

## Speak Up! Community engagement session dates announced

The Board of Library Trustees wants to hear from you, Batavia! A series of community engagement sessions called “Speak Up! Engage. Envision. Energize.” will be held in 2018. Library district residents are encouraged to attend and to share their thoughts on the future of the Library during these sessions.

The first session will be held from 7 to 9pm, on Thurs., Feb. 1, in the cafeteria at Batavia High School. A brief presentation on the Library today by Library Director George H. Scheetz will be followed by small group discussions.

“It’s important to us (the Library board) that we provide services that meet the community’s needs,” said

### Winter reading for all

Families are invited to participate in “Reading Wonderland,” Winter Library Club 2018, which begins Sat., Jan. 13, and runs through Wed., Feb. 28.

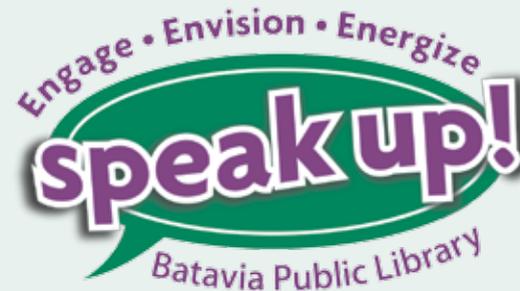
Winter Library Club is a reading and activity program for families (at least one adult and one child) and a reading club for teens and adults. Families can register and receive a “Reading Wonderland” activity log at the Youth Services Desk beginning Jan. 13. After completing

each level (four in all) on the log, families return to the Youth Services Desk to collect small rewards. In addition to reading, trying an online resource, and designing a family snowman, activities on the log include attending a Library program such as the “Science & Art Fair” on Jan. 27 or the “Mark Hayward Family Comedy Show” on Feb. 24. Families participating in Winter Library Club must be Batavia Public Library cardholders or have children

### Science & Art Fair returns in January

The Library’s third annual Science & Art Fair will be held Sat., Jan. 27, from 11am to 2pm. During the fair, children can view exhibits and participate in a number of activities sponsored by Water Street Studios, The Frog Lady, T-Rexplorers, School of Art Geneva, Northern Illinois

University STEM Outreach, SciTech Museum, and Wonder Works. 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 art lesson provided by Water Street Studios.



Board President Andrew Deitchman. “To do that, we need and want to hear from library district residents.”

Additional community engagement sessions will be held at the high school on Mar. 1, Apr. 12, and May 10. Presentations at these sessions will focus on the library of the future, priorities for Batavia, and topics suggested by participants at the first and second meetings.

attending a Batavia school.

Adults and high school students are invited to participate in “Reading Wonderland” by reading or listening to three books and returning a reading log to the Reference Desk. Adults and students will earn a small reward when they return a reading log and will be entered into a drawing for prizes at the conclusion of “Reading Wonderland.” Reading logs will be available at the Reference Desk beginning Jan. 13.

Tickets for the free art lesson will be available at the Youth Services Desk the day of the fair. The art lesson is limited to children ages 7–14.

The Science & Art Fair is sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.

## Under the Cupola

### A Place for the Books, Part 2

In January 2018, the Library will celebrate its Sweet 16; that is, 16 years at 10 S. Batavia Ave. (see page 26). In honor of this magical occasion, what follows is Part 2 of a survey of the Library’s locations over the years.

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.”

In January 1885, the Library was moved to Van Nortwick’s frame building on the Island; rent was \$125 per year. [6] The precise building is now unknown; however, it was one of several located on the site of the former U.S. Post Office (1928–1993), which now houses (among other organizations) the Batavia Chamber of Commerce.

Negotiations began in September 1889 to relocate the Library and Reading Room, which had outgrown its quarters, to the new Van Nortwick block on Wilson Street (on the Island). The Library Board agreed to rent the rooms, “with Two Electric Lights,” for \$200 per year, and moved the Library into the upper floor of the new Van Nortwick block in October 1889. [7] This stone building, now the home of Limestone Coffee and other businesses, formerly housed the Batavia *Herald*, the First National Bank of Batavia, the U.S. Post Office (1893–1928), and District 101.

In September 1902, the Levi Newton House at 1 N. Batavia Ave. was granted to the Board of Trustees of the Batavia Public Library, a “magnificent gift” of Levi Newton’s daughter-in-law, Mary M. Newton née

Prindle. [8] The Library was moved from the Island, the first of November, and opened in this location on Thurs., 13 Nov. 1902. This building was later razed in order to extend Wilson St. west of Batavia Ave.

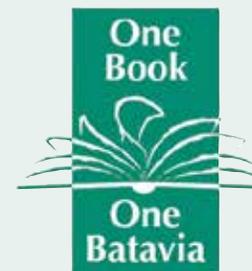
In November 1921, the Library opened in the Don Carlos Newton House at 11 N. Batavia Ave. [9] In addition, the Miriam Havighurst Johnson Children’s Room (at 317 W. Wilson St.) was dedicated on 8 April 1960.

In 1981, the Library occupied a new building at 335 W. Wilson St. (at the corner of Lincoln Ave.) and ushered in a new era of library service. [10] At the same time, the City of Batavia began to experience explosive growth to its east and west. The resulting demand for service led to the construction of a building addition in 1983.

By the late 1990s, in order to respond to the ever-increasing demand for library service, the Library was required once again to seek more space. In 1998, the Board of Library Trustees purchased property from the Board of Education and, in the General Election on 3 Nov. 1998, the community approved construction of a new building.

On 27 Jan. 2002, the Library dedicated its new, larger building—54,000 square foot on two levels—at 10 S. Batavia Ave. (at the corner of Wilson St.). [11] This current building is the seventh location of the Batavia Public Library and the eleventh location overall.

George H. Scheetz  
Director



*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba, is the One Book, One Batavia 2018 selection.

Kamkwamba’s memoir recounts his fascination with electricity and his determination to bring electricity via wind power to his small village in Malawi, Africa, when he was 15 years old. The book is also available in a Young Reader’s version, suitable for students in grade 4 and older. The Library owns several copies of both versions of the book.

Adults are invited to discuss the book Tues., Feb. 13, at 7:30pm. On Sunday, Mar. 4, at 2pm, the Library will present “Oba William King, Storyteller.” King will share stories and folktales from Malawi.

*William and the Windmill*, an award-winning

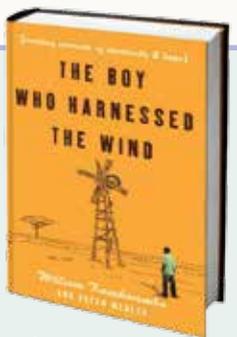
documentary, will be shown at the Library Mon., Mar. 5, at 7pm. This film shows the new challenges Kamkwamba faced after gaining fame for building a windmill for his village and his subsequent celebrity.

On Sunday, Mar. 11, at 2pm, the Library presents “Stories and Songs of African People.” Storyteller Shanta will share stories, poetry, chants, and the spellbinding sounds of African and world instruments, including the sitar, zither, guitar, and djembe. Students and adults are invited to attend both storytelling programs.

Registration is required for the One Book, One Batavia programs offered in March.

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

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### The Library will be closed:

Mon., Jan. 1

### 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.)

### Telephone

630-879-1393

Fax: 630-879-9118

TTY: 630-879-8335

Home Delivery:

630-879-1393, ext. 290

### Library Director

George H. Scheetz

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## Programs and activities for youth

**Registration Information:** Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk at 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. 2, registration for February programs begins Feb. 1. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

**Advance registration is required for programs designated** 

### Winter Storytimes

#### Stories in Motion

Sat., Jan. 6, 11am

Sat., Feb. 3, 11am

Sat., Mar. 3, 11am

Ages 3–6

Books are great to listen to, but they really come alive when we add movement to them, too! We'll act out stories, learn fun stretches, and practice lively movement rhymes and songs. Each program has a different theme.

#### Family Storytime

Mon., Jan. 15–Feb. 26, 7pm

Families with children through age 7 are welcome.

#### Baby Storytime—Pre-Walkers

Tues., Jan. 16–Feb. 27, 9:30am

Babies 0–23 months with a caregiver  
Babies who are not yet walking can enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, lap games, and book-sharing. Please make alternate care

arrangements for older siblings.

#### Toddler Time

Mon., Jan. 15–Feb. 26, 10:30am

Tues., Jan. 16–Feb. 27, 10:30am

Ages 2–3 with a caregiver  
Enjoy stories, rhymes, and more. Programs last approximately 25 minutes.

#### NEW! Drop-In Toddler Time

Tues., Jan. 16–Feb. 27, 11:30am

Stories, rhymes, movement, and more for children ages 2–3 and their caregivers. Programs last approximately 25 minutes and are followed by a short group play time. Space is limited. Please show your Batavia Public Library card at the Youth Services Desk to receive your entry ticket. Entry tickets will be given out 20 minutes before the program until gone.

#### ABC Storytime

Wed., Jan. 17–Feb. 28, 10am

Wed., Jan. 17–Feb. 28, 1pm

Thurs., Jan. 18–Mar. 1, 10am

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

#### Baby & Tot Storytime

Fri., Jan. 19–Mar. 2, 10am

Babies and tots through 35 months with a caregiver  
Drop in for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Please make outside care arrangements for older siblings. Space is limited. Please 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., Jan. 19–Mar. 2, 11am

Babies through 23 months with a caregiver  
Babies who are walking can enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, games, and book-sharing. Please make alternate care arrangements for older siblings.

#### Preschool Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Jan. 19–Mar. 2, 1pm

Ages 3–6

Younger siblings welcome. An adult must accompany children under the age of 4 years. We'll celebrate the Chinese New Year during the Feb. 16 storytime and "Read Across America" during the Mar. 2 storytime.

### For Students

#### 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.

#### Minecrafternoon

Thurs., Jan. 4, 4:30pm

Thurs., Feb. 1, 4:30pm

Thurs., Mar. 1, 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.

#### Hour of Code

Mon., Jan. 8, 4:30pm

Mon., Feb. 5, 4:30pm

Grades 3–6

Are you new to coding or are you pretty good? Practice on student-friendly coding websites and



Mark Hayward entertains with tricks and comedy, Feb. 24.

with refreshments, activities, and conversation. Read *A Wrinkle in Time* before the movie comes out. Create a storm in a bottle, 3D glasses, and more at the Feb. 7 program. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

#### Dewey Club

Tues., Jan. 16, 4:30pm

Extreme Weather

Tues., Feb. 20, 4:30pm

Secret Codes and Ciphers

Grades 2–4

Join us for journey into the world of nonfiction.

#### Card Sharks

Thurs., Jan. 18, Feb. 1, Feb. 15, 6:30pm

Ages 9–13

Learn card games like Rummy, Euchre, and Crazy Eights—and strategies to help you win! Registration for Feb. 1 program begins Jan. 2.

#### Chat & Chew

Mon., Jan. 22, 4:30pm

Mon., Feb. 12, 4:30pm

Grades 6–8

Hang out with friends, eat pizza, and do creative projects. In January, we'll decorate the Youth Services department for Winter Library Club and plan the February project.

receive assistance from computer science instructor Jo Ann Smith. All skill levels welcome. Registration for the February program begins Jan. 22.

#### Book Gems

Tues., Jan. 9, 6:30pm

*Dragons Don't Throw Snowballs*

by Debbie Dadey

Tues., Feb. 13, 6:30pm

*The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling

Grades 2–3

Book club and activities for young readers. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

#### Kids Read

Thurs., Jan. 11, 6:30pm

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin

Grades 4–8

Wed., Feb. 7, 6:30pm

*A Wrinkle in Time*

by Madeleine L'Engle

Grades 4–6  
Bring these books to life

### And Don't Miss... Registration is not required for the following activities.

#### Observation Stations

Drop by Youth Services every month to explore a new Observation Station. Each month's station includes an in-house or take-home activity.

#### Chess Knight

Tues., Jan. 2, 7–8pm

Ages 8 and older

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

#### Movies at the Library

Thurs., Jan. 4, 11am

Sun., Jan. 21, 2pm

Sun., Feb. 4, 2pm

Sun., Feb. 18, 2pm

Families

Please call the Library for

#### Chess Club

Tues., Jan. 23, 4:30pm

Tues., Feb. 27, 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., Jan. 24, 4:30pm

Wed., Feb. 21, 4:30pm

Grades K–2

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

#### Mad Scientists Club

Mon., Jan. 29, 4:30pm

Winter Science

Mon., Feb. 26, 4:30pm

Artists & Masterpieces

Grades 3–5

Explore your inner scientist with activities, experiments, and games.

#### Lotions & Potions

Sat., Feb. 3, 2–3:30pm

Grades 6–8

Create homemade spa products for your Valentine or for yourself. You'll sample soothing creations and make homemade lip balm, hand scrub, and/or another relaxing item to take home. Registration begins Jan. 2.

#### Game Day

Mon., Feb. 19, 2:30–4pm

Ages 6–14

Enjoy indoor games on this day off from school. We'll play Wii, chess, giant Connect Four, and other games.

#### Coding for Kids

Mon., Mar. 5–25, 4:30pm

Grades 4–6

Are you a computer fan? Computer science teacher Jo Ann Smith facilitates this 4-week coding instruction program. Each week, Smith will offer instruction and introduction to some basic tools, followed by time for self-directed coding work and skill building. Registration begins Feb. 19.

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Children can explore a variety of subjects at the Science & Art Fair, Jan. 27.

## 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](http://BataviaPublicLibrary.org). Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

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### Feature Programs

#### Illinois at 200

Mon., Feb. 19, 7pm

William Pack leads us through 200 years of state history—testing us on state trivia (prizes!) and sharing stories about the birth of our state, how Batavia got its name, and strange and humorous tidbits of Illinois lore.



#### Mandala Drawing Workshop

Mon., Feb. 5, 7pm

Eric Goetzinger, a Water Street Studios affiliated artist, offers a mandala drawing workshop. Space is limited.

#### Aboriginal Dot Painted Mask Workshop

Wed., Feb. 28, 7pm

Robin Stephens, a Water Street Studios affiliated artist, leads an aboriginal dot painted mask workshop. Space is limited.

### Monthly Programs

#### Book Discussions

Tues., Jan. 9, 7:30pm

*American Dervish* by Ayad Akthar

A young Pakistani boy, whose parents left the fundamentalists behind when they came to America, finds transformation and a path to happiness through a family friend who shows him the beauty and power of the Quran.

Tues., Feb. 13, 7:30pm

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope* by William Kamkwamba

In this inspiring memoir about perseverance and self-sufficiency, a teenager teaches himself to build a windmill to provide electricity for his small African village. A story of youthful exuberance, a love of learning, and hope in grim circumstances. The One Book, One Batavia 2018 selection.

#### March book discussion selection:

*The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

#### Books Between Bites

Thurs., Jan. 18, 12pm

*Batavia's Revisionist History: Old Stories, New Endings*, presented by Mayor Jeff Schielke

Thurs., Feb. 15, 12pm

*The Ultimate Guide to the Gettysburg Address* and *The Ultimate Guide to the Declaration of Independence*, presented by their co-author, Dan Van Haften

#### Adult Anime Club

Thurs., Jan. 25, 6:30pm

Thurs., Feb. 22, 6:30pm

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



#### One Book, One Batavia

Sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library

#### Oba William King, Storyteller

Sun., Mar. 4, 2pm

Award-winning storyteller Oba William King captures the essence of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, the One Book, One Batavia 2018 selection, sharing stories and folktales from Malawi. King offers an example of the traditional style of "Call and Response," which is specific to the region where author William Kamkwamba is from, as well as "story with drum."

#### *William and the Windmill*

Mon., Mar. 5, 7pm

After William Kamkwamba succeeded at building a windmill for his village, he became known worldwide. This documentary shows the new challenges he faced as he shifted from inventor to leader. Winner of the South by Southwest Film Festival Grand Jury Award for Documentary Feature.

#### Stories and Songs of African People

Sun., Mar. 11, 2pm

Master storyteller and musician Shanta Nurullah entertains, informs, and inspires with a blend of folktales, personal stories, and music.

World traveler and storyteller

Shanta Nurullah performs at the Library, Mar. 11.



### Sundays on Stage

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2018 Season Sponsor.

#### Fiesta!

Sun., Jan. 28, 2pm

Sing along with Jan & Gino of the Soundz of Time! This mix of Spanish and Caribbean island songs will take the chill out of winter and get you dancing.

#### Georgia O'Keeffe

Sun., Feb. 25, 2pm

One of the most acclaimed artists of the 20th century, Georgia O'Keeffe is renowned for her brilliant paintings of flowers, nature, and the landscape around her homes in New Mexico. Learn about the paintings, as well as the woman whose mythmaking encompassed both her paintings and her life. Leslie Goddard portrays the artist.



Leslie Goddard portrays artist Georgia O'Keeffe, Feb. 25.

### Teen Programs

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

#### College Prep

##### Practice ACT

Sun., Jan. 7, 12:30pm

Take a free practice ACT test, courtesy of Princeton Review. Bring water, #2 pencils, and an energy snack, as well as an ACT-approved calculator. Scores will be available online within a week of taking the test. To register, go to [princetonreview.com/college/free-act-practice-test](http://princetonreview.com/college/free-act-practice-test) and enter your zip code in the search box to find the practice test.

##### Fun Stuff

##### Inclusion Game Night

Wed., Jan. 10, 6:30pm

Wed., Feb. 14, 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.

##### All About Scholarships

Sun., Jan. 21, 1pm

Illinois Student Assistance Commission representative Megan Chrum talks about the basics of a scholarship, along with tips on how to submit a successful application. She also shares ideas on how students can lower the cost of going to college.

##### Anime Club

Thurs., Jan. 11, 6:30pm

Thurs., Feb. 8, 6:30pm

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

##### Practice SAT

Sun., Feb. 11, 12:30pm

Take a free practice SAT test, courtesy of Princeton Review. Bring water, #2 pencils, and an energy snack, as well as an SAT-approved calculator. Scores will be available online within a week of taking the test. To register, go to [princetonreview.com/college/free-sat-practice-test](http://princetonreview.com/college/free-sat-practice-test) and enter your zip code in the search box to find the practice test.

##### Inclusion Movie Night

Tues., Jan. 23, 6:30pm

Tues., Feb. 27, 6:30pm

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.

#### Follow the Library on



#### 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.

## 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:

**Genealogy: HeritageQuest & America's Obituaries**   
Thurs., Jan. 25, 9am

**Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition**   
Thurs., Feb. 1, 9am

**Genealogy: FamilySearch.org & Other Websites**   
Thurs., Feb. 8, 9am

### Other Computer Classes

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 1** 

Tues., Jan. 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\*\*** 

Tues., Feb. 6, 9am

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

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 3\*\*** 

Tues., Feb. 13, 9am

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

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 1\*\*** 

Thurs., Feb. 22, 9am

Summation; formulas; data entry; autofill; print

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 2\*\*** 

Thurs., Mar. 8, 9am

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

**Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016\*\*** 

Thurs., Mar. 1, 9am

### 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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### Celebrating Sweet Sixteen

Celebrate the Library's 16th anniversary at 10 S. Batavia Ave. on Sun., Jan. 28. Jan and Gino of the Soundz of Time will perform their "Fiesta" show in the Founders Room at 2pm. Please register for this Sundays on Stage program. Posters showing what was new or made the news at the Library during the past 16 years will be displayed in the lobby and check out area.

Party-goers can enjoy refreshments in the Conference Room from 2:30 to 4pm, along with a trivia game with

### Prom dress collection

In collaboration with CHIP IN Batavia, the Library will host CHIP IN's 2018 Prom Dress Giveaway, Sat., Mar. 17. The Library also will be the collection site for donated prom dresses and accessories, Feb. 1 through Mar. 16. Donated dresses should be in good to excellent condition. All dresses will be given away free of charge,

sweet treats as prizes. Anyone 16 years old can enter a drawing for a restaurant gift card between Jan. 2 and Jan. 28 at the Reference Desk. The drawing will be held at 4pm on Jan. 28. To enter, teens need to bring a library card (we'll look up your age) or driver's license or other proof of age. A drop-in craft for children will be offered in the Youth Services department from 1 to 4pm.

regardless of need. Last year CHIP IN gave away more than 165 dresses, as well as shoes, jewelry, and purses.

CHIP IN (Community Helpers Impacting People in Need) Batavia is a restricted fund within the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. For more information, visit [chipinbatavia.org](http://chipinbatavia.org) or email [info@chipinbatavia.org](mailto:info@chipinbatavia.org).



## News from the Friends

### Renew

Friends—it is time to renew your membership for 2018! Annual Memberships start at \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family, and \$5 for seniors. Membership renewal forms will be mailed to members. If you do not receive one, please let us know at [Friends@BataviaPublicLibrary.org](mailto:Friends@BataviaPublicLibrary.org).

Not yet a member? Membership forms are available at the Library's Check Out Desk and at the monthly book sales in the FriendSpace. We are always looking for new faces. There are several volunteer opportunities within the Friends. Please visit [BataviaPublicLibrary.org](http://BataviaPublicLibrary.org) > *Get Involved* to learn more about the Friends.

In 2017, the Friends donated \$17,858.59 to support Library programs, equipment, and services.

*The Library's new battery-operated scooter was a gift from the Friends in 2017.*



### Save the dates

Saturday book sales in the FriendSpace on the Library's lower level are held on the second Saturday of every month except June. Book sale dates in 2018 are: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8.

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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### Middle School Mystery Night

Fri., Mar. 9, 6:30–9pm

Grades 6–8

Play a life-size game of Clue with characters and locations based on the magical world of Harry Potter. You'll also eat pizza and try to unlock the secret in a challenge room to earn hints to solve the Clue mystery. Registration begins Feb. 23. Space is limited. A signed parental form and \$3 per participant are due at registration.

### For Families

**Reading Wonderland**  
Jan. 13–Feb. 28

Enjoy a "Reading Wonderland" during Winter Library Club 2018. This winter club combines

reading and activities for families (at least one child and one adult) to do together. Beginning January 13, families can pick up an activity sheet at the Youth Services Desk. Complete the activities described on the log and then return it 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, February 28.

**Science & Art Fair**  
Sat., Jan. 27, 11am–2pm

Families are invited to learn and explore at our third annual Science & Art Fair. The open-house for-

mat features stations from The Frog Lady, T-Rexplorers, School of Art Geneva, NIU STEM Outreach, and more. Activities are suitable for children preschool age and older. Water Street Studios will offer a mini art class for students ages 7–14. A limited number of timed tickets will be available for the class at the day of the fair. Sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.

**Chinese New Year Celebration**

Fri., Feb. 16, 1–2pm  
Learn, play, and create at our Chinese New Year Celebration for all ages. Try your hand at writing Chinese symbols, show off your chopstick skills, play

games, and create your own lucky fish.

**Mark Hayward's Family Comedy Show**

Sat., Feb. 24, 11am  
Mark Hayward brings his expert toy manipulating skills and family-friendly comedy to the Library. Hayward has appeared on *The Late Show with David Letterman* and *America's Got Talent*. Doors to the Founders Room open at 10:45am.

**Read Across America**

Fri., Mar. 2, 1–2pm  
It's Dr. Seuss's birthday! Join us as we celebrate the fun of reading and honor Dr. Seuss. Enjoy stories and book-related activities and games.