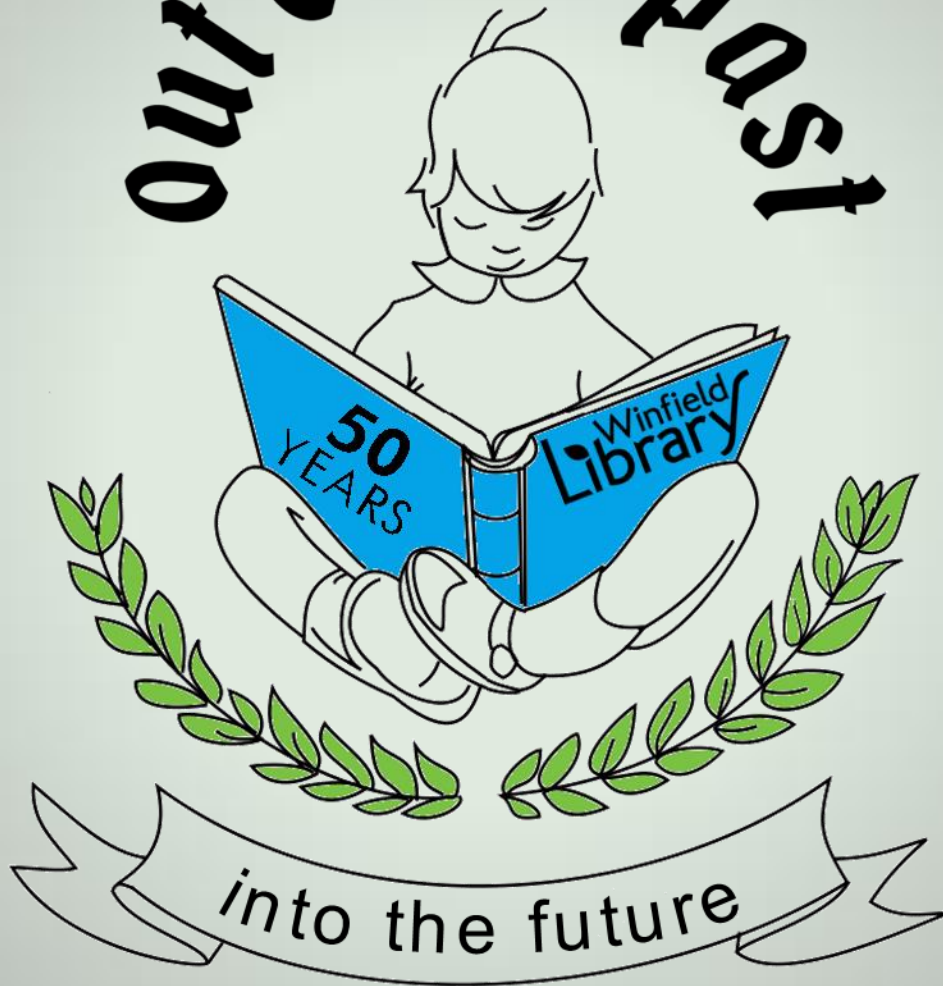


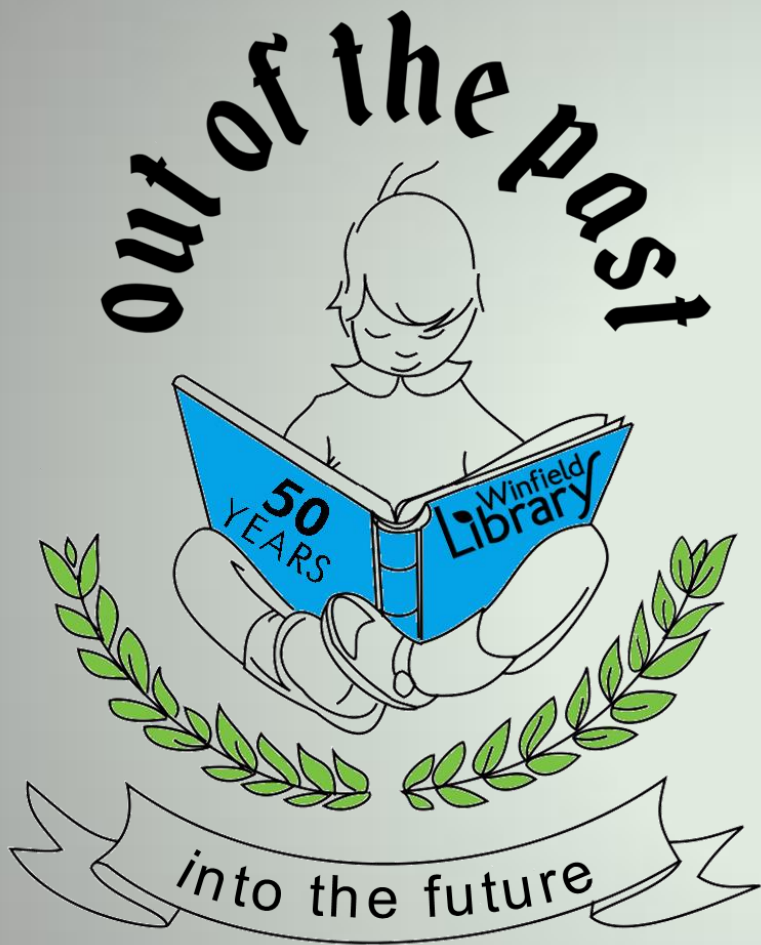
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# Winfield Library Association

## WINFIELD LIBRARY?

A library in Winfield? There is much discussion going on in the village about the desire and need for a public library here in Winfield. Interested persons are now looking into the possibility of making this a reality. When? How? More answers soon via the State Department and American Library Association. The Glimpses is interested in hearing from its readers on this subject.

## Winfield Library Group Organized

Mrs. Donald Clippinger, Dr. John O'Donnell, and Mrs. Hal Placet form the nucleus of a committee which is being organized to promote the formation of a public library in Winfield. Mrs. Clippinger is chairman, pro tem. At the moment information from the Regional Librarian, the State Library and from the American Library Association is being scanned to determine the best possible plan of action. Interested persons are asked to call Mrs. Donald Clippinger, MO 8-6245.

In 1963 The Winfield Glimpses reports on the community's interest in a library.

# Winfield Library Association

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## Library Association Selects Officers

The first slate of officers for the Winfield Library Association was elected at the group's last meeting. President of the association is Eugene Fischer; vice president, Mrs. Beverly Schibar; secretary, Mrs. Margaret Coombs, and treasurer, Hal Placet.

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 12, at 8:30 p.m. in the home of Eugene Fischer on Manchester Road. This will be a membership meeting and all interested persons are invited to attend. Plans will be discussed for a November 15th Pancake Day to be sponsored by the association.

## Library Association To Meet Dec. 14th

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Hal Placet, Forest Street, the Library Association's Pancake Day was a huge success. More than 300 adults and children enjoyed the pancakes and sausages made by Bob Coombs, Gene Fischer, Hal Placet, and Rich Knippen. Customers were seated and served by Winfield teenagers.

An added attraction was a turkey raffle. Winner of the 14-pound turkey donated by Morken's Village Store was Dr. Jack Hietzler of Grant Street.

A special thank you goes to the local merchants who purchased a large number of tickets for the event.

Guest speakers at the last meeting of the Public School Parents' Club were Association President Gene Fischer and Treasurer Hal Placet. Mr. Fischer gave a brief history of libraries and spoke on their importance and use today. Mr. Placet outlined the activities of the Library Association and its efforts to establish a library facility in Winfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Knorring, Wallace Road, will host the next regular meeting of the Library Association on December 14th at 8:30 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

The Winfield Library Association formed in 1964

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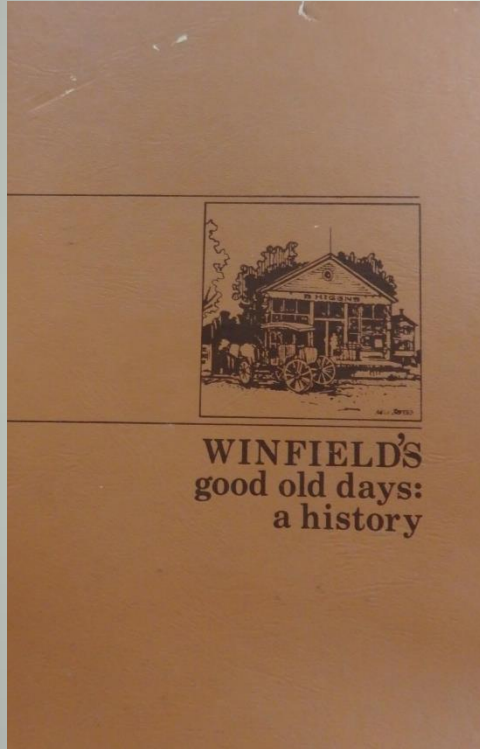
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# Winfield Library Association



The Association was incorporated in 1965.

# Winfield Library Referendum



The association's first intent had been to provide library service without tax support, but consultation with the American Library Association and with other communities made it apparent that to depend on private funds for maintenance of service was not feasible. Further, a tax-supported library would be eligible to receive Illinois state library tax funds, could apply for federal building grants, and could join the DuPage Library System.

The decision was made to plan for a referendum to make the library a public body while the association continued as a fund-raising organization. For the next year and a half there were both money-making activities and a meticulously organized informational campaign, and in September 1968 a referendum was announced.

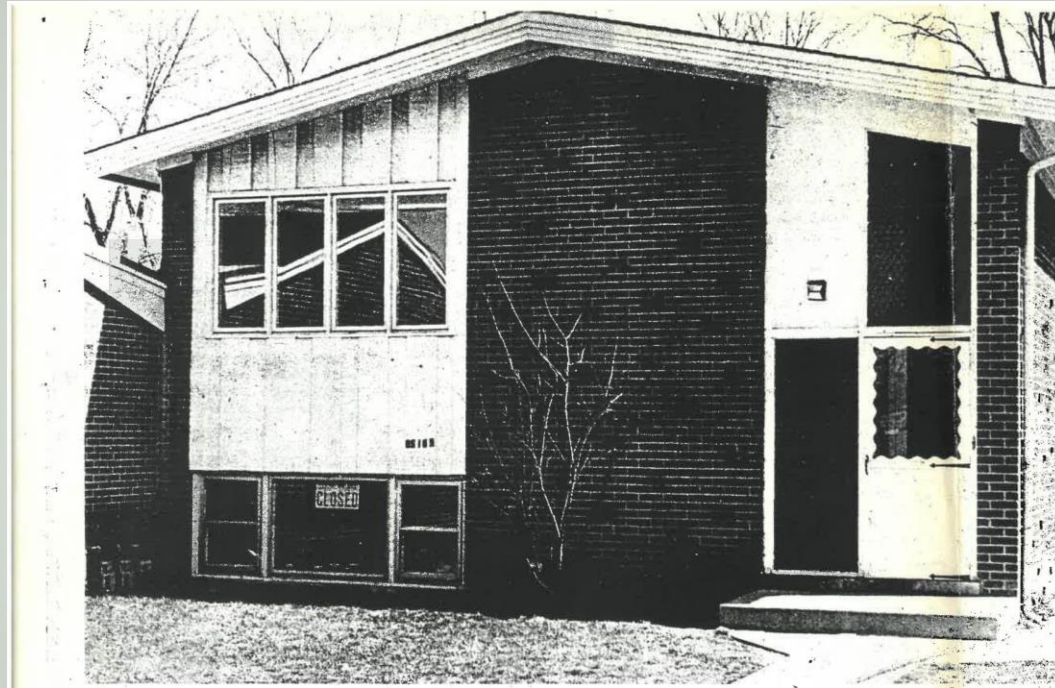
The following November 16 the proposition for the establishment of a library and a tax rate of 12 cents per \$100 assessed valuation was approved by a vote of almost two to one, 400 to 211. Irene High, Kenneth Haag, Rosalie Placet, Betty Possehl, Beverly Schibur, and Rose Szczepaniak were elected as directors. Irene High was chosen president; Rose Szczepaniak, treasurer; and Betty Possehl, secretary.

At the time the library board was then in charge, no tax funds were



# First Library

THE UPPER FLOOR of the building at 0S169 Church St., Winfield, houses the newly formed Winfield Public Library which officially opened its doors on Jan. 24. Volunteers began the tedious job of sorting, collecting, cataloguing and preparing the books for the opening as far back as early October of 1969.



The first library opened on January 24, 1970.  
It was located on Church Street.

# Miniature Book Collection

## Lifestyle

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### 'Alice' takes Nan into miniature hobby

By Alyce Bartlett

A dozen books in the palms of your hands.

It's not a feat of physical prowess but a collection of miniature books.

The collection belongs to a delightful and courteous woman who was born and reared in Scotland.

Nan Montgomery came to America as a young woman, taught English in Kingston, Tenn., later coming to Wheaton where she became the librarian at Wheaton Central High School until her retirement several years ago.

She received her first miniature, a leather bound New Testament, from a beloved aunt when she was a little girl.

"It is not a true miniature because it is too long," said Nan. "A true miniature must be three inches or smaller."

It wasn't until the 40s when she was shopping in a large department store in Chicago's Loop that she acquired her first true miniature.

"I saw 'Alice in Wonderland,' it was very expensive but it was such a beautifully illustrated book. I decided to buy it," she said. "That was the start of my collection which I really didn't take seriously until the 60s."

A great many of the books are postage-stamp size including the historical "First Union" by Robert M. Urey and "Noah's Ark."

"My hobby takes me back in history," Nan said. "Napoleon and Franklin Delano Roosevelt collected miniature books. Many years ago religious books were printed in miniature," she said. "Wealthy people carried them on their persons. They were quite ornate, some of them—

of pearl, they were like little jewels."

During the holocaust the Jews concealed miniature religious books on them so the books could not be detected by others.

Collections of miniature a books can be found at the British Museum, the Library of Congress and many universities throughout the country.

Some miniatures that Nan says of historical interest are "Inaugural Address of J. F. Kennedy" and Sir Winston Churchill's "Reply to the Act of Congress, April 8, 1963." This was his reply to the honorary citizenship conferred upon him by Congress.

Miniature books are printed in Holland, Spain and Mexico. Hungary is a gold mine for political books she said.

"Miniature books become expensive when the publisher dies," Nan said. "Miniature books can be obtained from the Black Cat Press in Chicago and the Schori Press in Evanston. The Dawson Book Shop in Los Angeles has one section devoted to miniature a books. I haven't visited the shop but they do mail me pamphlets."

Louis Brandy in London also publishes miniature books and sends a catalog listing available books. They even have a miniature catalog.

"The only store I know in the area where you can buy miniature books is Krock's and Bressner's in Chicago," Nan said. "I will continue to buy two or three miniatures a year. Current books are selling for about \$15 each."

Nan assisted Barbara Maize in opening the first library in Winfield on Church Street. She said they worked hard to get the library started.

"I love books and that was so wonderful to work with," Nan said. "We worked long, hard hours but that always made it fun because she was cheerful and optimistic."

"Miniature books have an appeal not limited to the lover of books," Nan said. "Anyone who can appreciate the exquisite detail of the tiny type and illustrations, the craftsmanship, the leather bindings and gold stamping can enjoy collecting miniature editions."

Part of Nan's collection is on exhibit at the Winfield Public Library on Winfield Road. It will be on display until the end of August.

One of the smallest books on display at the library is "Three Psalms," bound in navy blue leather with gold lettering and measuring one and five-eighths by 1 1/8 inches.

The most sentimental is Eugene O'Neill's "Last Will and Testament of an Extremely Disappointed Dog," which measures two and seven-eighths by two and one-eighth inches.

Nan said she intends to donate her collection and a case for them to the Winfield Public Library.

She gives an occasional talk about her collection which she says is quite easy because she can carry most of the books in a small case.

Although most of the miniatures in her collection have leather bindings she said there are some that do come with dust jackets. "Ladies Beweck Thomas has a dust jacket."

"My miniatures are so small," Nan said. "I enjoy reading them and have read all of them—some more carefully than others."

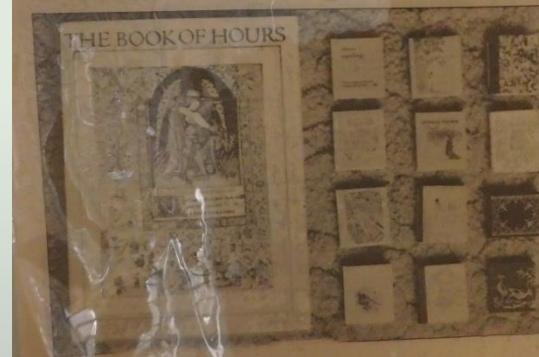
Nan said it's a great hobby, you don't have to spend a lot of money and it takes up little room.



NAN MONTGOMERY



Above: Some of the type is so tiny a magnifying glass is needed for reading. Upper left: Frances Graham of the Winfield Public Library holds one of the beautifully illustrated miniature editions currently on display at the library. Lower left: To the right are several miniatures as they compare in size to an average book.



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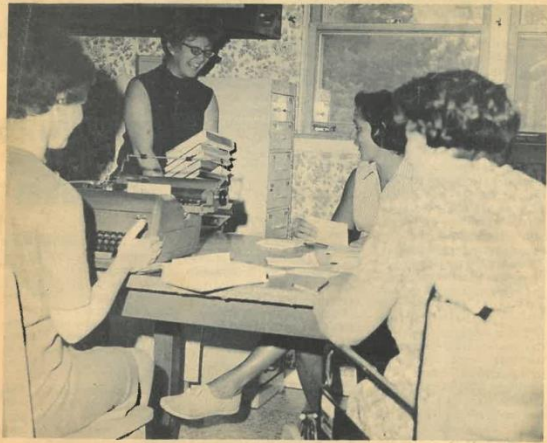
Librarian Nan Montgomery had a special collection of miniature books that she shared with the Library.

# Getting the Collections Ready



**BOOKSHELVES** in the Children's Room had to be installed and painted before the large pile of boxes could be emptied of books. Spacing shelves are Mrs. Rudy Mate, librarian, and Mrs. Robert Lee, Junior Woman's Club president.

# Getting the Collections Ready



**A FLURRY OF ACTIVITY** is taking place these days at the site of Winfield's new library, 05169 Church St. Volunteers are helping Mrs. Barbara Mate (left), librarian, process an initial collection of books. Volunteers may report to the library any weekday between 1 and 5 p.m. Others at work and sharing a laugh with Mrs. James McAdams (second left) are Mrs. M. Romoser and Mrs. Richard Murdock. (Daily Journal Photo)

Fall 1969 was spent processing books for the collection



Volunteers have been working sorting and preparing books for cataloging at the Winfield Public Library. Shown working with Rose Szczepaniak, Board of Directors member and chairman of the Personal Committee are: (left to right) Mrs. Szczepaniak, Dorothy Christensen, Jinx Castro and Marcia McAdams. Volunteers will begin their orientation program tonight, Wednesday, October 8 at 8 p.m. in the village hall. Mrs. Barbara Mate, Winfield's librarian, will give a talk on the introduction to volunteer library work. Mrs. John Knorring, librarian for Wheaton Central High School, will speak on professional attitudes. The card catalog will be the subject of the talk by librarian Miss Nan Montgomerie.



**SORTING MAGAZINES** — Many of the items that had been packed away for some time had to be sorted and bundled for back reference. Mrs. William Schibur and Mrs. Heinz Dresch tie a bundle of back issues of Fortune magazine. The library now has over two thousand books on its shelves with more being processed each day by librarians Nan Montgomerie and Mrs. Rudy Mate. As a member of the Du Page Library System the Winfield Library will have access to the system's audio visual materials, reference materials and the privilege of borrowing books from other areas and national libraries upon request.

# First Library

## *Library's First Anniversary*

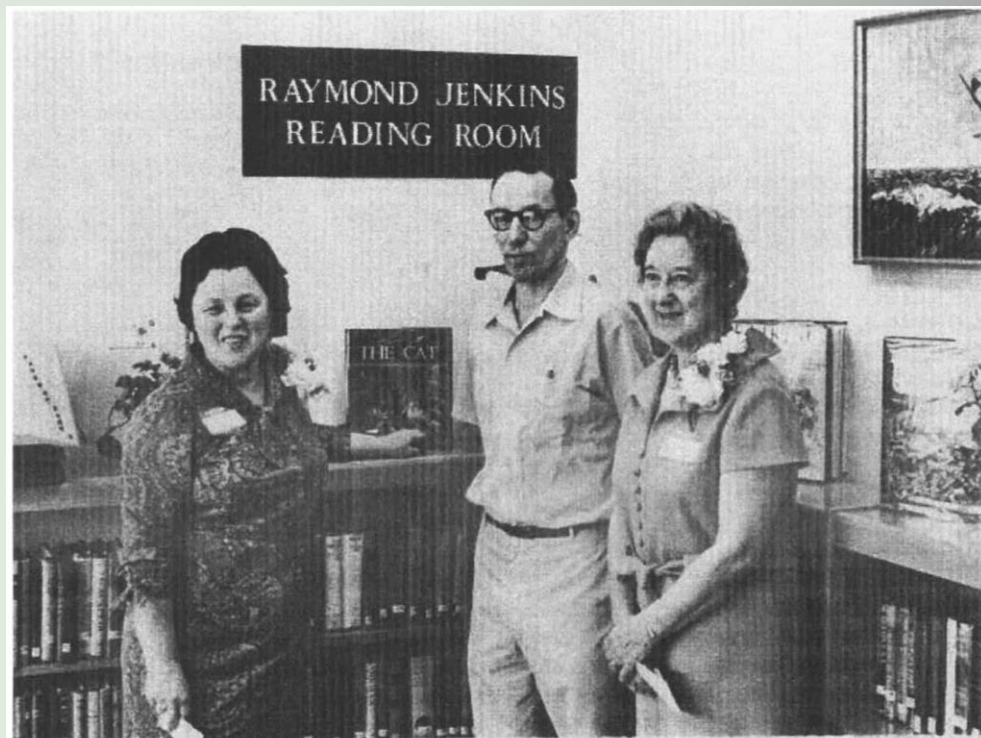


**Mrs. Ken Christensen, (left) co-chairman of the Winfield Library volunteers, and Librarian Mrs. Rudy Mate are pictured doing one of the many "above and beyond the call of duty" jobs which they perform daily at the library. They, with Mrs. Heinz Dresch, co-chairman of volunteers, moved all of the books from the front reading room and re-located the entire young-peoples collection. The large front reading room now houses the entire non-fiction collection. The fiction collection is in the back room next to the reference room. The children's room remains the same.**

# Gifts to the Library



Dick Schmitt has presented the Winfield Public Library with a picture which he has done especially for the library. His son, Mark, and their English bulldog, Maggie are the subjects of the work done in pastel pencil, India ink and tempera. Mrs. William Schibur, member of the library board of directors, is shown accepting the picture. Dick and his wife Kay, both known for their artistic ability, are planning to open their own business soon. They are now busy putting their creativity to work for the combination art and boutique shop to open in the spring. The shop, which they are calling "The Two of Us," will feature clothing made and designed by Kay and Dick's art works. He will also do portraits. Dick received his BA degree in art at Idaho State College and taught art in New York State for two years. He has done much art commission work. Kay became interested in design when she did fashion modeling during college, and began sewing her own wardrobe. Kay is also window designer at Scheffers Florist in Wheaton. Kay and Dick and their three children live on East Street.



Mrs. Barbara Mate (left) and Miss Nan Montgomerie have become familiar and popular figures to Winfield residents. Mrs. Mate is librarian at the Winfield Public Library and Miss Montgomerie is the cataloger. They are pictured with Raymond Jenkins, the largest single contributor to the library and the man for whom the main room in the library has been named.

# Winfield Library Association

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**Library officers**

The Winfield Library Association will be guided this year by these new officers from left - Mrs. James McAdams, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Kalkwarf, vice president; Mrs. Edward Serwach, secretary and Mrs. James Clay, president. The Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Winfield Public Library, OS164 Winfield Road. (D-J Photo by Lee Sennett)

*Honored by Library Group*



Mrs. Wallace Baucke (right) receives Winfield Library Association's Member of the Year Award from last year's winners, Mr. and Mrs. James McAdams. A silver bowl was presented to Mrs. Baucke for her tireless service and dedication to the Association during her year as president.

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Quilting party at Pat Lennon's. Left to right: Marcia McAdams, Pat Lennon, Lynn Clay and Ruth Hucker.

## Library Ass'n. sends SOS

S.O.S.! That means Scads of Stitchers are urgently needed by the Winfield Library Association to work on their Bicentennial quilt for the Good Ole Days celebration. Even if you are all knuckles when it comes to a needle, Pat Lennon, chairman of the quilt project, says you're as welcome as the robins in spring. She'll furnish needle, thread, and instruction. All you have to do is follow the dots on the fabric.

As a bonus, if you're new in town, or even an 'old timer', you will enjoy the conversation, recipe swapping, and good times at 'Aunt Pat' afternoon and evening quilting parties.

Quilting gals meet every Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Lennon's, 135 Carrel Ave. There is an evening quilting session on Wednesday at 8 p.m. for those of you who work or are tied up with little children during the day.

The quilt is a handsome garden of cross stitch flowers made by Jo Baucke, Library Association president. The quilting is being done by volunteers. Proceeds from sale of tickets for the quilt during the Good Ole Days celebration in September will be used for the Library building fund.

Join the fun. Get acquainted with your neighbors, get in on the gossip and have a grand time at the Library quilting party. Call Pat today at 653-0430 and tell her to count on you as one of the quilters.

The Association Continues to Support the Library

# Second Library

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### A Sad Clown



Wouldn't you be sad too?

Those packing boxes below the clown warned the poor fellow of coming events. Gone are the children whose little giggles warmed his heart. Gone are the tales, wild and wonderful, spun by the story teller at the Children's Story Hour. Only quiet remains. If only the Winfield Public Library could have taken him along. Oh, to be in the new home of the library, with it's three big rooms. Oh, to be a part of the children's room, this time big enough to hold a classroom full of children with their bright eyes and happy sounds. But

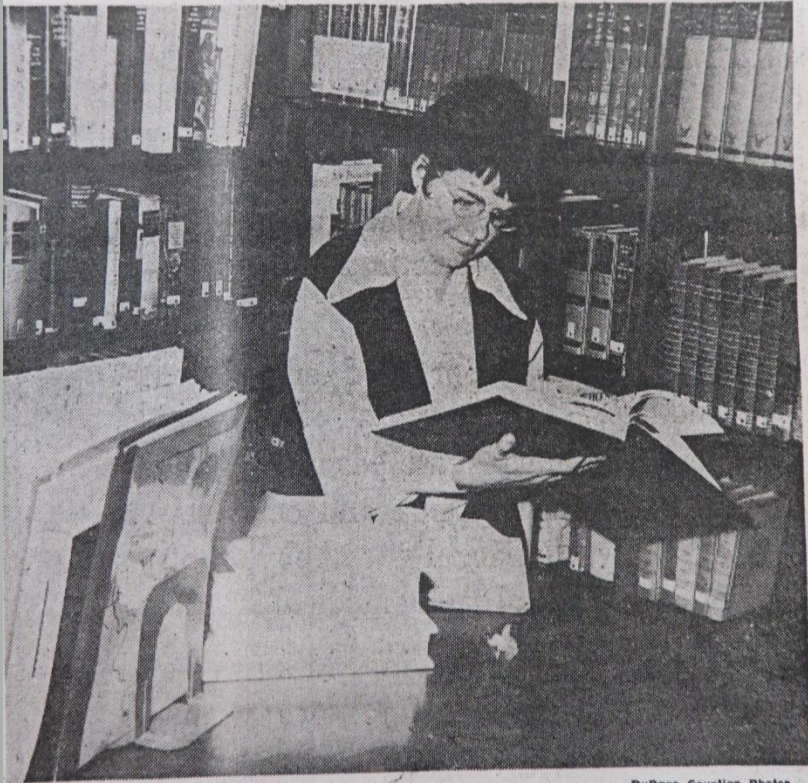
alas, he had to remain behind.

The library is in it's new home at 0S164 Winfield Road in the relocatable class rooms at Winfield Public School. It is open and welcoming all the sad clown's old friends and many new ones. There are many new things in store for the children at the library. Only one thing is missing. The sad clown; he remained silently on the wall at the old location. He can only hope that maybe some lucky little boy or girl will move in and adopt him. Then once again laughter and happiness will fill the little room that was the first children's library in Winfield.

The second library opened in 1972. It was located in three mobile classrooms on the site of the Winfield School.



# Second Library



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Mrs. Rosalie Placet is shown at work in the reference room of the Winfield Public Library. Years of work led up to the time the library was opened in rented space in January of 1970.



Librarian Mrs. Rudolph Mate is shown with Jimmy Christopher Placet in the Winfield Public Library. The Winfield Library Association's story is one that dreams can often come true but it takes plenty of hard work.

# Holiday House Walk

## House Walk Memories



These ladies greeted "Holiday House Walk" goers with coffee and cake at the Winfield Public Library. Smiling for our camera are l. to r. Mrs. James McAdams, Mrs. Joseph Szczepaniak, Mrs. Joseph Scriba, Mrs. Joseph Jackels and refreshment chairman, Mrs. Mel Winn. The Winfield Library Association realized nearly \$1,800 profit from the House Walk.



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bird beautifully represented an old fashioned Christmas. The 136 year old

## House Walk Visit *Examined Oct 25*

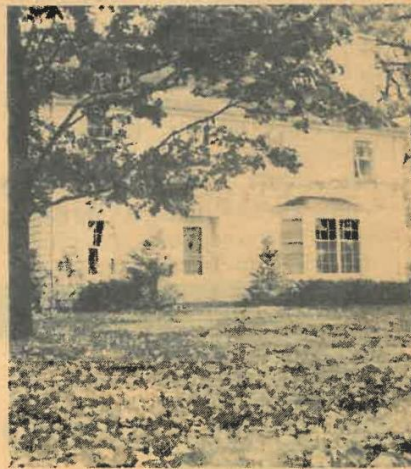
A lovely two-story colonial nestled among the oak and maple trees off County Farm Road is the home of Judy and Lester Munson. This attractively arranged home is the setting for a family with many interests. Book-lined shelves and picture groupings add decorative touches to the beauty and warmth of this family home. Pictures of the New England countryside hold a special sentimental value to the Munsons who vacation there every year. During the holiday season, the bay window in the living room is traditionally decorated with snow flakes by the Munson's two young sons, Lester and Max. Against this setting, the Munson's display their Christmas tree in all its festive glory.

A massive fieldstone fireplace dominates one wall of the beamed family room. The rug in this handsome room was specially designed to match the stone pattern of the fireplace. Mrs. Munson has furnished the sun room with antique, white wicker furniture with spring-green upholstery and pots of green plants creating a room with sunny sparkle and

style.

House Walk visitors will delight in their visit through this sophisticated yet liveable and charming house.

During the Christmas season Scheffler's Florist will add special holiday touches to an already unique home.



The Winfield Library Association held a yearly fundraiser at the second library.

# Holiday House Walk

## Housewalk Bazaar and Bake/Sale

Starting at 10:00 a.m. on November 29, the Winfield Library Housewalk Bazaar and Bake Sale will begin at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, OS 501 Summit, Winfield. Admission to the Bazaar and Bake Sale is included in the price of the Housewalk ticket.

A beautiful array of handmade items will be available for holiday shoppers. According to Chairman, Linda Scariano, many hours have gone into creating colorful felt ornaments, beautifully crocheted lace angels, and many other unique gifts for the discriminating shopper.

A favorite with Housewalk guests is the popular "Trim the Tree Shop" featuring handcrafted ornaments to delight early shoppers.

A new attraction this year will be the Wreath Room. Eleven different kinds of wreaths to be used during the holidays, as well as all year long, have been carefully designed and constructed from a wide variety of materials.

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A large selection of gourmet treats for your holiday table will be available at the Bake Sale.

After browsing, Housewalk guests will be treated to complimentary dessert and coffee as well as the tour of five lovely homes. Tickets can be purchased at the Winfield Library or from Ticket Chairman, Maureen Walde (690-1170).



Putting finishing touches on craft items for the Winfield Library Housewalk are Mae Hartley, Chairman Linda Scariano, and Ruth Hucker.



## Whimsical crafts

Skilled steamstresses. Sally Knight, left, Linda Scariano, chairman and Betty Parisi, work on crafts for the Winfield Library Association House Walk, Nov. 29. Five homes decorated for the holiday season will be open

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from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be available and for an additional \$3 walkers can stop for lunch at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. (D-J Photo by Alyce Bartlett)

# The 1978 House Walk Received a Lot of Press

# Holiday House Walk

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Scene in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schlenker.

## Five Homes Highlight Winfield's Nov. 29 House Walk

Plans are underway for the 11th annual Winfield Holiday House Walk, sponsored by the Winfield Library Association, to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Included in the House Walk will be a tour of five lovely homes, each sharing a holiday spirit and displaying the unique talents and interests of all family members. A gift boutique, bake sale and "Trim the Tree" shop will be held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit St., Winfield.

According to Mrs. Donald Garlinger, chairman, House Walk guests will be able to visit the Winfield homes of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Corrigan, 0S700 Winfield Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. James Gary, 27 West 353 Carrel; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Munson, 0N039 County Farm Rd., and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Schauer, 1S735 Pamela Ct. The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schlenker, 28 West 655 Childs, of West Chicago, will also be featured in the House Walk.

During House Walk hours, complimentary coffee and dessert will be served to all ticketholders at Christ our Savior Lutheran Church. Due to last year's success, a holiday luncheon will again be featured for an additional \$3.

Reservations are necessary for the luncheon, so tickets must be purchased in advance. House Walk tickets are \$3, if purchased prior to the 29th of November (\$3.50 if bought at the door), and are available from Ticket Chairman, Maureen Walde, 690-1170, or at the Winfield Library, Winfield Road.

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## Menu planners

Barbara Shurtleff, standing, luncheon chairman, offers Sally Knight, left, and Jane Hibbits a sample of the delicious menu to be served in conjunction with the Winfield Library House Walk Nov. 29. Reservations are necessary for the luncheon which will be served at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit, Winfield. Tickets must be purchased in advance. House walk tickets and luncheon tickets are available from Ticket Chairman, Maureen Walde, 690-1170 or at the Winfield Library on Winfield Road.

# Holiday House Walk

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## Samples food for House Walk Luncheon

Taking time to enjoy a sneak preview of the tempting luncheon menu to be served in conjunction with the Library House Walk are Chairman, Barbara Garlinger, and Library Association President, Mary Kalitzky. Reservations are necessary for the luncheon to be held at Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church, O S 501 Summit, so tickets must be purchased in advance.

Chairman, Maureen Walde, 696-1170 or at the Winfield Library.



## Prepare for Winfield House Walk

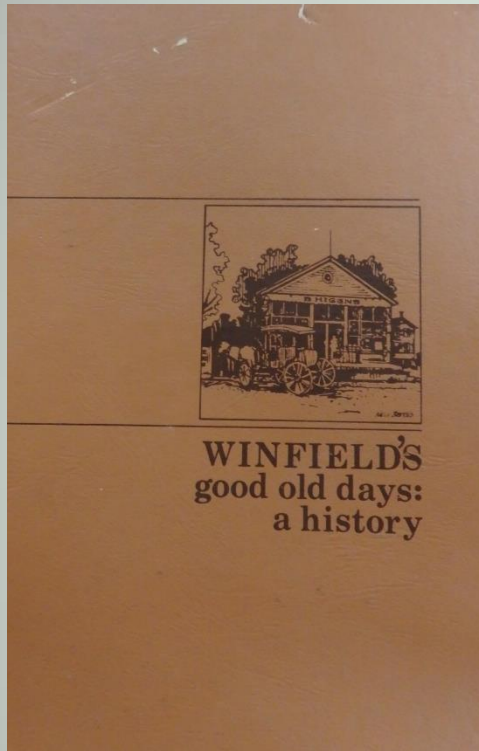


PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES on lace Christmas angels to be featured at the Winfield Library Housewalk are Mary Kalitzky and Linda Scariano. In addition to the tour of five homes, there will be a gift boutique, bake sale and "Trim the Tree Shop" at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit Street, Winfield. Tickets for the Housewalk are \$3 if purchased in advance, and include complimentary coffee and dessert. For an additional \$3.50, Housewalk guests can enjoy a delicious holiday luncheon. Reservations for the luncheon are necessary and tickets can be obtained from Maureen Walde, 690,1170, or from the Winfield Library, 0S164 Winfield Road.



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Dresch housed the popular "Trim-the-Tree" sale during the Holiday House Walk. The tree was filled with handmade tree ornaments made by committee members and friends of the library association.

# Good Old Days



## Story of Winfield Now Available



The story of Winfield's own community "roots" is now available in the form of the new book published by the Winfield Public Library, "Winfield's Good Old Days: A History."

The book, researched and compiled by Louise Spanke, touches on the era in which the area was inhabited only by Indians, and goes on through the first settlers, politics, religion, business, and the railroad. There are also special chapters on the development of the police and fire departments, the Post Office, churches and schools, the hospital and the library. Many touching memories of long time residents are recounted in their own words.

The Winfield Library Association published this history of Winfield in 1978. Copies are still available to check out from the Library!

# Campaign for a New Library

**Proposed New Winfield Library**

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patrons would be provided. If more room is eventually needed, the building can be expanded, and additional parking could be added.

Although the Library Association has already raised over \$60,000, Mary Kalitzky, president, stated that funds must continue to be raised.

The Association sponsors several events throughout the year, most of which are fund-raisers. Their "Be An Angel Ball" is held every spring at the Baker Hotel in St. Charles. During Winfield's Good Ole Days celebration the Association sponsors an Art Fair. Probably their best known event is the annual House Walk with luncheon and crafts sale in November.

Volunteers are needed to join the Association, and there are many areas in which to donate time. Craft items are being made for the House Walk at the present time. Barbara Garlinger, co-chairman of the event, commented that there are many things to be done whether or not crafts are a person's special talent.

Pat Kammer, new head librarian, added that there are many projects in need of volunteers in the library. Helpers are currently working on an inventory of the library's books and color coding the children's books for ease in handling.

Anyone wishing more information on being a library volunteer, please call Pat Kammer at 653-7599. To join the Library Association or for more information, please call Barbara Garlinger at 665-1549.

By Jackie Roskuska

The Winfield Library Association held a "Coffee Hour" May 4 to acquaint Villagers with the Association's purpose, to introduce the new head librarian, Pat Kammer, and to enlist volunteers to help with various library and Library Association projects.

The main purpose of the Association is to raise funds for a new library. That goal is getting closer to realization and, according to Library Board member, Jo Baucke, hopes are high that ground will be broken for a new library in early fall.

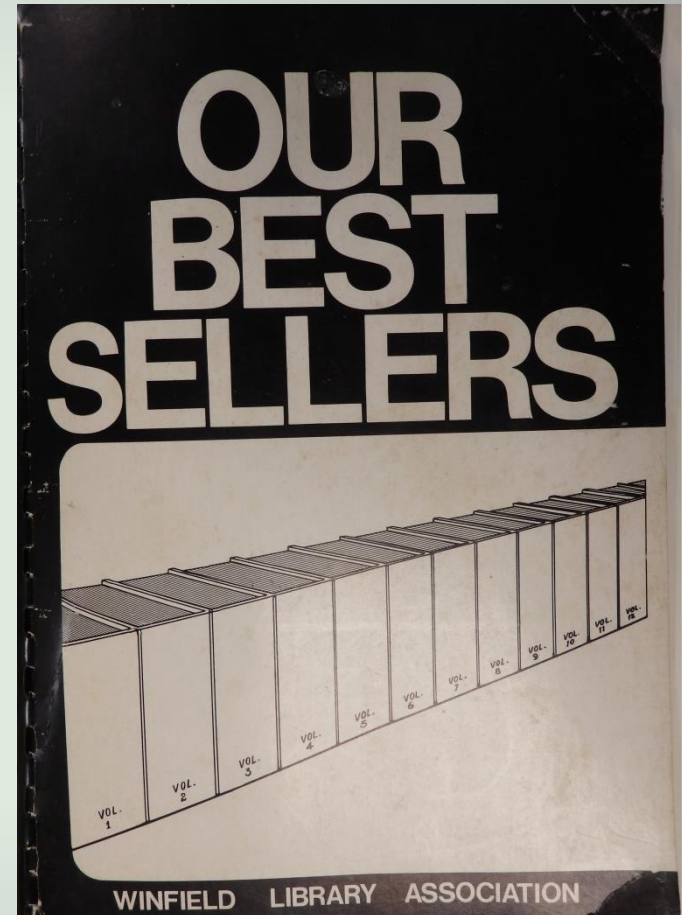
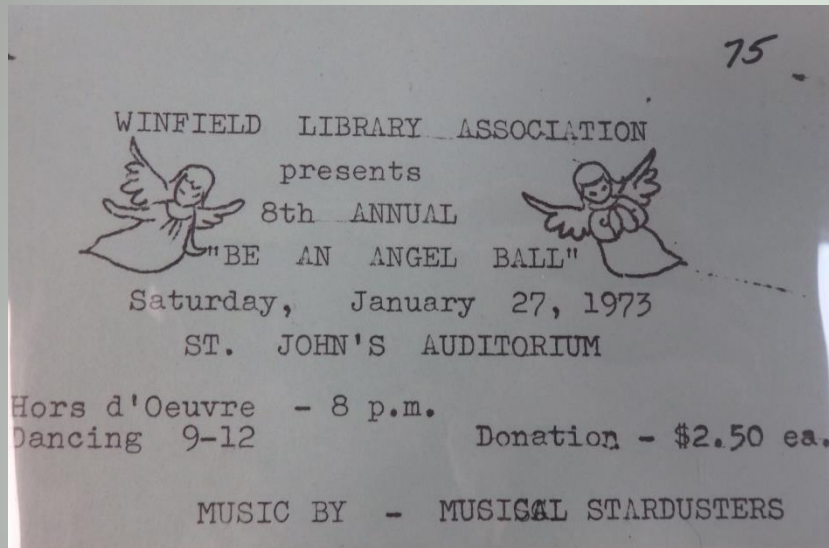
A site for the new building has been chosen at the corner of Winfield Rd. and Sunnyside Ave. The purchase of the site will be finalized if a zoning change can be obtained. The next step after that would be a Public Hearing.

The proposed new building would more than double the amount of space in the present library now located in moveable classrooms next to the Public School on Winfield Rd. Parking for nine library

**Exotic Iris Show**

By 1978 the Library had outgrown its second location, and plans were made to build.

# Winfield Library Association



The Association continued fundraising through the "Be An Angel Ball" and Cookbook





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# Programs in the Second Library

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## Celebrate Spring-- Visit the Library



Have you noticed the flocks of geese flying north? Spring really is coming. If you've missed the geese or even if you've seen them, come on over to the Winfield Public Library and see our bulletin board celebrating Spring. Kevin Duffy has discovered our real bird's nest. Wonder if he's seen the mouse peeking through the pussy willows or the snowy owl watching for his dinner?

Maybe Kevin will take home *If I Were a Bird* by Gladys Conklin or *Birds In Their Homes* by Addison Webb. While you're here take home a book for Spring. . . *Hurry Spring!* by Sterling North, *The Easter Book of Legends and Stories* by Alice Hazeltine, *The Complete Book of Running* by James Fixx or maybe *Sincere's Lawn Mower Service Book*. See you at the Library!

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8 The Daily Journal, Sunday, April 22, 1979

## Simple toys make hours of fun

By ALYCE BARTLETT

Winfield children spent a delightful afternoon learning they could make toys without a kit and with very little cash investment.

The library was buzzing with activity during National Library Week as children made clappers, periscopes and created designs to iron on tee shirts.

The library staff discussed several ideas for the make-it-yourself program. They selected practical, easy-to-do items using simple materials generally found around the home.

"It was a joint brainstorm, all the staff worked on it," said Pat Kammer, librarian. "They are a great creative group."

The staff provided special fabric crayons, three patterns to use for the tee shirts and small, round mirrors for the periscopes. Outside of that, the children were on their own.

"We made three patterns, flowers, butterflies and sun, for the tee shirts because some children are bothered by creativity," said Mrs. Kammer. "Others have no problem striking out on their own."

About half of the children created their own patterns with bunnies one of the favorite designs.

Children folded heavy cardboard for the periscopes, glued in the mirror and decorated the outside with a variety of patterns and colors.

Clappers, the kind folded a certain way that when brought down sharply, make a noise and fan out, were assembled and also decorated using crayons.

Once the children had finished the patterns for their tee shirts they brought them to Mrs. Kammer who transferred them to the

(Left) Dorothy Christensen, Winfield library staff member, helps David Borter, 9, of St. John's School, put together his periscope. (Below left) Amber Harmon, 6, Winfield Public School, colors her clapper under the watchful eye of Frances Graham, the library staff member (below) Pat Kammer, librarian, steams Jack Borter's, 1, John's school, pants to his tee shirt. (Journal Photos Alyce Bartlett)



posed to be washable." left the library with a wall, or their own hand. The more enthusiastic ones

It was business as usual while plans were made to build a new library.

# Programs in the Second Library



Karate Demonstration

# Campaign for a New Library

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## Library vote panel designated

By Alyce Bartlett  
Journal Staff

A library referendum committee has been formed to disseminate positive information on the upcoming referendum Nov. 17.

The village board approved on Oct. 11, the issuance of \$585,000 in public library bonds to build a new library, if the referendum is approved. The bonds would be retired in 20 years.

Rose Szczepaniak and Jo Baucke, both library board directors, will head the committee.

Library Board President Robert Lee told the committee that the individual homeowner would pay \$42.90 yearly for a house assessed at \$30,000.

"This breaks down to \$1.43 per \$1,000 assessed valuation," Lee said. "This year the village's total assessed valuation is \$27,490,774, next year it is estimated at \$30 million. There are 1,246 homes in the village and the average assessed valuation is \$22,063."

He said the library needs a new building because the relocatables (temporary buildings) in which the library is currently located on Winfield Road are ready to self-destruct.

"We are paying \$8,000 a year rent on these buildings and I don't know how long we will be able to stay open if the referendum is not passed," Lee said. "We have only praise for the school who has helped and cooperated with us."

Ida Bullen of the DuPage Library Sys-



Journal photo by Alyce Bartlett

**WILLIAM LEE**  
Relocatables ready to self-destruct

comments, call on the phone, particularly on the day of the referendum. Voters have to be reminded to go to the polls. Offer rides when necessary."

Committee Member Helene Scriba said one of the questions she believed would be asked repeatedly by voters is

## Winfield library vote set

By Alyce Bartlett  
Journal Staff

Winfield residents will vote Nov. 17 to decide whether a new public library building should be built.

The village hall, 27465 Jewell Road, will be open from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. and will be the only polling place.

The village board Thursday adopted an ordinance to issue \$585,000 in public library building bonds, if the voters approve the referendum. The bonds will be retired in 20 years.

Village Attorney Don Garlinger reviewed the ordinance and had no problems with it, said Robert Lee, library board director.

The building will be constructed on three lots on the corner of Sunnyside Avenue and Winfield Road. The building will have the appearance of a single-level structure but because of slope of the land, a portion will actually be two levels.

The main level will have a children's reading room, children's story room, adult section, staff room and restrooms.

The lower level will have a meeting room, future reading room, restrooms and a kitchen. The 10,000-square foot building will have an all-brick exterior styled to blend in with the surrounding residential area.

Parking will be to the north of the library and entry and exit will be off Sunnyside. The library is currently located in two temporary buildings on Winfield Road adjacent to the Winfield Elementary School. The temporary buildings, so-called relocatables, are at capacity

and books may now have to be stored because there is no more shelf capacity.

Itemized costs of the proposed library and equipment is: building, \$404,000; interior roads and parking \$17,000; exterior security lighting, \$4,000; landscape \$16,000; equipment and furnishings, \$42,000; 10 percent contingency, \$48,300; architectural fees, \$38,320; financial fees, \$8,320; legal fees, \$6,000; and miscellaneous, \$880.

Lee said the library board does not have final figures on how much the new library would cost the individual homeowner, if the referendum is approved. He said such figures should be available within several days, however.

The Winfield Library Referendum Committee encouraged residents to pass a referendum in November 1979 to build and operate a new library.

# Construction of the New Library



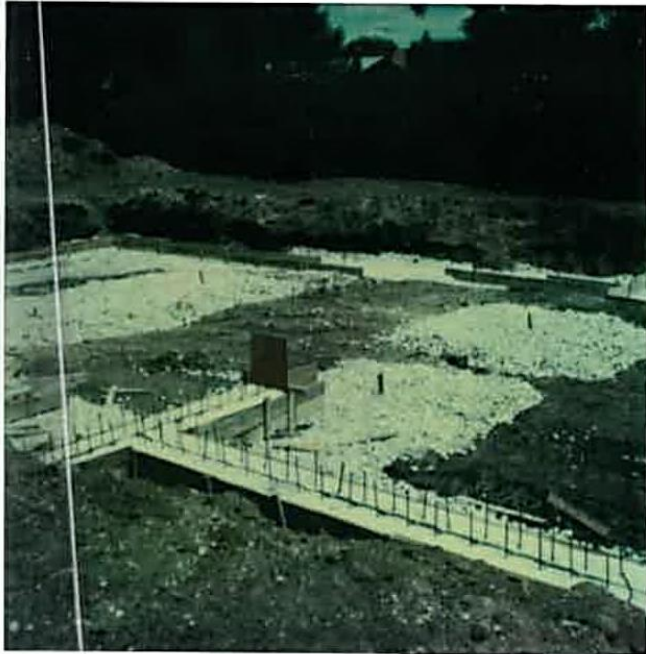
The Winfield Library Association contributes to the new library.

# Construction of the New Library



Groundbreaking occurred in July 1980

# Construction of the New Library



The foundation is laid in August 1980.

# Construction of the New Library



The roof rafters are installed in January 1981



# Construction of the New Library



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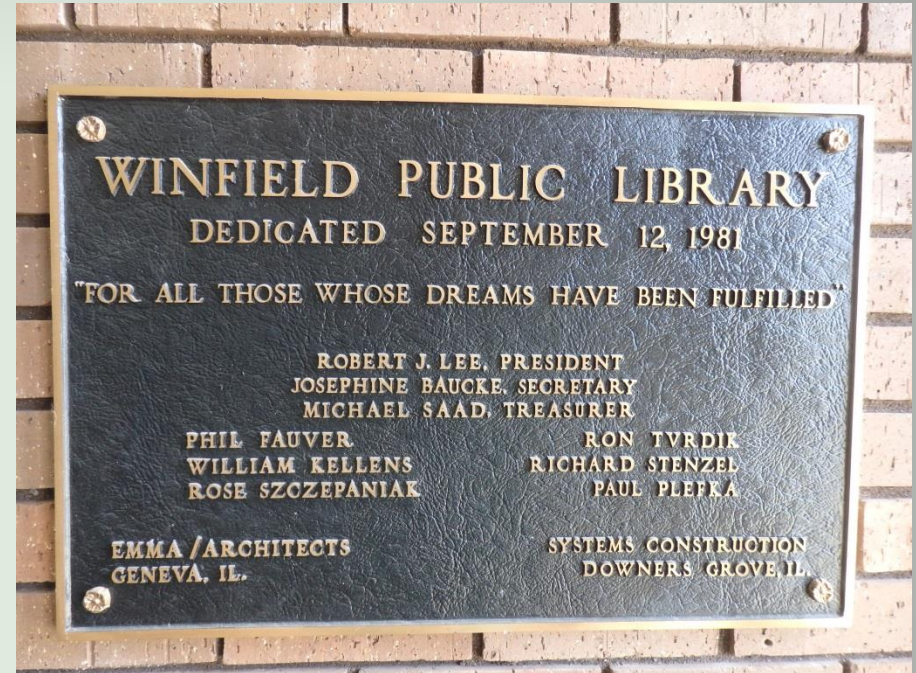
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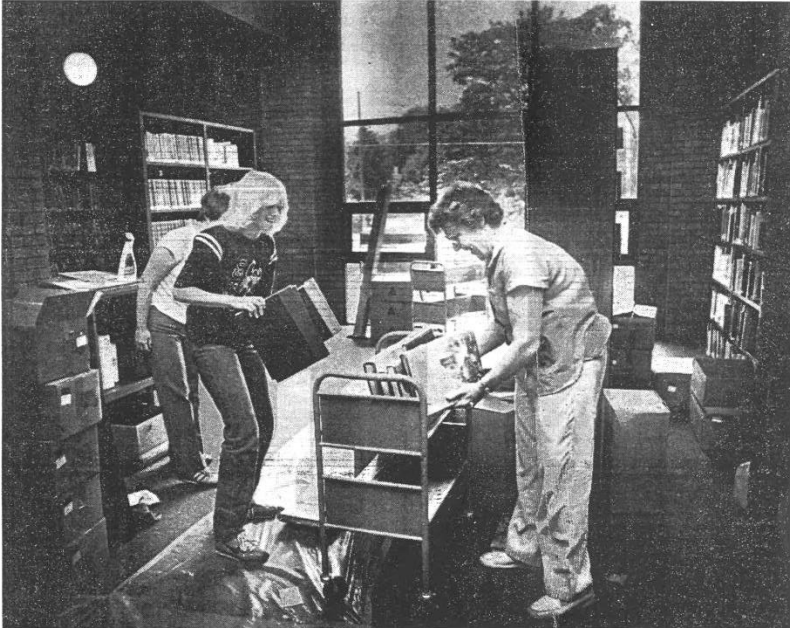
The exterior of the building comes along

# New Library



The much-anticipated new library on Winfield Road opened in June 1981.

# New Library



## ***Moving time***

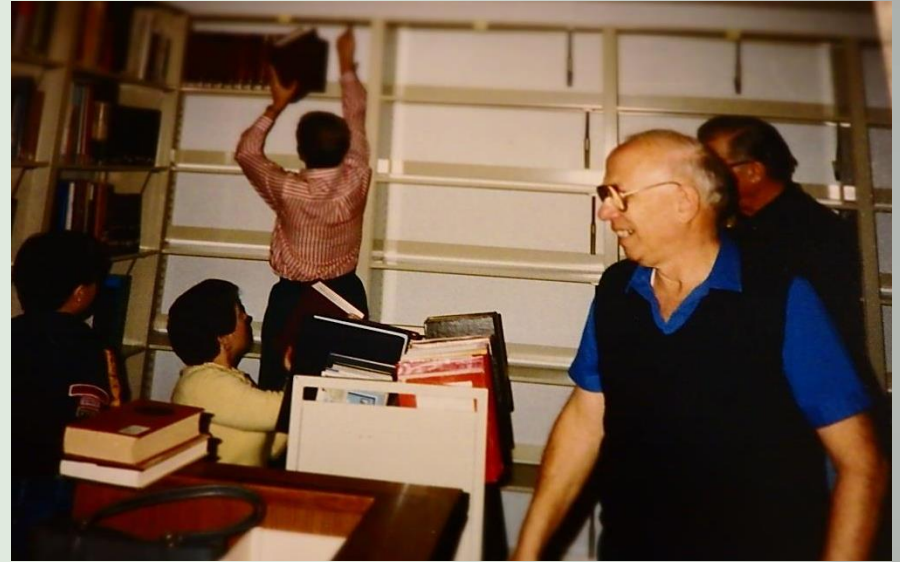
Volunteer Joanne Schultz, left, helps Library Clerk Frances Graham assemble books onto cart to take to the appropriate

shelves in the new Winfield Public Library, Sunnyside and Winfield Road. The library is expected to open June 29. The library will replace the old library at 0S164 Winfield Road.

Journal photo by Richard A. Chapman



# Lower Level



The lower level was finished in 1986, and Adult Reference and Nonfiction moved there.



**1989-1998**

# Library Open House - 1992



The Library always held an Open House in January.

# Sunday Hours - 1997



The Library received a grant to have Sunday hours during Fall 1997.

# Burning the Bond

## Letters from your library

By Georgianna Pulver

### Library building is local treasure

Winfield Public Library is holding an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 26 to celebrate the retirement of its building bond. This is a milestone in the long road from the library's small beginning more than 30 years ago.

In 1964, a group of Winfield neighbors began to discuss the possibility of creating a library for Winfield. That same year, the Winfield Library Association was formed and the first meeting was held in October. Fund-raising activities—from house walks to quilt raffles—contributed to a treasury fund amount of more than \$5,000 in 1966. By 1968, the association realized the library needed to be a tax-based organization. In November, the association circulated a referendum to establish a village library. The referendum won by an almost 2-1 margin. The association continued its fund-raising and support until tax funds became available in the summer of 1970.

In September 1969, the newly formed Library Board leased a second-floor apartment at OS169 Church St. Volunteers helped paint, install shelves, update lighting and assisted librarians Barbara Mate and Nan Montgomerie in cataloging and processing books. (Montgomerie's miniature book collection is still on display in the library). The reading room of the first library was dedicated to Raymond Jenkins, a former Winfield resident who had generously supported the library from the beginning with donations of money, books and records. On Jan. 24, 1970, opening ceremonies were held and the library was officially opened 27 hours a week. The 2,076 books in the library were checked out 11,000 times that year.

By 1972, the library had outgrown its location—floors were sagging and books were shelved in the bathtub. The board leased three temporary classrooms from Winfield School. That July, the library received a \$10,000 gift for the building fund from what was then the McCormick Charitable Trust, reviving hopes that the library would someday have its own building. By 1977, the col-

lection held more than 14,000 items and annual circulation was more than 20,000. Clearly, the deteriorating classrooms were no longer adequate.

In 1978, the Winfield Library Association and volunteers donated \$35,000 to purchase property on the northeast corner of Sunnyside Avenue and Winfield Road. With the donation, the Library Board began planning for a new building. On Nov. 17, 1979, voters approved a \$585,000 bond issue to pay for building construction. The new building was dedicated Sept. 12, 1981, with the upper floor housing the entire adult and children's collections. The lower level was finished in 1986 and now holds two meeting rooms and the adult nonfiction collection. The last addition was a new parking lot which increased parking from 15 spaces to 42 in 1995.

The Village of Winfield has doubled in growth from barely 4,000 in 1968 to more than 8,000 in 1998, according to a special census currently being finalized by U.S. Census Bureau officials. The library has seen growth more than triple as it approaches its 30th year anniversary. Today, the library holds 38,638 items, including books on tape, videos and CDs undreamt of by its original planners. The card catalog has been replaced with computers. Residents enjoy free Internet use, another concept unheard of when the new building opened in 1981. While books still remain the backbone of the library, automated reference sources such as EBSCO magazine index, American Business Disc, Novelist and SIRS Researcher give patrons extended resources.

The library is now open 64 hours a week. In the year ending April 1998, 84,076 items were checked out by Winfield and neighboring library card holders. Eighty-five percent of Winfield residents have a library card. The library that began with \$16,936 in its first tax levied general fund is operating on \$333,199 this year. That is quite some growth the library will be celebrating on Sept. 26.

**Winfield Public Library**  
Bond Retirement  
September 26, 1998 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Retirement Ceremony  
2:00 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**  
Kirk H. Edwards  
Library Board President

**REMARKS**  
Barbara Mate, First Librarian  
Robert Lee, Library Board President, 1980-1981

**BOND BURNING**  
Rose Szczepaniak, Founding Member, Library Board President,  
1972-1973; Treasurer, 1969-1970; Secretary, 1983-1985  
Kirk H. Edwards, Library Board President  
John D. Kirschbaum, Winfield Village President

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Tressa Link, Joseph Marcanтони, Joan Rasaban-Kiser, Norma Rude

We held a party in September 1998 to celebrate the final payment on the construction bond.



# Burning the Bond





**1999-2008**

# Library Remodeling

Local news

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## Winfield library getting a face lift

Will close for one week while improvements done

by Donna Kupris Kelley  
Correspondent

The Winfield Public Library will be closed from 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, through Saturday, May 20, to get a \$25,000 face lift to allow staff to maximize use of the space and improve safety conditions.

"We need to maintain this building for the public," said Library Director Georgianna Pulver. "It's 20 years old and it needs to be taken care of."

The planned improvements, including new carpeting for the upstairs level and stairway, re-upholstering of the original furniture and outdoor enhancement, will not come at an extra cost to tax payers, Pulver said.

"The money we're using to pay for the improvements comes from our reserve funds," Pulver said. "In fact, taxes went down .5 percent this year because we paid off the library bond in 1988."

The reserve fund is like a piggy bank where the library staff puts any extra money from the building maintenance funds, according to Pulver. The money



Press-Republican photo by David Ewart

**Winfield resident Mary Durack (left), Angela Simper and her children, Nicholas, 1, and Camille, 4, try out the new automatic front door opener at the Winfield Public Library Monday as Library Director Georgianna Pulver looks on.**

gets allocated to pay for certain services like snow removal, but if there's a mild winter the money isn't used. The library board saves this extra money for big projects, like the new parking lot the fund purchased five years ago.

The week-long construction plans include painting the vaulted ceilings and walls for the first

time since the library was built 20 years ago. It also includes installation of new automatic front door openers that allow people with walkers or in wheelchairs, as well as parents with strollers, to gain easier access to the building. The purchase of new shelves and desks for public areas and replacing ceiling fans are other areas of improvement.

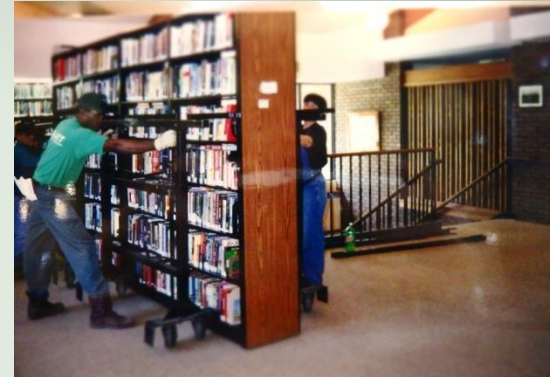
"We have duct tape holding the carpet together so the staff doesn't trip," said Pulver.

The library has contracted Des Plaines-based DuPont Flooring to install carpeting; DuPage Upholstery, of Villa Park, to recover the furniture; American Painting in Carol Stream to paint and Hallette Movers, of Summit, to move shelves and books while the carpeting is installed. Two-thirds of the 41,000 books and items are located in the affected area.

"We're trying to make the most of the space we have," Pulver said. "We're using every inch even down to cleaning the closets this year."

One closet will become a copier center, while the staff is rearranging the reference collection and adding new magazine reading and teen areas.

Outdoor enhancements include replacing the bike rack, sealing the driveway and adding another drive-up book return.



The Library was refreshed with new paint and carpeting in 2000

# Library Dedications



# Longtime Library Staff



Youth Librarian Pam  
retired in February 1999



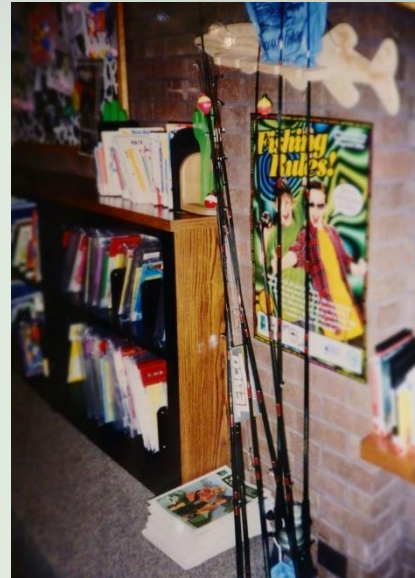
Director Georgianna  
retired in December 2002



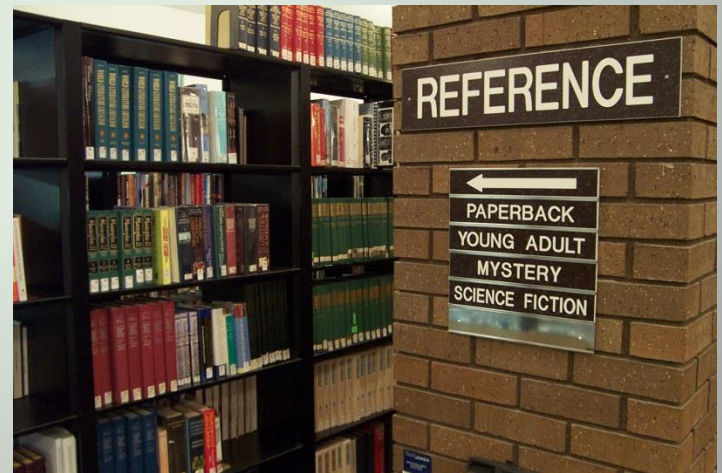
Circulation Librarian  
Norma retired in  
March 2011

We recognized retiring staff members over the years

# Library in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



We lend fishing poles!



# Library Programs - 2002



# Summer Reading - 2002



Our theme was "Reading Rocks"



# Library Programs - 2003



# Summer Reading - 2003



Our theme was "Lights! Camera! Read!"

# Library Programs – 2004



# Summer Reading - 2004



Our theme was "Explore the Reading Trail"

# Library Programs - 2005



# Summer Reading - 2005



Our theme was "Superheroes: Powered By Books"

# Library Programs - 2006



# Summer Reading 2006



Our theme was "Voyage to Book Island"



# Library Programs - 2007



# Summer Reading - 2007



Our theme was "Mission Read"

# Library Programs - 2008



# Summer Reading - 2008



Our theme was "Get in the Game: Read"



**2009-2018**

# Adult Programs – 2009 to 2018



Art



Author Visit



Book Club



Cooking



Crafters Circle



Gardening

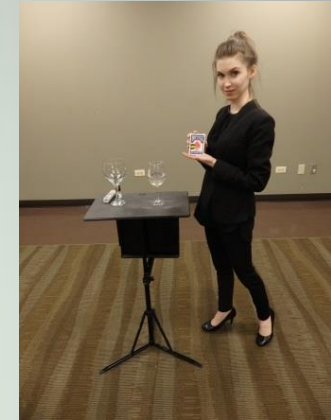
# Adult Programs – 2009-2018



Health and Wellness



Informational



Magic



Music



Science/Technology



Travel/Nature

# Teen Programs – 2009-2018



Food



Art



Adventure



Games



Technology



Paper Craft



# Teen Programs – 2009-2018



Holiday



Self Defense



Gardening



Felting



Fabric Craft



Wax Art

# Youth Programs – 2009-2018



American Girl Doll



Bath and Beauty



Book Munchers



Book Scavenger



Cantigny Storytime



Chess Club

# Youth Programs – 2009-2018



COD Theater



Cooking



Crafty Kids



Dance



Donuts with Dads



Frog Lady

# Youth Programs – 2009-2018



Harry Potter Party



Magic Show



Science Show



LEGO Club

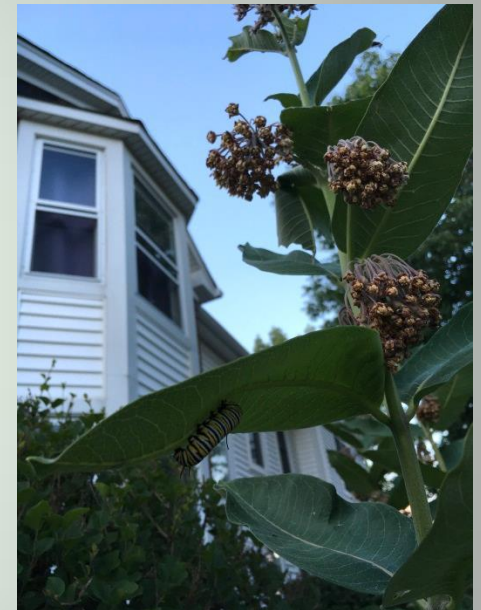


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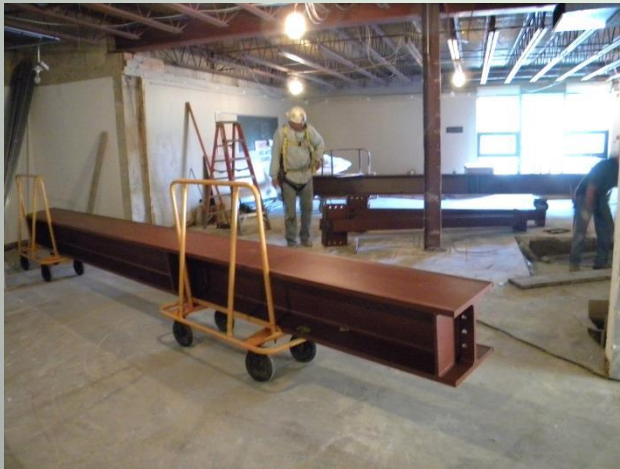
Music

# Wildlife at the Library



We have composted with worms, housed butterflies, grown milkweed and hatched chicks.

# Building Renovation - 2013



The Library used its reserve fund to completely renovate the library and make it more accessible.

# Building Renovation



# Winfield Library Friends



Ice Cream Social, sponsored in part by the Friends.



# Winfield Library Friends



Holiday Open House, sponsored in part by the Friends.

# Winfield Library Friends



The Friends hold their Semi-Annual Book Sale in March and September.

# Historical Society Programs



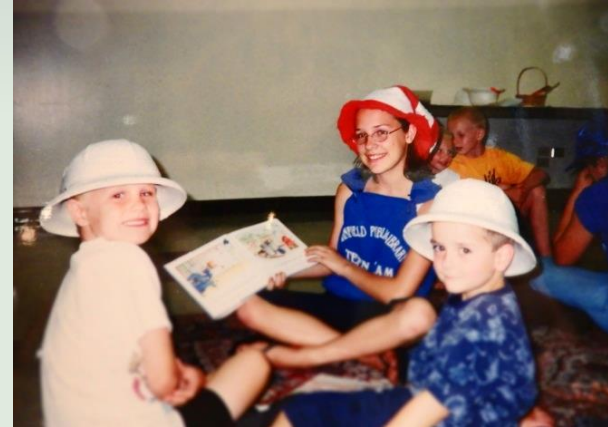
The Historical Society sponsors in part a series of history programs at the library each year.

# Good Old Days Parade



The Library is proud to celebrate Winfield's heritage by walking in the parade.

# Teen Team – Library's Future!



Our Teen Team has always been an important part of our summer programs.

**Thank you for a great 50 years.**