

Winfield Library The Inside Page

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Winfield Library Friends

Fall 2025 Book Sale During Good Old Days

Thursday, September 4
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Friday, September 5
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 6
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Cash and Check Payments Only.

**Accepting book sale donations through September 6.
Thank you for supporting the Winfield Library Friends.**

Winfield Library Friends' Fall Fundraiser



November 13-19 at Anderson's Bookshops, Toyshop, and Website

Shop for the holidays and support the library! Shop at Anderson's from November 13-19 and 20% of your purchase will benefit the Winfield Library Friends. With the holiday season approaching, it's a great time to get a jump start on your shopping. In addition to great reads, Anderson's has puzzles, notebooks, candles, socks, Christmas cards, stuffed animals, and much more. Take this opportunity to support the library when you buy!

Visit Anderson's Bookshops at 123 W. Jefferson Ave. in Naperville or at 5112 Main St. in Downers Grove and simply mention the Winfield Library Friends at checkout. You may also use our name at their Toyshop at 111 W. Jefferson Ave. in Naperville.

Can't make it to a store? Order at AndersonsBookshop.com. Enter "Winfield Library Friends" in the comments section at checkout to support our fundraiser. This donation is a part of the purchase price. No additional discounts apply. The Winfield Library Friends' fundraising efforts directly benefit the library. Thank you for your support.

Winfield Library Friends

- **Upcoming Friends Meetings**
Monday, Oct. 13, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 10, 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.

Library News & Tips

- Are you an elementary school teacher or homeschooling a child in grade 6 or under? Check out Teachables! This resource is full of searchable and printable educational materials created by teachers and precisely leveled. Visit our website's Research page, click the link to Teachables, and log in with your 14-digit Winfield library card number.

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Teachables

- Try Udemy from Gale Presents! This learning platform is for adults who want to improve work-related skills or further develop a personal interest. Courses are taught by world-class instructors and offer a learning experience for those who want to learn new technologies and skills to stay competitive in a changing workforce. Visit our website's Research page, click the Udemy link, and log in with your 14-digit Winfield library card number.
- **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

Fall Storytime: September 15-October 21

Themes: Bathtime, Rainy Days, Woodland Animals, Counting, Construction, Autumn

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

Join us for an engaging storytime experience tailored for babies and toddlers up to 36 months old. Participants are encouraged to interact through lively short stories, songs, rhymes, music, and movement activities. Participants will receive weekly take-home crafts designed to aid in the development of 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.

Join us for a fun storytime with a focus on catchy songs, rhymes, stories, and some silliness! You will receive weekly take-home crafts that help toddlers develop early pre-literacy skills. Registration required.



Book Buzz Club

Second 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.

September 13 | *Refugee* by Alan Gratz

October 4 (First Saturday) | *War Stories* by Gordon Korman

November 8 | *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

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.

September 18 | *Puffin and Penguin* by Helaine Becker

October 16 | *The Story of Gumluck the Wizard* by Adam Rex

November 20 | *The Unicorn Rescue Society: The Creature of the Pines* by Adam Gidwitz

Fall Bulletin Board in September: Mosaic Picture

Take part in our sticker mosaic picture activity and guess what the picture is!



Reading Challenge: Hedwig the Hedgehog October 1-November 30

Hedwig the Hedgehog loves to read! Pick up preprinted sheets to record your reading and bring them back completed for a chance to win a prize.



Grab and Go Craft Kits

Pick up a craft kit in the Youth Services Department! Each kit includes supplies and clear project instructions. Kits will be available on the dates indicated, while supplies last.



Creepy Halloween Craft in a Jar Wednesday, October 8

Celebrate the spooky holiday by creating a decorated jar.



Hedgehog Craft

Wednesday, November 12

Make this colorful hedgehog to celebrate autumn.



DIY Greeting Cards

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

Bring your inspiration and a list of two people you would like to make cards for. We will provide paper, envelopes, and embellishments so you can create personalized cards. Grades K-6. Registration required.

DIY Halloween Puppet Theater

Saturday, October 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Create a Halloween puppet theater out of a cereal box. We will also make paper finger puppets. Grades K-6. Registration required.



LEGO Club

Saturday, November 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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



Lux Blox Architecture Challenge

Monday, November 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Groups will build replicas of famous buildings using Lux Blox, versatile building toys. Lux Blox facilitate eye-hand coordination and more. Grades 3-6. 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.

September 2* | ***Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club*** by J. Ryan Stradal
 *Meet at the Barber Shoppe

October 7 | ***Herzog*** by Saul Bellow

November 4 | ***Remember*** by Lisa Genova



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

September 17 | ***Happiness Falls*** by Angie Kim

October 15 | ***The Kingdoms of Savannah***
 by George Dawes Green

November 19 | ***The Secret Book of Flora Lea***
 by Patti Callahan Henry



Crafters' Circle
Saturday, September 20, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday, October 18, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday, November 15, 10:30 a.m. - noon

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

Internet Safety and Avoiding Online Scams
Tuesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m.

Join Tony LaPalio, Founder and CEO of Senior Tech Support, for a presentation where you'll learn how to protect yourself in today's digital world. Registration required.



To Mom Is To Love: Pioneering a New Kind of Motherhood
Wednesday, September 24, 2:00 p.m.

Valerie Probstfeld thought she would be the perfect mother--until she had kids. Through a fresh lens, her new book "To Mom Is to Love: Pioneering a New Kind of Motherhood" reminds you of tools you can cultivate in yourself to find more love, tranquility, and joy in your life. Registration required.

I'm Turning 65...Now What?
Thursday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.

The Medicare Ladies from Insurance Benefit Services talk to us about the changes to Medicare in 2026, how and when to apply, and information on Medicare options. Registration required.

Your Business, Your Camera and Social Media
Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a session designed for small business owners looking to elevate their business in 2026. Cory and Alan Lusk from CalVisions break down how to use social media and video marketing to boost your brand. Registration required.
This program is presented in partnership with the Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce.



Researching Your Ancestors Using Obituaries
Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.

Obituaries are more than just tributes to your ancestors; they're valuable tools for genealogy research. This presentation by professional genealogist Jenny Warner will give you suggestions and ideas. Attendees will also learn how to locate Winfield obituaries. Registration required.



Tai Chi for Wellness
Wednesday, November 12, 2:00 p.m.

Wear comfortable clothes and bring your water bottle to join Renee Ryan for an afternoon of Tai Chi and QiGong. Registration required.
 Participants must sign a waiver.



Dungeons & Dragons
Thursday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

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



ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT
EVENTS PRESENTED ON ZOOM

Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns
Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 p.m.

Watch a conversation with Emmy-nominated actor Steve Burns, best known as Steve from the Nickelodeon show *Blue's Clues*. Beyond the iconic blue paw print and memorable striped green shirt, Burns has built a unique career in entertainment. Registration required.



Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode
Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.

Prepare for a magical evening as Illinois Libraries Present welcomes actress Marissa Bode. Bode made her feature film debut as Nessarose in the Academy Award-winning blockbuster, "Wicked." Registration required.

Kenji López-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science
Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.

Join award-winning cookbook author, New York Times food columnist, and Serious Eats director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration. Registration required.



HISTORICAL PROGRAM SERIES
PRESENTED WITH THE WINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Andrew Carnegie's Gospel of Wealth
Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m.

Andrew Carnegie led the expansion of the steel industry during the late 19th century. After his retirement in 1901, he became a philanthropist, believing in the "Gospel of Wealth." Terry Lynch explains how his philanthropic interests led to the establishment of public libraries. Registration required.

One Brief, Shining Moment: the Kennedys in Chicago
Thursday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.

Clarence Goodman explores the rumors of shady deals during Prohibition, the historic election of 1960 and the tragedies that followed to find traces of the Kennedys all over Our Town. Registration required.

Teen Events

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



Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, September 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

David Hansen serves as the Dungeon Master for our Fall campaign. Come join us as we create a new adventure every month. Beginners are welcome! This event is for teens in grades 7-12. Registration required.

Grab and Go Craft Kit for Teens

Pick up a craft kit from the upstairs service desk. The kit includes supplies and project instructions. Kits will be available on the date indicated, while supplies last.



Halloween Witch Bracelet

Wednesday, October 15

Make a beaded bracelet with a witch charm to accessorize for Halloween.

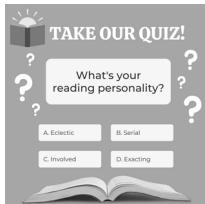


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BookBrowse for YA Readers

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

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day

Wednesday, November 26 -

Thanksgiving Day Eve (Close at 5 p.m.)

Thursday, November 27 -

Thanksgiving Day

Library Board of Trustees

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings are open to the public.

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

Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.

Library Director: Joe Marcantonio

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