

Winfield Library

The Inside Page

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Summer Reading Kickoff!

Monday, June 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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, "Level Up at Your Library!" Join your neighbors to enjoy an ice cream treat, as long as supplies last, embark on a scavenger hunt, get a temporary tattoo, and take part in a magic show.

We're going on a bear hunt! The Kickoff party includes an outdoor scavenger hunt for kids. Pick up a list at the library table and search for items scattered around the library grounds. Complete the hunt and receive a small prize, sticker, or temporary tattoo.

Jaime Aponte's Amazing Magic Show with Live Animals 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Professional entertainer Jaime Aponte will bring a blend of magic, comedy, and illusion to the Summer Reading Kickoff party. His act includes three live animals, including a bunny and a trained snake. Be ready for laughs and audience participation! 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 magic show will be held indoors.



Library Director Passes the Torch



Congratulations to Library Director Matthew Suddarth on his upcoming retirement! He has been the Director for more than 22 years, and has seen the library through a renovation project, the shift to more digital technologies, the rise of eBooks, and much more. During his retirement, he hopes to have more time to travel, visit loved ones, and bike across Illinois' many beautiful trails.



We'd like to welcome new Director, Joe Marcantonio! He has been an innovator in services to teens and young adults, with his most recent position being Teen Manager at Schaumburg Township District Library. We're glad to welcome him back to Winfield, as he was born and raised here. His first library job was as a page here at Winfield Library, and he's now married to the woman he was dating back then. They have two children, ages 4 and 9. We look forward to welcoming Joe to the staff.

Matthew and Joe will be working together throughout June, before Matthew retires at the end of the month. The Winfield Library staff and Board of Trustees wish him all the best in his retirement.

Announcements

- **Online registration for the summer events listed inside begins June 2 at 9:00 a.m.**
- "Level Up at Your Library" during our Summer Reading Program for all ages. Download the ReadSquared app and register starting June 2.



- The Winfield Library Friends are hosting a fundraiser at Portillo's in Glendale Heights on June 12. Go to the back page for details.
- Access current issues of the Chicago Tribune in either web or image format, free with your Winfield Library card! Log in using your 14-digit barcode and password. Visit our website's Newsstand page for details.

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- Check out a Stay Sharp Kit, made especially for seniors with memory loss. These books, puzzles, and activities create a sense of achievement while improving mental speed and helping short-term memory.
- 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.
- 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 2



Level Up at Your Library: Teen Summer Reading Program June 2-July 31 Ages 12-18

Read and win prizes this summer at the library! If you're age 12-18, you can participate in our online teen Summer Reading Program on the ReadSquared app and website. Every minute you read earns you one point, and all reading counts: books, eBooks, fanfiction, magazines, graphic novels, and audiobooks.

Every 60 points earns a raffle ticket to win a board game or card game. Read 10 hours to earn two small prizes. Read 20 hours to earn a \$10 gift card to GameStop or Target. Read 30 hours and you'll be entered to win a \$75 GameStop gift card. More details at www.winfield.lib.il.us.



Game Night Snacks Monday, June 9, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Kick off the summer by learning how to make snacks for game nights! You'll watch Chef Susan Maddox make the snacks, have an opportunity to taste them, and receive recipes to take home so you can prep for your own game nights. Allergy note: this event is presented by an outside party and there may be allergens present. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Draw Your Own Game Characters Wednesday, June 11, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Learn how to draw your own game characters! Brian Babendererde, a former member of the video game industry, will teach participants how to sketch character faces from the front, side, and three-quarters views. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



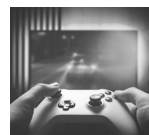
Dungeons & Dragons Saturday, June 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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



Science Heroes: Experiment Lab Wednesday, June 25, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

An informal and interactive workshop featuring science experiments. Working together, teens will investigate amazing science concepts through hands-on experimentation! Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Careers in Gaming Monday, July 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Interested in a career in the video game industry? Steve Santello, professor of computer and information science at College of DuPage and former video game artist, will be coming to the Winfield Library to talk about working in the video game industry and giving a demonstration. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Button Making Workshop Wednesday, July 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Design your own buttons, or choose a pre-made design! PFLAG DuPage will be bringing in a button maker and supplies for participants to create their own buttons. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Dungeons & Dragons Saturday, July 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

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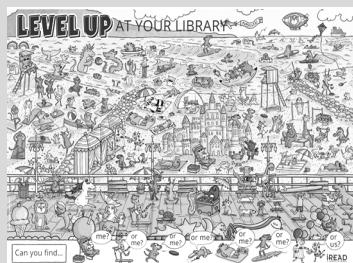


Did you know the library has an Instagram for teens? Follow us at [@winfieldlibrary.teens](https://www.instagram.com/winfieldlibrary.teens) for library events, recommended books, memes, and more. Check it out to stay connected to all our teen services.



BookBrowse is our 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.

Youth Events - Registration Begins June 2



Level Up at Your Library: Children's Summer Reading Program June 2-July 31

Kids up to age 12 can participate in our online PreK or Kids Summer Reading Programs on ReadSquared! Every minute you read earns one point. For every 60 points, you get a raffle ticket to win a gift card. When PreK readers reach 10 hours and Kids readers reach 20 hours, they'll be entered to win a \$50 Target gift card. Parents may read to younger children, and the use of audiobooks, TumbleBooks, and library storytime counts too!

Summer Storytime: Mondays, June 9-July 21*

June Themes: June 9: Birds June 16: Play June 23: Dinosaurs *June 30: No Storytime
July Themes: July 7: Bees and Pollinators July 14: Bugs Are Fun! July 21: Outdoor Fun

Little Wiggles
Birth to 36 months
Mondays, June 9-July 21,
9:15-9:45 a.m.



Join us for an engaging storytime experience tailored for babies and toddlers up to 36 months old. Encourage interaction through lively short stories, songs, rhymes, music, and movement activities.

Weather permitting, storytime will be held outdoors on the south lawn by Sunnyside Ave. Please bring a blanket to lay on the grass. Registration required.

Family Storytime Fun
Birth to 6 years old
Mondays, June 9-July 21
10:00-10:45 a.m.

Join us for family storytime with stories, rhymes, songs, and activities that promote reading readiness. Each participating child will receive a free take-home craft kit. Recommended for children up to 6 years old accompanied by a caregiver.

Weather permitting, storytime will be held outdoors on the south lawn by Sunnyside Ave. Please bring a blanket to lay on the grass. Storytime will end with a scavenger hunt outdoors or inside Youth Services. Registration required.



LEGO Club
Tuesday, June 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Use your imagination to create LEGO masterpieces! The library will provide the LEGOs. Grades K-6. Registration required.



Fairy Garden Terrarium
Thursday, June 12, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Would you like to have fairies visit your home or garden? Participants will create their own fairy gardens with delightful miniature details, including tiny figurines, flowers, and animals. Grades K-6. Registration required.



Puzzle and Board Game Exchange
Saturday, June 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Drop Off Puzzles and Board Games
Tuesday, June 3-Friday, June 13

Looking for new puzzles and board games? Trade in up to 20 of your household's gently used jigsaw puzzles, children's puzzles, and board games. Please verify that all parts and instructions are in the boxes. Bring them to a service desk to receive a ticket for each one donated. Each ticket will be good for a puzzle or game the day of the exchange. No registration required.



Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles
Monday, June 16, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

If you are fascinated by reptiles and are brave enough to touch them, do we have the show for you! Dave DiNaso combines education, entertainment, and humor in this live animal show featuring snakes, toads, alligators, and more. Free tickets will be available starting June 3 at the Youth Services desk.



Japanese Woodcut Printing
Tuesday, June 17, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

This program celebrates "Hokusai and Ukiyo-e: The Floating World, Artworks from the Chiossone Collection," that is coming this summer to the Cleve Carney Museum of Art at the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn. We will have an introduction to the art of Japanese woodcuts and make our own versions of pictures with foam and paint. Grades 1-6. Registration required.

COD College Theater Presents: Alice in TV-Land
Tuesday, June 24, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

When Alice stumbles into the dazzling world of TV-Land, she is swept into a whirlwind of sitcoms, wacky gameshow hosts, and over-the-top personalities. But when the powerful producer, the Red Queen, starts calling all the shots, Alice must find her voice and stand up for what's right. Break out your TV Guide and get ready for a fast-paced, fun-filled adventure where you become the live studio audience! Free tickets will be available starting Tuesday, June 10 at the Youth Services desk.

Youth Events - Registration Begins June 2

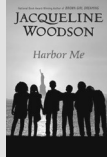
Book Buzz Club

Second Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 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.



June 14
The Second Sleep
by Diane Stanley



July 12
Harbor Me
by Jacqueline Woodson

Ready Readers Book Club

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 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.



June 19
Wind Riders: Rescue on Turtle Beach
by Jen Marlin



July 17
Disaster Squad: Wildfire Rescue
by Rekha S. Rajan

Storytime at Cantigny



Storytime at Cantigny
Wednesday, July 16
10:30-11:00 a.m.

Meet up at the Visitors Center entrance at Cantigny for an outdoor storytime (indoors in case of rain). A Cantigny staff member will guide the group to the storytime location. The theme is the five senses. Pick up a free parking pass at the library's Youth Services desk starting on July 1, while supplies last. No registration required.



Storytime at Cantigny
Sunday, July 20, 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Storytime will be held at the Rose Garden during the *Voyage en France* celebration. The program will include songs in French. Parking passes will not be available for this event. Event will be indoors in case of rain. No registration required.



Family Game Night

Tuesday, June 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us for some fun and games at the Library! We will have a variety of board games available for families or groups to play. Snacks will be provided. Registration is required, and children must be accompanied by an adult.



The Pet Protectors

Thursday, June 26, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Join us as DuPage Animal Services shows us 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! Grades K-6. Registration required.



LEGO Club

Tuesday, July 8, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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



Cartoonist Mark Anderson

Thursday, July 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Have you ever wanted to draw your own cartoons? At this program you will learn from professional cartoonist Mark Anderson (www.andertoons.com) how to create images and captions yourself. You'll impress your friends and family with your unique drawings! Grades 3-6. Registration required.



Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae

Saturday, July 12, 2:00-2:45 p.m.
One of the best parts of summer is enjoying ice cream outside in the warm weather. Let's have an ice cream sundae party! We'll

hold a scavenger hunt and then practice scooping ice cream and choose toppings for our treats. Held outdoors, weather permitting. Grades K-6. Registration required.

STEM Activity: Makedo™ DIY Miniature House



Tuesday, July 15, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Join us to have a fantastic time creating cardboard houses using Makedo™ brand safe saws, plastic screws, and screw drivers. Grades 2-6. Registration required.

Decorate a Memory Box

Tuesday, July 22, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Everyone needs a place to save special mementos. Each participant will decorate their own small box to take home. Grades 1-6. Registration required.



Adult Events - Registration Begins June 2

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 AND via Zoom
Meeting ID: 889 6444 3195; Passcode: 473850
Phone: (312) 626-6799

June 3 | *Fellowship of Puzzlemakers* by Samuel Burr

July 1 | *A Study in Scarlet* by Arthur Conan Doyle

Aug. 5 | *The Push: a Climber's Journey of Endurance, Risk, and Going Beyond Limits* by Tommy Caldwell



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

Books available one month in advance.

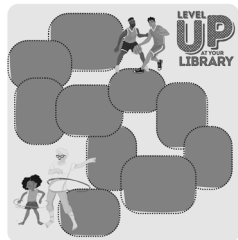
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June 18 | *The Marlow Murder Club* by Robert Thorogood

July 16 | *Peg and Rose Solve a Murder* by Laurien Berenson

Aug. 20 | *Puzzle Me a Murder* by Rosalind Noonan*

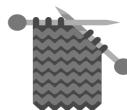
*Discussion Held at East Street Park



Adult Summer Reading Program: Level Up At Your Library June 2-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, Google

Play or Apple gift card. Read six books and you'll be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card to Main Event.



Crafters' Circle

Saturday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, want to learn the basics, share ideas, or meet new friends, this program is for you! There is no meeting in August. No registration required.



Mind Games, The Science of Perception Deception

Tuesday, June 10, 7:00 p.m.

Our brain decides how we perceive everything around us. In this engaging program, William Pack explores the real science of how our brains trick us into seeing and believing things that don't exist. You'll experience how optical illusions work, why people fall for scams, and how we make thousands of choices every day that are influenced subconsciously. William will also give the attendees proven, scientific, actionable techniques to preserve brain health. Registration required.



Peaches and Baseball

Thursday, June 19, 7:00 p.m.

The 1992 film, "A League of Their Own," introduced modern America to the Rockford Peaches and the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League of the 1940s. Join Rebecca Tulloch, a modern Rockford Peach and manager of the "League of Our Own" vintage softball team, as she traces the truth and fiction about the film. Registration required.



Family Game Night

Tuesday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for some fun and games at the Library!

We will have a variety of board games available for families or groups to play. Snacks will be provided. Registration is required, and children must be accompanied by an adult.



Fun and Games Trivia Night Tuesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m.

Test your knowledge of board games, card games, video games and sports at our Trivia

Night. Register as a team of up to four or pair up with others. Snacks will be served, and prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Registration required.



Chicago Roller Skating History Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.

Roll down memory lane with author and Chicago roller skating historian Marcie Hill as she discusses 140-plus years of Chicago roller skating history. Starting with the first rink in the 1880s, she highlights Chicago's role in the great phenomenon, including: Chicago firsts; classism and racism; and the staying power of the world's most popular sport and leisure activity. Registration required.

Younger Adult Events



Dungeons & Dragons Session Zero Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a Dungeons & Dragons introduction class for younger adults ages 18-39! This class is presented by a member of the community. Registration is required, as space is limited.

Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesday, July 16, 7:00 pm

Join us for a Dungeons & Dragons campaign! Beginners are welcome. This program is for adults ages 18-39 and will be facilitated by a member of the community. Registration is required, as space is limited.



HISTORICAL PROGRAM SERIES

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Remembering Riverview Park Thursday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.

It was once the "world's largest amusement park," boasting the world's first suspended roller coaster and first parachute ride. Today, it's merely one of Chicago's best loved memories. The names alone evoke nostalgia: the Pair-O-Chutes, Aladdin's Castle, Shoot the Chutes and of course, the Bobs roller coaster. Join historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., for a look back at the history of Riverview, from its opening in 1904 to its sudden closing in 1967. Registration required.

Winfield Library Friends

Friends Meetings

Monday, July 14, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, August 11, 1:30 p.m.

The Friends' volunteer efforts directly benefit the library. Join us this summer!

**Portillo's
for GOOD**

Friends Summer Fundraiser

Portillo's Glendale Heights

Thursday, June 12, 5:00-8:00 PM

Have a delicious dinner and support the Winfield Library Friends! Visit the Portillo's at 235 North Ave. in Glendale Heights on Thursday, June 12 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. and 20% of sales will benefit the Friends. Order online using code PORTILLOS2 in the "Coupon Code" field. When ordering at the restaurant, show your cashier the flier (available at the library), or show the digital version (available at www.winfield.lib.il.us).

Book Donations

The library is accepting book sale donations from Friday, August 1 through Saturday, September 6. We accept books in good condition with the exception of encyclopedias, magazines, and textbooks. Donations are tax deductible.



Mark Your Calendar

The book sale is back September 4-6! Don't miss the Friends' most anticipated event of the year.

THANK YOU Summer Reading Sponsors

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

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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 11, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9, 7:00 p.m.

Please note July's early meeting time.

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

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