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Fall Book Sale During Good Old Days

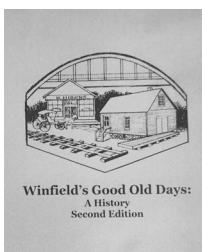
Thursday, September 10
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, September 11
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 12
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cash and Check Payments Only.

**Accepting book sale donations through September 10.
Thank you for supporting the Winfield Library Friends.**



Winfield's Good Old Days: A History Second Edition

The Winfield Library and the Winfield Historical Society are pleased to announce the publication this fall of the much-anticipated second edition of this iconic history of the Village of Winfield. Editor Jim McGuire led a team of writers to update the original content and add new chapters.

The sale price of the book is \$25, and copies will be available to purchase at the Library, Village Hall and the Hedges Station Museum. The Historical Society is generously donating half the sale price of the book back to the Library. Copies will also be available to check out from the Library.

Jim McGuire will do a book signing at one of our fall programs. Keep an eye on the library's website for more details about the book release and McGuire's visit.



Coming Soon: Freegal Music+

Freegal Music+ is a music service which offers download or streaming access to more than 20 million songs including Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists. In total, the collection is comprised of 200 genres of music from over 100 countries.

Download the app or use your computer to start streaming or downloading music. Access over 20 million songs, including today's top music and yesterday's hits. Build your own playlists, listen to curated playlists, or simply enjoy an album. All ad-free!

To access your Freegal benefits, you will need your Winfield Library card number and password. Freegal works with almost all computers, tablets, and smartphones with no special software needed. Go to our website or your device's app store to get started!

Winfield Library Friends

- **Upcoming Friends Meetings**
Monday, October 12, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, November 9, 1:30 p.m.
Join us at a meeting and share your talents with this dedicated group of library supporters.
- **Village Tavern Fundraiser**
Thursday, September 17
11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Pick up a flier at the library and bring it to Village Tavern in Carol Stream for take-out or dine-in orders and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the Friends.
- **Anderson's Fundraiser**
October 15-21
Shop at Anderson's Bookshops from October 15-21 and 20% of your purchase will benefit the Friends when you mention their name at checkout. You can also visit andersonsbookshop.com and mention the Winfield Library Friends in the comments at checkout.

Library News & Tips

- **New! AtoZdatabases**
Whether you're a business owner who needs new marketing leads or a job seeker looking to freshen up your resume, this premier database for research, sales leads, mailing lists, and job searching can help. Visit our website's research page to log in using your Winfield Library card number.
- Due to decreased demand, the library has ceased purchasing music CDs as of June 2026.
- **Are you unable to visit the library due to a disability, illness, or injury?** Use our delivery service! Email staff@winfieldlibrary.org or call (630) 653-7599 to request materials and schedule delivery.

Youth and Family Events

Fall Storytimes: September 21–October 27

Themes: Outdoor Fun, Animals, Fall Leaves, Trucks, Alphabet, Let's Move!

NEW! Babygarten (Birth to 24 months) Mondays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

We will have stories, songs, rhymes, tickles, and bounces just for babies and caregivers to share! The goal is for caregiver and child to bond, building early literacy skills. After the main storytime activities, we end with free-play. It is a great time for parents to converse and for little ones to practice social skills such as sharing and communication. Siblings are welcome to attend. Registration required.

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

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

Little Wiggles (Birth to age 3) Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Take part in an engaging storytime experience tailored for babies and toddlers up to age 3. 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.

Mosaic Picture

Take part in our sticker mosaic activity on the hallway bulletin board during September and guess what the picture is!

Reading Challenge: Fly Away with Books! On Route 66 October 1–November 30

Pick up preprinted sheets to record your reading and hand them in at the Youth Services Desk for a chance to win a prize! Participants can choose an image of a famous place or event along Route 66 to add to the bulletin board.

Grab and Go Craft Kits

Pick up a craft kit in the Youth Services Department! Kits will be available on the date indicated, while supplies last.

Hot Air Balloon Craft
Wednesday, September 9

Cross Stitch Sloth
Wednesday, October 14

Air Dry Clay Kit
Wednesday, November 11



Good Old Days Parade

Sunday, September 13, 1:00 p.m.

The Winfield Public Library and Winfield Library Friends will walk in the parade on Sunday, September 13. This year "Dolly Parton" will be

joining us! We are celebrating the arrival of The Imagination Library in Winfield. Come and cheer us on! For more details about Good Old Days, go to www.winfieldgoodolddays.com.

Book Buzz Club

Saturdays, 9:15–10:15 a.m. Ages 8–12.

Join us to connect, discuss recent books you've read, and have fun. Books are available one month in advance. Please send a snack if your child has food restrictions. Ages 8–12. Registration required.

September 19| *Ms. Pennypickle's Puzzle Quest*
by Chris Grabenstein

October 10| *Frindle* by Andrew Clements

November 14| *The Lightning Thief: The Graphic Novel*
by Rick Riordan

Ready Readers Book Club

Third Thursdays, 4:00–4:45 p.m. Ages 6–8.

Participants discuss books, make new friends, and have fun. Books are available one month in advance. Please bring a snack if your child has food restrictions. Registration required.

September 17| *Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths*
by Graham Annable

October 15| *Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol: The Haunted House Next Door* by Andres Miedoso

November 19| *Dog Man #1* by Dav Pilkey

Route 66 Centennial Celebration with Crafts

Saturday, September 19, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

2026 is the 100th anniversary of Route 66. Participants will make crafts that represent places along the route. Refreshments will be served. Please send a snack if your child has food restrictions. Ages 5–12. Registration required.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Kickoff

Thursday, September 24, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

The Imagination Library is now available in Winfield! Let's celebrate with a storytime! Join special guests, Ms. Nuccia Choate and others, as they read Imagination Library books. There will be songs, crafts, and time to take your picture with "Dolly." You will have a chance to win Imagination Library books to take home. For kids birth to age 5. Registration required.



LIVE Animal Show

Saturday, October 10, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

The Flying Fox Conservation Fund will bring the zoo to Winfield Public Library! All animals are treated humanely. All ages. Registration required.

Prairie Haunted Trail Community Trick or Treating

Saturday, October 31, 2:00–6:00 p.m.

Prairie Trail Shopping Center, Winfield

The Winfield Library has a treat for you at this event sponsored by the Winfield Chamber of Commerce. Come say "BOO!" to the librarian! All ages. No registration required.

Dog Man Book Release Party

Saturday, November 14, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Celebrate the release of the newest in the series: *Dog Man: A Sprinkle in Time*. Join your supa buddies to celebrate Dog Man with supa fun activities, games, and crafts. Ages 5–12. 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 locations noted.

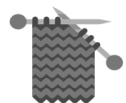
- September 1 | ***The Serviceberry*** by Robin Wall Kimmer
 Meet at The Barber Shoppe
- October 6 | ***After Annie*** by Anna Quindlen
 Meet at the Library.
- November 3 | ***The Time Machine*** by H.G. Wells
 Meet at The Barber Shoppe.



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 16 | ***The Night We Lost Him*** by Laura Dave
- October 21 | ***How To Solve Your Own Murder***
 by Kristen Perrin
- November 18 | ***The Busy Body*** by Kemper Donovan



Crafters' Circle
Saturday, September 26, 10:30 a.m.–noon
Saturday, October 17, 10:30 a.m.–noon
Saturday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.–noon

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

Greetings From Route 66: the Mother Road & Iconic DuPage Firsts

Tuesday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.

This year the legendary "Mother Road" turns 100! Celebrate iconic firsts in DuPage County in this companion lecture to the DuPage County Historical Museum exhibit. Illinois Route 66 passports and travel guides to the "First 300 Miles" will be available. Registration required.



Inside the Empire of AI with Karen Hao
Thursday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Event

Join a conversation with Karen Hao, award-winning journalist and author of *Inside the Empire of AI*. Registration required.



Flappers, Floozies, and Feminists - Chicago Women and the Roaring Twenties
Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

Chicago women's historian Laurie Russell examines how Chicago women were the epitome of the Roaring Twenties. Registration required. *This program is sponsored by the Village of Winfield.*

DuPage County Recorder's Office Information Booth Wednesday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Representatives from the DuPage County Recorder's Office will staff a booth in the lower-level entryway. The booth offers signups for their free Property Fraud Alert Program, free Veterans Assistance Program, and free Property Research Seminar for DuPage's historic properties.



Wearable Technology: Exploring the Benefits of the Apple Watch
Wednesday, September 30, 2:00 p.m.

Join Tony LaPalio, Founder and CEO of Senior Tech Support, for a presentation on wearable tech, with a special focus on the Apple Watch. Registration required.

I'm Turning 65... Now What? Thursday, October 1, 7:00 p.m.

The Medicare Ladies from Insurance Benefit Services talk to us about the changes to Medicare in 2027, how and when to apply, and information on Medicare options. Registration required.

Chair Yoga with Patricia Wednesday, October 7, 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. Registration required. Participants must sign a waiver.

Vision Board Workshop Under the Waxing Moon Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.

In this vision board workshop presented by Brooke Halperin, you'll create a visual roadmap for the months ahead. Come create in community, and walk away with a board that keeps your vision alive long after the night ends. Registration required.

Mystery Dates: Detectives in the Golden Age of Radio Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.

This presentation by Steve Darnall from the "Those Were the Days" radio program tunes in to some of the many famous fictional detectives who made their way to radio. Registration required.



Preserving History with Geoffery Baer
Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Event

Tag along for a conversation with Geoffrey Baer, Chicago historian, storyteller, and host of numerous PBS programs. Registration required.

Organizing Your Genealogical Research Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.

Are your genealogy notes scattered everywhere? This presentation by Jenny Warner will help you bring order to the chaos! Learn effective methods for organizing both paper and digital genealogy records. Registration required.



Words, Power, and Community: Dr. Eve L. Ewing
Thursday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Event

Engage in a conversation with Dr. Eve L. Ewing, author, educator, poet, and organizer whose work explores race, education, identity, and community. Registration required.



Relics of the Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railway
Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Local historians Brian and Joyce Ostberg (BeHistoric YouTube Channel) discuss what remains of the "Roarin' Elgin." Learn of the railway's history and explore the many traces and remnants that can be found along its former right of way. Registration required. *This program is sponsored by the Village of Winfield.*

Teen Events

Follow us at [instagram.com/winfieldlibrary.teens](https://www.instagram.com/winfieldlibrary.teens),
[goodreads.com/winfieldlibraryteens](https://www.goodreads.com/winfieldlibraryteens) and discord.gg/6Sc7x7VXnk

Pick-up Programming Month of August

Come in during August to pick up the materials for a self-directed program.

- * **How to Make Your Own Comic Book Packet**
- * **Take-home Brownie Jar**
- * **Visual Journal Project**

Bring Your Own Tabletop Games Wednesday, September 23, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Join us for board games, card games, or any other tabletop games! Bring your own games to share with friends and teach to new players! Grades 7-12. Snacks provided. Registration recommended.



Dungeons & Dragons
Saturday, September 26, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 17, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 21, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Beginners welcome on this campaign! Grades 7- 12. Registration recommended.

Graham Cracker Comics Presentation Wednesday, October 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Presenters from Graham Cracker Comics in Wheaton will talk about comic books and graphic novels that feature superheroes and other favorites! Check the online calendar for more details. Grades 7-12. Registration recommended.

Media Literacy for Teens Wednesday, November 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

"Media literacy" is a phrase that we hear tossed around a lot nowadays, but what does it actually mean? Is it as simple as good stuff vs bad stuff, or are there more levels to it? Join us as we discuss what it actually means to engage with our favorite works of media, from books to movies to video games. Grades 7-12. Registration recommended.



Join Our Teen Discord Server!

Talk about books, post your art, answer the question of the week, suggest programs and events for the library, and more. Follow the QR code to join the server.



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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

Labor Day - September 7
Thanksgiving Eve (5 pm) - November 25
Thanksgiving Day - November 26

Library Board of Trustees

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m.

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