

Winfield Library

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Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 13
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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, participate in a sing-along, enter a free gift basket raffle, and visit with friends! Refreshments will be provided by the Winfield Library Friends.

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

Listen to holiday stories read by Mrs. Claus, then enjoy a very special visit from Santa Claus! **Free tickets will be available starting Saturday, November 29.**

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 recognizing your donation.

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 p.m. 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. No registration required.



AMERICA

ILLINOIS

Winfield Library Celebrates "America @ 250"

Celebrate our nation's 250th birthday beginning in January with a special Winter Reading Program and Historical Society programs.

Participate in the Library's virtual "Read, White and Blue" Winter Reading Program from January 2 to February 28. Register on our website or on the ReadSquared app. Participants can also write reviews of their books. Read six books to complete the program and be entered into a prize drawing for one of two \$25 Target Gift Cards.

Our Historical Society program series focuses on "America @ 250." Terry Lynch portrays Alexander Hamilton in "Financing a New Nation" on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. Hamilton believed that a financially stable government was crucial to defend against foreign threats. He made concessions to ensure a balanced budget and fulfill the commitments made to army veterans. Registration required.

Kevin Wood portrays Abraham Lincoln in "A New Birth of Freedom" on Tuesday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. Lincoln relates the history of the United States from his childhood on the frontier to the turbulent years from 1854 to 1865. Registration required.

Winfield Library Friends

- **Upcoming Friends Meetings**
Monday, Dec. 8, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 12, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 9, 1:30 p.m.
The Friends' volunteer efforts directly benefit the library. Join us at a meeting and share your talents with this dedicated group of library supporters.

Panera
FUNDRAISING

- **Panera Bread Fundraiser**
December 18, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
We're raising dough with the help of Panera Bread at 167 Danada Square East in Wheaton. Make a purchase on December 18 between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. and 30% of net sales will go to the Winfield Library Friends.

Use code **FUND4U** when ordering online, or bring a physical or digital flier to Panera to show when you order. Fliers will be available at the library and on the library's website at www.winfield.lib.il.us.

Library News & Tips

- Due to persistent delivery delays, the library will cease its print subscription to the New York Times at the end of 2025. Please visit our website's Newsstand page to log in to the online version, or use PressReader to read the NYT image edition.

The New York Times

- **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.

Youth and Family Events

Winter Storytime: January 12-February 17 Themes: Bedtime, Cozy, Winter Animals, I Love Books, Snow, Family

Little Wigglers (Birth to 36 months) Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Join us for an interactive storytime for babies and toddlers including stories, songs, rhymes, music, and movement activities. You will receive weekly take-home crafts that help toddlers develop early pre-literacy skills.

Registration required. Please choose either Monday or Tuesday when registering.

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

Take part in a fun storytime with a focus on scarves, songs, finger plays, and picture books. You will receive weekly take-home crafts that help toddlers develop early pre-literacy skills. Registration required.



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

Join us to connect, discuss recent books we've read, 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.

December 6 | *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*
by Karina Yan Glaser

January 10 | *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell

February 14 | *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold

Ready Readers Book Club Third Thursdays, 4:00-4:45 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 will be available one month in advance. Please bring a snack if your child has food restrictions. Registration required.

December 18 | *Happy Narwhalidays* by Ben Clanton

January 15 | *Franklin Endicott and the Third Key*
by Kate DiCamillo

February 19 | *Captain Awesome to the Rescue!* by Stan Kirby



Bulletin Board: Jolly Tree Trimming December 1-30

Take part in trimming the bulletin board tree in Youth Services to celebrate the season!



Storytime with Mrs. Claus and Santa Saturday, December 13, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Listen to holiday stories read by Mrs. Claus and enjoy a visit from Santa Claus! Take this

opportunity to have your picture taken with Santa and receive a goody bag from Mrs. Claus. Free tickets will be available starting Saturday, November 29.

Grab and Go Craft Kits

Pick up a packet or a kit in the Youth Services Department! Kits and packets will be available on the dates indicated, while supplies last. Kits include supplies and clear instructions on how to complete the project.



Winter Break Fun Packet Wednesday, December 10

The packet will contain coloring pages, word searches, crossword puzzles, and more.



Snowflake Craft Wednesday, January 14

Celebrate the winter season by making a snowflake.



Valentine Cards Wednesday, February 4

Have fun making a Valentine's Day card!



Winter Reading Challenge: Reading in a Winter Wonderland January 2-February 28

Pick up a log at the Youth Services desk and write down the titles of nine books you read or were read to you. For each completed log you return to the library, you will receive a snowflake to place on the bulletin board and an entry for a prize drawing.



LEGO Club

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

Saturday, February 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Use your imagination to create LEGO masterpieces! The library will provide the LEGOs. Grades K-6. Registration required.

Friendship Bracelets

Monday, January 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Celebrate friendship by making a handmade colorful bracelet to give as a gift or make one for yourself! The library will provide all the supplies. Grades 2-6. Registration required.



Music & Movement

Thursday, February 5, 10:00-10:45 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.



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 at the Library.

- December 2 | *A Christmas Memory*
 by Richard Paul Evans
- January 6 | *1776* by David McCullough
- February 3 | *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henriquez



Mysteries at Lunch Book Group
Third Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.
 Books available one month in advance.
 All Meetings Held at the Library.



- December 17 | *Kissing Christmas Goodbye* by M.C. Beaton
- January 21 | *The Girl from Greenwich Street* by Lauren Willig
- February 18 | *A Traitor in Whitehall* by Julia Kelly

Crafters' Circle

Saturday, January 17, 10:30 a.m. - noon

Saturday, February 21, 10:30 a.m. - noon

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

Memories of Holidays Past

Wednesday, December 10, 2:00 p.m.

Need a way to preserve your holiday keepsakes? Decorate a wooden memory box with Sharpie markers, ribbons, rhinestones, stickers and ModPodge. Registration is required, as space is limited.



Celebrate the Season: a Holiday Sing-along
 (Part of the "Holiday Open House")

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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. No registration needed!



Read, White and Blue

January 2 - February 28

Participate in our virtual adult winter reading program and celebrate America @ 250! Log into ReadSquared via our website or app to get started.

Log six books to complete the program. Participants can also write reviews of their books. Everyone who completes the program is automatically entered into a drawing to win one of two \$25 Target Gift Cards.

Staying Connected in a Digital World

Thursday, January 15, 7:00 p.m.

Tony LaPalio of Senior Tech Support explores how digital technology helps us stay in touch. He breaks down the differences between digital and analog communication. Registration required.



Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 12, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a Dungeons & Dragons campaign! Beginners are welcome. This program is for adults ages 18-39 and features Chuck Malnarick as Dungeon Master. Registration required.



Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig

Tuesday, January 13, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Jonathan Eig is the bestselling author of six books, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning *King: A Life*, the first major biography in decades of civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. Eig studied journalism at Northwestern University, and went on to work as a reporter for *Chicago Magazine*. Registration required for this Zoom event.



Voter Information Table

Tuesday, January 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The League of Women Voters of Wheaton staffs a table to help us prepare for the Primary Election on March 17. Voters can find their precincts and polling places. League volunteers can print sample ballots and show voters if they are signed up for the "Vote By Mail" option. Voters 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.



Alexander Hamilton: Financing a New Nation
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Wonders of Webb: Exploring the Universe with JWST
Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

Following the launch and deployment of the James Webb Space Telescope, astronomers have explored new vistas and aspects of the Universe. Join solar system ambassador Jim Kovac for an exploration with a new eye on the Universe. Registration required.

Chair Yoga with Patricia

Wednesday, February 4, 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. All are welcome to this class. Participants must sign a waiver. Registration required.



Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom
Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by re-enactor Kevin Wood, relates the history of the United States during Lincoln's lifetime from his childhood on the frontier to the turbulent years from 1854-1865. Mr. Lincoln quotes from his speeches and writings and brings history to life. Registration required. *Presented in partnership with Winfield Historical Society.*



Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine
Tuesday, February 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join *The Guinness Book of World Records*' "most prolific author of children's horror novels," R.L. Stine, to discuss his illustrious and still-expanding body of work. Becky Spratford, acclaimed horror maven and editor of *Why I Love Horror: Essays on Horror Literature*, will join R.L. Stine in conversation. Registration required for this Zoom event.

Teen Events

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

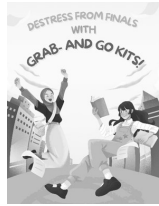


Wintertainment Bundles December 1 – January 31

Bored in the house and in the house bored? Put that library card to use and reserve a free personalized Wintertainment Bundle! After answering a short survey, the library will curate a bundle of books/movies, snacks, and trinkets we think you'll enjoy. In 3–5 business days, your bundle will be ready for pickup on the hold shelf near the entrance.

Got 5 minutes to spare? Even less time to run in and grab your bundle? Fill out the survey, and soon you'll be winter-tained! Go to www.winfield.lib.il.us starting December 1st for the link to the survey.

P.S. Don't forget to post pictures of your bundle on Instagram and tag us @winfieldlibrary.teens!



Finals Grab and Go Craft Kit for Teens December 1-19

Looking to relax as finals approach? Try a finals grab-and-go kit! Each kit includes a scratch art bookmark, a brain-shaped eraser, and either a stress ball or fidget spinner. Kits will be available at the upstairs circulation desk December 1-19 while supplies last. All students studying for finals are welcome to take a kit.



Dungeons & Dragons Saturday, January 17, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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



BookBrowse for YA Readers

BookBrowse is our new website with book lists, book reviews and recommendations, quizzes and more, and they have a page just for YA readers! Go to www.winfield.lib.il.us and click the BookBrowse link. Once you're there, click YA at the top of the page to see everything for teens.

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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

Library Board of Trustees

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.

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