

Dewey, the Library bulldog

The bulldogs are back

The bulldog belongs to Batavia. It is not necessary to play a sport, have children in school sports, or even have children in Batavia schools to have an affinity for the bulldog mascot.

The bulldog is forever linked to all of Batavia since the summer of 2011, when 30 beautifully painted,

fiberglass bulldogs decorated downtown as both a community art project and a fundraiser for the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence, the Batavia Parks Foundation, and the Batavia Public Library Foundation.

Now, the bulldogs are coming back. Bulldogs Unleashed 2018 is currently seeking individuals and

businesses to sponsor a new litter of 30 fiberglass bulldogs, which will be on display in downtown Batavia next summer. Artists are being sought to submit designs for the new bulldogs. Sponsors will have the opportunity to select an artist for their dogs based on the artists' designs.

Painted bulldogs will be unveiled

Under the Cupola

A Place for the Books, Part 1

In January 2018, the Library will celebrate its Sweet 16; that is, 16 years at 10 S. Batavia Ave.. In honor of this magical occasion, what follows is a survey of the Library's locations over the years.

Batavia Public Library traces its origins to October 1866, over 150 years ago. The current building is the seventh location of the Batavia Public Library, a tax-supported organization, and the eleventh location overall.

A Place for the Books

In October 1866, the Batavia Lyceum Association, an organization of young men, acquired a collection of books from the Sigourney Society, an organization of young women. The books were "taken to the Batavia Institute and placed in the charge of Prof. J. P. Wright." [1]

In late December 1866, George C. Partridge (1813–1893), insurance agent and former pastor of the Congregational Church of Batavia, consented to take charge of the library and keep the books in his store on the Island so that both societies would have access to them. [2]

In June 1867, the Batavia Library Association, "an association for mutual improvement and for the collection of a library," was organized by the aforementioned young men and young women.

"Mr. Wolcott took charge of the books" in October 1867 "until the appointment of a librarian." There were two Wolcott brothers involved in the Batavia Library Association, Seymour A. (1847–1940) and William A. (1849–1944). At the time, they both lived with their family on the east side of Batavia Avenue, south of Union Avenue. The books were kept until 1869, probably at their home. [3]

In July 1869, the Association voted to rent the upper room in the Harvey Block, then occupied by Wallace Crawford, justice of the peace, who continued to occupy it as an office, for \$1.00 per month. [4]

The Harvey Block, named for George W. Harvey, who sold dry goods and groceries, was located on the west side of South Batavia Avenue, south of First Street, "since burned, and rebuilt by" Gilliksen & Collins. The site is now the home of Batavia Foot Clinic and Beardsgaard Barbers.

In 1873, the Batavia Library Association moved the Library to the second floor of the Buck Block, at First Street and Batavia Avenue, above the Buck & Porter general store. The Library was housed in a suitable room, with a Reading Room adjoining. [5]

The Buck Block, named for Francis H. Buck, was razed in the 1920s to make way for a service station; the site is now the location of Windmill City Discount Liquor Store. *(to be continued)*

George H. Scheetz
Director

to the public and unleashed on downtown streets in late May 2018. After a summer of attention downtown, the bulldogs will be auctioned at a gala next September. Auction proceeds will be divided among the three foundations.

The first Bulldogs Unleashed was a huge success. Batavians and visitors enjoyed walking through downtown Batavia looking for the bulldogs, taking photographs, and picking their favorites.

"People had a great deal of fun with the bulldogs last time around," said Dee James, president of the Batavia Public Library Foundation. "We hope to have even more people interested in sponsorships, submitting artwork and ideas, and attending the auction next fall.

"This joint fundraiser offers

several opportunities for people to contribute," explained James. "If sponsoring or purchasing a bulldog is not within your price range, purchasing smaller items like a bulldog puppy, note cards, and tee shirts also supports the foundations."

With the proceeds from Bulldogs Unleashed 2011, the Library foundation purchased two mobile phone/tablet charging stations for patron use and specialized bookkeeping software, and contributed to an improved audio/visual system for the Library's Founders Room. The Foundation also continues to sponsor three babysitting clinics, twelve Sundays on Stage programs, and four New Lyceum Lecture Series events every year—all of which are very popular.

For more information about the

Batavia Public Library Foundation, please visit BataviaPublicLibrary.org > *Get Involved*.

For more information about sponsoring or purchasing (limited number) a bulldog, or to download an artist's application, please visit BulldogsUnleashed.org.

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Winter Library Club
 Jan. 13–Feb. 28

The Library will be closed:

Wed., Nov. 22, closing at 5pm
 Thurs., Nov. 23
 Sun., Dec. 24
 Mon., Dec. 25
 Sun., Dec. 31
 Mon., Jan. 1

Library Hours

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

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December
15
 is the deadline for *both*
Bulldogs Unleashed
 sponsorships and
 artist applications.

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 on the first of the month in which the program occurs. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

For Babies & Preschoolers

Stories in Motion

Sat., Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, 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 program has a different theme.

Preschool Play & Learn

Thurs., Nov. 16, 10am
Ages 2–5 with a caregiver
Enjoy playtime with your child and explore early literacy stations, including activities with letters, numbers, sequencing, and more.

Baby Play & Learn

Fri., Nov. 17, 10am
Fri., Dec. 8, 10am
0–24 months
Enjoy playtime with your baby, meet other caregivers, and engage in early literacy activities.

Holiday Storytime Specials

All holiday storytimes are drop-in programs.

Toddler Time

Tues., Dec. 5, 10am
Mon., Dec. 11, 10am
Ages 2–3 with a caregiver
Enjoy stories, rhymes, and more.

Baby Storytime

Tues., Dec. 12, 11am
0–24 months with a caregiver
Enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, lap games, and book-sharing.

ABC Storytime

Thurs., Dec. 7, 10am
Ages 3–6 without a caregiver
Activities, Books, and Craft program for children.

Preschool Storytime

Fri., Dec. 15, 1pm
Ages 3–6
Younger siblings are welcome. An adult must accompany children younger than age 4.



For Students

Minecrafternoon

Thurs., Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4
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.

Coding for Kids

Mon., Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:30pm
Grades 3–6
Are you a computer fan? Retired computer science teacher Jo Ann Smith facilitates this 4-week coding instruction program using the Tech Rocket website. The first week, Smith offers instruction and introduction to some basic tools. The remaining three weeks will be self-directed under Smith's guidance.

Dewey Club

Thurs., Nov. 9, 4:30pm
Get in the Game (and Puzzles)
Tues., Dec. 19, 4:30pm
Making \$ense of Money
Grades 2–4
Join us for a journey into the world of nonfiction.

Late Night at the Library

Fri., Nov. 10, 6–9pm
Grades 3–5
After-hours program that includes activities, scavenger hunt, 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.

Chat & Chew

Mon., Nov. 13, 6:30pm
Mon., Dec. 18, 4pm
Grades 6–8
Hang out with friends, eat pizza, and do creative projects. In November, we'll make decorations for the Youth Services department and plan our December project.

Book Gems

Tues., Nov. 14, 6:30pm
Mallory Makes a Difference by Laurie Friedman
Tues., Dec. 12, 6:30pm
A Christmas Tale by Geronimo Stilton
Grades 2–3
Book discussion and activities for young readers. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Kids Read

Thurs., Nov. 16, 4:30pm
A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen
Grades 4–8
Thurs., Dec. 21, 6:30pm
Dash by Kirby Larsen
Grades 3–5
Bring these books to life with activities and conversation. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Holiday storytimes are all drop-ins. No registration required.



Johnny Peers and the Muttville Comix perform at the Library, Dec. 3. (See program information on page 27.)

Chess Club

Wed., Nov. 22, 10am
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.

Curiosity Club

Wed., Nov. 29, 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.

It's Gingerbread Time All ages



"Catch" the Gingerbread Man

Dec. 1–10
Find the Gingerbread Man hiding in the Youth Services department and bring him to the Youth Service Desk to receive a treat.

Gingerbread Guessing Jar

Dec. 10–20
Correctly guess how many gingerbread items are in the jar for a chance to win a prize.

And Don't Miss...

Observation Station

November
Simple Machines
December
What's that Scent?

Drop-In Craft

Tues., Nov. 7, 10am–12pm
Mon., Nov. 20, 4–7pm
Make a Thanksgiving decoration.

Chess Knight

Tues., Nov. 21, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 7–8pm
Ages 8 and older
Participants should have a basic knowledge of how to play.

Bingo

Wed., Nov. 22, 1pm
Wed., Dec. 27, 11am
Ages 3–14

Mad Scientists

Thurs., Nov. 30, 4:30pm
Grades 3–5
Explore your inner scientist and have fun with science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through activities, experiments, and games.

Stamping Holiday Cards

Wed., Dec. 6, 4:30pm
Ages 8–14
Make your own holiday cards (4) with presenter Heather Wnek. Choose from a variety of styles, colors, and themes; materials provided.

Board Game Day

Tues., Dec. 26, 1–2pm
Ages 7–14
Bring a board game or play the Library's games with friends.

Cookie Decorating

Mon., Dec. 4, 10–11:30am
Sat., Dec. 9, 1–2:30pm
Drop in during these times to decorate a holiday cookie.

Drop-In Craft

Thurs., Dec. 14, 4–6pm
Tues., Dec. 19, 10am–12pm
Drop in to make a scented, sandpaper gingerbread man.

Babymouse & Lunch Lady Party

Thurs., Dec. 28, 11am
Grades 1–4
Are you a fan of the Babymouse and Lunch Lady graphic novels? Enjoy an hour of activities based on these books. Wear pink or yellow if you like!

Mario Kart Tournament

Wed., Jan. 3, 2–3:30pm
Grades 6–8
Come test your Wii Mario Kart skills on the big screen—top racers with best overall standings win prizes! Enjoy snacks while watching others race.

Children age 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Movies at the Library

Fri., Nov. 24, 1pm
Thurs., Jan. 4, 11am
Please call the Library for movie title, length, and rating. On Jan. 4, make

a Captain Underpants name tag at 10:45am.

Explore!

Fri., Jan. 5, 10–11:30am
All ages
Drop in for hands-on activities using Lego® bricks, Zoob BuilderZ® pieces, MagWorld® tiles, recyclables, and more.

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

NaNoWriMo Write-In

Sat., Nov. 4, 9:30am–1pm

During National Novel Writing Month, challenge yourself to write 50,000 words or 1,700 words a day. For the write-in, we'll provide coffee and snacks in the Conference Room while you focus on your word count. Join the national challenge for free at NaNoWriMo.org.

PechaKucha Night Batavia

Blink

Thurs., Nov. 30, 7pm

Island View Banquets, Rte. 25

Watch presentations lasting 6 minutes and 40 seconds by several speakers on a variety of topics. (See ad on page 5.) Doors open at 5:30pm. Admission \$5, cash only. Refreshments available, cash only.

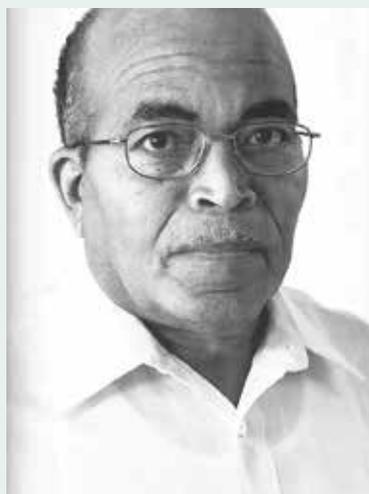
New Lyceum Lecture Series

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

Civil Rights Freedom Rider

Mon., Dec. 11, 7pm

Presenter Thomas Madison Armstrong III recounts his experience as a Freedom Rider during the Civil Rights Movement in the early 1960s. Armstrong, a civics education consultant, was among the protestors demonstrating for voting rights and equal public accommodations.



Thomas Armstrong III

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.

Readers' Corner



Hmmm, what should I read next?

Get book suggestions from **My Librarian**, **Next Reads eNewsletters**, and **Your Next Read** (customized reading suggestions).

Visit the Readers' Corner at BataviaPublicLibrary.org, 24/7.

Sundays on Stage

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2017 Season Sponsor.

Celebrating Dean Martin

Sun., Nov. 26, 2pm

Ron and Sandie perform the memorable hits of Dino Paul Crocetti—better known as Dean Martin—in celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Christmas Music in the Movies

Sun., Dec. 10, 2pm

Not a creature was stirring...except Jack Benny, Judy Garland, Bing Crosby, Red Skelton, and many more of your favorite stars. Enjoy Mr. Benny's hilarious holiday special, and watch clips from classic films, including *White Christmas*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, and *Holiday Inn*. Presented by Steve Frenzel.



Monthly Programs

Book Discussion

Tues., Nov. 14, 7:30pm

Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya

This novel tells the story of three years in the life of a young Mexican-American boy living in a small New Mexico farm village in the 1940s. Ultima comes to live with the boy's family and becomes his spiritual guide.

Tues., Dec. 12, 7pm

Non-Discussion Book Discussion 

Share with the group the favorite two books—new or old—that you've read this year.

January book discussion selection:

American Dervish by Ayad Akhtar

Books Between Bites

Thurs., Nov. 16, 12pm

On a Clear Night: Essays from the Heartland, presented by its author, Marnie Mammaing

Thurs., Dec. 14, 12pm

Winter World by Bernd Heinrich, presented by Pam Otto

Adult Anime Club

Thurs., Nov. 16, 6:30pm

Thurs., Dec. 28, 6:30pm

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 

Fun Stuff

Inclusion Game Night

Wed., Nov. 8, 6:30pm

Wed., Dec. 13, 6:30pm

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., Nov. 9, 6:30pm

Thurs., Dec. 14, 6:30pm

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

Inclusion Movie Night

Tues., Nov. 28, 6:30pm

Tues., Dec. 26, 6:30pm

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

College Prep

ACT Practice Test

Sun., Jan. 7, 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.

SAT Practice Test

Sun., Feb. 11, 12:30pm

Take a free SAT practice 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.

Computer classes for adults

Registration Information: One-hour, hands-on computer classes. Basic computer skills, including mouse & 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., Nov. 21, 9am

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

Other Computer Classes

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 1

Thurs., Nov. 30, 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**

Thurs., Dec. 7, 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 2016, Part 3**

Thurs., Dec. 14, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 1**

Thurs., Dec. 21, 9am

Summation; formulas; data entry; autofill; print

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 2**

Thurs., Jan. 4, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016**

Thurs., Jan. 11, 9am

Technology Coaching

Schedule an appointment with a technology assistant for a one-hour, one-on-one session based on your individual needs. Technology coaching includes instruction on computers, tablets, smartphones, and more. Available Monday–Thursday, 4–8pm.

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Follow the Library on



News from the Friends



Visit the Vintage Book Sale and the Holiday Book Sale

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library are hosting two special sales in December, offering smart shoppers the opportunity to buy great gifts at great prices. The Vintage Book Sale will be held Sat., Dec. 9, in the Library Conference Room. Due to recent donations, there are plenty of classics, book sets, novels, nonfiction, large maps, and older textbooks. Gift-quality coffee table books and newer sets will also be available. Each book or set will be individually priced. After shopping the Vintage Book Sale, shoppers can visit the regular

monthly used book sale in the FriendSpace on the lower level of the Library. Both sales run from 9:15am to 4pm.

The Friends' Holiday Sale runs throughout December in the Friends' Book Corner across from the Check Out Desk. Individually priced, gift-quality and holiday-themed books will be featured. Fiction, nonfiction, children's books—there will be something for everyone on your list. Every book purchased helps the Friends support the Library.

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For Families

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 and caregivers the opportunity to talk to staff from many preschools in one evening, in one location.

Celebration of Lights

Sun., Nov. 26, 6:15–7pm

Batavia Depot Museum
Drop in for holiday readings.

Johnny Peers and the Muttville Comix

Sun., Dec. 3, 2pm

Johnny Peers' comedic canines will tickle your funny bone as they perform challenging and hilarious tricks during this slapstick comedy show

for the whole family. Sit! Stay! Laugh! Doors to the Founders Room open at 1:45pm.

Family Holiday Trivia

Mon., Dec. 18, 7pm

Bring the whole family for holiday trivia, activities, and more. Family teams will compete against other families. Invite your neighbors and friends to compete or cheer you on.

Star Wars Celebration

Fri., Dec. 29, 10–11:30am

Young Star Wars fans and their families are invited to celebrate this favorite story from a galaxy far, far away. Dress as your favorite Star Wars character and enjoy craft, activity, and game stations. While all are welcome, activities are suitable for ages 6–10.