

You're invited

The development of a community engagement program to support long-range planning for Batavia Public Library has begun. A charge for this process was recently approved by the Board of Library Trustees. (Please see "Under the Cupola" on the next page.)

During the fall, a number of community engagement meetings will be held at the Library or nearby. Residents of the Library district—frequent, occasional, and non-library

users, people who love the Library and people who are indifferent—are encouraged to attend the meetings. The Library Board wants to hear the community's hopes, ideas, and suggestions as it prepares to plan for the years ahead.

The meetings will be facilitated by Rod Wright and Cindy Gibson of UNICOM-ARC, a research and public-engagement company. Library trustees, director, and managers will be on hand to provide

information and answer questions. Residents will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with their neighbors through meaningful dialogue and discussion.

A list of times and locations for community engagement meetings will soon be available at the Library and on the Library website. Questions about the community engagement program may be sent to Engage@BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

Over 2,700 books read during Summer Reading Club 2017

More than 1,200 children from birth to eighth grade tracked their reading accomplishments during "Reading by Design," Summer Reading Club 2017. Children enjoyed incentive prizes, contests, and drawings, as well as engaging programs and activities. More than 90 programs were offered during the summer months, many of them with a design theme.

Adults and teens also had a great summer reading,

Batavia Creamery	Crosstown Pub & Grill
Bien Trucha	Culver's
Brookfield Zoo	Dimples Donuts
Bulldog's Red Hots	DuPage Children's Museum
Carol Stream Park District	El Taco Grande
Chapters Coffee House & Café	Enchanted Castle
Charlie Fox's Pizzeria	Epic Air Trampoline Park
Chicago Sky	Fermilab Arts and Lecture Series
Chick-fil-A	Foltos' Tonsorial Parlor
Chili's (Batavia)	Friends of the Batavia Public Library
Chipotle	Fruitful Yield
Choo Choo's Ice Cream	Funway Entertainment Center
Chuck E. Cheese's	Gameworks
Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant	Gammon Coach House
Classic Cinemas	Graham's Fine Chocolates & Ice Cream
Colonial Café	Hearth & Hammer
Corner Bakery Café	Illinois Railway Museum
Country House Restaurant	

with 226 adults and 28 high school students participating, for a total of 2,774 books read/listened to.



We sincerely thank the following businesses and organizations who generously contributed prizes for Summer Reading Club 2017:

Kane County Cougars	Riganato Old World Grille
Kimmer's Ice Cream	Rock Star Hair Bar
Kuipers Family Farm	SciTech Hands On Museum
Learning Express Toys (Geneva)	Shady Hill Gardens
Legoland Discovery Center	Skyzone
Limestone Coffee & Tea	Stockholm's Restaurant-Brewery
Lincoln Inn Banquets	Subway (Batavia WalMart)
Lumes Pancake House and Restaurant	Sugar Grove Family Fun Center
McAlister's Deli	Target
McDonald's	The Burger Local
Naper Settlement	The Little Traveler
Oberweis Dairy	The Tea Tree
Pal Joey's Restaurant & Bar	Trader Joe's Batavia
Paramount Theatre	WalMart Supercenter (Batavia)
Penrose Brewing Company	Wendy's (Batavia) and White Castle
Prairie Path Cycles (Batavia)	
Ravinia	

Under the Cupola

Engaging the Community

At the Batavia Public Library, we believe that the Library's success is dependent upon an ongoing, collaborative partnership between the Library and its community, a relationship that will:—

- Engage stakeholders in meaningful dialogue and discussion, and
- Solicit stakeholders' hopes, ideas, and suggestions.

We are excited to announce that the Library is embarking on a new, year-long process to seek community input to help determine the future direction of the Library.

To this end, the Board of Library Trustees, in July, authorized the formation of a citizens' committee—a broad-based coalition of community members, Trustees, and staff members—to join together in researching opportunities for the Library to improve its services and to develop a set of recommended goal statements pertaining to those opportunities for the Board's consideration. The charge to this committee is to help chart a path for the Library's continued success by:—

- Determining key issues facing the Library;
- Understanding community aspirations, desires, and goals for the Library;

- Creating a process whereby a broad-based group of residents can engage in learning, dialogue, and deliberation on issues facing the Library;
- Incorporating relevant perspectives that build on previous planning initiatives by the Library;
- Reaching consensus on future goals for the Library;
- Recommending how those goals are to be accomplished;
- Determining the impact of those goals on Library resources; and
- Building an ongoing process to strengthen trust, two-way communications, and collaboration between the Library and its community.

In order to accomplish this charge, the committee will produce a series of open, interactive, town hall meetings to engage the community, as described in "You're invited" (on the previous page).

Please send questions about this community engagement process to Engage@BataviaPublicLibrary.org. In the meantime, I will see you at the Library.

George H. Scheetz,
Director

Top ten library

The Batavia Public Library ranked 9th of all Illinois libraries in total circulation per capita, according to a survey compiled by the Institute of Museum and Library Services in 2014 (published in 2016). The Library circulated 25.5 items per person in 2014.

Of the top ten libraries on the list, all the other libraries have a larger population and a larger budget than Batavia. Arlington Heights Memorial Library was number one with 31 items circulated per capita and St. Charles Public Library was ranked number eight with 26 items. Other Illinois libraries in the top ten are located in Skokie, Naperville, Lake Zurich, Wilmette, Libertyville, Oak Park, and Champaign.



Get in the mood for Halloween at the Oct. 29 Sundays on Stage program featuring Rick Pickren.

The Library will be closed:

Sun., Sept. 3
Mon., Sept. 4

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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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 begins the first of the month in which program occurs. Storytime registration begins Sept. 1. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Storytimes

Step into Stories

Thurs., Sept. 14, 10–11am or 1–2pm
Ages 2–6
Join us as we kick off the fall storytime season. Youth Services staff will share some of their favorite stories and rhymes combined with activities based on favorite book characters.

Baby Play & Learn

Fri., Sept. 15, 10am
0–24 months
Enjoy playtime with your baby, meet other caregivers, and enjoy early literacy activities.

Toddler Time

Mon., Sept. 18–Oct. 30, 10am
Tues., Sept. 19–Oct. 31, 10am
Ages 2–3 with a caregiver
Enjoy stories, rhymes, and more. Programs last approximately 25 minutes.

Family Storytime
Mon., Sept. 18–Oct. 30, 7pm
Families with children through age 7 are welcome.

Baby Storytime–Pre-Walkers

Tues., Sept. 19–Oct. 31, 11am
Babies 0–23 months with a caregiver
Songs, nursery rhymes, lap games, and book-sharing

ABC Storytime

Wed., Sept. 20–Nov. 1, 10am
Wed., Sept. 20–Nov. 1, 1pm
Thurs., Sept. 21–Nov. 2, 10am

Ages 3–6
Activities, Books, and Craft program for children without a caregiver. This storytime is for preschoolers who are able to listen and participate independently without a parent. Each storytime runs approximately 40–45 minutes.

Baby & Tot Storytime

Fri., Sept. 22–Nov. 3, 10am
0–35 months with a caregiver
Drop in for stories, rhymes, songs. Please make outside care arrangements for older siblings. Space is limited for this popular program. Show your Batavia Public Library card at the Youth Services Desk to receive your entry ticket. Entry tickets will be handed out beginning 20 minutes before the program until gone.

Baby Storytime–Walkers

Fri., Sept. 22–Nov. 3, 11am
0–23 months with a caregiver
Babies who are walking can enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, games, and book-sharing.

Preschool Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Sept. 22–Nov. 3, 1pm
Ages 3–6
Younger siblings welcome. An adult must accompany children under the age of 4. The October 6 program will feature autumn-inspired games, activities, and a craft.

Stories in Motion

Sat., Sept. 23, 11am
Sat., Oct. 7, 11am
Sat., Nov. 4, 11am
Ages 3–6
It's great to listen to books read aloud, but they really come alive when we add movement to them, too! We'll act out stories, learn fun stretches, and add lively movement to rhymes and songs. Each class has a different theme.

Book Character Visit

Fri., Sept. 29, 1pm
Llama Llama
Barnes & Noble Booksellers will bring Llama Llama to the Library for stories and activities. Bring your camera!

Improv Playhouse returns to the Library Oct. 9 to perform its take on Stone Soup.

For Students

Minecrafternoon

Thurs., Sept. 7, 4:30pm
Thurs., Oct. 5, 4:30pm
Ages 6–14
Join your fellow Minecrafters for an hour of play on the Library's Minecraft system. Entry tickets will be handed out beginning 15 minutes before the program until gone. Space is limited.

Book Gems

Tues., Sept. 12, 6:30pm
Humphrey's Playful Puppy Problem by Betty Birney
Tues., Oct. 10, 6:30pm
Moldylocks and the Three Beards by Noah Jones
Grades 2–3
Book discussion and activities for young readers. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Chat & Chew

Mon., Sept. 18, 4pm
Mon., Oct. 16, 4pm
Grades 6–8
Hang out with friends, eat pizza, and do creative projects. In September, we will decorate the Youth Services department for fall and plan our October activity.

Kids Read

Tues., Sept. 19, 4:30pm
Stick Dog by Tom Watson
Grades 3–5
Thurs., Oct. 19, 6:30pm
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
Grades 4–6
Bring these books to life with activities and conversation. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.



Families can enjoy fall stories in the Reading Garden during BatFest, Oct. 24 (see page 24).

Library Orientation for Homeschool Families

Thurs., Sept. 21, 1pm
Homeschool families with children in grades K–8 are invited to attend a Library information day. Families can enjoy a tour of the Library and then younger children can enjoy a short storytime while older students and parents learn tips on how to use the Library catalog and online student databases.

Dewey Club

Thurs., Sept. 21, 4:30pm
Create a Trivia Game
Tues., Oct. 17, 4:30pm
Magic
Grades 2–4
Join us for a journey into the world of nonfiction.

Mad Scientists Club

Mon., Sept. 25, 4:30pm
Sound Science
Mon., Oct. 30, 4:30pm
Return of the Slime
Grades 3–5
Explore your inner scientist and have fun with science, technology, engineering,

and math (STEM) through activities, experiments, and games.

Chess Club

Tues., Sept. 26, 4:30pm
Tues., Oct. 24, 4:30pm
Ages 6–14
Learn more about chess or improve your chess skills 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.

Curiosity Club

Wed., Sept. 27, 4:30pm
Wed., Oct. 25, 4:30pm
Grades K–2
Through books, games, and experiments, participants explore a variety of science and nature topics. Each participant receives a take-home activity.

Middle School: Get Crafty

Thurs., Oct. 26, 7pm
Grades 6–8
Join us for an evening of

crafts, including painting, origami, paper-bead jewelry, and more.

Read with Rusty

October–December
Grades K–8
Looking for a reading challenge this fall? Keep track of the time you read from Oct. 7 to Dec. 15 to earn a voucher for a ticket to a Chicago Steel hockey game at the Fox Valley Ice Arena. Pick up your tracking sheet and more details at the Youth Services Desk beginning Oct. 7. Batavia Public Library card required. Offered in partnership with the Chicago Steel Hockey Team.

Late Night at the Library

Fri., Nov. 10, 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 November 1. Space is limited. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders and to students attending Batavia schools.

For Families

Observation Stations
Drop by Youth Services each month to explore a new Observation Station. Each month's station will include an in-house or

take-home activity. Stop in often to see what's new!

Free Poster Day

Sat., Sept. 9
Children can stop by Youth Services for a free poster and sticker sheet, while supplies last.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Tues., Sept. 12, 10am
Families with babies, toddlers, and preschoolers who have not yet registered for "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" are invited to hear a short presentation about the program. There will be time for questions and registration while young children enjoy a story and early literacy toys. Parent or child must have a Batavia Public Library card to join "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten." If you cannot attend, stop by Youth Services at another time to register.

Fall Fun & Games

Fri., Oct. 6, 1pm
All ages

Improv Playhouse Presents: Stone Soup

Mon., Oct. 9, 10am
Improv Playhouse's cast of professional actors brings a musical presentation of *Stone Soup* to the Library.

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Thank You, Volunteers

A total of 59 middle school and high school students volunteered at the Library this summer. These volunteers contributed more than 425 hours performing a variety of tasks. We sincerely thank our student 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 website. High school students can pick up an application at the Reference Desk or print one from the Library website.



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.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Feature Programs

New Lyceum Lecture Series

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2017–18 Season Sponsor

Carrying the Torch

Mon., Oct. 16, 7pm

Stanley Arnold, history professor at Northern Illinois University, talks about his book-in-progress, *Beacons of Their Race: African Americans and the Olympic Movement, 1896–1948*, and the lesser-known athletes whose Olympiad participation contributed to the Civil Rights Movement.

Stanley Arnold



End-of-Garden Mixed Pickles

Wed., Sept. 20, 7pm

Put the summer's-end hodgepodge of garden vegetables to good use. Cooking instructor Mary Krystinak shows us how to combine squash, pickles, peppers,

green tomatoes, green beans, and more, to make end-of-garden pickles, without canning. Bring a jar to take home samples along with the recipe.

Introduction to Calligraphy

Wed., Oct. 4, 7pm

Participants will learn calligraphy basics and explore the Chancery cursive hand using calligraphy markers and parchment paper. Materials provided.

Adults can learn the basics of calligraphy, Oct. 4.

Sauerkraut

Wed., Oct. 25, 7pm

Learn the basics of fermentation by making sauerkraut, a probiotic food. Participants can chop and massage cabbage (good arm workout!) and take home a sample and recipe. Bring a knife, cutting board, and apron to participate (optional).



Questions & Ancestors Genealogy Series

Solutions to Genealogical Brick Walls

Thurs., Nov. 2, 7pm

Presenter Marsha Peterson-Maass offers solutions for genealogy enthusiasts, including search strategies and tools, helpful record types, networking tips and tricks, accredited methods, and overlooked fundamentals.

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.

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Stone Soup is the fun-filled story of a traveler who needs food as soon as possible, but the village is filled with greedy folk who refuse to share. Follow along as the traveler deceives the townspeople into sharing a feast for the ages! Doors to the Founders Room open at 9:45am.

BatFest Stories and Parade

Sat., Oct. 28, 11:30am

Stop by the Reading Garden (weather permitting) for fall songs and stories. Then join the Batavia Mothers' Club costume parade to the Batavia Riverwalk for more BatFest activities. Children are invited to wear costumes. Parents must accompany children.

Preschool Fair

Mon., Nov. 13, 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 the opportunity to talk to the staff of many preschools in one evening, in one location.

Sundays on Stage

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Bikes, Gas Buggies & Burma Shave

Sun., Sept. 24, 2pm

Actor R. J. Lindsey portrays Ransom E. Olds, founder of Oldsmobile and father of the Detroit auto industry as he talks about early auto inventors, the creation of the industry, races, cross-country treks, and the famous Burma Shave signs along the highway.

Ghost Riders in the Sky

Sun., Oct. 29, 2pm

Rick Pickren performs western classics (*Ghost Riders in the Sky* and *Blood on the Saddle*) and popular oldies (*Old Black Magic*, *Witchcraft*, and *Love Potion #9*) to put us in the mood for Halloween. Suitable for all ages

R. J. Lindsey portrays Ransom E. Olds, Sept. 24.



Monthly Programs

Book Discussions

Tues., Sept. 12, 7:30pm

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

This profoundly moving story of family, history, and the meaning of home is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive domestic portrait, exploring the divisions between cultures and the rifts within a family.

Tues., Oct. 10, 7:30pm

Autobiography of a Face by Lucy Grealy

At age nine, poet Lucy Grealy was diagnosed with cancer and had to have a third of her jaw removed. This candid memoir tells how the change to her appearance created a desire to be perfect and a need to be loved.

November selection:

Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya

Books Between Bites

Thurs., Sept. 21, 12pm

Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy, presented by Laura Newman

Thurs., Oct. 19, 12pm

The Fifth Floor, presented by its author, Julie Oleszek

Adult Anime Club

Thurs., Sept. 28 & Oct. 26, 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 

College and Career

College Knowledge: Tips from Inside the Admission Committee

Thurs., Sept. 7, 7pm

Julie Nelson, Regional Recruitment Director for Xavier University in Cincinnati, explains the college admissions process, including campus visits, application tips, and financial assistance. Teens and parents are invited to bring questions or concerns about the admissions process.

SAT Practice Test

Sun., Sept. 10, 12:30pm

Take a free practice SAT test courtesy of Princeton Review. Bring water, #2 pencils, an SAT-approved calculator, and an energy snack.

Scores will be available online within a week of taking the test. To register, go to princetonreview.com/college/free-sat-practice-test

ACT Practice Test

Sun., Sept. 17, 12:30pm

Take a free ACT practice test courtesy of Princeton Review. Bring water, #2 pencils, an ACT-approved calculator, and an energy snack. Scores will be available online within a week of taking the test. To register, go to princetonreview.com/college/free-act-practice-test

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price!

Tues., Oct. 3, 7pm

Teens and parents are invited to learn how to maximize need-based financial aid eligibility, target the right colleges for merit-based financial aid, and use tax-saving opportunities. Certified Financial Planner Joe Orsolini is an expert in college planning.

FAFSA Form Workshop

Sun., Oct. 22, 1pm

Is your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) done? If you have questions about it, this program by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission can help you.

Fun Stuff

Inclusion Game Night

Wed., Sept. 13 & Oct. 11,

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., Sept. 14 & Oct. 12,

6:30–7:30pm

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


Inclusion Movie Night

Tues., Sept. 26 & Oct. 24,

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.

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., Sept. 19, 9am

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

Genealogy: HeritageQuest & America's Obituaries

Thurs., Sept. 21, 9am

Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition

Thurs., Oct. 5, 9am

Genealogy: FamilySearch.org & Other Websites

Thurs., Oct. 12, 9am

Other Computer Classes

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 1

Tues., Sept. 26, 9am

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

**Microsoft Word proficiency required:

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 2**

Tues., Oct. 17, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 3**

Tues., Oct. 24, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 1**

Tues., Oct. 10, 9am

Summation; formulas; data entry; autofill; print

Android Tablet & Phone

Wed., Sept. 27, 9am

Please bring your device to class.

iPad & iPhone

Fri., Oct. 6, 9am

Please bring your device to class.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 2**

Tues., Nov. 7, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016**

Mon., Oct. 30, 9am

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.

Follow the Library on



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.



News from the Friends



That spooky, fun time of year

You are invited to join the Friends of the Batavia Public Library in celebrating All Hallows' Read on Oct. 31. All Hallows' Read was started by author Neil Gaiman for one simple purpose: to give someone a scary book for Halloween. The Friends would like to help everyone celebrate this relatively new reading tradition with all kinds of books. Instead of collecting a large number of books and giving one to every child that stops by your house on Halloween, consider purchasing All Hallows' Read book coupons from the Friends.

The Friends will sell sheets of 10 coupons for \$2.50

(25¢ cents per coupon) during October. Each coupon allows its bearer to receive a children's or young adult book during one of the monthly book sales in the FriendSpace on the lower level or from the book corner on the upper level. Hand out these coupons at Halloween and you have given children a free book of their choice!

Coupons will be available at the Check Out Desk, Oct. 1–31, and in the FriendSpace during the Oct. 14 book sale. Questions? Please contact Friends@BataviaPublicLibrary.org.



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