

## Fireside family fun

*Oh, the weather outside is frightful . . .*

The Library is a delightful winter destination, especially for those participating in Winter Library Club for Families. This year, families are invited to participate in “Fireside Family Fun,” which begins Sat., Jan. 14, and runs through Tues., Feb. 28.

Winter Library Club is more than a reading club. Families (at least one adult and one child) can register and receive a “Fireside Family Fun” activity log at the Youth Services Desk beginning Jan. 14. After completing each level (four in all) on the log, families return to the Youth Services Desk to collect small rewards. Activities on the log include attending a Library program such as the “Science & Art Fair” on



Jan. 28 or a storytime; designing a quilt square; and going on an Observation Station scavenger hunt. Families participating in Winter Library Club must be Batavia Public Library cardholders or have children attending a Batavia school.

Adults and high school students are invited to participate in Winter Reading Club by reading or listening

to three books and returning a reading log to the Reference Desk. Adults and students will earn a book when they return a reading log and will be entered into a drawing for prizes at the conclusion of Winter Reading Club. Reading logs will be available at the Reference Desk beginning Jan. 14.

## Science & Art Fair

Families are invited to the Library’s second annual Science & Art Fair, Sat., Jan. 28, from 11am to 2pm. During the fair, children can view exhibits and participate in a number of activities sponsored by DuPage Children’s Museum, Fox Valley Wildlife Center, the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust, Kane County Forest Preserve, SciTech Hands On Museum, Water Street Studios, and veterinarian Dr. Mondrian Contreras. Families can learn about stained glass, wild animals in the Fox Valley, and pet care; try out a harmonograph; take

a bird sketching lesson; and more. Activities and exhibits are suitable for children preschool age and older. Registration is not required for the fair; however, registration is required for the 20-minute bird sketching lesson provided by Water Street Studios. Tickets for lessons will be available at the Youth Services Desk the day of the fair. This activity is limited to children ages 7–14. The Science & Art Fair is sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.

*Families are invited to the second annual Science & Art Fair, Jan. 28.*



## Under the Cupola

### “Batavia’s Library: Part 5, 1873–1874”

Batavia Public Library traces its origins to October 1866, over 150 years ago.

With a new reading room above the Buck & Porter general store came the need for more help. The Batavia Library Association retained Emma Bristol (1844–1921) as “librarian’s assistant” in April 1873, initially at \$3 per week. Bristol, who married Abijah L. Strang in 1877, was a sister-in-law of Francis H. Buck, the librarian.

In June 1873, the Independent Order of Good Templars relinquished its lease on the hall adjacent to the library in return for the purchase of its furniture and fixtures, which allowed the Association to expand the reading room. One of the newspapers found there was *Nordstjernen* (or The North Star in English) for Swedish Americans.

That same month, a “library festival” (the previously described “necktie sociable”) raised \$51.85. By agreement (in April 1873), all money raised by public subscriptions was used in keeping up the Reading Rooms, as well as purchasing periodicals, and all money raised by the Association was used in purchasing new books for the Free Library.

The Association raised additional funds by renting its

rooms to other organizations, including (in September 1873) the Swedenborgian Society—named for Swedish scientist and theologian Emanuel Swedenborg (1688–1772)—also known as the New Church and Episcopal Societies, “for use as a Sabbath school room every Sunday at \$1 per week, the Association to warm the Hall.”

In October 1873, the Association resolved to keep the library and reading room open on Saturday afternoons, 3–5pm. The secretary requested the pastors of the various churches to announce the new hours to their congregations, which resulted in increased attendance.

That same month, the Association directed its library committee to compile a catalogue of the books in the library. It later decided to forgo a printed finding list—that is, a catalogue in book form—for home use.

Then, as now, money was a constant issue. As early as March 1874, the Association was discussing the possibility of a tax-supported public library, “but it was not thought advisable to adopt this means” at that time, so fundraising continued. In April 1874, the library had 650 books. *(to be continued)*

George H. Scheetz  
Director



*Born Survivors: Three Young Mothers and Their Extraordinary Story of Courage, Defiance, and Hope* by Wendy Holden, is the One Book, One Batavia 2017 selection.

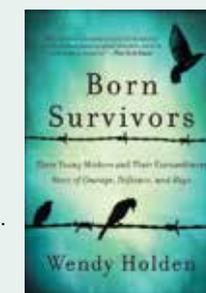
*Born Survivors* tells the similar but isolated stories of Priska, Rachel, and Anka—three young women,

newly pregnant and separated from their husbands and families—who are sent to Auschwitz II-Birkenau in 1944. While experiencing malnutrition, the cruelty of the Nazis, and the constant threat of death, these women are privately determined to hold on to all they have left:

their lives and those of their unborn babies.

The *Born Survivors* book discussion will be held Tues., Feb. 14, at 7:30pm. On Sun., March 19, at 2pm, the Library will present “The Gift and the Curse,” an uplifting performance by pianist Karen Berk Barak. Barak will recount her life’s journey as a descendant of Holocaust survivors through stories, pictures, and music.

One Book, One Batavia is an annual community-wide reading program presented by the Library and co-sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.



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*A new drinking fountain with an integral bottle-filling station was installed in mid-November and has been very well received. As of this writing, water for 244 bottles has been dispensed. The new fountain was a gift from the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.*

### The Library will be closed:

Sun., Jan. 1  
Mon., Jan. 2

### Library Hours

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

### Telephone

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George H. Scheetz

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## Programs and activities for youth

**Registration Information:** Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 500, to register and for more information. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration. Unless otherwise noted, registration for January programs begins Jan. 3, registration for February programs begins Feb. 1.

**Advance registration is required for programs designated** 

### Winter Storytimes

#### Family Storytime

Mon., Jan. 9–Feb. 27, 7pm

Families with children through age 7  
Drop in for stories, songs, and a craft.

#### Lap Sit Storytime

Mon., Jan. 9–Feb. 27, 10am

Tues., Jan. 10–Feb. 28, 10am  
Ages 2–3 with a caregiver  
Enjoy stories, rhymes, and more.

#### Baby Storytime–Pre-Walkers

Tues., Jan. 10–Feb. 28, 11am

Babies through 23 months  
Babies who are not yet walking and their caregivers can enjoy this interactive program including songs, nursery rhymes, lap games, and book-sharing.

#### ABC Storytime

Wed., Jan. 11–Mar. 1, 10am or 1pm

Thurs., Jan. 12–Mar. 2, 10am

Ages 3–6  
Activities, Books, and Craft program for children without a caregiver.

#### Baby Storytime–Walkers

Fri., Jan. 13–Mar. 3, 11am

Babies through 23 months  
Babies who are walking and their caregivers can enjoy this interactive program which includes songs, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, games, and book-sharing. Space is limited.

#### Baby & Tot Storytime

Fri., Jan. 13–Mar. 3, 10am

Babies and toddlers through 35 months  
Babies, tots, and their caregivers can drop in for songs, rhymes, and stories.

Please make outside care arrangements for older siblings. Batavia Public Library card required.

#### Preschool Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Jan. 13–Mar. 3, 1pm

Ages 3–6  
Younger siblings welcome.  
An adult must accompany children under the age of 4 years.

#### Book Character Visit

Fri., Feb. 24, 1pm

**Cookie Mouse**  
Barnes & Noble Book-sellers will bring Cookie Mouse to the Library for stories and activities. Bring your camera!

### For Students

#### Minecrafternoon

Thurs., Jan. 5, 4pm

Thurs., Feb. 2, 4pm

Grades 2–4  
Join your fellow Minecrafters for an hour of play on the Library's Minecraft system. Entry tickets are handed out beginning 15 minutes before the program until gone. Please show your Batavia Public Library card. Space is limited.

#### Tween Advisory Board

Mon., Jan. 9, 4pm

Mon., Feb. 13, 4pm

Grades 6–8  
Calling all tweens! Do you have suggestions for activities, books, or technology that students would enjoy and the Library should consider? We plan activities for students at the

Library, work on special projects, eat pizza, and have fun! New members welcome.

#### Book Gems

Tues., Jan. 10, 6:30pm

*The Diamond Mystery*  
by Martin Widmark

Tues., Feb. 14, 6:30pm

*Balto of the Blue Dawn*  
by Mary Pope Osborne

Grades 2–3  
Book discussion and activities for young readers. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

#### Anybook Club

Tues., Jan. 17, 4pm

Tues., Feb. 21, 4pm

Grades 4–8  
Whether you're into graphic novels, fantasy, science fiction, or nonfiction, share what you're reading with others. Join us for snacks, games, and book-related banter.

#### Coding for Kids

Mon., Jan. 23, 30;

Feb. 6, 13, 4:30pm

Grades 4–6  
Curious about computers? Retired computer science teacher Jo Ann Smith facilitates this 4-week coding class for students. The first week includes instruction and an introduction to basic tools. The remaining three weeks are self-directed, with Smith helping students progress and build skills.



*SciTech Museum returns to the Science & Art Fair this year.*

#### Chess Club

Tues., Jan. 24, 4:30pm

Tues., Feb. 28, 4:30pm

Ages 6–14  
Students can learn more about chess and improve their chess skills as we explore strategy and tactics and then play the game. Basic knowledge of the game is required; however, all skill levels are welcome.

#### Curiosity Club

Wed., Jan. 25, 4:30pm

Wed., Feb. 22, 4:30pm

Grades K–2  
Through books, games and experiments, participants will explore a variety of science and nature topics each month. Each participant will also receive a take-home activity.

#### Mad Scientists Club

Thurs., Jan. 26, 4:30pm

Mon., Feb. 27, 4:30pm

Grades 3–5  
Explore your inner scientist and have fun with science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through activities, experiments, and games.

**Advance registration is required for programs designated** 

### For Families

#### Fireside Family Fun

Jan. 14–Feb. 28  
Warm up at the Library during Winter Library Club 2017. This winter club combines reading and activities for families (at least one child and one adult) to do together. Beginning Jan. 14, families can pick up an activity log at the Youth Services Desk. Complete the activities described on the log and return it Youth Services to earn rewards at 4 different levels.

Families participating in Winter Library Club must be Batavia Public Library cardholders or have children attending a Batavia school. All Winter Library Club activity logs must be turned in by 9pm, Feb. 28.

#### Hibernation Scavenger Hunt

Jan. 14–Feb. 28

While you are playing in the snow or enjoying hot cocoa, many animals are snuggling underground or underwater. Use tools from the Observation Station to spot and identify the animals that hibernate during the winter or those who snack and nap. Winter Library Club participants earn credit on their activity log for completing this search. Pick up directions at the Observation Station.

#### Science & Art Fair

Sat., Jan. 28, 11am–2pm

Families are invited to learn and explore at our

second annual Science & Art Fair. The open-house format features stations from Kane County Forest Preserve, DuPage Children's Museum, Fox Valley Wildlife Center, Sci-Tech Museum, and others. New this year: Children ages 7–14 can attend a mini art class sponsored by Water Street Studios. A limited number of timed tickets for the art class will be available at the Youth Services Desk the day of the fair.

#### Improv Playhouse Presents *Hansel and Gretel*

Sat., Feb. 25, 11am  
Hansel and Gretel come to life in this musical version of the classic fairy tale. It's a fairy tale everyone knows, but with a twist. Sit back and enjoy as the actors from Improv Playhouse tell the tale of a hardworking carpenter, his adventurous children, and a zany witch. Appropriate and fun for the whole family!

#### Read Across America

Thurs., Mar. 2, 4–5pm  
Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! We are joining schools and libraries across the country in celebrating the fun of reading and honoring that special storyteller—Dr. Seuss. Come for part of all of the time.



*Cookie Mouse visits storytime, Feb. 24.*

### And Don't Miss . . . *No registration is required for the following activities.*

#### Chess Knight

Tues., Jan. 3, 7–8 pm

Ages 8 and older  
Students, teens, and adults of all skill levels are welcome.

#### Movies at the Library

Mon., Jan. 16, 11am

Fri., Feb. 17, 2pm

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

#### Drop-In Craft

Sat., Jan. 21, 1–3pm

Thurs., Feb. 9, 11am–1pm

Sat., Feb. 11, 1–3pm

## 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.

**Advanced registration is required for programs designated** 

### Feature Programs

#### New Lyceum Lecture Series

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2016–17 Season Sponsor

#### Lincoln and the Spirit of Improvement

Wed., Jan. 18, 7pm

Abraham Lincoln, following in the footsteps of his heroes John Quincy Adams and Henry Clay, loved innovation and promoted the spirit of improvement personally and nationally. This lecture addresses his drive for self-development and his efforts to provide opportunity to “Young America.” Presenter Matt Holm, an American History teacher at Batavia High School, also explains how today’s innovative history classes allow for personal improvement in student skills through the use of history labs.



#### Yeast Breads

Mon., Feb. 6, 7pm

Does anything smell better than bread baking? Chef Cherise guides you through the twelve steps of yeast bread production and offers tips and tricks to make bread baking your new



favorite hobby. The program includes recipes and instructions for Italian batard, walnut wheat bread, golden dinner rolls, and sweet bounty jam.

*Chef Cherise shares her breadmaking secrets, Feb. 6.*



### Monthly Programs

#### Book Discussion

Tues., Jan. 10, 7:30pm

*The Sherlockian* by Graham Moore  
When the world’s leading Arthur Conan Doyle scholar is found murdered, recent Sherlock Holmes society inductee Harold White takes up the search for the killer.

Tues., Feb. 14, 7:30pm

*Born Survivors: Three Young Mothers and Their Extraordinary Story of Courage, Defiance, and Hope* by Wendy Holden

This moving book tells the compelling true story of three women who

hid their pregnancies, gave birth in a Nazi concentration camp, and survived along with their infants. The One Book, One Batavia 2017 selection.

#### March book discussion selection:

*Furiously Happy: A Funny Book About Horrible Things* by Jenny Lawson

#### Books Between Bites

Thurs., Jan. 19, 12pm

*Quiet* by Susan Cain, presented by Dr. Cynthia Anderson

in good to excellent condition. CHIP IN expects to have more than 200 dresses available for students to try on and take home on Feb. 18. All dresses will be given away free of charge, regardless of need.

CHIP IN (Community Helpers

Thurs., Feb. 16, 12pm

*Route 66* and *Father of Route 66*, presented by their author, Susan Croce Kelly

#### Adult Anime Club

Wed., Jan. 25 and Feb. 22, 6:30–9pm

Adults ages 18 and older are invited to watch anime and meet other adult anime and manga enthusiasts.

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### Sundays on Stage The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2016 Season Sponsor.



#### Chicago, True Stories

Sun., Jan. 29, 2pm

Sizzle, sequins, murder, and mayhem! The 1920s was a delirious decade. What made this time so remarkable? Was the film *Chicago* really inspired by a true story? Actress Martina Mathisen portrays a flapper named Flora, straight out of the Twenties, who gives us the scoop.

#### Bobby Darin Tribute

Sun., Feb. 26, 2pm

Enjoy finger-snapping songs and true stories about Bobby Darin and the two great loves of his life—Connie Francis and Sandra Dee. Performers Ron and Sandie sing Darin’s hits (remember “Mack the Knife”?), promising a fun trip down memory lane.

*Martina Mathisen brings Flora to life, sharing a remarkable decade, the 1920s, on Sun., Jan. 29.*

**Genealogy Research** Whether you’re just starting or would like help overcoming obstacles, a librarian will guide you in your genealogy research during a one-hour, one-on-one session. Available Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm.

### Teen Programs Advance registration is required for programs designated

#### Fun Stuff



#### Inclusion Game Night

Wed., Jan. 11 and Feb. 8, 6:30–8:30pm

Teens and young adults of all abilities—and their families and friends—are invited to meet new people and try out a board game or card game in a relaxed setting. High school volunteers are welcome.

#### Anime Club

Thurs., Jan. 12 and Feb. 9, 6:30–8:30pm

Teens ages 13 and older are invited to watch anime, play games, and meet other anime and manga enthusiasts.



#### Inclusion Movie Night

Tues., Jan. 24 and Feb. 28, 6:30–8:30pm

Teens and young adults of all abilities—and their families and friends—are welcome to meet new people and watch a movie in a relaxed setting. High school volunteers are welcome.

## Computer classes for adults

**Registration Information:** One-hour, hands-on computer classes. Basic computer skills, including mouse and keyboard proficiency, are required. Please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200

**Advanced registration is required for programs designated** 

### Internet Classes

**\*Internet proficiency required:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Searching the Internet

Tues., Jan. 24, 9am

Learn to use Google to find information. Learn search tips and how to evaluate Web sites.

#### Online Job Searching

Thurs., Mar. 9, 9am

Learn helpful networking tips, as well as how to use a variety of online resources in your job search, including Indeed, LinkedIn, and employer websites. Required: Bring a digital copy of your up-to-date resume.

#### Digital Pictures

Wed., Mar. 1, 9am

Learn how to remove digital photos from your camera or smartphone, edit them on Flickr, and upload them to social media. Please bring your smartphone or camera, and your USB charging cable, to class.

#### Genealogy on the Internet, Part 1

Thurs., Jan. 26, 9am

#### Genealogy on the Internet, Part 2

Thurs., Feb. 2, 9am.

### Other Computer Classes

#### Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013, Part 1

Tues., Jan. 31, 9am

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

#### Resume Writing Basics

Mon., Feb. 6, 9am

Microsoft Word 2013 resume templates. Internet proficiency required.

#### Android Tablet & Phone

Tues., Jan. 17, 9am

Please bring your device to class.

#### iPad & iPhone

Thurs., Feb. 9, 9am

Please bring your device to class.

**\*\*Microsoft Word proficiency required:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013, Part 2

Tues., Feb. 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 2013, Part 3

Tues., Feb. 14, 9am

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

#### Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2013, Part 1

Tues., Feb. 21, 9am

Summation; formulas; data entry; autofill; print

#### Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2013, Part 2

Tues., Feb. 28, 9am

Add and delete rows and columns; find and replace; sort; navigate workbooks; introduction to charts; security

#### Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2013

Thurs., Mar. 2, 9am

### Computer Coaching

Schedule an appointment with a technology assistant for a one-hour, one-on-one coaching session based on your individual needs. Available Monday–Thursday, 4–8pm.



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## News from the Friends

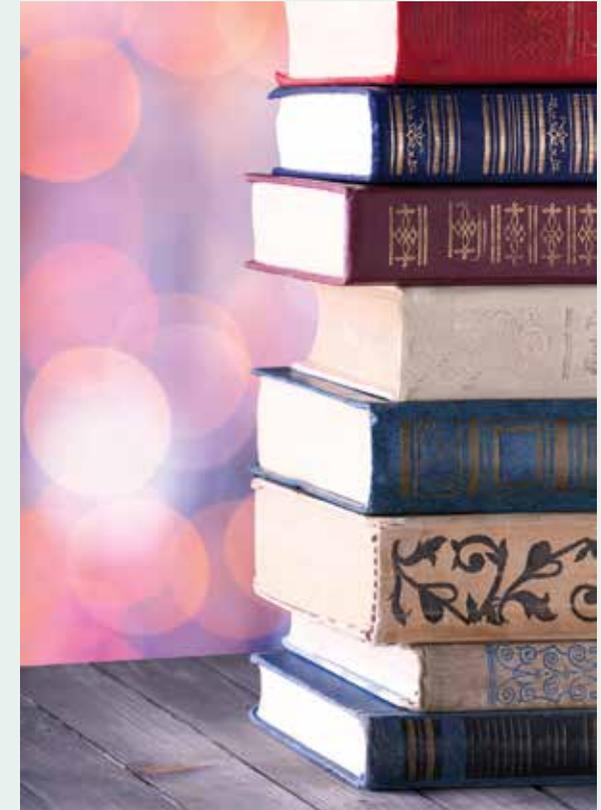
It's time to renew your membership for 2017! Annual Memberships start at \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family, and \$5 for seniors. Membership renewal forms will be sent to 2016 members in the mail. If you did not receive one, please let us know at [Friends@BataviaPublicLibrary.org](mailto:Friends@BataviaPublicLibrary.org).

Not yet a member? We are always looking for new faces. Membership forms are available at the Library's Check Out Desk and at the monthly book sales in the FriendSpace.

### Save the Dates

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library's Saturday book sales in the FriendSpace on the Library's lower level take place on the second Saturday of every month except June. 2017 dates are: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9.

The Friends ongoing book sale is located on the Library's upper level across from the Check Out Desk. Items in the Friends Book Corner can be purchased any time the Library is open. Bring items and money to the Check Out Desk.



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## News from the Foundation

An interactive, online component of the historic Batavia Sanborn Maps project is currently in development. The Batavia Public Library Foundation is seeking individual, group, and corporate sponsorships. Please consider helping make a part of Batavia's history come alive for students and others curious about Batavia's past. For more information and to donate, visit [BataviaPublicLibrary.org](http://BataviaPublicLibrary.org).

