

What should I read next?

Now that summer reading is in full swing, you may have logged your first book for the Summer Reading Club. And at this point, you may be looking for a suggestion for your next read. Or perhaps you need some help deciding what book would interest your child. Our staff is happy to make reading suggestions for you and will do it in any of several ways depending on what appeals to you.

(If you or your family have not yet joined the Summer Reading Club there is still time to join and begin reading. Find the complete information at bataviapubliclibrary.org/summer-reading-club.)



Dig Deeper
Summer Reading Club 2020
At the Batavia Public Library
READ. INVESTIGATE. DISCOVER.

There's still time to join the Summer Reading Club!

We are now using Beanstack, an online reading log service, that also has an app for IOS and Android! Visit our website or download the Beanstack app to sign up and start logging Days or Books read online.

Kids will receive a virtual badge and a prize when they have read 20 total days, read 40 total days, and completed activities. At 40 days of reading, kids will also earn a ticket to the enter a prize drawing for gift cards, movie tickets, and more. The Summer Reading program ends Monday, August 3 so sign up today!

BATAVIA Public Library

Adults and Teen reading recommendations:

You can call us! 630-879-1393 ext. 200.

Your Next Read lets you answer a few simple questions online about what you like—and what you don't like—and then our librarians respond with unique titles chosen just for you.

Your Next Read LIVE happens weekly on our Facebook page and lets you chat with our librarians about what to read next.

My Librarian pages on our website list the types of books each of our Adult Services librarians like to read—plus their suggestions.

Good Reads blog gives you longer book reviews plus read-alikes.

Kids reading recommendations:

You can call us! 630-879-1393 ext. 500.

Kids Book Match online lets you tell us more about what you like and then our librarians will try to match you up with some great books.

Kids' Book Lists—whether you have a reluctant reader or a budding bookworm, check out these surefire, kid-tested titles.

The Library will be closed:

Fri., July 3

Sat., July 4

Curbside Pickup available:

Monday–Thursday: 10am–6pm

Friday and Saturday: 10am–4pm

Sunday: Closed

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Under the Cupola

Step by step

At the time this column was written (early June 2020), the Library, with the approval of the Board of Library Trustees, has just entered Step 1 of a “Plan to Reopen the Library,” which is described in more detail below.

Batavia Public Library closed its physical doors on March 15 in response to the COVID-19 crisis. (At the same time, of course, the Library flung open its electronic doors wider than ever before.)

After 78 days of #BataviaAloneTogether, during which only select staff members were allowed in the building for essential functions, the Library’s wonderful employees began returning to the building on June 1. And, three days later, the Library began accepting returns on June 4—actually one day later than originally planned.

That one day (June 3) was extraordinary and one of the many reasons that I am proud—indeed, I am grateful—to live in Batavia, Illinois.

That morning, at ten o’clock, I participated in a gathering of Batavia business owners showing solidarity at Batavia’s Peace Bridge prior to the much-anticipated Batavia Peace Rally. Later that afternoon, after working at the Library for several hours, I visited the powerful and inspirational Batavia Peace Rally in support of Black Lives Matter, which was thoughtfully organized by 18-year-old Isabella Irish, a recent graduate of Batavia High School, with a great deal of community support.

The Batavia sit-in ended peacefully with a simple message from Irish: “Let’s leave this place as we found it, only leaving the footprint of change.”

It was a beautiful day in downtown Batavia.

Plan to reopen the Library

Batavia Public Library is focused on service to its community. Therefore, its “Plan to Reopen the Library” is predicated on this value—service—in combination with strategies for keeping employees safe.

To the latter point, the plan, particularly in its early stages, will involve some employees returning to the physical building while others continue to work remotely. The ultimate goal, of course, is to return the entire personnel complement to the physical building, which may occur in increments and may involve a schedule in which employees rotate between working in the building and working remotely.

Similar in nature to the “Restore Illinois” plan and other models, Batavia’s “Plan to Reopen the Library”

is designed in phases, called steps. The “steps” are defined as approval points for the Board of Library Trustees, based on the gradual expansion of both (a) public access to the building and (b) physical services.

For each of four steps (defined below), the plan will identify the “Services” provided (in progressive stages as needed), the “Criteria” for that step, the “Staff Work Functions” required, and the “Preparations” needed.

Step 1—No Public Access to Building/Limited Physical Services (more-or-less equivalent to Restore Illinois, Phase 2, which is only one of several Criteria)

By the time this article appears, Step 1 will be in full swing. In progressive stages, Step 1 services include (Stage 1) access to Wi-Fi (broadcast from building), virtual programs for all ages, and limited assistance via email, SMS (text service), telephone, and social media accounts. Stage 2: Return materials (curbside only). Stage 3: Expand virtual programs for all ages, including a Virtual Summer Reading Club; curbside pickup (for existing holds only) outside the building; curbside pickup for take-home programs (Youth Services) outside the building; and expanded assistance via email and telephone, e.g., answer telephones and respond to live requests for service (such as holds, reference questions, and more). Stage 4: Curbside pickup (for all materials) outside the building.

Step 2—Limited Public Access to Building/Expanded Physical Services (more-or-less equivalent to Restore Illinois, Phase 3)

Step 3—Expanded Public Access to Building/Expanded Physical Services (more-or-less equivalent to Restore Illinois, Phase 4)

Step 4—Full-Scale Public Access to Building and Services (more-or-less equivalent to Restore Illinois, Phase 5)

The planning process for Step 2 is well underway for review by the Board of Library Trustees this summer. In the meantime, please continue to monitor the Library’s web site (BataviaPublicLibrary.org) for the most up-to-date information on the Library’s operations and public services.

Thank you, Batavia, for your support!
George H. Scheetz
Director

Batavia Public Library

Programs and activities for youth

Registration Information: Registration is required for some programs, please register online at BataviaPublicLibrary.org; or call the Youth Services Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 500. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration. Unless otherwise noted, July program registration begins July 1, August program registration begins Aug. 1. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Watch the Library website this summer for more virtual, curbside, and pop up programming for all ages.

For Babies, Tots, and Preschoolers

Story Line

Preschoolers

Youth Services is excited to announce our new Story Line. Simply call 630-879-1393 ext. 555 anytime to listen to a short story read by one of the Youth Services staff members. Call in weekly, we will have a new story starting every Tuesday!

Jigglejam with Jodi Koplin Online

Thurs., July 9

Get ready to wiggle, jiggle, and giggle to Jodi's funtastic, interactive performance. Enjoy her original compositions along with your old favorites. You can join in with your own real or homemade instruments and if you have bubbles, have those ready for the grand finale! Jodi's program will be available to view July 9–23; watch our website or our Facebook page, [@BataviaPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary), for details on how to access the program.

Yoga Storytime

Facebook @BataviaPublicLibrary

Fri., July 10, 24, Aug., 7

Ages 3–7

Sing, stretch, relax, and enjoy a story with Ms. Jen. Each Yoga Storytime will offer ways in which your little ones can feel at ease and enjoy the moment during these challenging times.

Preschool Storytime

Online

Fri., July 17, 11am

Ages 3–6

Join Miss Joanne for a virtual storytime. Register online for access details.

For Students

Make Your Own Toys

Take home

Tues., July 14, 11am–1pm

Grades K–5

Pick up a kit for making fun DIY toys, while supplies last, in the Library Reading Garden, July 14, 11am–4pm. One pack per child. Batavia Public Library card required.



Wiggle, jiggle and giggle with Jodi Koplin's interactive performance on July 9.

Book Gems

Online–Zoom

Wed., July 15, 1pm

Grades 2–3

Join us for a virtual book discussion for young readers based on the book *Marco Polo!* by Jon Scieszka. The Time Warp Trio meets the young explorer, Marco Polo, on his journey to China. Join us on Zoom for discussion and activities. Register online to put the book on hold and for Zoom access information.

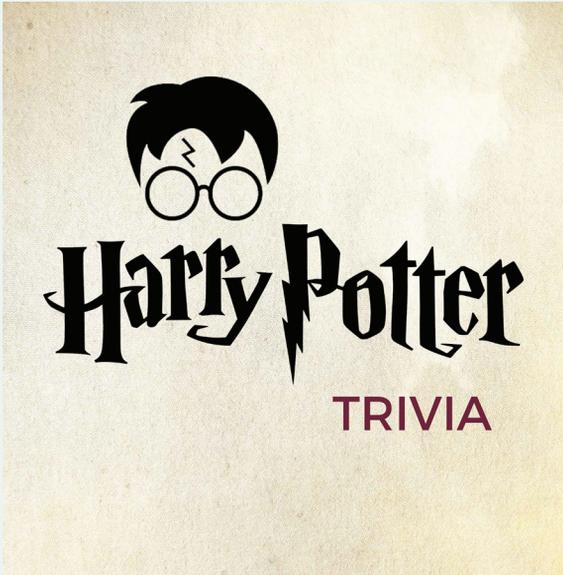
Jr. Archeologists

Take home

Mon., July 20, time TBA

Ages 3–8

Pick up an activity bag for young dinosaur enthusiasts including a dinosaur craft, sticker book, and directions for a dinosaur egg experiment. Please check online calendar for material pickup time. Batavia Public Library card required.



STEAM Lab Challenge

Take home

Wed., July 29

Grades K-5

Each STEAM Lab Challenge kit will contain several mystery items and a card that challenges young scientists and artists to create something from those items. When you are finished, send us a photo that contains your challenge card and what you made, and we will feature it on our Facebook page. Please register online for July 29 material pickup. One pack per child. Batavia Public Library card required

Harry Potter Trivia

Online-Zoom

Fri., July 31, 1pm

Ages 8-14

Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with trivia on Zoom. You will need a Kahoot account to participate. Please register online for access information.

For Families

Dig Deeper, Investigate, Discover, Read! Summer Reading Club 2020

If you have not yet started Summer Reading Club there is still time to join us on Beanstack, our online Summer Reading Club program. Find more information on BataviaPublicLibrary.org and download the Beanstack app today.

Watch a special presentation by award winning juggler Andy Head.

USA in a Day

Take home

Wed., July 1, 11am-1pm

Families

Take a tour of the USA with some prepackaged activities for the family. We will also include a reading and listening list featuring books and music families can access through Hoopla or Tumblebooks. Pick up your kit, while supplies last, in the Library Reading Garden on July 1, 11am-1pm. One bag per family. Batavia Public Library card required.

Time for Games

Online-Zoom

Thur., July 2, July 16, July 30, Aug. 13, 1 pm

Tues., July 7, July 21, Aug. 4, 1 pm

Ages vary

Join Youth Services staff members for a weekly game on Zoom. Play games like Bingo, Mad Libs, Scategories, and more. Sessions will last about 45 minutes. Watch the website or call the Library for the featured game each week and age appropriateness.

Juggler Andy Head

Online

Available until Mon., Aug. 3

Families

Have fun, laugh, and learn with award-winning juggler Andy Head. Andy's show is available at andyhead.com/special.



Batavia Public Library

Virtual programs for adults and teens

Registration Information: Advance registration is required for programs designated 

The Batavia Public Library is currently working to resume as many of our services as are safely possible. In the meantime, enjoy Library programs from your home or wherever you have access to the internet. Check our website for a complete list of adult, teen, and kids programs plus get the most up-to-date information on location or instructions to register and access a virtual program.

Sundays on Stage

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2020 Season Sponsor.

A Beacon in the City of Light: The Art and Architecture of Notre Dame in Paris

Online—Zoom

Sun., July 26, 2pm

Join art historian Jeff Mishur for this in-depth look at the history of Notre Dame in Paris. Mishur will discuss the Gothic innovations used in the great cathedral as well as interior features such as its stained-glass windows. He will also touch on the status of the church restoration. Register for this Zoom program: tinyurl.com/y8k56z52



Louisa May Alcott: A Living History Portrayal

Online

Sun., Aug. 23, 2pm

Meet Louisa May Alcott, the beloved author whose children's books made her one of America's most famous writers. Leslie Goddard portrays Alcott in a program that draws from Alcott's own diaries, books, and letters to bring the passionate, humorous, and progressive author to life. Register on our event calendar and we will email you the link to the program. Register here: tinyurl.com/y7hr4en4



Follow the Library on



Questions & Ancestors Genealogy Series

Emigration & Immigration: The Story of Your Immigrant Ancestors

Online—Zoom

Mon., July 13, 7pm

Sponsored by Batavia Public Library & St. Charles Public Library

Why did your ancestors leave for America? Genealogist Jacquie Schattner will guide you through the process of researching—whether it is emigration records from the country of origin or immigration documents here in the United States. Learn the interesting details of your ancestors' journey to their new life here. Register on our event calendar for this Zoom event.



Untangle the Web of German Websites

Online—Zoom

Thurs., July 23, 7pm

Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library & the Kane County Genealogical Society

The Internet is offering more and more quality information for German researchers. Speaker Teresa Steinkamp McMillin will focus on collections of free digitized German materials and indexes available online. Most websites presented are based in Germany, so navigation tips and tricks will be included. Register on our event calendar for this Zoom event.



Summer Culinary Cuisine

Online
Wed., July 15, all day
 In this culinary program, Chef Susan Maddox will prepare and demonstrate some great summer recipes. Susan will discuss and describe the strength of various herbs from her garden and how to infuse them into recipes. This a great way to spend some time together in the kitchen. Register on our event calendar to be emailed a link to access the video anytime on July 15.



Edible Ornamentals

Online—Zoom
Wed., July 29, 7pm
 Carrots in the front yard? Enhance the bounty of your landscape by growing and eating ornamental flowers, herbs, vegetables, and vines that look and taste terrific. Bob Kugach, a University of Illinois Master Gardener, will teach this class. Register for this Zoom class: tinyurl.com/ycc8eqvp

Drawing with a Grid Method

Online
Tues., Aug. 4—Mon., Aug. 17
 Learn how to create accurate drawings from photos using the grid method. No previous drawing experience necessary! Each student will receive a link to a video where they can work at their own pace. Supplies you will need: pencils, eraser, paper, black sharpie, a ruler, tape, and a printed image or photograph of your choice. Register on our event calendar to be emailed a link to access the video anytime starting Aug. 4.

Job Search Strategies in Today's Market

Online—Zoom
Wed., Aug. 12, 11am–1pm
 If you are having a rough time navigating today's job market, this program can help point you in the right direction. Learn strategies that will help you compete for your next job. Explore tools and resources that will help you update your personal marketing tools and networking strategies, target your job search, get job leads, and find resources and individual coaching to help you look for and find your next job. Offered in partnership with Elgin Community College. Register for this Zoom online class on our event calendar to be sent a link to the program.

Cut the Cable Cord

Online—Zoom
Thurs., Aug. 20, 7pm
 Looking for TV options beyond what your cable provider offers? Or maybe you would like to get rid of cable altogether? Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People will show you all your options for cable alternatives and supplements, from on-demand services like Netflix to "skinny" bundles like Sling TV. Register for this Zoom class: tinyurl.com/y851arh8

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Monthly Programs

Contemporary Literature Book Discussion

Online—Zoom
Read a Book in Translation
Tues., Aug. 25, 7–8pm

Read a book in translation and share it with us. If you need recommendations, email us at askus@bataviapubliclibrary.org, tell us the genre you like to read, and we will suggest some titles. Register for this Zoom event: tinyurl.com/yccbfp8e

Batavia's 100 Life-Changing Books

What's the book that changed your life?

Become a part of Batavia's 100 Books That Can Change Your Life by nominating the book that made the greatest impact on you.

Batavia Public Library is compiling a collection of life-changing books nominated by people who live and work in Batavia—and we'd like your input. This project is funded by anonymous donors.



Please submit your information via the online form by Aug. 31 at BataviaPublicLibrary.org/100-books. Thank you!

Batavia Public Library

Computer classes—online!

Do you need to improve your computer skills? Now you can learn from home or work. Use your Batavia Public Library card and PIN to access these free resources at bataviapubliclibrary.org/online-training/.

Internet Classes

Lynda.com

Choose from thousands of online classes on *Lynda.com*. Topics include Microsoft Office, WordPress, Photoshop, Javascript, CSS, web design, and much more. These video tutorials will teach you the new skills you want to learn.

Gale Courses

Enroll in a free 6-week online class with Gale Courses. These instructor-led sessions cover hundreds of topics, including Microsoft and Adobe software, QuickBooks, computer programming, database management, graphic design, and creating websites.

Teen Programs

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Teen Scavenger Hunt

July 5–11

Sign up for some summer fun with our scavenger hunt! Download the GooseChase iOS or Android app. Choose to play as a guest or register for a personal account with a username & password of your choice. Search for and select the Batavia Public Library Teen Scavenger Hunt game, or search by game code 4X89BX. Here's the link: goosechase.com.



Inclusion Game Night, online edition

Wed., July 8 & Aug. 12, 6:30–8:30pm

Teens of all abilities are welcome to meet up online to play some free online games together. Teen volunteers are also welcome to attend. Once you register for the program through our event calendar, information will be emailed to you on which free games to download.

Learn to Play D&D

Sun., July 19, 1–4 pm, Online

Learn the basics of Dungeons and Dragons—the online edition! Create a character, find out the basic rules, and test your new character's mettle in combat. Dane White from The Gaming Goat will be your guide to the world of D&D. Register with an email address and we will send instructions on how to access the game. Limit of five participants.

How to Virtually Visit a College Campus: Interact with Colleges from Home

Wed., Aug. 5, 7–8pm, Online

The process of choosing a college is complicated enough without worrying about the impact of a pandemic on the process. Tom Jaworski from Quest College Consulting will discuss ways of exploring college offerings remotely. Here is the link for Aug. 5: tinyurl.com/y9cx75zd

Teen Virtual Escape Room

Ongoing

Even though you cannot enter the Library right now, you can still play our Escape Room games! Try this Escape Room for fun. Although it is about computer coding, you don't have to know a lot of coding to solve it, but you might need to look a few things up. Here's the link: platform.breakoutedu.com/game/play/show-me-the-code-78

Isolation Stories

Ongoing

Share your stories of staying home on our new blog, Isolation Stories. Did it feel weird to stay in your house so much? What did you do? Did you try anything new? Did it give you a new appreciation for the way your life used to be? Were you scared about the pandemic? Stories will be collected for the local historical record of this unprecedented international pandemic event. Here's the link: bataviapubliclibrary.typepad.com/isolation_stories



News from the Friends

No Used Book Sales in July or August

The Library has cancelled all events that would happen in the building through Aug. 31, which includes the Used Book Sales on July 11 and Aug. 6. Currently, we are unable to accept donations of books or materials.

Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the Library are people like you who are interested in improving their community and promoting the Library as the cultural center of the community.

Library Foundation seeking board members

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is accepting applications for individuals interested in joining the Foundation Board of Directors.

The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the Batavia Public Library as a renowned institution that meets the lifelong learning needs of residents and organizations and offers a place to gather, exchange ideas and participate in cultural events.

Why be a Friend of the Library?

- It's fun to be involved
- It's easy to join
- You'll meet new people
- You'll be supporting your library

You can find more information about the Friends and the membership form on our website at bataviapubliclibrary.org/friends.

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library are dedicated to promoting, improving, and assisting the Batavia Public Library. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, with all donations fully tax-deductible. If your employer has set up a Matching Funds Program, we are legally qualified to accept these funds. This is a way to double your donation to the Friends of Batavia Public Library.



Batavia Public Library
FOUNDATION
Enrichment for a Lifetime

The Foundation's goals

- Enhancing library collections through direct gifts and/or endowments
- Providing for the development and implementation of innovative cultural and educational offerings and enhancements
- Providing for continual improvement of library facilities and technologies
- Enhancing and enriching opportunities for library staff and services

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest to George H. Scheetz via email at Foundation@BataviaPublicLibrary.org or via postal mail at George H. Scheetz, Director, Batavia Public Library, 10 South Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL, 60510.

More Fun for You

Batavia Public Library Poetry Line

630-879-1393, ext. 222

Add a little haiku to your life—or a sonnet, limerick, free verse, or more. Every Tuesday, the Batavia Public Library Poetry Line brings you a new poem, ode, or villanelle. Just call 630-879-1393, ext. 222 to listen any time.

Your Next Read Live

Online—Facebook

Wed., July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 7–8pm

Wed., Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 7–8pm

Do you miss getting live reading recommendations from your Batavia librarians? Wednesdays from 7–8pm, two of your Adult Services staff will be on Facebook to give you live book recommendations. Keep your eyes peeled for “Your Next Read Live!” Comment on the YNR Live post, and someone will comment back to you with live book recommendations.

Community Check-in with Misty & Aimee Online—Instagram

Tues., July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 6:30pm

Every Tuesday, for 15 minutes, Misty and Aimee from Adult Services will be going LIVE on Instagram to check-in with our community. This is a casual and fun way to visit with some staff members, ask questions, and to let us know how we can better serve you during this strange time in library history. Be ready to laugh and reconnect with your community members. No registration required, but you will need an Instagram account. Follow us and make sure to turn on notifications so you do not miss our live streams! [instagram.com/bplbatavia/](https://www.instagram.com/bplbatavia/)