

Winfield Library

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Declaration 1776

Exhibit on Display May 8-27

Winfield Library and Winfield Park District are co-hosting a “Declaration 1776” exhibit provided by the League of Women Voters of Wheaton.

The League includes Carol Stream, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton and Winfield and is a nonpartisan political organization working to ensure everyone is represented in our democracy through advocacy and education.

This eight-panel exhibit starts with the original idea of modern democracy that “all men are created equal” and then builds on that theme to explore the origins of the Civil Rights Movement, Women’s Rights, democratic movements across the globe and the legacies that continue to be central to the identity of our country.

The exhibit was created by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History with the eighth panel added by the League introducing it and noting their sponsorship.

The shared exhibit will be on display at the Library upstairs in the Adult Services area and the Charles R. Beggs Activity Center between May 8 – 27.

Winfield Library Friends

- **Upcoming Friends Meetings**
Monday, March 9, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, April 13, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, May 11, 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

- Winfield Library's Little Free Pantry is part of the Find Food IL Community Food Map initiative. Our Pantry is on the lower level near our holds pickup shelves. Anyone experiencing food insecurity is welcome to pick up these items. If you'd like to donate nonperishable items, you may add them at any time.

Thank you for supporting the more than 100 Winfield residents who receive food benefits, and the 1 in 8 Illinois residents who experience food insecurity but may not qualify for assistance. Visit our website for the link to the Find Food IL map.



- **Tax Forms Now Available**
 Limited tax forms are available at the library this season. Pick forms up on the second floor at the top of the stairs. You may print other forms as needed from the library's computers for 10 cents per page.

- **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.



Puzzles, Craft Supplies, and Games Exchange

Drop Off Items: April 25–May 8

Exchange Day: Saturday, May 9, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Are you looking for new hobbies or games, or are you doing spring cleaning? Trade in up to 20 gently used jigsaw puzzles, children’s puzzles, bagged craft kits and supplies, and board games. Please verify that all parts and instructions are in the boxes for puzzles and games. Donated crafts in kits must include all supplies and instructions.

Items for all ages will be accepted between April 25 and May 8. Bring them to a service desk to receive a ticket for each one donated. Each ticket will be good for a puzzle, game, craft kit, or bag of craft supplies the day of the exchange, May 9, 2:00–4:00 p.m.



Youth and Family Events

Spring Storytime: March 23–April 28

Themes: Let's Make a Noise, Food, Spring Animals, Frogs, Nature Walks, Plant a Seed

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

Join us for an interactive storytime for babies and toddlers including stories, songs, rhymes, music, and movement. You will receive weekly take-home crafts that help toddlers develop 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 songs, scarves, dancing, and stories. You will receive weekly take-home crafts that help toddlers develop early pre-literacy skills. Registration required.



Book Buzz Club

Saturdays, 9:15–10:15 a.m. Ages 8–12.

Children ages 8–12 are invited to the Book Buzz Club to connect, discuss recent books 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.

March 14| *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate

April 11| *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

May 9| *Billy Miller Makes a Wish* by Kevin Henkes

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.

March 19| *Humphrey's Treasure Hunt Trouble*
by Betty G. Birney

April 16| *Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid*
by Megan McDonald

May 21| *Bad Kitty: Drawn to Trouble* by Nick Bruel



Library Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 2, 9:00–9:45 a.m.

Children six and under are invited to hop down to the library for our annual egg hunt. Children will search for eggs hidden around the Youth Services area to receive a prize. Registration required.

Bulletin Board Displays

March

Join us to fill in our mosaic sticker poster in March and guess what the picture is!

April and May

This Earth Day display will celebrate nature with suggestions on how to reduce, reuse and recycle materials.

Grab and Go Craft Kits

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



Leprechaun Trap Wednesday, March 4

Can you catch a leprechaun? Build a trap to put out on March 16, the night before St. Patrick's Day.



Earth Day Craft: Paper Straw Tulips Wednesday, April 15

Celebrate the return of spring by making a colorful tulip with paper and a paper straw.



Mother's Day Card Wednesday, April 29

Create a card to say "thank you" and "I love you" to a parent or caregiver.

π Pi Day Party! (Pi, π)

Saturday, March 14, 2:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the mathematical constant known as Pi (π) 3.14159...! Participate in fun activities and eat some delicious pie. Please bring a snack if your child has food restrictions. Registration required. Ages 5–12.



Get Wimpy: Partypooper Party

Saturday, April 11, 2:00–2:45 p.m.

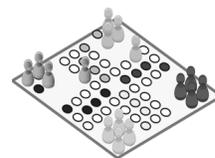
Zoo-Wee Mama! Calling fans of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series by Jeff Kinney. We'll have games, fun activities, and refreshments. Please bring a snack if your child has food restrictions. Registration required. Ages 6–12.

Puzzles, Craft Supplies, and Games Exchange

Saturday, May 9, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Looking for new hobbies, games, or doing spring cleaning? Trade in up to 20 of your household's gently used jigsaw puzzles, children's puzzles, bagged craft kits and supplies, and board games. Please verify that all parts and instructions are in the boxes for puzzles and games. Donated crafts in kits must include all supplies and instructions.

Bring them to a service desk April 25–May 8 to receive a ticket for each one donated. Each ticket will be good for a puzzle, game, craft kit, or bag of craft supplies the day of the exchange. All ages.



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.

March 3| *Let Us Descend* by Jesmyn Ward

April 7| *Brooklyn* by Colm Tóibín

May 5| *Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom



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



March 18| *The Stolen Child* by Ann Hood

April 15| *Everyone On This Train Is A Suspect*
by Benjamin Stevenson

May 20| *Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate



Dungeons & Dragons
Thursday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 14, 7:00 p.m.

This program is for adults ages 18-39 who have experience playing and features Chuck Malnarick as Dungeon Master. Registration required.

Advertising: Media Planning and Buying
Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.

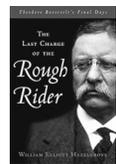
Scott Young, owner of Young Associates, shows us how to find and evaluate advertising opportunities to reach target customers. *This program is presented in partnership with the Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce.* Registration required.

Discover the Wonderful World of Naturalization Records
Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.

Professional genealogist Jenny Warner introduces us to naturalization records. This presentation examines the naturalization process and how it changed over time, as well as the documents created along the way. Registration required.

Vegetable Gardening
Thursday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of vegetable gardening. A Master Gardener from the UI Extension Service discusses preparation of the soil, choosing the right location and selecting plant varieties to help you grow your own vegetables. *This program is sponsored by the Winfield Area Gardeners.* Registration required.



The Last Charge of the Rough Rider
Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.

William Hazelgrove explores Teddy Roosevelt's final years. In the last two years of his life he was denied his own regiment in World War I, and his son Quentin had been shot down and killed over France.

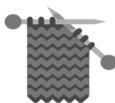
He was even making plans for another run at the Presidency in 1920 at the time of his death. Registration required.

Unity Breath Meditation:
A Community Wellness Experience
Wednesday, April 29, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a guided experience designed to bring the community together through meditation. This event is offered by Wholistic Lotus Pathways in collaboration with Wellness Power Events. Registration required.

The Legends of Country and Western Music
Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m.

Musician Randy Walker pays tribute to some of the original artists in this fast-paced hour of performance of Country & Western giants. Registration required.



Crafters' Circle
Saturday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.–noon
Saturday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.–noon
Saturday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.–noon

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



HISTORICAL PROGRAM SERIES
PRESENTED WITH THE WINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Abigail Adams: Revolutionary America
Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.

This presentation and portrayal by historian Becky Tulloch examines Abigail Adams' experiences living in and around Boston prior to and during the early years of the American Revolution. *Sponsored by the Village of Winfield.* Registration required.

The Uniform of a Continental Soldier
Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.

Jack Tison is a member of the Alexander Hamilton's Artillery re-enactment group. He presents authentic clothing worn by soldiers in Captain Hamilton's artillery and explains the significance of each piece of clothing. *Sponsored by the Village of Winfield.* Registration required.



ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT EVENTS
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS



Beyond the Page with Percival Everett
Thursday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.
ZOOM EVENT

Industrious, irreverent, humble—Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization. His most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award.

Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection
Thursday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.
ZOOM EVENT

Cristina Henríquez's newest book, *The Great Divide*, is a moving exploration of the people who lived, loved, and labored during the construction of the Panama Canal.

Babel-On with R.F. Kuang
Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.
ZOOM EVENT

R.F. Kuang's most recent novel, *Katabasis*, follows two graduate students as they descend into hell after the death of their professor.

Teen Events

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



Teen Library Bingo

March 2–May 30

Pick up a bingo card from the teen section and fill in spaces by reading! Complete a bingo for a small prize, black out the whole sheet for a large prize! Track your progress on Goodreads and

follow us at [goodreads.com/winfieldlibraryteens](https://www.goodreads.com/winfieldlibraryteens).



Saturday Teen Gaming

Drop in on Saturday, March 21 between 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Join us for some multiplayer video games! This program features both modern and classic games with Switch, Wii, and GameCube titles like Smash Bros and Mario Kart. Or bring your own Switch

for some local Animal Crossing play! Controllers are limited, so bring your own if you can. Snacks provided. Ages 12-18. No registration required.



Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, April 18, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

David Hansen serves as the Dungeon Master for our Spring 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.

Earth Day Craft: Flower Pens

Wednesday, April 22

Make a pretty writing instrument for all your writing projects using flowers, chenille stems and floral tape. Please provide your own pen.

Finals Grab and Go Kits

May 1–22

Looking to relax as finals approach? Try a finals grab-and-go kit! Each kit includes a scratch art bookmark, a brain-shaped eraser, and either a stress ball or fidget spinner. Kits will be available at the upstairs desk May 1-22 while supplies last. All students studying for finals are welcome to take a kit.

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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

Spring Holiday - April 3-4

Staff In-service - May 15

Memorial Day - May 25

Library Board of Trustees

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings are open to the public.

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

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

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

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