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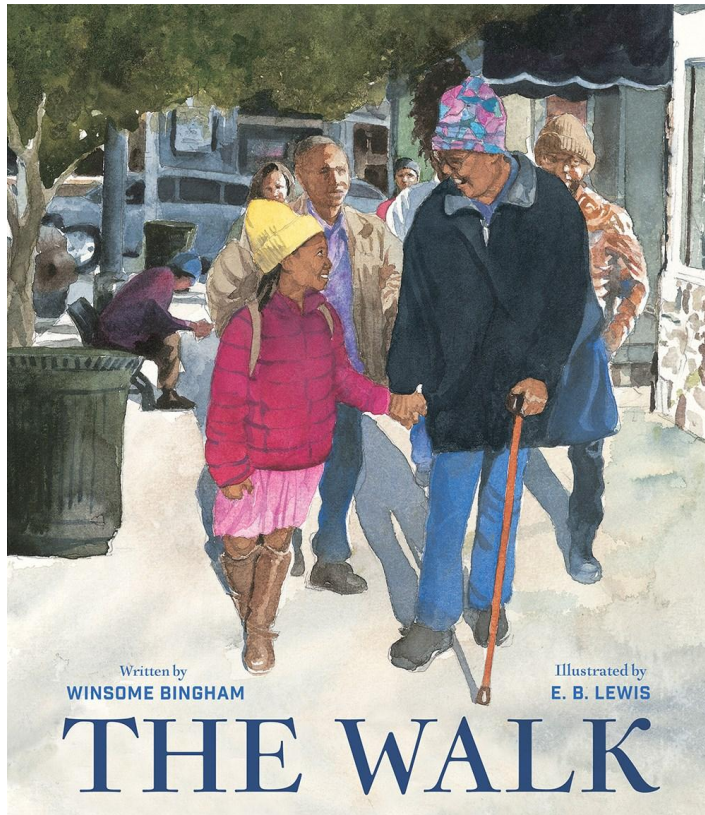
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Booked and League of Women Voters of Evanston to Donate 25 Copies of *THE WALK (A STROLL TO THE POLL)* to Evanston Schools



Booked, an Evanston independent bookstore, and the League of Women Voters of Evanston (LWVE), are pleased to announce their partnership to donate 25 copies of *The Walk (A Stroll to the Poll)* to local schools.

The Walk, from author Winsome Bingham and illustrator E.B. Lewis, will be published on September 12, 2023. It is a full-color picture book celebrating a journey crucial to our democracy: the walk to vote. The story follows a grandma and granddaughter as they journey through their neighborhood and join their community at their polling place. The book is non-partisan; it does not promote a political party. The story touches on the history of voting rights and voter suppression in the U.S., with an ultimate message focusing on the importance of the democratic process.

“We’re thrilled to partner with the League of Women Voters of Evanston to bring this powerful book to local children,” said Abby Dan. “The book demonstrates that even though it’s difficult for some people to participate in the voting process, it’s ultimately a crucial—and hopeful—act.”

Betsy Haberl said, “At Booked, we are always thinking of ways to engage with the Evanston community. *The Walk* seemed like a great opportunity to connect with and give back to local schools, while promoting a new book that we really love.”

Joan Linsenmeier, an active member of the LWVE, said, “Our board is enthusiastic about this plan for encouraging young children, and their families and teachers, to think and talk about voting.”

Each book includes a handwritten, signed bookplate from the author. Representatives from Booked will deliver *The Walk* in the week of its release.

About the author and illustrator

Author Winsome Bingham said she is “humbled and honored” by her book being celebrated in Evanston. She is a soul food connoisseur, master cook, and US Army war and disabled veteran. The book’s illustrator is E.B. Lewis, a prolific and highly acclaimed artist whose accolades include a Caldecott Honor, a Coretta Scott King Illustration Award, and multiple Coretta Scott King honors.

About Booked

Booked is an independent bookstore located at 506 Main St. in Evanston, Illinois, that carries a diverse selection of books for children and a curated selection of adult books. We are a welcoming space for all members of our community that celebrates reading at any age.

Upcoming events at Booked include:

- Every Tuesday at 10:30am - Small Stories for Small Readers, a story time for children ages 0-5, at Booked
- Saturday, 9/9, 11:00am - Bookmarks and Bubbles Dance Party followed by 11:30am panel discussion with authors Cozbi A. Cabrera and Jarrett Dapier at Printer’s Row Lit Fest (637 S. Dearborn St., Chicago)
- Wednesday, 9/20, 7:00pm - [Booked Club for Grown-Ups](#), discussing author Emily Habeck’s *Shark Heart* at Evanston Pour (528 Dempster St., Evanston)
- Saturday, 9/23, 2:00pm - Book signing and reading of *Travel Guide for Monsters, Part Deux* with authors Lori Degman and Jocelyn Watkinson
- Sunday, 9/24, 3:30pm - [Sunday Smut Club](#), discussing author India Holton’s *The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels* at Sketchbook Evanston (821 Chicago Ave., Evanston), ages 18+
- Tuesday, 9/26, 2:00pm-5:00pm - Release party for [InvestiGATORS: All Tide Up](#)

Learn more at www.bookedevanston.com.

About LWVE

The League of Women Voters is a political grassroots network and membership organization that believes the freedom to vote is a nonpartisan issue. The Evanston League has a rich history of voter and citizen education in the Evanston community. Our members are women and men of every age, race, background, and political perspective who believe that informed citizens are the key to effective government.

Information on upcoming LWVE events can be found in the calendar and newsletters at www.lwve.org. The LWVE recently published the tenth edition of *This Is Evanston*, providing information on Evanston history, government, education and community resources. For more information, including how to order a copy, see www.lwve.org/this-is-evanston.