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Winfield Library now offers more than 500 online non-credit courses FREE with your library card. This new service, Universal Class, includes courses in web design, cooking, accounting, computer skills, writing, parenting, knitting, gardening, digital photography, cake decorating, and hundreds more!

You are welcome to enroll in up to 5 courses at one time, and you have up to 6 months to finish each course. Students have 24/7 access to course materials through the Universal Class site, so you can attend classes and complete assignments at your convenience. You can even communicate with a real instructor via email.



Start learning with Universal Class today! Simply come to the library to set up your free account, then you may log in and learn from any computer.

NextReads Brings Customized Booklists Straight to Your Email



Finding the library's newest books is easy when you sign up for NextReads, the library's newsletter service that sends customized booklists directly to your email.

Whether you love thrillers, science fiction, or romance, we've got a newsletter for you. If you want nonfiction, business titles or biographies, NextReads can help! There are booklists for adults, teens, kids, and a special picture book list for parents of young children. Choose from any of our 21 booklists and we'll keep you up to date on new reads as well as remind you of classic gems.

Signing up for NextReads couldn't be easier! Go to www.winfield.lib.il.us and click the NextReads button pictured above. Choose the lists you'd like to get and provide your email address to start receiving reading suggestions today.

Library News & Notes

- During this tax season, remember that many state and federal tax forms are available at the library.
- National Library Week is April 10-16. Come to the library this week to guess how many items are in our guessing jar and you could win a library bag and a Target gift card. Many other goodies will be given away during National Library Week, so be sure to stop by and celebrate with us!
- Going Green Tip: Did you know that used batteries can be toxic and shouldn't be tossed in your regular trash? Bring your household batteries to the library during March and we will properly dispose of them and give you more information on safe battery disposal in our area.
- We are still accepting donations for our children's LEGO club! Drop LEGOs off at the front desk and ask for a donation receipt.
- Register for programs at www.winfield.lib.il.us, using our Calendar of Events.
- If you're homebound, please call (630) 653-7599 and we will deliver your books.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Ongoing Programs

The Kids Breakfast Book Club

Children ages 8-12 are invited to our new book discussion breakfast. Books are available one month in advance. Registration is required.

Saturday, March 5, 9:30 a.m.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.

Into the Wild by Erin Hunter

Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m.

Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen

Crafty Kids

Grades 1-6. Registration is required.

Friday, March 4, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Turn a plain box into a keepsake treasure! Use our decorations or bring your own special paper items to decoupage.

Friday, April 1, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Go green with your very own indoor herb garden made from recycled cans.

Friday, May 6, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Recycle a jar into a pretty vase.

Winfield Library All Ages Chess Club

Saturday, March 19, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Meet us in Youth Services to play chess!

Donuts with Dad

Saturday, March 19, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 30, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 21, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Meet us in Youth Services to share donuts and read together. For kids under 8 with an adult.

LEGO Club

Saturday, March 5, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Calling all LEGO fans! Build a LEGO masterpiece that will be displayed in the Youth Services department. Please do not bring your own LEGOs. Ages 6 to 12.



Blooming Readers - March 28 - April 30

Pick up a flower-shaped book log, read nine books, and turn in your log by April 30 for a surprise from our prize machine. Grades 4 and under.

Meet the People in Your Neighborhood:

Gianorio's Pizza - Tuesday, March 29, 10:00 a.m.

Learn what it takes to run a restaurant serving hundreds of people daily!

Composting for Kids - Tuesday, April 12, 4:00 p.m.

Learn about worm composting from gardener & library trustee Cindy Keck.

Winfield Firefighters at the Library - Tuesday, May 10, 4:15 p.m.

Our firefighters will bring full firefighting gear and talk about fire safety.

Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2 (Rated G) - Wednesday, March 30, 2:00 p.m.

Come for some spring break fun and watch *Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2*.

Jungle Jim's Creepn' Critter Show - Thursday, March 31, 3:30 p.m.

Join Jungle Jim and all his critters and creepy crawlies! See snakes, lizards, a giant tortoise, and more animals up close. Free tickets are available March 14.

Going Green Challenge - April 1 - 30

Pick up a contest form and complete 5 "Going Green" tasks to enter our Earth Day Contest. Winners will receive a Prosek's Greenhouse gift certificate.

Juggling Funny Stories - Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Chris Fascione uses storytelling, mime, clowning, and juggling to bring children's literature to life. Free tickets are available March 28.

Ricky Recycle - Saturday, April 16, 2:00 p.m.

This fun-filled, interactive and educational program uses song and comedy to teach the benefits of recycling. Free tickets are available March 28.

Library Egg Hunt - Tuesday, April 19, 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Hop on down for our annual egg hunt! Registration required. Age 6 and under.

Mother's Day Fancy Tea - Saturday, May 7, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

We'll read special stories celebrating moms, make a dazzling craft, and enjoy fancy tea with scones. Registration is required.

STORYTIME SCHEDULE

Weekly Storytime

March 28 – April 28

Registration is required.

Toddler Time (With Caregiver)

18 month to three-year-olds

Mondays at 9:30 a.m. OR

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Storytime

Three to five-year-olds

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. OR

Mondays at 1:30 p.m. OR

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Fabulous Fridays!

Join us for a drop-in puppet show.

March 4, 10:00 a.m.

The Three Little Pigs

April 1, 10:00 a.m.

Peter Rabbit

May 6, 10:00 a.m.

The Little Red Hen



ADULT PROGRAMS

Crafters' Circle

Saturday, March 5, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 2, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 7, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, would like to learn the basics, share ideas or new projects, then this program is for you. For ages 9 to adult.

Creating Eco-Gardens in Your Community

Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Natural landscaper Dennis Paige takes us on a journey of how one community gave up their lawn of high maintenance plants to become the first residential association designated a member of Chicago Wilderness. By introducing their lawns to a range of colorful native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers they transformed the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Baseball in the Movies

Thursday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate the greatest all-American pastime with a spectacular collection of clips from classic baseball films peppered with anecdotes featuring your favorite stars!

Composting: Building Your Garden from the Ground Up

Thursday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.

Master gardener Paul Stoffels presents this program that touts the benefits of composting. Improve the health and vitality of your garden by using the organic matter generated in your home and yard.

Join a Book Group

Our groups are relaxed and informal, and we want to hear your opinion! Copies of the book are available at the library's main desk one month in advance.

Off the Shelf Book Group

Tuesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.

The Postmistress by Sarah Blake

Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.

Broke Heart Blues by Joyce Carol Oates

Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.

The Kabul Beauty School [Nonfiction]
by Deborah Rodriguez

Mysteries at Lunch

Wednesday, March 9, 12:15 p.m.

Iron Lake by William Kent Krueger

Wednesday, April 13, 12:15 p.m.

Haunted Ground by Erin Hart

Wednesday, May 11, 12:15 p.m.

Crocodile on the Sandbank by Elizabeth Peters

TEEN EVENTS (Grades 7 - 12)

Sculpted Magnets

Friday, March 25, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Magnets are back by popular demand! Create your own unique designs using Model Magic clay. Registration required.



Pop Tab Cuff Bracelets

Friday, April 8, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Make a cool cuff bracelet using recycled pop tabs. Registration required.



Game Day

Friday, April 29, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Come by for some fun with games like Apples to Apples and Cranium. Registration required.

2011 HISTORICAL SERIES



Our annual historical program series is presented in partnership with the Winfield Historical Society.

The Art of Norman Rockwell

Thursday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.

Regarded as America's most popular painter during his life, Norman Rockwell's art has endured for nearly 60 years. Art historian Jeff Mishur will look at Rockwell's career from his days at *The Saturday Evening Post* to his years illustrating for *Look* and *Life* magazines, as well as provide a context for Rockwell's art within 20th century American pop culture.

Winfield Historical Society Annual Meeting followed by:

The Long Road to Victory

Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.

Five leaders in the 72-year battle for women's right to vote come to life through the inspiring performance of Annette M. Baldwin. Among the women you will meet are Susan B. Anthony, beloved figure in the battle for women's rights; and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, brilliant leader of the 19th century women's rights movement.



The Civil War in General

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

The circumstances of the Civil War created opportunities for the ordinary man to seek his fame and fortune as a General. The stories of success and failure of these ordinary men as Generals, along with Jim Weren's superb portrait art, serve as the centerpiece of this unique and powerful presentation of the American Civil War as shown from the artist's perspective.

Winfield Library Friends

Semi-Annual Book Sale

Find a hidden treasure at our spring book sale! We have children's books, cookbooks, popular fiction, romance, videos and even more for sale. Proceeds help the Friends fund library projects and special events, including newsletter printing and postage and the Summer Reading Program.

Or, if you're trying to clean out your bookcase at home, you can donate books to the library to help the Friends' fundraising efforts. We accept books in good condition with the exception of old encyclopedias and old textbooks. All donations are tax deductible, so please ask for a tax receipt at the main desk.

Preview Sale

Thursday, March 17, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE to Friends members

\$10 charge for non-members OR

\$10 for a Friends membership

Regular Sale

Friday, March 18, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free admission to all



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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Library Closings

April 22 - Spring Holiday

April 23 - Spring Holiday

May 20 - Staff In-Service

May 30 - Memorial Day

Library Board of Trustees

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.

Director: Matthew Suddarth

Newsletter Editor: Katie Clark



Attend a Friends Meeting!

Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.

The Winfield Library Friends are looking for new members to help with library fundraising and support.

During the past four years, the Friends have donated more than \$25,000 to the library, and with your help, we can do even more! Please join us at an upcoming meeting to see how you can contribute your talents to this dedicated group of library supporters.



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