

## Seven ways the Library can improve your holidays

The holiday season is upon us. Traditionally, the last two months of the year are packed with non-stop activity. However, this 2020 holiday season looks to be one like we have never experienced before. With that in mind, here are seven ways the Library can help you and your family to have more fun this holiday season.



1. The holidays are all about food. The Library has the latest high-demand cookbooks, which are just waiting to be checked out and are positively bursting with recipes guaranteed to please foodies of all ages.
2. Burn some holiday calories when everyone gets out of their seats for a dance party! Select music CDs from our vast collection or download and stream from Hoopla via our website. Do you have a musician in the house? Borrow holiday sheet music from the Library and family members can provide the entertainment.
3. Are you ready to chill on the couch? Create your own movie marathon with DVDs from our collection. We not only have an extensive number of holiday movies (including Hallmark), but we also have your favorite TV series on DVD—even Netflix series! If you don't want to get off the couch and come into the Library, use the eMedia link on our website to download or stream movies. And if you are looking for something a little different, try Kanopy's Independent Cinema.
4. Need to get out of the house and stretch your legs? Visit one of almost two dozen area museums when you borrow a Museum Adventure Pass. (Available for children and adults alike)
5. With the cold weather creeping in, this is an excellent time to learn a new hobby or craft. You'll

- find a full range of hobby and craft books in our catalog. You may also enjoy our new database, Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center. It offers detailed "how-to" instructions and creative ideas for a wide variety of hobbies, from art to model building.
6. Be kind to yourself during the holiday season. Take the time to relax with a good book. You'll find several ways to find reading suggestions on our website under "Books." Or treat yourself to a Surprise Me Bundle. Fill out the form on our website, and our staff will do their best to select and pre-pack five items (books, CDs, DVDs, video games, etc.) that fit your interests.
  7. Our November and December event calendars are filled with fun events that you can enjoy from the comfort of your home. Browse the following pages and register for a few of these free, entertaining events.

Find out more about these fun options on our website at [bataviapubliclibrary.org](http://bataviapubliclibrary.org). Happy Holidays from all of us at the Batavia Public Library!

### The Library will be closed:

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 Thurs., Nov. 26  
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 Thurs., Dec. 31  
 Fri., Jan. 1

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 See our website for current hours  
[BataviaPublicLibrary.org](http://BataviaPublicLibrary.org)

## Under the Cupola

### Board of Library Trustees

Batavia Public Library District, a special unit of local government, is governed by an elected Board of Library Trustees composed of seven residents of the Library District. Trustees are elected at large at the biennial Consolidated Election (in odd-numbered years).

The terms of office for four Trustees will expire next year, in May 2020. (As noted elsewhere in this issue, election packets are now available at the Library's Check Out Desk.) As a result, at the next Consolidated Election (April 6, 2021), four candidates will be elected to four-year terms, through May 2025, carrying on a hallowed tradition that began in 1882.

The origins of the Library can be traced to October 1866, when the Batavia Lyceum Association, an organization of young men, acquired a collection of books from the Sigourney Society, an organization of young women, which directly led to the creation of the Batavia Library Association, a membership library.

The Library as a tax-supported, township library, was established by voters in April 1881 and converted by voters to a district library in June 1975. The first Board of Library Trustees was elected in April 1882. John Van Nortwick, on whose property the Library now stands—an active member of the Batavia Library Association—was elected the first president.

And the tradition continues. The seven Trustees are elected for staggered terms of four years. The Board of Library Trustees establishes policy; appoints the Library Director, who serves as the Library's chief executive officer; and oversees the Library's budget (\$4,342,395 for Fiscal Year 2020–2021).

The Library Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month (at 7pm under normal circumstances; currently via electronic means at 6pm). Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, its meetings are open to the public.

Trustees serve as official representatives to the Batavia Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Batavia Public Library. In addition, trustees are assigned to serve on one or more of the board's four standing committees, which meet periodically throughout the year.

It's your library!—and its seven Citizen-Trustees connect you to your Batavia Public Library and the Library to the community it serves.

George H. Scheetz  
*Director*

## Become a Library Trustee

Terms of office expire for four Library trustee positions next year. Library district voters will be electing four trustees for four-year terms, through May 2025. The vote will take place in the April 6, 2021, consolidated election. Residents of the Library district interested in running for the Board of Library Trustees may now pick up an election packet at the Library's Check Out Desk. Election packets must be turned in at the Library between Dec. 14 and 21, during regular Library hours. For more information regarding the role and responsibilities of a Library trustee, please call Library Director George H. Scheetz, 630-879-1393, ext. 350.



## Programs and activities for youth

**Program Registration:** For programs requiring registration, please register online at [BataviaPublicLibrary.org](http://BataviaPublicLibrary.org); or call the Youth Services Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 500.

Batavia Public Library cardholders have priority for all programs requiring registration. Unless otherwise noted, November program registration begins Nov. 1, December and January program registration begins Dec. 1. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations. Programs designated  require advanced registration. Pick up supplies at the Library for programs designated .

### For Babies, Tots, and Preschoolers

#### Yoga Storytime

Online  
Sat., Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5, 19  
Ages 3–5

Join Miss Jen on Facebook, [facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary), for these Saturday storytimes that combine books and movement. No registration is necessary.

#### Snuggle Up Storytime

Supply pick up  
Fri., Nov. 13, 9am–5pm  
Sat., Dec. 12, 9am–5pm  
Ages 0–2

Tues., Nov. 17, 12–8pm  
Tues., Dec. 15, 12–8pm  
Ages 2–4

Thurs., Nov. 19, 12–8pm  
Thurs., Dec. 10, 12–8pm  
Ages 4–6

What do two books, rhymes, songs, a craft, and a paper bag make? A “Snuggle Up Storytime”! We’ve prepared a storytime to pick up, check out, and enjoy at home with your stuffed animals, friends, and family members. Register for the age-appropriate storytime and pick up your “Snuggle Up Storytime” on the day indicated.

### For Students

#### Book Gems

Tues., Nov. 10, 6pm  
*So You Want to be President?* by Judith St. George

Tues., Dec. 8, 6pm  
*The Holly Joliday* by Megan McDonald  
Grades 2–3

Book discussion club for young readers. Please read the book, then join us for discussion and activities. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

#### STEAM Lab-in-a-Bag

Supply pick up  
Sat., Nov. 14, 10:30am–12pm  
Mon., Nov. 23, 2:30–4pm  
Wed., Dec. 2, 2:30–4pm  
Thurs., Dec. 17, 6–7:30pm  
Grades K–5

We’ve gathered materials and prepackaged them so you



can create your STEAM Lab at home. Each month’s theme will be different. Pick up your materials during one of the times listed. One package per child per month.

#### Homeschool Hangout

Online  
Tues., Nov. 17, 1pm  
Families with children in grades K–8

Whether you are new to homeschooling or have always homeschooled, join us to connect with other local homeschool families, learn about a featured Library resource, and play a fun game together online via Zoom!

#### Water Street Studios Artist Series

Supply pick up / Online  
Wed., Nov. 18, Paul Gauguin  
Wed., Dec. 16, Fra Angelico  
Ages 6–12

Explore the world of art with Water Street Studios. Each month receive art supplies to create your artwork based on a new artist. Participants must pick up art supplies at the Library on the designated day. We will email a link to an instructional video for creating the art project. Register for each class online. Supplies are limited; members of the same household must register separately.

#### Gratitude Rocks

Supply pick up  
Sat., Nov. 21, 1–3pm  
Grades 5–8

Pick up a rock painting kit complete with paint, brush, rocks, and instructions to make a rocking seasonal creation. Kit quantity is limited. First come, first served.

#### Holiday Gift Tags

Supply pick up / Online  
Nov. 1–30  
Ages 7–14

Pick up prepackaged supplies to create unique holiday gift tags for your family and friends. You will then receive a prerecorded video of Stampin’ Up demonstrator Heather Wnek guiding you with instructions and tips on how to assemble your gift tags. Register online between Nov. 1–30 and pick up your supplies between Dec. 7–12.

#### Here and Now, Mindfulness for Middle School

Supply pick up / Online  
Tues., Dec. 15, 4:30pm  
Grade 6–8

If stress has you spinning out, join us for a program that focuses on mindfulness, breathing, and relaxation. Learn some strategies to help you out during stressful times and make a calming jar together on Zoom. Pick up materials beginning Dec. 1.

### Families

#### Monthly Scavenger Hunt

November–Thankfulness/Appreciation/Gratitude  
December–Holiday  
All ages

Each month your family can participate in a themed scavenger hunt. Register on Beanstack via the Beanstack App or the Library website to get each month’s challenge. Complete the activities as noted and enter into a drawing for a prize.

#### Take-Home Craft Kit

Supply pick up  
Thurs., Nov. 12, 2–4pm  
Wed., Nov. 25, 10am–12pm  
Fri., Dec. 4, 10am–12pm  
Mon., Dec. 21, 1–3:30pm  
All ages

Pick up a take-home craft activity in the Youth Services Department. Pick up your materials during one of the times listed. One package per child per month.

#### Story Strolls

Sat., Nov. 28, 10am–4pm  
Sat., Dec. 26, 10am–4pm  
All Ages

Looking for something fun for the family and socially distanced? Weather permitting, come to the Library and enjoy a Pop-up Story Stroll in the Reading Garden. Walk along the garden’s winding path while enjoying a featured picture book with interactive questions and

*Enjoy a Pop-up Story Stroll in the Library’s Reading Garden*

activities. Scan the QR Code at the end of your stroll and let us know how you enjoyed it!

#### Flashlight I Spy

Tues., Dec. 22, 4–7pm  
All Ages

Grab a flashlight and an I Spy sheet at the Youth Services Desk and search for hidden objects in the Library Reading Garden. Complete the hunt and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and candy cane. Please call the Youth Services Desk to register for a 20-minute time slot.

#### Lego Building Challenge

Mon., Dec. 28, 11am–3pm  
Sat., Jan. 2, 10–11am and 1–3pm  
All ages

Are you looking for a fun family activity? Register for a 30-minute time slot where families will be given a bag of Legos, a space in the Youth Services Department to work, and 30 minutes to create. Lego Creations will remain on display in the Library for two weeks. Please call the Youth Services Desk to register.

#### Family Game Night

Online  
Tues., Dec. 29, 6pm

*Families with children 7 yrs. and older*  
Love the thrill of heated competition? Join us for trivia and a friendly battle of wits and speed using the Kahoot platform. Compete against other families or even against your family members. Register, and we will send you a Zoom link before the program.

#### Bingo Bonanza

Online  
Tues., Jan. 5, 1–1:45pm  
Ages 3–14

Join staff members online on Zoom for Bingo live! An adult or older sibling must accompany children age 5 and under. Register online, and we will send you a Zoom link and bingo card links before game day. Please print out your bingo cards before the program.



## 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.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 



create marbled beads using layers of color with an oven-baked clay called polymer clay. Students can pick up their supplies at the Library starting Nov. 9. Space is limited for this Zoom class!



### Creating Polymer Beads

Online  
Thurs., Nov. 12, 7pm  
A Water Street Studios instructor will teach how to

online via Zoom as he teaches a simple meditation technique to increase personal well-being. There will even be a short meditation sitting. Register for this Zoom program at <https://tinyurl.com/y4u57jsj>

### Community Check-in with Misty & Aimee

Online  
Tues., Nov. 3, 10, 17, 6:30pm  
Tues., Dec. 1, 8, 15, 6:30pm  
Every Tuesday, Misty and Aimee from Adult Services are LIVE on Instagram and Facebook for a fun check-in with our Batavia community. No registration is required, but you will need an Instagram or Facebook account. Follow us at:  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bplbatavia/>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary/>



Learn a simple meditation technique to overcome stress on Wed., Dec. 2, at 7pm

### Organizing: Paper Management at Home

Online  
Tues., Nov. 17, 7pm  
It's a great time to do some de-cluttering and organization of your paperwork. Learn specific principles, tips, and guidelines for managing incoming paper, reducing existing paper, organizing/filing papers you are keeping, and maintaining your paper management systems over time. Register for this Zoom program at <https://tinyurl.com/yyfavojc>

### Overcoming Stress and Anxiety Using Meditation

Online  
Wed., Dec. 2, 7pm  
We are living in a time that often feels confusing and stressful. Incorporating meditation in our lives can make a big difference in our life. Join Umesh Bhatia

## Sundays on Stage



The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2020 Season Sponsor. Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers is a co-sponsor of the November and December Sundays on Stage.

### Colors of the Beatles: A Tribute Concert

Online  
Sun., Nov. 29, 2pm  
The musical Duo of MC2, with Tim Wilsey on drums/vocals and John Boda on guitar/vocals, performs a special musical dedication to The Fab Four. In addition to playing some of their classics in various musical styles (Latin, jazz, and much more), Tim and John will be sharing some insights on their favorite Beatles albums and how the Beatles wrote these great songs. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yyldr7f>

### Yuletide Swing

Online  
Sun., Dec. 13, 2pm  
Jazz up your holidays with cheery arrangements of heart-warming seasonal favorites. Jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis will sing hits by Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole, and Rosemary Clooney! Register for this YouTube concert at <https://tinyurl.com/YuletideSwing>

Jazz up your holidays on Sun., Dec. 13, at 2pm



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## Poetry

### Batavia Public Library Poetry Line

Do you enjoy poetry? 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 at any time. Poetry Line is available through the end of December.

### Follow the Library on



## Computer classes for adults

**Registration Information:** a computer with speakers and Internet access is required. Registration is required; please call the reference desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200 or register online at [BataviaPublicLibrary.org](http://BataviaPublicLibrary.org).  
**Advance registration is required for programs designated** 

### Internet Classes

#### Intro to Microsoft Word 2019

Fri., Nov. 6, 9am

Learn the fundamentals of Word 2019 in this 60-minute hands-on, interactive workshop. During this workshop, you will learn about the many new features and how to create professional documents using Word to improve your productivity at home and work. Space is limited.

#### Surprise Me Bundles Ongoing

**Adults and teens**—Do you need something new to read or watch, but you're not sure what to choose from the Library's collection right now? We can help! Fill out our Surprise Me Bundle form, and librarians will search

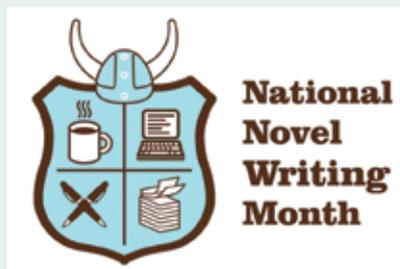
for up to five items just for you and set them aside for you to pick up. Make your choices here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxgy67h>

### Teen Programs *Advance registration is required for programs designated*

#### NaNoWriMo Kickoff Challenge

Sun., Nov. 1, 1pm

Now could be the perfect time to write your novel. Write 1,700 words a day this month, and by Nov. 30, you'll be at 50,000 words or the length of a novel rough draft. Sign up for the free challenge at [nanowrimo.org](http://nanowrimo.org). Join us for a Zoom meeting kickoff on Nov. 1 to try some word wars and jump start your word count! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y5bac2u2>



### International Games Week Nov. 8–14

#### Learn to Play D&D, online edition

Online

Sun., Nov. 8, 1–4pm

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. Limit of 5 participants. Register for this Zoom program at <https://tinyurl.com/y4r9tv9r>



#### Teach a Computer to Play Rock Paper Scissors

Online

Tues., Nov. 10, 7pm

Use Scratch to build a machine learning model that plays rock, paper, and scissors using image

classification. No experience is required! AI+Med from the Illinois Math & Science Academy will talk about image classification and unsupervised machine learning and show a step-by-step tutorial. Register for this Zoom program at <https://tinyurl.com/y5kmk52u>

#### Inclusion Game Night

Online

Wed., Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, 7pm

Teens and young adults of all abilities—and their families and friends—are invited to play Solo (like UNO) and Bingo online. High school volunteers are welcome. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yvvedz6t> for links to the games.



## Monthly Programs

### Book Discussion

Please read the book and join us for an in-person, socially distanced discussion.



Tues., Nov. 10, 7pm 

*The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires*

by Grady Hendrix  
 This novel that blends humor and horror “addresses racism, sexism, and the mistaken belief that housewives are dull” (Library Reads). A “cheeky, spot-on pick for book clubs” (Booklist).

Tues., Dec. 8, 7pm 

*A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck

Can a children's book appeal to adults? Find out with this novel-in-stories in which a man recalls his annual Depression-era summer visits with his larger-than-life grandma. Grandma Dowdel is not a good influence, but her dirty tricks and cunning plots are what make those visits remarkable.

**January book selection:**

*The Weight of a Piano* by Chris Cander

#### The Mystery Box: Mr. Mindgame

Online

Nov. 12–25

Let's play a game! The Will Street Detective Agency has been contacted by Mister Mindgame, who says he has discovered the murderer's identity and has rounded up the suspects. Discover the guilty party by solving puzzles with the online clues. Email [askus@bataviapubliclibrary.org](mailto:askus@bataviapubliclibrary.org) with the subject line Mr. Mindgame and see if you can outsmart Mister Mindgame!

#### Kahoot Trivia

Online

Sat., Nov. 14, 1pm

Think you know trivia? Match wits with other trivia fans using Kahoot and find out! Register for this Zoom program at <https://tinyurl.com/y2lrtdft>

#### Teen Virtual Escape Room

Ongoing

Play our Escape Room games online! Looking up websites to help you figure out the answers is absolutely allowed. Try this Escape Room and



see if you can solve the mystery of the lost locker:

<https://tinyurl.com/y57venck>

#### Project LIT Book Discussion

Are you a BHS student? We have copies of the books for the school's Project LIT discussions! Ask for the BHS Project LIT book at the Check Out Desk.

#### Holiday Scavenger Hunt

Dec. 16–23

The holiday hunt is on! Look around town for the best holiday displays and complete holiday challenges. (Entries received may be used on our social media.) To sign up, download the GooseChase iOS or Android app, create a free account, and search for Holiday Scavenger Hunt game or by game code DD41BG.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing

Looking to earn volunteer hours? The Library needs you! Teen volunteers are welcome to join in the fun at Inclusion Game Night (see page 28). Or make and return a free teen craft kit for volunteer credit. Visit the Reference Desk for a teen craft kit for volunteers or ask for a teen craft kit to be held for you for curbside pickup.

#### ACT/SAT Prep

[Bataviapubliclibrary.org/online-training/](http://Bataviapubliclibrary.org/online-training/)

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