

Batavia Public Library



Conservation program values Batavia's trees

Kathy Fairbairn (left) and Rosemary Henders of the Batavia Woman's Club (BWC) and Library Director George H. Scheetz prepare to attach a tree tag to the Library's sycamore tree. The tree-tagging is part of the BWC's Conservation and Garden Department's "Value Our Trees" program, which highlights the economic and environmental impact of trees on Batavia. The tags, which were provided by the Morton Arboretum, list some of the cost benefits provided by trees based on their species and size. Between 100 and 150 trees will be tagged throughout Batavia during September. "Trees from the Top Down" will be presented at the Library Sept. 18. (Please see page 28 for more information).

Students + resources = success

The Library subscribes to more than a dozen online educational databases to help students learn and succeed. Database subjects include TumbleBooks (early reading), Muzzy (foreign languages), Live Homework Help—Powered by Tutor.com (online tutors), practice tests (ACT, GED, and more), Grolier (reference), biographies, science, history, and much, much more. Students, parents, teachers, and tutors are invited to browse these great resources. Online databases are available from home 24/7 with a Batavia Public Library card or at the Library during regular business hours. Visit BataviaPublicLibrary.org > Research / Databases today and get a head start on the new school year.

Library food drive Sept. 4

In recognition of Hunger Action Month (September), a food drive will be held at the Library on Thursday, Sept. 4. Non-perishable foods and paper products will be accepted in the Conference Room from 9am to 9pm. Items collected will be donated to the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry. Please note: This is a one-day food drive.

Also on Sept. 4, "Go Orange Day" (as declared by the Northern Illinois Food Bank), many Library employees will wear the color orange to help raise awareness about hunger in the community. Later in the month, Library employees, Trustees, and members of the Batavia Public Library Foundation and Friends of the Batavia Public Library will volunteer at the Northern Illinois Food Bank warehouse in Geneva.

The Library will be closed:

Monday, September 1

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am–9 pm
Friday and Saturday 9 am–5 pm
Sunday 12–5 pm (Sept.–May)
Sunday 1–4 pm (June–Aug.)

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630-879-1393
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630-879-1393, ext. 290

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Fall lectures feature astronomer, notable author

Retired astronomer Kevin Manning demonstrates the size and scale of the universe, the stars, and other celestial wonders using hands-on activities and assorted visuals, during “Astronomy for Everyone,” a New Lyceum Lecture Series program. The program will be held at the Library on Wed., Sept. 24, at 7pm and is suitable for all ages. Manning, a former consultant to NASA, lectures extensively across the country at universities, schools, and science conventions.



*Kevin Manning
presents
“Astronomy for
Everyone,”
Sept. 24.*

Nicholas A. Basbanes will present “The Myth of the Paperless Society,” a New Lyceum Lecture Series program, at 7pm, Nov. 12, at the Library. Basbanes

has written nine books—mostly about books—and has been described as the “leading authority of books about books” by biographer and historian David McCullough. Basbanes’ most recent book, *On Paper: The Everything of Its Two Thousand Year History*, was one of three books on the short list for the 2014 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction. More information about the lecture will be forthcoming on the Library website and in the November/December issue of *Neighbors of Batavia*. The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the New Lyceum Lecture Series 2014–2015 Season sponsor.

Awesome volunteers

A total of 81 middle school and high school students volunteered in the Youth Services and Adult Services departments this summer. Students contributed more than 600 hours of work, performing a variety of tasks.

Thank you, Volunteers!

We will continue our volunteer programs during the school year. Interested middle school students can pick up an application at the Youth Services Desk or print one from the Library’s website. Applications for high school students are available at the Reference Desk.

Under the Cupola

“Libraries’ Changing Role: Library Use”

From time to time, we will explore Americans’ engagement with public libraries, and public libraries’ changing role in Americans’ lives and communities.

Public library users and proponents are not a niche group, according to the Pew Research Center (Pew), whose findings put a lie to the notion of the library’s decline. In fact, 30% of Americans ages 16 and older are highly engaged with public libraries, and an additional 39% fall into medium engagement categories.

Although 10% of Americans have never used a library, they think libraries are good for their communities. Pew identified this group of library users as “Distant Admirers,” and they are the majority of the nearly 15% of Americans ages 16 and older who have never been to a library.

Despite their lack of personal use of libraries, their positive views of libraries might stem from the fact that 40% of Distant Admirers report that someone else in their household is a library user. About two-thirds of them or more say libraries are important because they promote literacy and reading, they play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed, and they improve the quality of life in a community. Finally, 55% say the loss of the local library would be a blow to the community. [Pew]

In Batavia, based on a 2014 community survey by the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University (NIU), a majority of respondents (78%) used the Library in some way in the past year. Of that number, three-quarters visited the Batavia Public Library, and 48% visited the Library’s Web site.

Further, 97% of Batavia’s residents rated the Library’s services excellent (61%) or good (36%).

Pew found that younger Americans (those ages 16–29) are just as likely as older adults to visit the library, and once there they borrow print books and browse the shelves at similar rates. In Batavia, the findings were essentially the same.

Large majorities of those under age 30 say it is “very important” for libraries to have librarians as well as books for borrowing, and relatively few think that libraries should automate most library services, move most services online, or move print books out of public areas. [Pew]

Next time, we will explore the use of eBooks. In the meantime, visit your Batavia Public Library, where books exist at the very center of public life.

George H. Scheetz
Director

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Programs and activities for youth

Registration Information: Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 500, for more information and to register. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration. Unless otherwise noted, registration for storytimes and September programs begins Sept. 2; October program registration begins Oct. 1.

For Babies, Tots, and Preschoolers

Lap Sit Storytime
Mon., Sept. 15–Nov. 3,
10am

Tues., Sept. 16–Nov. 4,
10am
Ages 2–3 with a caregiver
Stories, rhymes, and
more. Storytimes last ap-
proximately 20 minutes.
Registration required.

Family Storytime
Mon., Sept. 15–Nov. 3,
7pm

Families with children
through age 7 are wel-

come. No registration
required.

**Baby Storytime–
Pre-Walkers**
Tues., Sept. 16–Nov. 4,
11am

Infants with a caregiver
Songs, nursery rhymes, lap
games, and book-sharing
for babies not yet walking.
Registration required.

ABC Storytime
Wed., Sept. 17–Nov. 5,
10am

Wed., Sept. 17–Nov. 5,
1pm
Thurs., Sept. 18–Nov. 6,
10am

Ages 3–6
Activities, Books, and
Craft. This interactive
storytime is designed for
preschoolers who are able
to listen and participate
independently without as-
sistance from a parent or
caregiver. Each storytime
lasts approximately 40–45
minutes. Registration
required.

Sensory Storytime
Sat., Oct. 11, 10am

Ages 3–8 with a caregiver
This structured storytime
for children with devel-
opmental disabilities in-
corporates stories, music,
and movement activities
followed by free play.
Space is limited. Siblings
and friends are welcome.
Registration required.

**Baby & Tot
Storytime**
Fri., Sept. 19–Nov. 7,
10am

Babies and tots through
35 months with a care-
giver
Drop in for songs, rhymes,
and stories. We ask that
care arrangements be
made outside of class for
older siblings. Space is
limited for this popular
program. Show your Bata-
via Public Library card
(required) at the Youth
Services Desk to receive
your entry ticket. Entry
tickets are handed out be-
ginning 20 minutes before
the program until gone.
No registration required.

*Baby & Tot Storytime
features stories, songs, and
bubbles!*

**Baby Storytime–
Walkers**
Fri., Sept. 19–Nov. 7,
11am

Babies with a caregiver
Songs, nursery rhymes, lap
games, and book-
sharing for babies through
23 months who are
already walking. Registra-
tion required.

**Preschool Drop-In
Storytime**
Fri., Sept. 19–Nov. 7,
1pm

Ages 3–6
Younger siblings welcome.
An adult must accom-
pany children under the
age of 4. No registration
required.

For Students

**Game Day: Card
Edition!**

Sat., Sept. 6, 1–3pm
Ages 6–12
Do you play Pokémon
or YuGiOh? Go-Fish or
Uno? Come to the Library
to play cards. Bring your
deck! No registration
required.

**Make Your Own
Chalk**

Thurs., Sept. 25,
4:30pm
Grades 2-4
Students can learn about
chemical reactions and
mixing colors, and then
make colored chalk and
decorate the Reading Gar-
den sidewalks (weather
permitting). Participants
will take home their own
homemade chalk. Regis-
tration required.



Book Worms

**Wed., Sept. 10 and 24,
4:30pm**

**Wed., Oct. 15 and 29,
4:30pm**

Grades K-1

Stories, games, and a craft.
Registration required.

Middle School Advisory Council

Mon., Sept. 15, 4pm

Mon., Oct. 13, 4pm

Grades 6-8

Join the Batavia Public Library's Middle School Advisory Council. We meet once a month to plan Library activities for students and work on projects benefiting the Library and community. We also eat pizza and have fun! Students with a Batavia Public Library card can register at the Youth Services Desk.

Book Gems

Tues., Sept. 16, 6pm

The Dunderheads

by Paul Fleischman

Tues., Oct. 21, 6pm

*Haunted Castle on
Hallows Eve*

by Mary Pope Osborne
Grades 2-3

Book club and activities for young readers. Registration required; reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Anybook Club

Tues., Sept. 9, 4pm

Tues., Oct. 14, 4pm

Grades 4-8

Join us for snacks, games, and book-related banter. You can talk about books

you've read, and we'll tell you about some you might like. You don't have to read anything in particular, just come to enjoy book-related activities. Registration required.

Building Bridges

Sat., Oct. 18, 10:30am

Ages 7-9

Work in teams to build a bridge. Will it withstand the weight of additional objects? Each participant receives a coupon for a free child admission to Legoland Discovery Center. Presented by staff from Legoland Discovery Center. Registration required. Space is limited.

Race Car Rumble

Sat., Oct. 18, 11:30am

Ages 10-12

Build a series of Lego® race cars, race them on a track, collect data, and find out how fast the car moved. Each participant receives a coupon for a free child admission to Legoland Discovery Center. Presented by staff from Legoland Discovery Center. Registration is required. Space is limited.

Late Night at the Library

Fri., Nov. 14, 6-9pm

Grades 3-5

After-hours program that includes a scavenger hunt, games, pizza, and a guest performer. Parental permission form and \$3 per participant are required at registration. Register in person at the Youth

Services Desk, beginning Nov. 1. Space is limited. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders and to students attending Batavia schools.

For Families

Sensational Science

Sun., Sept. 21, 2pm

Presenter Steve Belliveau incorporates music and humor with his science expertise for an explosive show, including demonstrations with liquid nitrogen and a human gyroscope. This program is appropriate for children ages 5 and older. No registration required. Doors open at 1:45pm.

BatFest

Stories and Parade

Sat., Oct. 25, 11:15am

Location to be announced. Please check the Library website in early October.

Preschool Fair

Mon., Nov. 3, 6:30-8pm

Trying to decide on a preschool for your child? Stop by the Library for a look at various Batavia and Geneva preschools. The open house format offers parents and caregivers the opportunity to talk to many preschools at one time in one location. No registration required.



Costumes, stories, trick-or-treating, and more make Batfest a fun family activity.

And Don't Miss...

No registration is required for the following activities.

Bookmark Contest

Oct. 1-30

Grades 1-5

Entry forms available at the Youth Services Desk beginning Oct. 1.

Movie at the Library

Mon., Oct. 13, 2pm

Please call the Library for movie title, length, and rating.

Drop-In Craft

Mon., Sept. 8, 6-8pm

Thurs., Sept. 11, 10am-12pm

Mon., Oct. 13, 11am-1pm

Sun., Oct. 19, 1-3pm

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Programs for adults and teens

Registration Information: Registration is required for some programs; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200, or register online at BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

Feature Programs *Registration required.*

The Surrealist World of René Magritte

Mon., Sept. 8, 7pm

The paintings of Belgian Surrealist René Magritte have fascinated viewers since before World War II. In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur places a variety of Magritte's paintings in an appropriate historical context.

Railroads and the Civil War

Wed., Sept. 10, 7pm

Trains were an integral part of the Civil War. Everything from men & mules to guns & grub was moved over the rails. Henry Vincent discusses how trains and rail centers like Atlanta, Richmond, Nashville, and Chattanooga affected both Union and Confederate strategic plans. In cooperation with the Batavia Historical Society.

Trees from the Top Down

Thurs., Sept. 18, 7pm

Beth Corrigan from the Morton Arboretum discusses what trees

Monthly Programs *No registration required.*

Book Discussions

Tues., Sept. 9, 7:30pm

The Sisters Brothers by Patrick deWitt
When the Sisters brothers—professional hit men in the old West—agree to do one last job, things go horribly awry. Funny, irreverent, and shortlisted for the Booker Prize. (How often does that happen with a Western?!)

Tues., Oct. 14, 7:30pm
Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach
Some cadavers lead quite interesting lives after death, as Mary Roach demonstrates in this witty and

informative, funny-yet-respectful nonfiction work.

November book discussion selection: *A Star for Mrs. Blake* by April Smith

Books Between Bites
Thurs., Sept. 18, 12pm
Jackie's Journal by Jackie Christiansen and Diane Mayer Christiansen, presented by Diane Mayer Christiansen
Thurs., Oct. 16, 12pm
History of Batavia High School Yearbooks, presented by Jeffery D. Schielke

do for us in addition to beautifying our neighborhoods. In conjunction with the "Value Our Trees" program initiated by the Garden and Conservation Department of the Batavia Woman's Club.

New Lyceum Lecture Series: Astronomy for Everyone

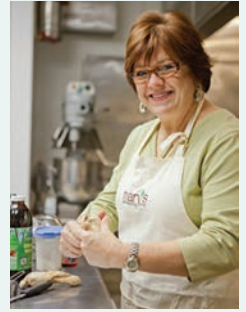
Wed., Sept 24, 7pm
Astronomer Kevin Manning, a former consultant to NASA, demonstrates the size and scale of the universe, the stars, and other celestial wonders using hands-on activities and visual aids.

Questions & Ancestors Genealogy Series: How to Start Your Research

Mon., Oct. 6, 7pm
Genealogist Steve Szabados talks about how to begin your genealogy research using both Internet and traditional archival resources.

Basic Canning

Thurs., Oct. 16, 7pm
The popularity of home canning is on the rise. Mary Krystinak demonstrates how to make jam simply and economically. Participants will take home a jar of strawberry jam and instructions for how to make it. Limit: 30 participants.



New Lyceum Lecture Series: The Myth of the Paperless Society

Wed., Nov. 12, 7pm
Presented by Nicholas A. Basbanes, author of *On Paper: The Everything of Its Two-Thousand-Year History*

Author Travis Thrasher talks with teens, Sept. 9.



Sundays on Stage

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the Sundays on Stage 2014-2015 Season sponsor. Registration required.

The Secret History of Anne Bonny

Sun., Sept. 28, 2pm

Born into a well-to-do family in 1697, Anne Bonny became the most notorious female pirate of all time. T. S. Rhodes portrays Anne as she talks about sailing the seas during the Golden Age of Piracy.

Most Requested Songs

Sun., Oct. 26, 2pm

Heather Braoudakis is back to sing the songs her Chicagoland audiences request time and again—*Sunrise Sunset*, *Embraceable You*, *Somewhere My Love*, *Stardust*—and possibly some of your favorites, too!

*T. S. Rhodes portrays pirate
Anne Bonny, Sept. 28.*



Teen Programs

College and Career *Registration required.*

Start Early, Start Smart: College/Career Planning Mon., Sept. 15, 7–8:30pm

Paula Kosin from Career Vision explains why early career planning is crucial for today's students and discusses five steps to making these decisions—before choosing a college.

College Knowledge: Tips from Inside the Admission Committee

Thurs., Sept. 25, 7–8pm

Julie Nelson, regional recruitment director for Xavier University in

Cincinnati, reviews the college admissions process, including campus visits, application tips, and financial assistance. A Q&A session follows Nelson's presentation.

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price!

Mon., Sept. 29, 7–8:30pm

Teens and parents can learn how to maximize need-based financial aid eligibility, target the right colleges for merit-based financial aid, and exploit tax-saving opportunities. Certified Financial Planner Joe

Orsolini explains the ins and outs of the college financial aid system.

ACT Practice Test Sun., Oct. 12, 12:30–4pm

Take a free ACT practice test with scoring by Kaplan. Bring a calculator, pencils, water, and an energy snack. Kaplan will call test takers with results approximately two weeks after the test. Please register early—15 participants are needed for the event to run. Limit: 24 participants.

Fun Stuff *No registration required.*

Meet Author Travis Thrasher Tues., Sept. 9, 7–8pm

Author Travis Thrasher talks with teens about his *Solitary Tales* young adult series and *Marvelous*, the first novel in his new Books of Marvella series. Thrasher also has written more than 20 books of adult Christian fiction.

game or card game in a relaxed setting. This event is tailored to meet the needs of teens with developmental disabilities. Siblings and friends are welcome.

Anime Club

Thurs., Sept. 11 and Oct. 9,
6:30–9pm

Teens are invited to watch anime movies, preview new shows on DVD, and meet other anime and manga enthusiasts.

Magic the Gathering Club Wed., Sept. 17 and Oct. 15, 7–8:30pm

Play Magic the Gathering with other teens.

TAG, You're It!

Tues., Sept. 23 and Oct. 28,
7–8pm

One way to volunteer at the Library is to serve in the Teen Advisory Group. Let us know what kinds of programs you want and help make them happen.

Inclusion Game Night Wed., Sept. 10 and Oct. 8, 7–8:30pm

Meet new people and play a board

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Computer classes for adults

Registration Information:

One-hour, hands-on computer classes. Registration is required; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200.

Computer Mouse Basics

Tues., Sept. 16, 9am

Internet Classes

Basic computer skills, including mouse and keyboard proficiency, are required.

Introduction to the Internet
Wed., Sept. 17, 9am

Library Catalog Instruction
Wed., Oct. 1, 7pm
20-minute class

Reference Databases at the Library
Tues., Oct. 7, 7pm

**Internet proficiency required:*

Searching the Internet*
Thurs., Sept. 25, 9am

Shopping on the Internet*
Tues., Oct. 14, 9am
Amazon and eBay

Travel and Maps on the Internet*
Fri., Oct. 3, 9am

Introduction to Email*
Thurs., Oct. 2, 9am

Other Computer Classes

Basic computer skills, including mouse and keyboard proficiency, are required.

Introduction to Microsoft Word, Part 1
Tues., Sept. 23, 9am

Create documents and folders; edit; change font style and size, underline, italicize, make bold, and center text; and save.

***Microsoft Word proficiency required:*

Resume Writing Basics
Tues., Nov. 4, 9am

Microsoft Word resume templates. Internet proficiency required.

Introduction to Microsoft Word, Part 2**
Tues., Oct. 7, 9am

Font and background colors; text boxes, clip art, and photos; bulleted and numbered lists; tables; lines, arrows, and autoshares; page numbers; and page setup

Introduction to Microsoft Word, Part 3**
Tues., Oct. 21, 9am

Headers and footers, section breaks, WordArt, page borders, footnotes, endnotes, tables, charts, and mail merge

Introduction to Microsoft Excel**
Mon., Oct. 27, 9am

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint**
Thurs., Oct. 30, 9am



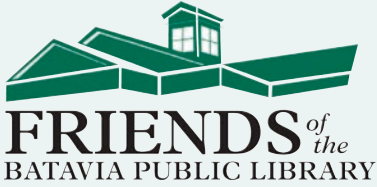
Computer Coaching Sessions

Schedule an appointment with a technology assistant for a 1-hour, one-on-one coaching session based on your individual needs. Available Monday–Thursday, 4–8pm. Batavia Public Library card required. Contact the Reference Desk for details.

Follow the Library on



The Library pages in *Neighbors of Batavia* are funded in part by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library and the Batavia Public Library Foundation.



News from the Friends

Celebrate All Hallows' Read

All Hallows' Read is a celebration started by author Neil Gaiman (*American Gods*; *Coraline*) in a 2010 blog post. Its premise is simple: give someone a scary book for Halloween.

How can you participate? Purchase All Hallows' Read coupons (sold in books of 10 for \$2.50) during October. Each coupon is good for a free children's or young adult book from the Friends of the Batavia Public Library. Give a coupon (with or without another treat) to the costumed visitors ringing your doorbell on Halloween night! That's it! You have given a child a book for Halloween.

Coupon books will be sold at

the Check Out Desk every day in October and in the FriendSpace on Sat., Oct. 4, during the Friends' used book sale.

Children and teens can bring the coupon to a Saturday book sale in the FriendSpace to redeem it for a book; or they can select a book from the Friends Book Corner on the upper level any day of the week. Coupons can be redeemed at the Library Check Out Desk. Book coupons are good



through Sept. 30, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact the Friends at Friends@BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

Summer Reading Club

They came, they sat (and played), they read! Infants, children, teens, and adults made tracks to the Batavia Public Library this summer for "Paws to Read," Summer Reading Club 2014.

The Youth Services club registered nearly 2,200 children during the eight-week program. Children enjoyed incentive prizes, contests, and drawings. More than 90 special programs were offered during the summer months, many of them based on the summer

reading theme.

Adults (290) and teens (43) turned in 815 reading logs after reading a total of 3,154 books! At a drawing held in August, 42 adults and teens won additional prizes provided by area merchants.

We sincerely thank the following businesses and organizations who generously contributed prizes for Summer Reading Club 2014.



7-Eleven North Aurora
Aliano's Ristorante
Auntie Anne's Inc.
Batavia Creamery
Brookfield Zoo
Bulldogs Red Hots
California Pizza Kitchen
Cantigny Park
Carol Stream Park District
Chapters Coffeehouse & Café
Charlie Fox's Pizzeria Batavia
Chicago Sky
Chick-fil-A
Chili's
Choo Choo's Ice Cream
Claddagh Irish Pub
Classic Cinemas

Colonial Café
Corner Bakery Café
Country House Restaurant
Dairy Queen
DuPage Children's Museum
El Taco Grande
Enchanted Castle
Epic Air Trampoline Park
Fannie May Fine Chocolates Batavia
Five Guys Burgers and Fries
Foltos' Tonsorial Parlor
Friends of the Batavia Public Library
Front Street Cantina
Fruitful Yield
Funway Entertainment Center
Gameworks

Gammon Coach House
Graham's Fine Chocolates & Ice Cream
Hardee's
Hollywood Palms Cinema Bar & Eatery
Illinois Railway Museum
Jose Maria's Mexican Restaurant
Katrina Salon & Spa
Kane County Cougars
Kimmer's Ice Cream
Kuipers Family Farm
Learning Express
Legoland Discovery Center
Limestone Coffee & Tea
The Little Traveler

Lumes Pancake House & Restaurant
McDonald's
Medieval Times
Oberweis
On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina
Pal Joey's Restaurant Batavia
Paramount Theatre Aurora
Pockets
Prairie Path Cycles Batavia
Range Grill & Tap
Ravinia
Riganato Old World Grille
Riverfront Playhouse
Schaumburg Boomers
SciTech Hands On Museum

Shady Hill Gardens
Smashburger Batavia
The Spice House Geneva
Subway
Sugar Grove Family Fun Center
Sycamore Speedway
Target
Tastee Freeze North Aurora
Tom & Eddie's Geneva
Trader Joe's
Under the Big Top
Vertical Endeavors
Wal-Mart
Wendy's
White Castle
XP Video Games