

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 10:00 AM TO 3:00 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 some fun for the whole family.

Meet Mrs. Claus and Santa, grab a craft kit, participate in a sing-along, enter your name in a free gift basket raffle, and visit with friends! Refreshments will be provided by the Winfield Library Friends.

Storytime with Mrs. Claus and Santa, 10:00-10:45 a.m. & 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Listen to holiday stories read by Mrs. Claus, then enjoy a very special visit from Santa Claus! Free tickets for each time will be available starting Saturday, November 25.

Sponsor a Book for the Holidays

With a donation of \$15 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 drawing ticket to win one of three holiday-themed gift baskets provided by the Library and Winfield Library Friends. The drawing will be held at 3:00 pm, and winners will be notified that day.

Celebrate the Season: a Holiday Sing-along, 2:00 p.m.

Local folk musician Tom Malouf and his daughter Amy will get us into the holiday spirit by leading us in a variety of favorite songs and carols. Registration is required.



COMING SOON: EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS

Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that allows Illinois public library cardholders to get offers from museums, park districts, historical societies, performing and visual arts centers, and other attractions. Adults age 18 years and older can login using their library card number and password to place reservations by attraction and specific date. Each attraction's requirements may differ, but with a library card and the pass, library members will receive free admission or discounts.

If you love the Museum Adventure Pass program, try Explore More Illinois! We are not replacing the Museum Adventure Passes; rather, we are adding this new program so Winfield Library members can enjoy even more of what Illinois has to offer. The program will be available this winter; visit www.winfield.lib.il.us for updates.

Announcements

- Join the Winfield Library Friends! Check inside this issue for the Friends' annual membership letter. We appreciate every Winfield Library member and supporter who joins the Friends. All donations to the Friends, including membership donations, directly benefit the Library.
- Look for these new magazines in 2024: *Men's Health*, *VegNews*, and *Women's Health*.
- Thank you to everyone who came to our fall book sale; you helped the Library Friends raise more than \$3,500! Friends' funds directly benefit the library through donations for library programs, summer reading, newsletter printing and postage, and more.
- When emailing the library, please include your full name so we can ensure quick and accurate service.
- 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 or call (630) 653-7599 to request materials and schedule delivery.
- Using your smart phone's camera or a QR code app, scan this code to be taken to our online calendar and register for winter events!



Youth and Family Events

Winter Storytime January 8 - February 12

Walkers, Wigglers, and Crawlers

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, December 21, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

A to Z Mysteries: The Lucky Lottery by Ron Roy

Thursday, January 18, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures: The Intrepid Canadian Expedition created by Jeff Brown

Thursday, February 15, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Leroy Ninker Saddles Up: Tales from Deckawoo Drive by Katie 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, December 2, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

The Magic Misfits by Neil Patrick Harris

Saturday, January 13, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Slider by Peter Hautman

Saturday, February 10, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty



Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Storytime with Mrs. Claus and Santa

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Crafters' Circle

Saturday, December 2, 10:30 a.m. - noon

Saturday, January 13, 10:30 a.m. - noon

Saturday, February 10, 10:30 a.m. - noon

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, want to learn the basics, share ideas, or meet new friends, this program is for you!

Grab and Go Craft Kits

Pick up a kit starting on the dates listed, while supplies last.

Holiday Ornaments

Tuesday, December 5

Candy Cane Mice

Saturday, December 9

Snow Globe

Tuesday, December 19

New Year's Eve Party Hats

Tuesday, December 26

Paper Bag Snowflakes

Tuesday, January 9

"Love You to Pieces" Valentine Puzzle Wreath

Tuesday, January 30



Let's Build a Snowman

January 2 - February 29

Help us build a big snowman with snowballs! Pick up a snowball reading log, read 9 books and get a token to put into the gumball machine for a surprise.



A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From *Mama's Boyz* to *New Kid* and Beyond

Tuesday, February 6, 7-8:00 p.m.

Zoom Event

Learn about life, art, and telling your story with bestselling author, illustrator and syndicated cartoonist, Jerry Craft. Join us for a conversation about his works and journey to success, including a drawing demo that will be fun for the whole family! Registration required.

New! Family Fun Saturdays

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

The Science of Oz

Saturday, January 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Join Steve Belliveau for dramatic science experiments related to Baum's book as he makes a tornado, launches a hot air balloon and melts a witch with humor, music and audience participation as he makes science fun and understandable. Free tickets available starting Friday, December 29.



Andy Head, The Wonderful Wacky Juggler

Saturday, February 10, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

With a trunk full of tricks and some hilarious help from his "Audience All-Stars", Andy Head, two-time national juggling champion, presents a knock-out Comedy Juggling Show that'll have everyone laughing, smiling and cheering! People of all ages will love Andy's juggling antics! Free tickets available starting Saturday, January 27.

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

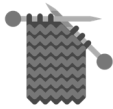
- Dec. 5 | *Christmas at the Cupcake Cafe* by Jenny Colgan
Jan. 2 | *In Defense of Food* by Michael Pollan
Feb. 6 | *Pudd'nhead Wilson* by Mark Twain



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

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All Meetings Held in Person AND via Zoom
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Phone: (312) 626-6799

- Dec. 20 | *Christmas Cupcake Murder* by Joanne Fluke
Jan. 17 | *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Sutanto
Feb. 21 | *Scandal in Babylon* by Barbara Hambly



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Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. Zoom Event

Lori Gottlieb, author of "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone" and co-host of the "Dear Therapists" podcast, joins us for a conversation about mental health in anticipation of the winter holiday season. Registration required.



Christmas on State Street Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m. YouTube Event

For decades, Christmas in Chicago meant a trip or two to State Street. This illustrated talk by Leslie Goddard traces the history of Christmas celebrations on State Street. The program will be active until December 22. Registration required to receive video link.

Panettone: a Taste of Italian Christmas Thursday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.

No Italian table is complete without panettone during the holiday season. Get in the holiday spirit with our hands-on Italian panettone workshop. Bring a mixing bowl, a large spoon, a spatula, and an apron if you have one. Registration required starting December 1. Limited to one member per household.



Experience the Nutcracker at Home Saturday, Dec. 16 and Sunday, Dec. 17 YouTube Event

Watch a recorded virtual performance of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" performed by the United Kingdom's Royal Ballet. Registration required to receive the video link.

Chill Out and Read January 2 – February 29

Participate in our virtual adult winter reading program. Click the link on our website to get started and log six books to complete the program. Everyone who completes the program is entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card.



Speculating Our AI Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu and Martha Wells Thursday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. Zoom Event

Join us for a panel discussion featuring three science fiction writers. They will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future. Registration required.



A Conversation with Julia Quin Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m. Zoom Event with In-Person Watch Party

Author Julia Quinn helps us feel the love with a discussion about Bridgerton and romance. Registration is required to get the invitation. Please register for either the Zoom invitation or for the in-person watch party at the library.

Voter Information Table

Tuesday, January 16, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The League of Women Voters of Wheaton will help us prepare for the March 19 Primary Election. Voters can find their NEW precincts and polling places, and if they are signed up to "Vote By Mail." Those wishing to register should bring two forms of ID (one with their current name AND address and one with current name OR current address). ID must be paper, not digital.

Understanding Social Security: a Look at the Bigger Picture Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.

If you are going to collect Social Security benefits in the next 10 years you should attend this educational session presented by Jim Flanagan of Bentron Finance. Registration required.



Emancipation to Inauguration Thursday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

Join local historian Clarence Goodman for this retrospective of Chicago's Black Experience. African-American history in Chicago began with Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable in roughly 1790 and has continued productively and dramatically into the 21st century. Registration required. Presented in partnership with the Winfield Historical Society.

To Mom Is To Love

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

Valerie Probstfeld, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, helps us to better understand our brains and why we sometimes behave with frustration and worry as opposed to compassion and love. This program is designed for moms, but all adults are welcome. Registration required.

Reiki Self Healing Presentation and Demonstration Thursday, February 8, 2:00 p.m.

Reiki Master Teacher Renee Ryan of the Light Heart Center introduces us to this healing technique. Registration required. Participants must sign a waiver.

Hollywood Valentine: Married in the Movies

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Event with In-Person Watch Party

Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents film wedding moments, both on the screen and off. Please register for either the Zoom invitation or for the in-person watch party.

Winfield Library Friends

Upcoming Friends Meetings

Monday, January 8, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 12, 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.

Thank You to Our Supporters

A big thank you everyone who supported our fall book sale; you helped us raise more than \$3,500! If you'd like to join the Friends, check inside this issue for our annual membership letter. All donations to the Friends, including book sale funds and membership donations, directly benefit the Library.



Interlibrary Loan FAQ

What is Interlibrary Loan (ILL)?

It's one of our most popular services! ILL allows Winfield Library cardholders to request materials that are not available in our collection. Library staff request the items from other libraries and have them sent here via van delivery or USPS for you to check out.

How do I request an ILL?

The best way is to visit www.winfield.lib.il.us, click the Materials Request link on the drop-down menu, and fill out the online form.

May I email my requests?

You may email a list to wfdstaff@winfield.lib.il.us. Please be sure to include your full name and all details you know about the items you are requesting.

How many items may I request at one time?

You may have a total of 15 active requests. This includes items checked out and items waiting to be delivered.

Are there items that are not available to request?

Most items that are less than 6 months old are too new to be requested via ILL. Also, if Winfield Library owns a title, we cannot request it via ILL. However, if you need a title for a book group meeting, let a staff member know and we will do our best to borrow a copy of the book if our copy is checked out.

Winfield Library

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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

Saturday, December 23 - Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Saturday, December 30 - New Year's Eve

Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Library Board of Trustees

Robert W. Brown, President

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Carol Tenyak-O'Connor, Treasurer

Lynn Ables

Rebecca Johnson

Shelley Kenyon

Mary Vanco

Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.

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