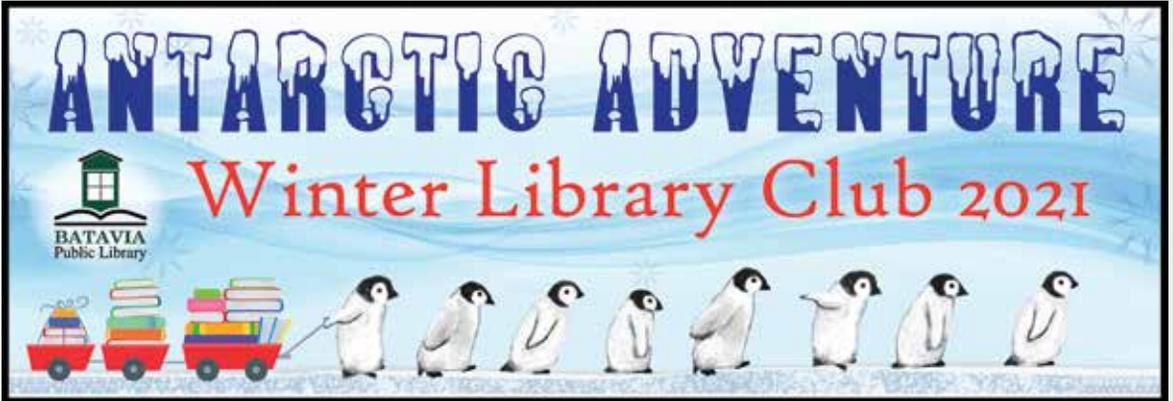


# Batavia Public Library



Get ready with your down parkas and penguin-watching binoculars for Winter Library Club 2021, Antarctic Adventure, Jan. 16 to Feb. 28. We'll be doing things differently this winter, so be ready to explore and have fun.

## Adults & Teens

Adults and teens, earn points by logging their reading and/or completing activities that make use of the Library's considerable resources, both on shelf and virtual. Use Beanstack to keep track of your progress. Reading three books—or reaching the equivalent number of activity points—will enter you in a drawing for Batavia Bucks gift certificates!

## Children

Families with children ages 2–14 will discover, explore, read, and more while engaging in activities to earn rewards. Early literacy options are available for children under two years old.

Complete ten activities from the

list to earn a free book, rewards, and tickets for our basket drawings. Each winning basket will contain themed items: Play Together, Bake Together, Make Together, and Read Together.

Activity options include such things as learning a penguin fact, reading fiction and non-fiction books, exploring a database, watching a movie, listening to an audiobook, cooking a recipe, listening to a story from our storyline, and more.

## Register online

Visit the Library's website to register and participate online via Beanstack beginning Jan. 16.

The Winter Library Club 2021 is open to all patrons and families with a Batavia Public Library card or children currently attending a Batavia school. To learn more about the Winter Library Club and how to sign up: Families may call the Youth Services Department at 630-879-1393 ext. 500. Adults and teens may phone 630-879-1393 ext. 200.



## The Library will be closed:

Fri., Jan. 1, New Year's Day

## Library Hours:

See our website for current hours  
BataviaPublicLibrary.org

## Telephone

630-879-1393  
Fax: 630-879-9118  
TTY: 630-879-8335

## Library Director

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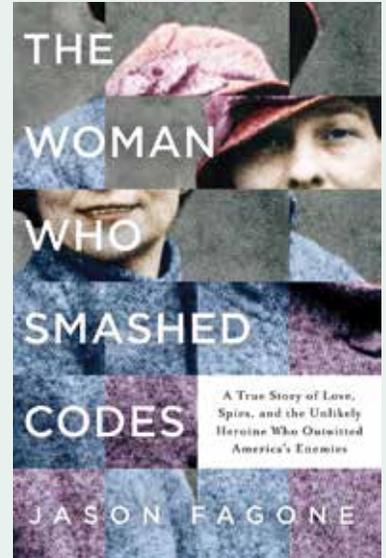
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## One Book, One Batavia 2021

Each year, the Library presents the community-wide reading program, One Book, One Batavia. This program gives individuals in our community an excellent opportunity to come together through a shared reading experience. Let's start a conversation about this book and the books you recommend to friends, family, and neighbors!

Our 2021 book selection is *The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies*. Read the engaging story of Elizebeth Smith Friedman, a genius codebreaker who began her career right in our backyard. In her first codebreaking job, she worked for Col. Fabyan at Riverbank in the Fabyan Forest Preserve—and then went on to break codes during WWII. Please register and join us via Zoom to discuss this nonfiction book on Tues., Feb. 9, at 7pm.



At left, Elizebeth Smith Friedman.

Below, Elizebeth and husband William F. Friedman whom she met at Riverbank.



# Batavia Public Library

## Programs and activities for youth

**Program Registration:** For programs requiring registration, please register online at [BataviaPublicLibrary.org](http://BataviaPublicLibrary.org), [Events Calendar](#), 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, Jan. program registration begins Jan. 2, Feb. program registration begins Feb. 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., Jan. 2, 16; Feb. 6, 20**

*Ages 3–5*

Join Miss Jen on Facebook for these Saturday storytimes that combine books and movement.

No registration is necessary:

[facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary](https://facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary).

#### Storyline

**Jan. 5–Feb. 28**

Call 630-879-1393 x555 and listen to a story or poem read by one of our Youth Services staff members. Readings will change every Tuesday, beginning Jan. 5 through Feb. 28.

#### Wednesday Storytime

Online

**Wed., Jan. 13 – Feb. 24, 10am**

*Ages 2–6*

Join a Youth Services staff member each week for storytime on Zoom Live. Enjoy your favorite books, rhymes, and songs. Here's your chance to meet up with your storytime friends.

*Borrow a Snuggle Up Storytime Kit*



#### Snuggle Up Storytime Kit

Pickup dates

**Thurs., Jan. 14, 12–8pm**

**Mon., Jan. 25, 9am–5pm**

**Tues. Feb. 9, 12–8pm**

**Sat., Feb 20, 9am–5pm**

*Ages 2–4*

*Ages 4–6*

Winter is the perfect season to put on your P.J.s and snuggle up for stories. Check out a Snuggle Up Storytime Kit prepared by our Youth Services staff. Each bag will include books, rhymes, songs, and a craft activity. Register for each date and age bag, then pick up, check out and enjoy.

#### Early Literacy Kits

Pickup dates

**Fri., Jan. 15–Feb. 26**

*Ages 0–2*

Each Friday, pick up a kit to enjoy with baby. Kits alternate between book-based kits, with rhymes, songs, and a free board book, and sensory-based kits with supplies to create an interactive activity for you and baby. Register for each date separately.

#### Family Storytime

Online

**Mon., Jan. 25 & Feb. 22**

*Ages 2–6*

Share a Family Storytime with Miss Jen. Register to receive a link to a recorded storytime that you can access anytime during the week.

#### Sensory I Spy Bottles

Supply pickup

**Fri., Sat., Jan 29–30**

**while supplies last**

*Ages 2–5*

Enjoy some sensory play with an I Spy Bottle filled with rice and hidden items to find. A checklist of pictures accompanies each bottle. One bottle per child; available while supplies last.

### For Students

#### Yarn & Tale

Online

**Mon., Jan. 18–Feb. 22, 6:30–7:45pm**

*Ages 8–14*

Student and parent teams can join us for knitting or crocheting while listening to a tale. All skill levels welcome; beginning instruction will be available. You may pick up a skein of yarn Jan. 15–17. Please

provide your own knitting needles or crochet hook.

#### Water Street Studios Artist Series

Supply pickup

**Wed., Jan. 20, Georgia O'Keeffe**

**Wed., Feb. 17, George Seurat**

*Ages 6–12*

Explore the world of art with Water Street Studios. Pick up art supplies on the designated date to create

your artwork based on each month's artist. We will email a link to the video. Due to the popularity of this program, participation will be based on a lottery. Lottery registration begins online Jan. 2 for the Jan. class and Feb. 1 for the Feb. class. Members of the same household must register separately. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders.

## STEAM Lab-in-a-Bag

Supply pickup

**Fri., Sat., Jan. 22–23**

**Fri., Sat., Feb. 26–27**

*Grades K–5*

We've gathered materials and packaged them so that you can create a STEAM Lab at home. Each month's theme is different. Pick up your materials during the dates listed, while supplies last. One bag per child per month.



## Families

### Monthly Scavenger Hunt

**January–Antarctic Fun**

**February–Find it in February**

*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 a drawing for a prize.

### Pop-Up Story Stroll

*All Ages*

Watch the Library's website and Facebook page for a pop-up Story Stroll in the Library Reading Garden or the Youth Services Department.

### Winter Library Club 2021 Beanstack Tutorial

Online

**Thurs., Jan. 14, 6:30pm**

*Parents with children ages 0–14*

New to our online reading and activity tracking platform Beanstack? Get step-by-step instructions on creating a Beanstack account and register your family for the 2021 Winter Library Club. This program will guide you through creating an

### Homeschool Hangout

Online

**Thurs., Jan. 21, 1pm**

**Thurs., Feb. 18, 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!

### Digital Photography: Create Cool Photos and Stop Motion Animations

Online

**Thurs., Jan 28, 6–8pm**

*Grades 5–8*

In this free two-hour workshop, presented by Microsoft, students will explore digital photography

*Create cool photos and stop motion animations, Jan. 28*

account, registering for a challenge, and participating in the Winter Library Club through the Beanstack web platform. If you already have a Beanstack account, pre-registration begins Jan. 8.

### Winter Library Club 2021– Antarctic Adventure

Online

**Jan. 16–Feb. 28**

*Infants–Grade 8*

Register on Beanstack for our reading and activity-based Winter Library Club. Children who complete the designated number of activities will receive a new paperback book, other rewards, and earn entries for one of our NEW "Do-It-Together" baskets. Pre-registration begins Jan. 8 on Beanstack. Paper copies of the Winter Library Club activity sheet will also be available on the Library website starting Jan. 16.

### Take-Home Craft Kit

**Mon., Jan. 18**

**Mon., Feb. 15**

*All ages*

Pick up materials to make a craft at home. One kit per child per month

concepts by taking and editing photos and creating a stop motion animated video. You will need a camera, preferably on a smartphone or mobile device, for taking and editing photos. You will also need to download Stop Motion Studio, a free and easy-to-use app: [cateater.com/try](http://cateater.com/try)

### Book Gems

Online

**Tues., Feb. 9, 6pm**

*Penguin Puzzle*

by Judith Bauer Stamper

*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. Registration begins Jan. 20.

while supplies last.

### Chinese New Year Party Kit

**Fri., Sat., Feb. 12–13**

*Ages 4 and older*

Create your own Chinese New Year celebration at home. Try your hand at using chopsticks or paint a simple message with Chinese characters. Discover what Chinese zodiac animal you are and if your personality matches its characteristics. Children ages four and older may pick up a bag of activities beginning Fri., Feb. 12 or Sat., Feb. 13, while supplies last.

### Family Game Night

Online

**Thurs., Feb. 25, 6:30pm**

*Families with children 3 yrs. and older*

Join staff members online on Zoom for Bingo, Mad Libs, and other family games! Children age five and under must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling. Register online starting Feb. 1. We will send you a Zoom link and bingo card links. Please print out your bingo cards before the program.

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## Programs for adults and teens

**Registration Information:** All events are online. 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). **Advance registration is required for programs designated** 

### Feature Programs

#### One Book, One Batavia 2021

Co-sponsored by the  
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#### Virtual Tour of Fabyan Villa

Online

Wed., Feb. 17,  
7pm

Let Vivien Lasken, Director of the Fabyan Villa, take you on a virtual tour of the Fabyan Villa where Elizebeth Friedman did her first codebreaking and met her husband, William.



#### Author Spotlight: Jason Fagone

Online

Wed., Mar. 3, 7pm

Join us online for an hour with Jason Fagone, author of *The Woman Who Smashed Codes*, this year's One Book, One Batavia selection.

#### Peaches and Baseball

Online

Tues., Mar. 16, 7pm

Celebrate women "stepping up to the plate" during World War II! Rebecca Tulloch, a vintage Rockford Peach, shares the story of the real-life Rockford Peaches and the film inspired by them, *A League of Their Own*.



#### New Lyceum Lecture Series

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2020–21 Season Sponsor



#### Faith Ringgold: The Story Quilts and Paintings

Online

Wed., Feb. 24, 7pm

In this presentation about the artist and award-winning author Faith Ringgold, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses a selection of works about important themes, including the challenges faced by women artists, the relationship between "fine art" and "craft," and African American history. Jeff will focus mainly on Ringgold's painted story quilts.

*Faith Ringgold: The Story Quilts and Paintings, Feb. 24*



#### Laughter Yoga for Stress Relief, Resilience & Well Being

Online

Tues., Jan. 12, 7pm

Coach Alexa Drubay will introduce Laughter Yoga (history, benefits, and applications). A highly interactive session will follow, including laughter exercises and yogic breathing exercises—including movements such as clapping, stretching, and dancing. (No yoga poses.)



#### Making Polymer Beads

Online

Thurs., Jan. 21, 7pm

A Water Street Studios instructor will teach how to 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 Jan. 18. Space is limited for this Zoom class!

#### Paint in Winter with Aimee

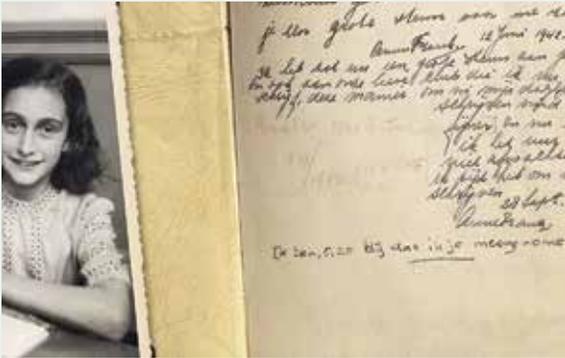
Online

Thurs., Jan. 28, 2pm

Unleash your creativity by painting a winter picture in acrylics with Adult Services Librarian Aimee live on Zoom. You may pick up the materials



## Sundays on Stage *The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2021 Season Sponsor.*



### Miep Gies: Preserving the Diary of Anne Frank

Online

Sun., Jan. 31, 2pm

While Anne Frank and her family hid in a secret annex during WWII, a Dutch woman named Miep Gies kept them safe and was ultimately responsible for protecting Anne's diaries. Actress Megan Wells portrays this heroine who introduced the world to Anne Frank.

### Community Check-in with Misty & Aimee

Online

Tues., Jan. 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30pm

Tues., Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23, 6:30pm

Every Tuesday, for 30 minutes, Misty and Aimee from Adult Services will go LIVE on Instagram and Facebook to check-in with a casual and fun way to explore our area. No registration required, but you will need an Instagram or Facebook account. Follow us and make sure to turn on notifications, so you don't miss our livestreams!

**Instagram:** <https://instagram.com/bplbatavia/>

**Facebook:** <https://facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary/>

from the Library. We will provide all supplies EXCEPT paintbrushes. We recommend a larger brush for the background and one or two smaller brushes for detail. Supply pickup begins Jan. 25. Limit: 12.

### Valentine Cookie Decorating Workshop

Online

Supply pickup: Wed., Feb. 3

Event: Thurs., Feb. 4, 7pm

Let's decorate fun Valentine-themed cookies to wow your friends and family! We will provide six sugar cookies with pre-bagged colored icing. This live interactive class will focus on the cookie recipe and step-by-step guidance using your cookie kits to create a delicious art form you can eat! Class size is limited to 15 cookie kits, but you can join the Wait List and watch with your own supplies.

### The Real Mae West

Online

Sun., Feb. 28, 2pm

Mae West shattered box office records and public sensibilities. She rocketed from Broadway to become the highest-paid actress in Hollywood. Her one-liners scandalized the censors yet made her an icon. She rescued studios from bankruptcy and created stars. Without her, Cary Grant would have remained a nobody. Meet the woman behind the wit, portrayed by Martina Mathisen.



### *Questions & Ancestors Genealogy Series*

#### Unusual Places to Find Births & Naturalizations

Online

Thurs., Jan. 14, 7pm

Widen your search for birth dates, locations, and naturalizations. Learn how to use underutilized resources such as military rosters, consulate applications, voter registrations, canceled passports, frakturs, and much more. Speaker Debra Dudek will focus on digital and physical resources, so bring your research checklist and see if these resources can help you fill in your family tree gaps.

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### Organizing and Parenting Solutions for Pandemic Problems

Online

Wed., Feb. 10, 7pm

Professional organizer Jennifer Barnes will show how to organize your home best to provide healthy and efficient workspaces for adults and kids in this new normal. We will discuss how to organize your space and your time, and we will learn practical ways to teach our kids to be organized and responsible. We will also discuss maintaining the systems and spaces that we set up in our homes long after the pandemic fades.

# Batavia Public Library

## Monthly Programs

### Book Discussion

Online

**Tues., Jan. 12, 7pm**

*The Weight of a Piano*

by Chris Cander

A Blüthner piano becomes the love and passion for eight-year-old Katya until the family emigrates to America. Fifty years later, Clara inherits the piano and decides to sell it and learns its unique history.

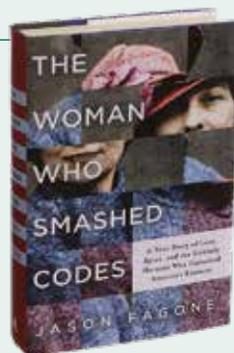
### One Book, One Batavia 2021 selection

Online

**Tues., Feb. 9, 7pm**

*The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone

This novel tells the engaging true story of Elizebeth Smith Friedman. She was a genius codebreaker who began her career by working for Col. Fabyan at Riverbank in Geneva, IL. She went on to break codes during WWII.



**March book selection:**

*Conjure Women* by Afia Atakora

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

### Among Us

Online

**Sun., Jan. 10, 7pm**

Are you addicted to Among Us? Meet up with other players for a local game. We'll chat using Discord. Register on the Library's event calendar to receive the Discord link.

### Inclusion Game Night

Online

**Wed., Jan. 13 & Feb. 10, 6:30pm**

Teens and young adults of all abilities—and their families and friends—are invited to play Solo (like UNO), Bingo, and other games online. High school volunteers are welcome. Register, and we will email links for the games.

### Kahoot Trivia

Online

**Jan. 17 to 23, Anytime**

Do you know trivia? Match wits with other trivia fans! Who will take first place bragging rights? Download the Kahoot app for your smartphone or tablet and look for games by "bataviapubliclibrary" that are ready to play.

### Teen Volunteer Craft: Make Valentine's Day Cards for Seniors

Online

**Tues., Feb. 2, 7pm**

Water Street Studios will lead you in this tutorial to make some cheerful Valentine's Day cards for seniors.

Pick up your materials kit at the Library.

### Winter Scavenger Hunt

Online

**Feb. 7–13**

If you love winter, this scavenger hunt is for you. Take photos and videos of yourself doing winter things to complete the challenges! Entries received may be used on the Library's social media. To sign up, download the GooseChase iOS or Android app, create a free account, and search for game code 5D11WM.

### Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing

Are you looking to earn volunteer hours? The Library needs you! Inclusion Game Night is still going on, and volunteers are welcome to join in the fun (see above). We also have craft kits you can make and return to the Library for volunteer credit. Call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200, and ask for a teen craft kit to be held for you for curbside pickup.

### 100 Books Before College Challenge

Ongoing

If you're looking for reading choices to get you ready for college, try this reading challenge! We'll offer lots of great book suggestions in various genres and topics, and you can keep

track of what you have read on Beanstack.

### Teen Virtual Escape Room

Ongoing

Even if you can't enter the Library, you can still play our Escape Room games! Using a cell phone or computer to look up websites to help figure out the answers is absolutely allowed. Try this Valentine's Day themed game: <https://tinyurl.com/jygg2toe2>

### ACT/SAT prep

*Tutor.com* provides on-demand tutoring, homework help, test preparation, and writing assistance in over 60 subjects seven days a week, 12pm to 12am. You can also use their drop-off reviews, practice quizzes, video lessons, and The Princeton Review SAT<sup>®</sup>/ACT<sup>®</sup> Essentials. For practice tests, visit <https://tinyurl.com/BPL-testing-center> to practice taking the ACT, SAT, GED, AP placement exams, and more. This database also provides information about scholarships and colleges.



**Winter Library Club 2021,  
Antarctic Adventure**  
Strap on your snowshoes and  
participate—Jan. 16–Feb. 28!

## The Library is open: Service in the time of Coronavirus

Every year, some 640 public libraries, including Batavia Public Library, submit the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) to the Illinois State Library. While the IPLAR is chock full of statistical, financial, and other types of pertinent information, it does not make stimulating reading.

For 2020, the Library planned to produce an easy-to-read, visually appealing annual report, which plan, of course, was nipped in the bud by COVID-19. In lieu of a traditional annual report, this column and accompanying infographic tell a somewhat different, yet equally important and timely story on *public library service in the time of coronavirus*, from mid-March to mid-December (as this column went to press).

### The Library is open

**Mid-March**—Batavia is part of a consortium of libraries (known as SWAN) that operates an online catalog. In SWAN, four public libraries (out of 93) closed in response to the infectious disease outbreak on March 13. By the next day, 64 libraries (68.8%) were open. On March 15, only 39 libraries (41.9%) were still open.

**March–May**—Based on the Governor’s Executive Order No. 8 and a directive from the Board of Library Trustees, access to the Library’s *building* was restricted, effective March 15, to essential functions. Among other changes, in-person programs and events, as well as meeting room reservations for community groups, were (and still are) cancelled. The Library’s employees began working remotely (and doing great things).

**June–July**—After 78 days of #BataviaAloneTogether, during which time only select employees were allowed in the building for essential functions, the Library’s staff members began returning to the building on June 1 with a focus on expanded community service in combination with strategies for keeping employees safe. And, on June 4, the Library began accepting returns, all of which are placed in quarantine for seven days. A new curbside service was launched on June 10 for items on hold. The same day, other employees returned to the building to provide live telephone service and offer curbside service for documents, such as résumés.

**August–October**—A new *Grab & Go* service started on Aug. 17 as patrons returned to the building by appointment, which changed to 100% walk-in traffic on Oct. 5. Service hours expanded to 48 per week on Sept. 8, then to 53 per week on Oct. 11, when the Library restored Sunday hours.

**October–December**—The virus is winning. Tier 1 of the Restore Illinois Mitigation Plan went into effect

for the counties of Kane and DuPage (Region 8) on Oct. 23. The Library reduced occupancy from 50 to 40 visitors. Tier 2 followed on Nov. 11. Then, a few days in advance of Region 8 moving to Tier 3, the Library discontinued its walk-in service on Nov. 17 and returned to curbside and virtual services only.

### Engaging the Batavia community

Even though its physical doors were closed on March 15 in response to COVID-19, the Library continued serving the Batavia community, adjusted its focus, and flung open its electronic doors wider than ever before to make a difference in the lives of its residents in many wonderful ways.

In addition to extraordinary efforts to stay in touch with the Batavia community and promote its many remarkable services during the building’s temporary closure, the Library maintained “hours of service,” even when the building was off limits. Initially for 20 hours per week, employees monitored email, telephone, and text messages and responded to queries and requests for help. Since March, service hours have increased gradually to 53 per week, including five hours on Sunday.

Even as the Library closed its physical doors (again) on Nov. 17, it continued its popular curbside services and expanded its wide range of virtual services and programs for all ages. And a new chat service was launched on Nov. 23.

You have 24/7 access to the Batavia Public Library on the Internet and social media. And you have free access to Wi-Fi (now 24/7, broadcast from the building). The Library—Batavia’s smart front door—is never closed; all you need is a library card. The Library even created a temporary electronic library card (eCard) to enable residents without library cards to access the virtual library.

### Service in the time of Coronavirus

Is the virtual library the same as the physical library? No. Truly, nothing can take the place of visiting the physical library, the building, and reading a newspaper, working on a project, or browsing the collection.

Why did we close the building once again? Frankly, it’s all about the numbers and a continuing focus on community safety. The trustees and I believe that a phased, cautious approach is important to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19, especially when the metrics are surging in Batavia and Kane County. Reducing risk for employees and patrons alike is a high priority.

Even though you cannot browse the collection at this time, the Library’s curbside services are available 53 hours per week. We encourage you to place holds on the books and other materials you want, and we are

# The Library Is Open



## CURBSIDE SERVICE



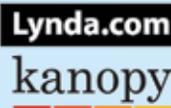
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Online Programs

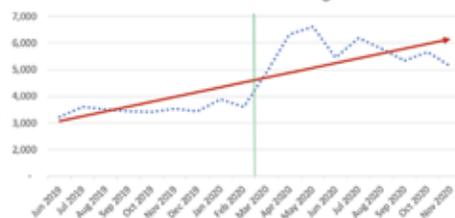


Winter Library Club

## SAFETY



eMedia Checkouts Before and During COVID-19



HERE FOR YOU



# Service in the Time of Coronavirus

happy to place holds for you—just call us, send us an email, text us, or chat with us at your convenience.

Just like the first time around, this building closure is temporary. We continue to monitor the situation and will reopen the building (again) as soon as conditions warrant. And, like you, we look forward to the day that

Illinois moves to Phase 5 of its “Restore Illinois” plan, which will allow Batavia and its remarkable Library to transition to fully open.

Thank you, Batavia, for your support! We are here for you.

George H. Scheetz, *Director*