Ages 5–12. Registration required.

Music & Movement
Thursday, February 4, 10:00–10:30 a.m.

Combining music and physical activities, this program invites toddlers and their caregivers to make noise and enjoy moving! Ages 1–5. Registration required.

Makedo™ DIY Building Challenge
Saturday, February 13, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Create a masterpiece using Makedo™ safe saws, plastic screws, and screw drivers. The library will provide all supplies. Ages 7–12. Registration required.

Adult Events

BOOK CLUBS

Off the Shelf Book Group
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
All meetings held at Winfield Library.

December 1 | ***The Book Club Hotel*** by Sarah Morgan
January 5 | ***Poverty, by America*** by Peter Desmond
February 2 | ***The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*** by Carson McCullers

Mysteries at Lunch Book Group
Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.
All meetings held at Winfield Library.

December 16 | ***The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year*** by Ally Carter
January 13 | ***The Spy Coast*** by Tess Gerritsen
February 10 | ***Last Twilight in Paris*** by Pam Jenoff

Crafters' Circle
Saturday, January 16, 10:30–noon
Saturday, February 20, 10:30–noon
If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, then this program is for you. No registration required.

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A Christmas Story:
The Making of a Modern Holiday Classic
Monday, December 14–Wednesday, December 23
Join historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., for a look at how this movie came to be. Registration required to receive the video link to this virtual event.

Snow Is Falling, Books Are Calling
January 2–February 27
Participate in our virtual adult winter reading program. Log into ReadSquared via our website or app to get started and log six books to complete the program. Everyone who completes the program is automatically entered into a drawing to win a $50 Target gift card.

Funny on Purpose with Sasheer Zamata
Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Program
Zamata will discuss her creative journey, the evolving landscape of comedy, and how humor can create space for connection. Registration required.

The MELT Method Workshop
Wednesday, January 20, 2:00 p.m.
MELT trainer Mary French demonstrates this self-treatment system designed to combat chronic pain and the effects of aging. Participants must sign a waiver. Registration required.

Ice Age DuPage
Thursday, January 21, 7:00 p.m.
Brian & Joyce Ostberg, creators of the BeHistoric YouTube channel, tell the story of the various specimens found throughout DuPage County over the past few centuries. Registration required.

Joyous Japan
Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.
In retracing Brian Michalski's five-week adventure, we journey aboard the Shinkansen bullet train, following the blooming cherry blossoms. Along the way, we learn about Japan's unforgettable cuisine, rich history, and vibrant culture. Registration required.

Wearable Technology:
Exploring the Benefits of the Apple Watch
Wednesday, February 3, 2:00 p.m.
Join Tony LaPalio, Founder and CEO of Senior Tech Support, for a presentation on wearable tech, with a special focus on the Apple Watch. Registration required.

Navigating Solar Options
Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.
Join Citizens Utility Board (CUB) for a presentation on solar and the benefits of clean energy. Registration required.

The Illinois Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resident Advocate Program
Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.
Long-Term Care Ombudsman for DuPage County, Lisa Boatright, MSW will present on the role the Ombudsmen play in long-term care facilities throughout DuPage County and explain residents' rights in long-term care. Registration required.

Navigating Hallowed Ground with David Grann
Thursday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Program
David Grann is the author of *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* (2017). His books navigate bizarre, often violent, historical episodes. Daniel Zalewski, Executive Editor of The New Yorker, will join David Grann in conversation. Registration is required.

Teen Events

Follow us at instagram.com/winfieldlibrary.teens, goodreads.com/winfieldlibraryteens and discord.gg/6Sc7x7VXnk

Join Our Teen Discord Server!
Talk about books, post your art, answer the question of the week, suggest programs and events for the library, and more. Follow the QR code to join the server.

Pick-up Programming
There's still plenty of take-home materials up for grabs! You can pick them up in the YA section or at the circulation desk upstairs!

- **How to Make Your Own Comic Book**
- **Take-home Brownie Jar**
- **Visual Journal Project**

Teens Holiday Hangout
Saturday, December 12, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Come upstairs for snacks, video games, a sticker mosaic, and custom pins.



Dungeons and Dragons-Teens
Saturday, January 16, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 20, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
Join us for a Dungeons & Dragons campaign! Beginners are welcome. Grades 7–12. Registration recommended.

Teens Creative Writing Meetup
Tuesday, January 19, 4:30–5:30 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 is welcome. Feel free to bring a laptop or pen and paper! Grades 7–12. Registration recommended.

Anime and Pocky Watch Party-Teens
Saturday, January 30, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Grab some pocky and join us as we watch the anime versions of some manga in our collection! Grades 7–12. Registration recommended. Snacks provided.

Bring Your Own Tabletop Games-Teens
Tuesday, February 23, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Bring tabletop games to that you want to share with friends and introduce to others! Grades 7–12. Registration recommended. Snacks provided.

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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
Christmas Eve - December 24
Christmas Day - December 25
New Year's Eve - December 31
New Year's Day - January 1
Staff In-service - February 26

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Upcoming Board Meetings
Meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.

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