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Library Accessibility Project

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Why do we need to make the library more accessible?

When the library building opened in 1981, only the upper level of the building was used for library services. Since that time, the library collection and services have grown and now cover both floors of the facility. However, the entrance is still on the upper level and there is no elevator linking the two levels of the building. This, combined with inadequate restroom facilities, makes it difficult for those with disabilities to use the library. Because of these issues, the library board is seeking approval of a referendum to issue bonds to renovate the existing building to make it accessible.

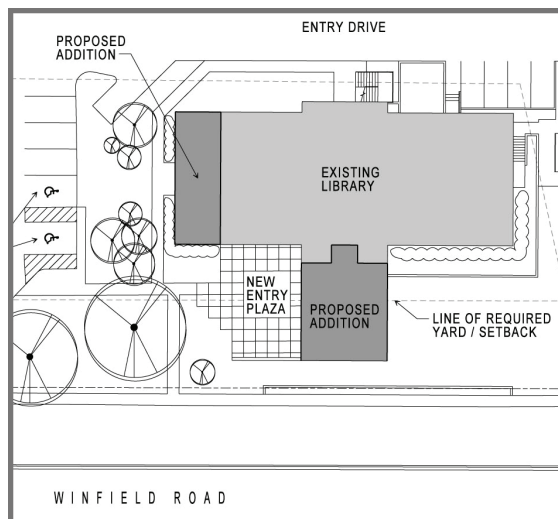
What will be included in the renovated library?

The renovated facility will have a new entrance on the lower level, an elevator, and accessible washrooms. Also, the building's interior will be renovated and plans call for quiet reading spaces to be added. At the same time, the library plans to construct a small addition (approximately 1,300 square feet) to the north end of the building to accommodate the renovation and help alleviate the overcrowded condition of the current building.



How much will this cost?

The scope of the project includes construction of a new entry, an addition to the north end of the building, and renovation of the existing building. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,800,000. If the referendum passes, the cost for an owner-occupied home with a market value of \$300,000 would be approximately \$38.00 per year.



Voter Information

The referendum will be on the April 7, 2009 consolidated election ballot. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote prior to the election is Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Early voting begins Monday, March 16, 2009 and ends Thursday, April 2, 2009. For more information about voter registration or polling place locations, contact the DuPage County Election Commission at (630) 407-5600 or www.dupageelections.com.

For more information about the project, please contact the library at (630) 653-7599.

- The library has purchased a new microfilm reader/printer. Thank you to the Winfield Library Friends and Winfield Historical Society for your generous contributions toward this upgrade of our equipment.

- During this tax season, remember that many state and federal tax forms are available at the library.

- In the past, the library has provided storage for individuals' computer discs. We are discontinuing this service as of July 1, 2009. If you have a disc that you would like to retrieve, please ask at the front desk, and we would be happy to return it to you. After July 1, the library will dispose of all remaining discs.

- Learn something new about your library! Enter our library trivia contest during National Library Week, April 12-18, 2009.

- Registration for library programs is now available online! Go to the library's "Calendar of Events" at www.winfield.lib.il.us.

YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Winfield Library All Ages Chess Club
Saturday, March 7, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 4, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 2, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Jim Egerton, founder of Chess-Now, will help you learn and improve your game. Recommended for ages 6 to adult.

Tail Waggin' Tutors
Saturday, March 7, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 4, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 2, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
Children may read to a canine friend.
Registration is required.

April Fool's Day Movie
Wednesday, April 1, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Is Spring Break boring? Come with a friend, watch Freaky Friday (PG) and talk about great April Fool's Day gags.

Library Egg Hunt
Friday, April 3, 10:00 a.m.
 Children six and under are invited to hop down to the library for our annual egg hunt. **Registration is required.**

Mother Goose and Her Friends
Saturday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.
Mary Jane Haley appears as Mother Goose in this program packed with rhymes, puppetry, and audience participation. This fast-paced literature program is ideal for children from birth to eight years old. **Tickets are required and will be available April 4.**

Songs From Around the World!
Saturday, April 25, 1:30 p.m.
 Join award-winning singer-songwriter Kathleen Gibson for a toe-tapping afternoon of songs for kids and their families. This fun-filled concert includes dancing, singing, and multicultural fun guaranteed to delight you. **Tickets are required and will be available April 4.**

Show-N-Tell Storytime
Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.
Wear your coziest clothes or pajamas and bring a comfy pillow for this special event! Everyone may share a special show-n-tell item, then we'll read stories and enjoy milk and cookies.

Parent-Child Book Group
For children in grades 3 to 5; parents are always welcome. Books are available one month in advance.

Tuesday, March 10, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Lincoln's Legacy by Stacia Deutsch

Tuesday, April 14, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary

Tuesday, May 12, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Oh No, It's Robert by Barbara Seuling

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"We the People" Celebrate Lincoln



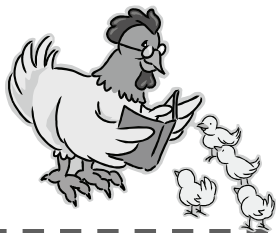
Winfield Public Library is the proud recipient of the We the People Bookshelf's "Created Equal" award. We've been awarded books and materials to encourage young people to explore American history, culture and ideas.

Ugly Duckling Puppet Show
Friday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.
See the classic tale *The Ugly Duckling*, which highlights acceptance, tolerance and kindness.

Mary Todd Lincoln Storytime
Friday, March 6, 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.
Join us for a special storytime featuring "Created Equal" books, period costume dress, a craft and a taste of Civil War food.

Parent-Child Book Group
***Lincoln's Legacy* by Stacia Deutsch**
Tuesday, March 10, 4:00 p.m.
When Mr. C.'s class goes back in time, they have two hours to convince President Lincoln not to give up on freeing the slaves.

STORYTIME SCHEDULE



Weekly Storytime
March 30 - April 30
Registration is required.

Two-year olds
Mondays at 9:30 a.m. OR
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

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 6, 10:30 a.m.
The Ugly Duckling

April 24, 10:30 a.m.
Bedtime for Bernie Bear

May 15, 10:30 a.m.
Piggy Rae and the Blue Ribbon Blues



Celebrate Lincoln with the 2009 Historical Series

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, we are proud to present four programs that honor the man, his family and the events that defined his life. The Historical Series is presented in partnership with the Winfield Historical Society.

Images of Honest Abe

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

Explore depictions of Lincoln, a popular source for artwork even after his assassination. Learn the historical context of paintings, photos, sculpture and more relating to Lincoln.



Battlefield Balladeers

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



Vocal-instrumental duo the Battlefield Balladeers will perform toe-tapping sing-along favorites from America's Civil War era. The duo performed for the opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Winfield Historical Society Annual Meeting followed by

Meet Mrs. Abraham Lincoln

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

Valerie Gugala presents a portrayal of Mary Todd Lincoln as a young woman in Springfield through her years in the White House. Ms. Gugala has spent over thirty years researching the Lincolns and has been performing as Mrs. Lincoln for almost ten years.



An Evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln: A Play in One Act

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

The Lincolns at the White House during the hour before they leave for Ford's Theater. They reflect on the war years and discuss the future. This program is presented by Max and Donna Daniels who have an extensive background in community theater and have been portraying Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln since 1988.

TEEN EVENTS

Check out our blog at www.winfieldya.wordpress.com

Coiled Paper Bowls

Saturday, April 18, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Celebrate Earth Day with this green project! Use recycled magazines to create a one of a kind coiled paper bowl. Grades 6 to 12. **Registration is required.**

Customized Picture Frames

Saturday, May 9, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

May is National Photography Month! Join us to turn a plain picture frame into personalized art. We'll provide a frame for a 4x6" photo. Grades 6 to 12. **Registration is required.**

ADULT PROGRAMS

Crafters' Circle

Saturday, March 7, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9, 10:30 - Noon

Work on your current project or help us make lap blankets for the residents of the DuPage Convalescent Center.

Mysteries at Lunch

Books are available one month in advance.

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

The Talented Mr. Ripley by Patricia Highsmith

Wednesday, April 8, 12:15 p.m.

The Chinese Bell Murders by Robert van Gulik

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

The Concubine's Tattoo by Laura Joh Rowland

Off the Shelf Book Group

Books are available one month in advance.

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

Henry and Clara by Thomas Mallon

Story of Major Henry Rathbone and his fiancée Clara, guests in the Lincolns' box at Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865.

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

The Sorrows of an American by Siri Hustvedt

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

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Upcoming Author Visit!

Join us for a special joint meeting of our Off the Shelf and Mystery Book Groups on Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. We will be joined by local author Bruce Steinberg to discuss his book *River Ghosts*. Books will be available May 5.

From the Winfield Library Friends

Semi-Annual Book Sale

Preview Sale

Thursday, March 19, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE to Friends members

\$5 charge for non-members OR

\$5 for a Friends membership

Regular Sale

Friday, March 20, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free admission to all



Join the Friends, Help the Library



The Winfield Library Friends is a volunteer organization that needs your talents, ideas, and energy! The Friends are looking for new members to help plan and organize book sales and other fundraising efforts. In the past, the Friends have donated to the library's Summer Reading program, newsletter mailing, and library equipment. Friends volunteers also help the library during special events like the annual Ice Cream Social.

The Friends would like to thank those Winfield community members and Friends members whose book donations and monetary gifts help us contribute to our library. We appreciate your support.

Upcoming Friends Meetings

Wednesday, March 4 and Wednesday, May 6

New members of all ages are welcome to join any upcoming meeting. Find out what the Friends are working on and how you can help! Join the Friends at 7:00 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

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Library Hours

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

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

Sunday Closed

Library Closings

April 10 - Spring Holiday

April 11 - Spring Holiday

May 8 - Staff In-service

May 25 - Memorial Day

Library Board of Trustees

Carol Tenyak-O'Connor, President

Laura Slivinski, Secretary

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Michael Belica

Denise Carlson

Cindy Keck

Ida Lee

Upcoming Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 11

Wednesday, April 8

Wednesday, May 13

The Library Board meets at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public.

Director: Matthew Suddarth

Newsletter Editor: Katie Clark



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