

“Reading by Design”

According to the *American Heritage Dictionary*, the word “design,” when used as a verb, means “to conceive or fashion in the mind; to formulate a plan.”

Well, the plan for Summer Reading Club 2017, “Reading by Design,” is simple—encourage and entice Batavia readers, infants to adults, to read (or be read to) and to enjoy spending time at their library.

For children, Summer Reading Club (SRC) means reading at home, on vacation, or at the Library; logging minutes read on a logbook; returning their logbooks to the Library to collect rewards; and participating in Library programs and activities designed especially for them. There will be guessing jars, contests, games, and prizes throughout the summer, as well.

Children in grades K–5 who attend a Batavia elementary school will receive a Summer Reading Club logbook at their school in May. There is a special log for parents of babies, which includes activities for parents and babies that foster early literacy. Parents can pick up logbooks for babies and children who do not attend a Batavia elementary school in the Youth Services department beginning May 12.

Children can return their logbooks to the Youth Services Desk beginning June 3 to start collecting Level 1 rewards. The SRC kickoff for families is also June 3, from 11am to 2pm, when families can enjoy fun activities and ice cream.

Special events planned for families this summer include a Balloon Show, Family Game Night, The Art of Design with Dan Laib, and the Mr. Freeze Cryogenics Show.

High school students and adults can participate in SRC by reading or listening to books and turning in a reading log to the Reference Desk. Teens and adults will earn a small reward for turning in a log and be entered



into a drawing for additional prizes—gift cards from area merchants and restaurants—at the conclusion of SRC.

High school students and adults can pick up a reading log at the Reference Desk beginning May 24, and can begin returning reading logs June 3. High school students can include their required summer reading book on their Library reading log.

Summer Reading Club 2017 is designed for Batavia readers. Plan on it!

Library district election results

Diane Blodgett and Jo Ann Smith were re-elected to the Board of Library Trustees in the April 4 consolidated election and will serve four more years. Also elected to four-year terms were Jennifer Culotta and Michael MacKenzie. Kate Garrett was elected as a write-in candidate and will serve a two-year term.

The newly elected trustees will be sworn in at the Board of Library Trustees meeting on May 16, joining Trustees Andrew Deitchman and Rich Henders, whose terms run through April 2019. Board meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month and are open to the public.

The Library will be closed:

Sunday, May 28
Monday, May 29

Library Hours

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

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Library Director

George H. Scheetz

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Under the Cupola

“Batavia’s Library: Part 7, To and Again”

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

As noted previously, the Batavia Library Association held its last meeting on 12 April 1882, at which it voted to transfer the books and other personal property to the “Batavia Public Library,” a township organization. The first Library Board in 1882 adopted Rules and Regulations, including the following selections:—

1st, Every inhabitant of the town of Batavia over fifteen years of age shall be entitled to the use of the Library in accordance with the Regulations. Persons under that age may be admitted upon guaranty after subscribing to a promise to obey the rules, or in any other way that may be satisfactory to the Librarian.

Service to children was improved significantly in October 1895, when the first regulation was amended, as follows: “Any person residing in the township of Batavia, irrespective of age, shall be entitled to the use of the Library upon complying with the rules of the Board of Directors in regard to taking Books.” Today, service to children is a

cornerstone of the Library’s mission and includes bountiful collections of children’s materials and programs designed for all ages, birth to middle school—and beyond.

3rd, No one person shall be allowed more than one volume and no family of the same household more than two volumes at one time.

This particular regulation was driven by the population of Batavia Township (3,318 in the 1880 census)—the Library’s service area in 1882—and the size of the collection (1,040 volumes). Now, 135 years later, there is practically no limit on the number of books and other items that persons may borrow. In 2017, the population of the Batavia Public Library District (26,562 in the 2010 census) has access to 218,483 items that encompass books and other print materials, CDs and other audio-visual materials, and eBooks and other digital materials.

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George H. Scheetz
Director



Maia Jaycox, 2017 American Honey Queen, talks about the importance of honey bees, May 22.

American Honey Queen to visit

Maia Jaycox, the 2017 American Honey Queen, will visit the Library at 4:30pm, May 22, to talk to families, especially children, about honey bees and their very important role in nature. Jaycox is touring the country as a representative of the American Beekeeping Federation, and her visit to Batavia is sponsored by the Fox Valley Beekeepers Association.

The presentation includes a photo op with the Honey Queen and an optional honey tasting. Children can view and touch some of the tools beekeepers use. Registration is not required. Doors to the Founders Room open at 4:15pm.

The Boopsie app is here

A customized library app, powered by Boopsie, is now available for Batavia Public Library. Library users can download the free app to their smartphones and tablets. “Batavia PL” offers fast and easy access to the Library website—the Library catalog, cardholder accounts (to place holds and renew materials), download eBooks, text a librarian, check library hours, and more. Library users can download the app by following the instructions at BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

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, May program registration begins May 1, June program registration begins May 15, July program registration begins June 12. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 


For Babies, Tots, and Preschoolers

Baby Play 'n' Learn
Fri., May 12, June 9,
July 7, 10am

Babies and toddlers 0–23 months
Parents can meet other parents, enjoy playtime with their baby, and see examples of early literacy activities. Please make alternate care arrangements for older siblings. Space is limited.

Truck Tales 
Mon., May 22, 11am

Ages 3–6
Love trucks? Enjoy truck stories with Gary Holm, Batavia's Public Works director, after which children can climb aboard one of Batavia's big trucks.

ABC Storytime 
Fri., June 9, 1pm


Wed., June 21, 1pm
Ages 3–6
Activities, Books, and Craft program for children without a caregiver.



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Lap Sit Storytime 
Mon., June 12, 10am

Ages 2–3 with a caregiver
Enjoy stories, rhymes, and more.

Baby Storytime 
Tues., June 13, 11am

Babies through 23 months with a caregiver
Interactive program for babies with stories, rhymes, and music.

Baby & Tot Storytime
Fri., June 23, 10am

Babies and tots through 35 months with a caregiver
Drop in for songs, rhymes, and stories. Please make alternate care arrangements for older siblings. Batavia Public Library card required.


Preschool Play 'n' Learn

Tues., June 27, 10am
Ages 2–5 with caregiver
Enjoy playtime with your child and explore early literacy stations, which include activities with letters, numbers, sequencing, and more.

Signing Fun 
Fri., June 30, 10am

Ages 0–18 months with a caregiver
Fri., June 30, 11am
Ages 18–36 months with a caregiver
Licensed sign language interpreter Sheryl Ebersold shows how to incorporate sign language into daily activities with signs and songs. Space is limited.

For Students

Chess Club 
Tues., May 9, 4:30pm

Ages 6–14
If you would like to learn more about chess or improve your chess skills, join us as we explore strategy and tactics. Basic knowledge of the game is required; however, all skill levels are welcome. A portion of the hour will be spent on strategy and a portion playing the game using what you have learned.

Hour of Code 
Mon., May 15, 4:30pm

Mon., June 19, 3pm
Grades 3–6
Are you new to coding or are you pretty good? Practice at the Library on code.org and have computer science instructor Jo Ann Smith assist you if you get stuck. Space is limited.


**American Red Cross
Babysitter's Training
Course** 
Tues., June 6,
9:30am–5pm

Wed., June 28,
9:30am–5pm
Ages 11–15
A 7.5-hour training course in which students learn basic babysitting skills and how to deal with emergencies. Participants must attend entire session. Due to the popularity of this program a lottery drawing will be held. Lottery registration for the June 6 class begins May 15; the lottery drawing to be


held on May 23. Lottery registration for the June 28 class begins May 15; the lottery drawing to be held on June 14. Priority given to Batavia Public Library cardholders. Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation.

Book Buddies 
Tues., June 6, 2pm

Thurs., June 15, 2pm
Fri., June 23, 11am
Thurs., June 29, 11am
Fri., July 7, 2pm
Ages 6–8
Young readers are partnered with Junior Volunteers for approximately one hour of reading. The program focuses on book-sharing rather than tutoring. Please register for each date your child will attend.

Chess Basics 
Wed., June 7–28, 10am

Ages 6–14
Learn about the game of chess—what the pieces are called, how they move, and basic strategy. After completing this 4-week session, you are welcome to join Chess Knight on Tuesday evenings and play with other chess fans.

Book Gems 
Thurs., June 13, 2pm

*Justine McKeen,
Queen of Green*
by Sigmund Brouwer
Grades 2–3
Young readers can enjoy a

Junior Volunteers:

Please turn in your application for summer volunteer opportunities by May 12.



Families can learn about the Art of Design from Dan Laib, June 26.


discussion and activities related to the book. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Curiosity Club 
Thurs., June 15, 10am


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

Egg Drop 
Fri., June 16,
11am–12:30pm

Grades 3–5
2–3:30pm
Grades 6–8
Compete to see whose egg can survive the highest fall after learning about parachutes and constructing an egg carrier. Supportive audience members are invited to watch the eggs drop in the Reading Garden during the last 30 minutes of each session.

Alphabet Animals 
Thurs., June 22, 10am

Ages 5–8
Students will learn to draw 26 cartoon animals using the alphabet and simple shapes. A great class for beginners.

Creative Cartooning 
Thurs., June 22, 11am

Ages 8–12
Students can learn how to draw expressive cartoon faces, sketch bodies in motion, write jokes for cartoons, and use symbols to express ideas.

Anybook Club 
Mon., June 26, 2pm

Grades 4–8
Join us for snacks, games, and book-related banter. You can talk about books you've read; 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.

Dewey Club 
Tues., June 27, 2pm

Grades 2–4
Journey into the world of nonfiction as we explore a variety subjects. We will take a look at Mr. Dewey and his system of organizing books, play games, and enjoy activities.

String Art 
Wed., July 5, 2pm

Ages 7–14
Using only string and a needle, students can create their own unique string art design.

Elephant and Piggie Party 
Thurs., July 6, 11am

Grades K–2
Help us celebrate two favorite book characters, Elephant and Piggie. We'll play games, learn some fun facts about elephants and pigs, make a craft, and read some Elephant and Piggie books.

Dale Obrachta performs his Balloon Show for families, June 7.

For Families

Free Comic Book Day

Sat., May 6
Children may stop by Youth Services Desk for a free comic book, while supplies last.

Drop-In Craft

Mon., May 8, 4–6pm

Thurs., May 11,
10am–12pm

Mon., June 5, 2–5pm

All ages
Children age 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

American Honey Queen

Mon., May 22, 4:30pm
All ages
The 2017 American Honey Queen, Maia Jaycox, stops in Batavia as she travels throughout the country to talk about honey bees and their importance in

the world. Children can see and touch some of the tools beekeepers use, and taste locally produced honey (optional).

Reading by Design

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Children from birth through middle school are invited to participate in Summer Reading Club 2017. Enjoy reading and fun activities at the Library this summer.

Summer Reading Club Kickoff

Sat., June 3, 11am–2pm
"Reading by Design," Summer Reading Club 2017, officially begins today. Stop by for ice cream and activities. Logbook check-in begins today. Please note: only Level 1 rewards can be redeemed June 3–9.

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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. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

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Feature Programs

New Lyceum Lecture Series

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2016–17 season sponsor.

Life in a Japanese American Internment Camp

Tues., May 2, 7pm

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, all Japanese Americans living on the West Coast were forced into relocation camps in remote areas of the country. Among the over 120,000 Japanese Americans who were incarcerated, more than two-thirds were American-born, many of whom were children. Historian and librarian Sarah Okner, a descendant of internees, shares photos and details of daily life in an internment camp.



Biltmore Estate: America's Downton Abbey

Wed., May 3, 7pm

Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, features the talents of landscape designer Frederick Law Olmstead and architect William Morris Hunt, who collaborated at the same time on portions of Chicago's 1893 World's Fair. Art historian Jeff Mishur talks about the estate's history, architecture, and landscape plan and discusses parallels between the fictional Downton Abbey and Biltmore, America's largest private home.

Questions & Ancestors Genealogy Series

Searching amid the Rubble of Misfortune

Our ancestors persevered in spite of disaster and misfortune so that we could be here today to tell their stories. Presenter Thomas MacEntee explains how to locate evidence of their experiences and how to add their first-hand accounts to that body of evidence.

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.

Water Street Studios Presents

Kevin Hunter, Painter

Tues., May 23, 7pm

Award-winning artist Kevin Hunter has experience in drawing, painting, illustration, and web design. He currently concentrates on portrait and landscape painting. Hunter discusses and demonstrates his work.




Lisa Dienst-Thomas, Metal Jewelry Designer

Thurs., June 22, 7pm

Lisa Dienst-Thomas, creator of Lisa's Pieces, talks about designing jewelry and working with various materials—and demonstrates her work.

Sundays on Stage *The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2017 Season Sponsor.*

Coco Chanel

Sun., May 21, 2pm 

Historian, actor, and lecturer Annette Baldwin portrays Coco Chanel, the most influential designer of the 20th century. Baldwin shares Chanel's fashion theories, innovations, and rise to fame and talks about Chanel's famous fragrance—Chanel No. 5.



Annette Baldwin portrays Coco Chanel, May 21.

Malt Shop Memories

Sun., June 25, 2pm

Return to the 1950s with performers Jan and Gino. The popular duo will perform doo-wop and hits of the decade.

Monthly Programs

Book Discussions

Tues., May 9, 7:30pm

Mozart's Sister by Nancy Moser
Musician Nannerl Mozart, the sister of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, is the subject of this historical novel. While her father pushes her brother to perform and seek fame, she wonders whether her own dreams will ever be realized. Read the book, attend the discussion, and be entered into a drawing to win two tickets to *The Other Mozart* at Fermilab on May 13.

Tues., June 13, 7:30pm

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer
After his father's death in the 9/11 attacks, precocious nine-year-old Oskar tries to unravel the mystery of a key his father left behind. Funny and sad, this story is told by Oskar, his grandmother, and his long-lost grandfather.

Books Between Bites

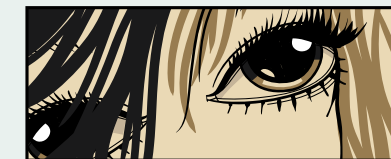
Thurs., May 25, 12pm

Strangers Tend to Tell Me Things, presented by its author, Amy Dickinson

Adult Anime Club

Thurs., May 18 and June 29, 6:30–8:30pm

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



Teen Programs

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Free Comic Book Day

Sat., May 6

Stop by the Reference Desk and pick up a free comic book, courtesy of Graham Crackers Comics, St. Charles. Costumes welcome.

Inclusion Game Night

Wed., May 10 and June 14,

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., May 11 and June 8,

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., May 30 and June 27,

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.

Summer Reading

Required reading books for Batavia High School students will be on display at the Library by June 1. Come in early when the selection is best and get started on your summer required reading.

Computer classes for adults

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

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Internet Classes

*Internet proficiency required:

Searching the Internet

Tues., May 16, 9am

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

Genealogy: HeritageQuest & America's Obituaries

Thurs., May 25, 9am

Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition

Thurs., June 1, 9am

Genealogy: FamilySearch.org & Other Websites

Thurs., June 8, 9am

Other Computer Classes

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013, Part 1

Tues., May 30, 9am

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

Android Tablet & Phone

Wed., May 31, 9am

Please bring your device to class.

iPad & iPhone

Thurs., June 22, 9am

Please bring your device to class.

**Microsoft Word proficiency required:

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013, Part 2

Tues., June 6, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013, Part 3

Tues., June 13, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2013, Part 1

Thurs., June 15, 9am

Summation; formulas; data entry; autofill; print

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2013, Part 2

Thurs., June 29, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2013

Thurs., July 6, 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.

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

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News from the Friends



During the Friends' annual meeting in March, the board of directors was elected. Serving the organization for the next year are—Sue Campbell, Helen Conrad, Margo Cooper, Rosemary Henders, Elizabeth Larson, Lenni Petrovic, Linda Rohr, and Avery Scheetz.

President Margo Cooper reported that, during the past year, the Friends donated \$24,299 to the Library for equipment and programs. Donated funds were raised through the Friends book sales—monthly sales, corner book sales, and online sales. Cooper thanked the Friends members for their exceptional efforts. Library equipment purchased by the Friends include a 36-inch-wide color printer, the lobby drinking/bottle-refilling station, a new lobby bench, a height-adjustable work desk, an upright floor scrubber, portable CD player, and a book cart. Programs supported by the Friends includes One Book, One Batavia 2017; Winter and Summer Reading Clubs; and the second annual Science & Art Fair.

Technical Services Manager Kerry Halter enjoys her new standing work station, a gift from the Friends.

Friends' Book Sale

May 13

9:15am to 4pm

in the FriendSpace

There is no FriendSpace book sale in June



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Chess Knight

Tues., June 6–27, 7pm

Ages 8–adult

Participants should have a basic knowledge of the game.

Family Balloon Show

Wed., June 7, 7pm

Watch in amazement as Dale Obrachta transforms ordinary balloons into extraordinary animals and objects and balloons that glow! Stick around after the show for a photo with one of his creations. Doors to the Founders Room open at 6:45pm.

Explore!

Thurs., June 8,

11am–12pm, Art

Tues., June 20, 10–11am, Building

Drop in for activities that explore the topics listed above.

Bingo

Wed., June 14, 1pm

Ages 3–14

Play regular bingo and our specially designed picture bingo for one hour. Children age 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Family Game Night

Mon., June 19, 7pm

Play a variety of games with your family or challenge another; create a house of cards, domino mazes, and more.

The Art of Design with Dan Laib

Mon., June 26, 11am

Artist Dan Laib illustrates the basic elements of design with stories, hand-painted puppets, props, and live art demonstrations. At the show's conclusion, the audience can step into a popular fairy tale

centered on design. This program is designed for audience participation and promises to entertain, inform, and inspire! Doors to the Founders Room open at 10:45am.

Movie at the Library

Thurs., June 29, 1pm

Call the Library for movie title, length, and rating.