

Winfield Library

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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Stop in for some seasonal cheer at our annual Holiday Open House! Take this opportunity to reacquaint yourself with everything the library has to offer and have some fun for the whole family.

Meet Mrs. Claus and Santa, grab a craft kit, participate in a sing-along, enter a free gift basket raffle, and visit with friends! Refreshments will be provided by the Winfield Library Friends.

Storytime with Mrs. Claus and Santa, 10:00-10:45 a.m. & 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Listen to holiday stories read by Mrs. Claus, then enjoy a very special visit from Santa Claus! Free tickets for each time will be available starting Saturday, November 30.

Sponsor a Book for the Holidays

With a donation of \$15 or more to the Winfield Library Friends, you may choose a title from a selection of books to be added to the library collection. We will add a custom book plate honoring your friend or family member.

Gift Basket Drawing

Fill out a drawing ticket to win one of three holiday-themed gift baskets provided by the Library and Winfield Library Friends. The drawing will be held at 3:00 p.m. and winners will be notified that day.

Celebrate the Season: a Holiday Sing-along, 2:00 p.m.

Local folk musician Tom Malouf and his daughter Amy will get us into the holiday spirit by leading us in a variety of favorite songs and carols. No registration required.



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Winfield Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 25, 3:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us for a community blood drive with Versiti Blood Systems. Each unit of blood given saves three lives! Anyone who weighs at least 110 pounds and has not given blood in the past 56 days is eligible. Donors must be at least 17 years old or 16 with parental consent. Please eat a nourishing meal and drink plenty of water before donating. Appointments are recommended, but walk-in donors are allowed. Please schedule an appointment at www.versiti.org/IL.

Winfield Library Friends

- **Upcoming Friends Meetings Monday, Jan. 13, 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.

- Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Friends at the fall book sale. The Friends made more than \$3,500, which will support library services.

Library News & Tips

- The library has updated its online news sources! Visit our website's Newsstand page for:

- The Daily Herald's DuPage County image edition.

- The Chicago Sun-Times, with current and archived issues with images and full text.

- The Chicago Community Collection, with dozens of local Chicago Metro news sources.

- **Coming Soon: Udemy**

This online learning platform provides instruction for adults who want to work on their skills for a new job, advance in their current profession, or deepen a personal interest. Courses include computer skills, personal finance, photography, nutrition, and hundreds more topics. Watch our website for Udemy's launch.

GALE PRESENTS

Udemy

- 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

Winter Storytime: January 13-February 11

Little Wigglers (Birth to 36 months)
Mondays and Tuesdays, January 13-February 11
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, January 13-February 10
10:30-11:00 a.m.

Join us for a fun storytime with a focus on music, dancing, 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.

January 11| *City Spies* by James Ponti

February 8| *The Sixty-Eight Rooms* by Marianne Malone

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.

January 16| *Magic Tree House #2 The Knight at Dawn* by Mary Pope Osborne

February 20| *A to Z Animal Mysteries: The Absent Alpacas* by Ron Roy

Festive Tree Trimming December 1-30

Help us decorate our bulletin board! Choose a paper ornament to color and add it to our winter scene.



Storytime with Mrs. Claus and Santa
Saturday, December 14, 10:00-10:45 a.m.
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Listen to holiday stories read by Mrs. Claus and enjoy a very special visit from Santa Claus!

Take this opportunity to have your picture taken with Santa and receive a goody bag from Mrs. Claus. Free tickets for each session will be available starting Saturday, November 30.

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.



3D Paper Ornament

Wednesday, December 4

Fold and glue together two colorful paper ornaments.



DIY Holiday Cards

Wednesday, December 11

Create colorful cards for sending seasonal greetings.



Paper Chain Ornaments

Wednesday, December 18

Make holiday ornaments of winter season characters.



Winter Diorama

Wednesday, January 15

Create a colorful winter season wreath.



Valentine Pop-Up Card

Wednesday, February 5

Make a Valentine's Day card for someone you love.



The Magic of Raina Telgemeier Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m. Zoom Event

Raina Telgemeier is an award-winning author and illustrator of popular graphic novels, including *Smile*, *Drama*, and *Ghosts*. She has also illustrated graphic novel versions of several Baby-Sitters Club books by Ann M. Martin. Registration required.



Experience *Little Women: The Musical* at Home Friday, December 20 to Sunday, December 22 YouTube Event

Louisa May Alcott's classic story of four sisters growing up in 19th-century Massachusetts made its London premiere in this acclaimed production at Park Theatre. Registration is required to receive the video link to the performance. The recording can be viewed starting at 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 20 and through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, December 22.



Winter Reading Challenge: Penguins Everywhere! January 2-February 28

Help us decorate our bulletin board with penguins. Pick up a penguin reading log, read 9 books, and get a token to put into the gumball machine for a surprise.

LEGO Club

Saturday, January 11, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Saturday, February 8, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

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

Recycled Papermaking

Monday, January 20, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Join SCARCE as we learn about natural resources and the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Finish the program by creating your own piece of recycled paper to take home with you. Grades 2-6. 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 the Library AND via Zoom
Meeting ID: 889 6444 3195; Passcode: 473850
Phone: (312) 626-6799

- Dec. 3| *Christmas on Candy Cane Lane* by Shelia Roberts
Jan. 7| *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro
Feb. 4| *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride- ILP Program with the Author



Mysteries at Lunch Book Group Third Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

Books available one month in advance.

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Meeting ID: 893 3250 5839; Passcode: 575729
Phone: (312) 626-6799

- Dec. 18| *A Christmas Candy Killing* by Christina Romeril
Jan. 15| *Mrs. Plansky's Revenge* by Spencer Quinn
Feb. 19| *Double Exposure* by Ava Barry



History of the Hershey Chocolate Company (YouTube) Thursday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Milton S. Hershey worked hard and failed often before his company was finally successful. After earning a vast fortune, Milton and his wife Catherine decided to give it all away to help orphans. Laura Keyes introduces us to this iconic figure who makes our Christmas season sweeter! Registration required to receive the video link. Video available through December 21.

Celebrate the Season: a Holiday Sing-along Saturday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.

Local folk musicians Tom Malouf and his daughter Amy get us into the holiday spirit by leading us in a variety of songs and carols. No registration needed!

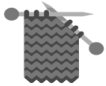
Reading Is Silver: Celebrating a Quarter Century of Books January 2 - February 28

Participate in our virtual adult winter reading program. You can use the same login information from our summer program or register for the first time on our READ Squared platform. Click the link on our website to get started. Log six books to complete the program. Participants can also write reviews of their books. Everyone who completes the program is automatically entered into a drawing to win one of two \$25 Amazon Gift Cards.

Unlocking the Power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Older Adults

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.

Tony LaPalio of Senior Tech Support provides an easy-to-understand presentation exploring the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it can enhance your everyday life. Registration required.



Crafters' Circle

Saturday, January 18, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday, February 15, 10:30 a.m. - noon

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

Voter Information Table

Thursday, January 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The League of Women Voters of Wheaton staffs a table to help us prepare for the upcoming Consolidated Election on April 1.



Presidential Encounters: U.S. Presidents in DuPage County

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

This program from the DuPage County Historical Museum explores local encounters with presidents, vice presidents, and presidential candidates. Registration required. *Presented in partnership with the Winfield Historical Society.*

Can You Afford to Retire?

Tuesday, January 28, 7:00 p.m.

This program by Bentron Financial Group will help attendees evaluate their readiness for retirement. Registration required.

Tai Chi for Wellness

Wednesday, January 29, 2:00 p.m.

Join Renee Ryan for an afternoon of Tai Chi and QiGong. Registration required. Participants must sign a waiver.

Genealogy Research: Immigration and Emigration Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.

Our program series with professional genealogist Jenny Warner continues. Attendees will learn what types of immigration and emigration records exist and how to locate them. Registration required.

Wild West Africa (Zoom)

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.

Brian Michalski, who has traveled to over 50 countries, unearths fascinating firsthand experiences through his original photographs. The Library will host a watch party for those not wishing to attend via Zoom. Registration required.



ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

AUTHOR EVENTS PRESENTED ON ZOOM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

Chicago Pizza - Past, Present & Future with Steve Dolinsky Thursday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.

Well-known Food Guy at NBC 5, Steve Dolinsky is the author of two books about pizza and creator of Pizza City Fest.

Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau

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

Michelle Buteau is a stand-up comedian, actress, producer, and podcast host with a collection of stories adapted for Netflix.



An Evening with James McBride

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

James McBride is the award-winning author of "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store." The library's Off the Shelf book group will watch this program during its discussion of "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store."

Slowing Down with Amy Tan

Wednesday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Best known for "The Joy Luck Club" and other novels about the Chinese-American experience, Amy Tan will talk about her latest book, "The Backyard Bird Chronicles."

Teen Events

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



Finals Grab-and-Go Kits December 2-20

Each kit has a scratch art bookmark, a brain-shaped eraser, and either a stress ball or fidget spinner. Kits will be available at the upstairs desk, while supplies last. Students studying for finals are welcome to take a kit.



Craft & Relax Saturday, December 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Chill out after finals with crafts! Participants will be provided with crafting materials for painting, drawing, papercraft, leathercraft, and more! Grades 7-12. Registration recommended but not required.



Teen Winter Reading December 22-January 6

Complete activities over winter break - including reading, watching movies, and doing winter activities - and win prizes! More details at www.winfield.lib.il.us. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



Career Planning for High Schoolers Saturday, January 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Career planning is a good first step for students planning to attend college. It can help focus their college experience, minimize unnecessary student loan debt, facilitate on-time graduation, and lead to a successful career. Grades 9-12. Registration required.



Dungeons & Dragons Campaign Saturday, February 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Join us for a Dungeons & Dragons one-shot campaign! No experience is needed for this role playing game, and all materials will be provided. If you have game experience, you can bring your own level 3-4 character. Grades 7-12. Registration required.



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

Join us for a book tasting! A variety of young adult books, each with a short synopsis attached, will be provided for participants to "sample," along with snacks. The books will be available for check out after the program. Grades 7-12. Registration required.

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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

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve
Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Library Board of Trustees

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Rebecca Johnson
Shelley Kenyon

Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings are open to the public.

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

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

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

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