

Winfield Library

The Inside Page

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Winfield now offers our members free access to BookBrowse.com, a leading book recommendation and review website. Some of BookBrowse's content is publicly available, but many premium features are accessible only by subscription. Library patrons can now use their library card to access members-only content.


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- In depth reviews and an excerpt of every featured book.
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- Read-Alikes
- Books by Genre & Theme
- Articles & Interviews
- Book Club Resources
- Reviews & Excerpts
- And much more!

Winfield Library Friends' Spring Fundraiser

March 21-27 at Anderson's Bookshops and Anderson's Online

Buy new books and support the library! Shop at Anderson's Bookshops between March 21st and 27th and 20% of your purchase will benefit the Winfield Library Friends.

Visit Anderson's at 123 W. Jefferson Ave. in Naperville or at 5112 Main St. in Downers Grove and simply mention the Winfield Library Friends at checkout. Can't make it to the store? You can participate online 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. Thank you for supporting the Winfield Library Friends and enjoy your new books from Anderson's!



Winfield Library Friends

- **Upcoming Friends Meetings**
Monday, March 10, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, April 14, 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.
- **Interested in becoming more involved with the Friends?**
Officers will be elected at their annual meeting on April 14. Any member interested in being an officer should send an email to winfriends@winfield.lib.il.us prior to the March 10th meeting so that a slate of candidates can be adopted.

Library News & Tips

- **Tax Forms Now Available**
Limited tax forms are available at the library this season. Forms are located 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. We have received the following forms and instructions:
 - Federal 1040 and 1040SR
 - Illinois 1040
 - Illinois Schedule IL-E/EITC
 - Illinois Schedule ECR
 - Illinois Schedule IL-WIT
- **National Library Week: Drawn to the Library**
Stop by for a visit April 6-12 and help us celebrate libraries!
- **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

Spring Storytime: March 10-April 22 *No Storytime March 31 or April 1

Little Wigglers (Birth to 36 months)
Mondays and Tuesdays, March 10-April 22*
9:30-10:00 a.m.

Join us for an interactive storytime for babies and toddlers including stories, rhymes, music, and movement. You will receive weekly take-home crafts that help toddlers develop early pre-literacy skills. Registration required. Please register for one: either the Monday series or the Tuesday series.

Shake It Up Storytime! (18 months to 6 years)
Mondays, March 10-April 21*
10:30-11:00 a.m.

Join us for a fun storytime with a focus on music, shakers, scarves, rhythm sticks, and lots of make believe. You will receive weekly take-home crafts that help toddlers develop early pre-literacy skills. Registration required.



Book Buzz Club

Second Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 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.

March 8| *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

April 12| *Kaleidoscope* by Brian Selznick

May 3*| *Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly

*Please note, May's book club is on the first Saturday.

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.

March 20| *A Jigsaw Jones Mystery: The Case of the Vanishing Painting* by James Preller

April 17| *The Big Adventures of Babymouse: Once Upon a Messy Whisker* by Jennifer L. Holm

May 15| *Miss Daisy Is Crazy* by Dan Gutman

Mystery Sticker Poster

Our mystery sticker poster is back in March! Join us by filling in the squares and watch as the picture is revealed.

Spring Bulletin Board April– May

Help us decorate for spring in April with flowers and other small creatures on our bulletin board by choosing a cutout.



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.



Pot o' Gold Paper Chain Wednesday, March 5

Make a rainbow paper chain with a pot o' gold at the end to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



Earth Day Craft Wednesday, April 9

Create a craft made of earth-friendly materials.



Tulip Pop-Up Card Wednesday, April 30

This colorful card can be given for Mother's Day or to celebrate spring.



Animal Quest Saturday, March 8, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Meet animals face to face when Jessica of Animal Quest brings animals to the library. Come meet a hedgehog, a snake, a coatimundi, and many more! Free tickets available starting Saturday, February 22.

Thursday, April 3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Earth Day Egg Carton Seedlings

Learn how to grow seedlings in an egg carton and take them home to grow. Grades K-6. Registration required.



Unicorn Celebration

Saturday, April 12, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Hurray for unicorns! We will celebrate this mystical creature with crafts and refreshments.

Please bring a snack if your child has food restrictions. Ages 4-10. Registration required.



Library Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 17, 9:00-9:45 a.m.

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

LEGO Club

Saturday, May 3, 2:00 –2:45 p.m.

Join us to create LEGO masterpieces based on a suggested theme or bring your imagination. The library will provide the LEGOs. Ages 5-12. Registration required.



Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator

Dan Santat

Saturday, May 3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Zoom Event

Dan Santat is an author and illustrator of books for children, including *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, and *Are We There Yet?*. His latest works include the best-selling graphic novel, *The Aquanaut*. Santat won the Caldecott Medal for most distinguished picture book in 2015. Registration is 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 AND via Zoom
Meeting ID: 889 6444 3195; Passcode: 473850
Phone: (312) 626-6799

- March 4| *Love In The Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- April 1*| *Making It In America* by Rachel Slade
*Meet at the Barber Shoppe
- May 6| *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller



Mysteries at Lunch Book Group
Third Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.
Books available one month in advance.

All Meetings Held at the Library AND via Zoom
Meeting ID: 893 3250 5839; Passcode: 575729
Phone: (312) 626-6799

- March 19| *Mother-Daughter Murder Night* by Nina Simon
- April 16| *Mastering the Art of French Murder* by Colleen Cambridge
- May 21| *The Mad, Mad Murders of Marigold Way* by Raymond Benson - Author Visit Via Zoom.



Unlocking the Secrets of your Smartphone Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.

Join Tony LaPalio of Senior Tech Support for a presentation designed to help you navigate your device, whether you use iOS or Android. Registration required.

The Healing Power of Meditation Thursday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.

Join practitioner Umesh Bhatia to discuss how meditation can improve our health. You will have a chance to learn and practice a technique that can reduce stress and enhance relaxation. Registration required.



Hokusai & Ukiyo-e: The Floating World Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 pm

Diana Martinez from the Cleve Carney Museum of Art at the College of DuPage will share the background of the Japanese art form known as

“Ukiyo-e,” or “floating world images,” created during Japan’s Edo Period (1603-1868). This program will help us prepare for the museum exhibit opening in June. Registration required.

Bargain Gardens

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

Gardens can be simple, fun and inexpensive. Get gardening tips from a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener that will save you time and money. Registration required. *This program is sponsored by the Winfield Area Gardeners.*



The Electric Vehicle (EV) Buyer’s Guide Thursday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.

During this presentation, a Citizens Utility Board specialist will walk you through the CUB EV

Buyer’s Handbook. Learn tips and tricks designed to ensure you’re a better EV shopper. Registration is required to attend in person or to receive the Zoom invitation if you attend online.

Chair Yoga with Patricia

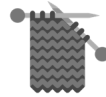
Thursday, May 8, 2:00 p.m.

Our certified yoga teacher leads us in an adapted version of yoga. Postures and breathing exercises are practiced in a chair. Participants must sign a waiver. Registration required.

The History of Elvis Presley

Thursday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.

Gary Wenstrup pays tribute to the “King of Rock and Roll.” It was a wild ride with musical successes, underwhelming films, an astonishing comeback, and a sad downward spiral to his death at age 42. Registration required.



Crafters’ Circle

Saturday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. - noon

Saturday, April 26,* 10:30 a.m. - noon

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. - noon

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, this is the program for you!
*Please note, April’s meeting is on the fourth Saturday.



HISTORICAL PROGRAM SERIES

PRESENTED WITH THE WINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Chicago History in Song

Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.

John and Kathryn Atwood, The History Singers, present this musical review covering the city’s history from its Potawatomi origins through its growth as one of the nation’s jazz centers. Registration required.

Bertha Honoré Palmer - A Life in Three Acts

Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Laurie Russell examines Bertha Palmer’s legacy and impact on Chicago and the world, from childhood to her marriage to hotel magnate Potter Palmer, the Great Chicago Fire and the World’s Columbian Exposition. Registration required.



ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

EVENTS PRESENTED ON ZOOM AND YOUTUBE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.

Get a look at the space industry with Illinois’ own Coralie Adam. She’ll be joined by Renae Kerrigan, Director of the Dome Planetarium at Peoria Riverfront Museum.

Documentary Screening: 9to5: The Story of a Movement

Friday, March 21, 2:00 p.m. - Sunday, March 23, 11:59 p.m.

“9to5: The Story of a Movement” is the previously untold story of the fight that inspired Dolly Parton’s hit song and changed the American workplace. Register to receive the link.

The Art of Foraging

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

Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and educator who peels back the layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions.

Poverty: a Discussion with Matthew Desmond

Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.

Matthew Desmond is a sociology professor at Princeton and author of “Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City.”

Teen Events

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



Book Tasting

Saturday, March 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Want to try something new? Join us for a book tasting! A variety of young adult books, each with a short summary for participants to read, will be available for participants to “sample,” along with unique snacks to go along with the books. The books will be available for check out after the program. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Grilled Cheese Competition

Saturday, April 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Grab your friends and show off your cooking techniques! Chef Cherise will start by explaining perfect grilled cheese methods and a quick lesson on plating. Each table will then be given ingredients to make their very own delicious and original grilled cheese sandwiches with a side of fresh fruit salad. When the cooking is done, use the scoresheet to judge each other’s work and declare the Grilled Cheese Champion!



Unwind with Art

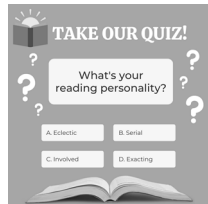
Saturday, May 17, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Unwind with arts and crafts! Participants will be provided with a variety of materials for painting, drawing, papercraft, leathercraft, and more! Grades 7-12. Registration recommended but not required.

Finals Grab-and-Go Kits

May 1-23

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 circulation desk May 1-23 while supplies last. All students studying for finals are welcome to take a kit.



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

Friday, April 18 - Spring Holiday
Saturday, April 19 - Spring Holiday
Friday, May 16 - Staff In-Service
Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day

Library Board of Trustees

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings are open to the public.

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

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

Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.

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