

Batavia Public Library

Your library card can do incredible things!

Your Batavia Public Library card gives you FREE access to books, video games, DVDs, CDs, eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music, as well as databases, classes, events, museum passes—plus our unique Library of Things.

This September, during Library Card Sign-Up Month, we remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Adults living with the boundaries of the Batavia Public Library District may register for a free library card for themselves and their children under the age of 18. Registration may be done online or at the Check Out Desk. Please bring proof of identity and residency within the Library district to obtain a Batavia Public Library card. For more information, please call the Circulation Services department at 630-879-1393.

Show your BPL card for a reward

Don't have a Library card yet? Get one today! Children showing their current—NEW or existing—Batavia Public Library card at the Youth Services desk in September receive an entry for a special reward. You

Library Leader honored

Jo Ann Smith has been named a Library Leader by the Board of Library Trustees for her positive contributions

to the Library of work, volunteer involvement, and genuine leadership.

The Library will be closed:

Sunday, Sept. 5
Monday, Sept. 6

Library Hours

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

Telephone

630-879-1393
Fax: 630-879-9118
TTY: 630-879-8335
Home Delivery:
630-879-1393, ext. 290

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George H. Scheetz

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September is
**LIBRARY CARD
SIGN-UP MONTH!**

"A library card provides opportunity for discovery and access to a rich and diverse world. It empowers you to make change and experience new stories."

- MARLEY DIAS, Library Card Sign-Up Month Honorary Chair

LIBRARIES TRANSFORM ALA OverDrive Library of Things

can also stop by our creation station to make a bookmark.

Adults and teens who show their current—NEW or existing—Batavia Public Library card at the reference desk in September receive an entry for a special reward.

Marley Dias supports Library Card Sign-Up Month

Marley Dias is the witty and purpose-driven 16-year-old founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks and

author of *Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!* The international movement #1000BlackGirlBooks collects and donates children's books that feature Black girls as the lead character. Dias launched the #1000BlackGirlBooks drive in November 2015 with the help of GrassROOTS Community Foundation. The goal was to collect 1,000 books by February 2016, and to date Dias has collected more than 13,000 books.

Under the Cupola

Books unite us. Censorship divides us.

In honor of the 40th annual observance of Banned Books Week (1982–2021), we celebrate the freedom to read.

"Censorship in this country is widespread, subtle, and surprising. ... We inflict it on ourselves."—
BARBARA COHEN, author of *Molly's Pilgrim* (1983)

"There is more than one way to burn a book. And the world is full of people running about with lit matches."—RAY BRADBURY, Coda to *Fahrenheit 451*

In *The Language Police* (2003), Diane Ravitch, a historian of education at New York University and a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., documented numerous instances of how "pressure groups" go about the practice of restricting what high school students are allowed to read in classrooms... in every area of letters, including such fictional works as Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, even Watty Piper's *The Little Engine That Could*. Some of this censorship, Ravitch demonstrated in numerous examples, is "trivial, some is ludicrous, and some is

breathhtaking in its power to dumb down what children learn in school." Even more sobering was evidence she marshaled showing that the pressure to limit what children can read comes from many directions. "Both right-wingers and left-wingers demand that publishers shield children from words and ideas that contain what they deem 'wrong' models for living. Both assume that by limiting what children read, they can change society to reflect their worldview."—from *Every Book Its Reader: The Power of the Printed Word to Stir the World* (028.9 / BAS) by Nicholas S. Basbanes (2005), a book I highly recommend.

"I can hardly wait for the day that I shall be able to comb through the books in the public library."—
ANNE FRANK, 6 April 1944 (four months before her arrest)

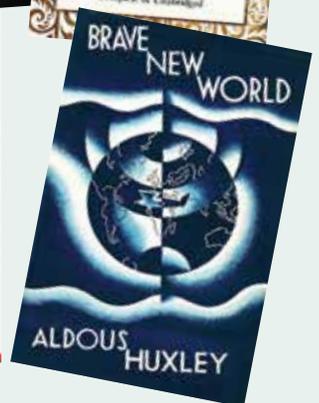
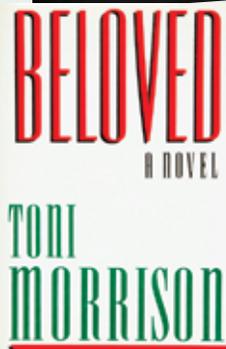
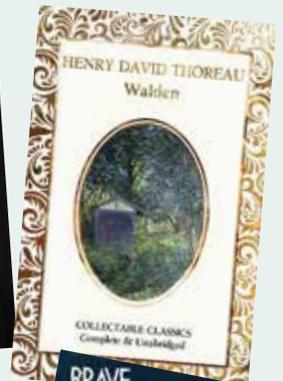
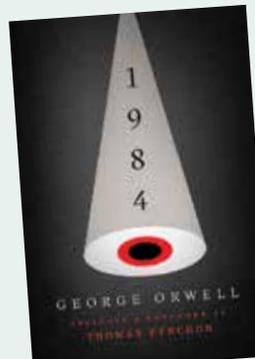
Celebrate the freedom to read during Banned Books Week (Sept. 26–Oct. 2) and every day throughout the year.

George H. Scheetz,
Director



Batavia's 100 Books That Can Change Your Life nominations open

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 response via the online form at: <https://tinyurl.com/3k958r6u>. Thank you!



Batavia Public Library

Programs and activities for youth

Program Registration: For programs requiring telephone registration, please call the Youth Services Desk, 603-879-1393 ext. 500. For all other programs please register online at BataviaPublicLibrary.org, Events Calendar.

We give priority to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration. Unless otherwise noted, registration for programs begins on the first of the month in which the program occurs. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations. Face coverings are required at children's programs.

We require advanced registration for programs designated .

Pick up supplies at the Library during Library hours for programs designated .

For Babies, Tots, and Preschoolers

Fall Storytime Registration

Fall storytimes will be offered in two 4-week sessions. Please call the Youth Services Desk, 630-879-1393 ext. 500 to register for one 4-week session beginning Sept. 1. Storytimes will be held in the Founders Room. All storytimes have participation limits and are limited to caregiver/child teams. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders. Face coverings are required at children's programs.

Baby Early Literacy Kits



Pick-up dates

Sat., Sept. 11, Oct. 9, 10am–5pm
Ages 0–23 months

Join Miss Kathleen for a short demo at 10am of what to do with early literacy activities and then take home a kit to share with your baby. If you cannot join Miss Kathleen at 10am, your kit will be available after 10:30am at the Youth Services Desk.

Toddler Time

Mon., Sept. 13–Oct. 4, 10:30am
OR

Mon., Oct. 18–Nov. 8, 10:30am
Ages 2–3 with a caregiver

Preschool Storytime

Wed., Sept. 15–Oct. 6, 10:30am
OR

Wed., Oct. 20–Nov. 10, 10:30am
Ages 3–6 with a caregiver

All Together Storytime

Thurs., Sept. 16–Oct. 7, 1pm
OR Thurs., Oct. 21–Nov. 11, 1pm
Ages 2–6 with a caregiver

Baby Storytime

Fri., Sept. 17–Oct. 8, 10am
OR Fri., Oct. 29–Nov. 19, 10am
Babies through 23 months with a caregiver

Saturday Storytime

Sat., Sept. 18, 10am

Sat., Oct. 16, 10am

Ages 2–6 with a caregiver

For Students

Homeschool Hangout

Tues., Sept. 21, 1pm

(Lego Building)

Tues., Oct. 19, 1pm

Families with children in grades K–8

Whether you are new to homeschool or have a lot of homeschool experience, bring yourself and your homeschool learners for connection and fun during our monthly get-together. In Sept., build with Library Legos, and help decide the projects and activities for future meetings.

Fall Into Reading: A Reading Challenge

Sept. 22–Nov. 28

Grades K–8

Expand your reading fun with our fall reading challenge. Earn a free book by reading one book from each of three of the following categories: Fantasy, Historical Fiction, Mystery, Animals, Science Fiction, Realistic Fiction, or Humor.

Then continue reading to complete all 7 categories to earn a second book. The challenge begins the first day of fall, Sept. 22, and continues through Nov. 28. Register on Beanstack.

Chess Knight

Tues., Sept. 28 7pm

Tues., Oct. 26, 7pm

Ages 6–14

Participants must have a basic knowledge of the game of chess.

Bookmark Contest: Decorate your Life with Books

Oct. 1–30

Grades 1–5

Use your unique talent to create an entry for our Bookmark Contest: Decorate your Life with Books! Entries are available at the Youth Services Desk beginning Oct. 1.

Book Gems

Tues., Oct. 5, 4:30pm

Ages 7–9

Join us as we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Chicago Fire. Read accounts of how the fire began, spreading throughout the city for days, and discover the connection between Chicago and Batavia. A variety of titles, both fiction or nonfiction, will be available to choose from to read about the event and may be reserved at registration. Register beginning Sept. 1 by calling the Youth Services Desk.



STEAM Lab-in-a-Bag

Wed., Oct. 6, All day
Grades K–5

Stop in on Wed., Oct. 6, and pick up a bag filled with fall-themed STEAM activities. Investigate, discover, and create with apples, leaves, and more. Bags are available while supplies last.



Design a Miniature 3D Haunted House

Thurs., Oct. 21, 6 pm
Grades 6–8

If you have a flair for the creepy, a fondness for fright, and a compulsion for crafting, join us for a ghastly DIY project. Using scrapbook paper, stickers, and other eerie decorations, create your very own mini (8.5" x 14") 3D haunted house.

Families

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month

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Summer Reading in Batavia 2021

More than 950 children from birth through 8th grade tracked their reading on the "Reading Colors Your World" reading challenge on Beanstack this summer. Children received reading rewards for their accomplishments and participated in contests, drawings, and more than 65 special activities offered during the summer months. We would especially like to thank the following businesses and organizations who generously contributed prizes for Summer Reading Club 2021.

Our THANKS to these SRC 2021 sponsors:

Abbey Farms

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Portillo's

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Center

McDonald's

Raising Cane's

Wendy's Batavia

Batavia Park District

Market

Keller's Farmstand

Museum of Science

Target

Windmill Grille

Classic Cinemas

Friends of the Batavia

Limestone Coffee & Tea

and Industry

Trader Joe's Batavia

and Pizzeria

Colonial Café

Public Library

to make a bookmark.

Make It Monthly

September: Mystery Mosaic

October: Pumpkin Hunt

November: Thankfulness Turkey

Make a trip to the Batavia Public Library every month this fall. Drop by the Youth Services Department during your visit and participate in a different children's activity each month.

Take-Home Craft Kit

Thurs., Sept. 9

Thurs., Oct. 14

All ages

Pick up a take-home craft activity in the Youth Services Department. One kit per child, while supplies last.

Free Poster Day

Sat., Sept. 11

Children may stop by Youth Services for a free book poster and sticker sheet today while supplies last.

Story Stroll

Sat., Sept. 25, 10am–4pm

Sat., Oct. 23, 10am–4pm

All Ages

What do you get when you combine exercise, fresh air, and a great story? A Story Stroll in the Library's Reading Garden, of course! Bring the family to this fun activity!

Be Prepared!—

Fire Prevention

Wed., Oct. 20, 3:30–5pm

Families

Join the Batavia Fire Department on Water St. to get an up-close look at one of their fire trucks. Learn

about the gear and equipment used by firefighters and how to be prepared if you encounter a fire. Then see us at the Library for a craft and some Fire Prevention giveaways.

Children's Musician

Laura Doherty 

Mon., Oct. 11, 10:30 am

Ages 2–8

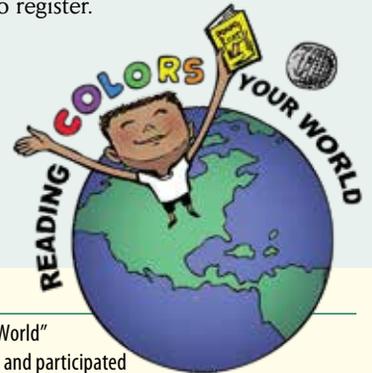
Musician Laura Doherty will present a lively concert of upbeat songs to warm the hearts of children. With an ear for a catchy melody and a passion for creating sweet, folk-inspired songs, Laura creates music that gets even the shyest wallflower up to dance. Space is limited. Please call the Youth Services Desk to register.

Lego® Building Challenge

Wed., Oct. 13, 4–7pm

All Ages

Does your family love building with Legos? Register for a 30-minute time slot to work together to build with Legos. Families will be given a bag of Library Legos to use, 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.

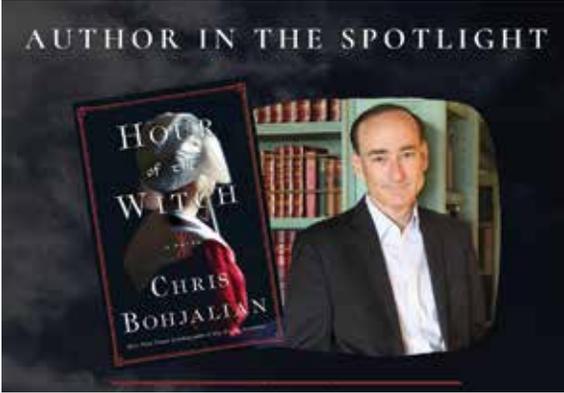


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Programs for adults and teens

Registration Information: Registration is required for some programs; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200, or register online at BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

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Feature Programs

Author in the Spotlight: Chris Bohjalian 
Wed., Oct. 27, 6:30pm
Online

Join us for an author interview! Best-selling author Chris Bohjalian will be talking about his latest book, *The Hour of the Witch*, just in time for Halloween. Boston, 1662: where every neighbor is watching for signs of the devil. Mary Deerfield finds herself accused of witchcraft when a boy she treated with herbs dies, and her servant girl runs screaming from her home.

New Lyceum Lecture Series

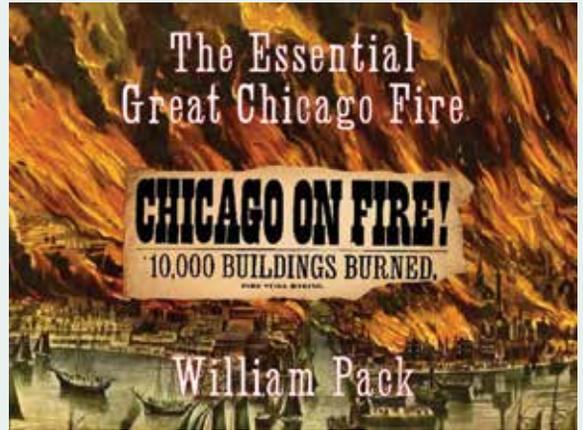
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The Essential Great Chicago Fire

Thurs., Oct. 7, 7pm

Online

2021 marks the 150th anniversary of the fire that started in a barn and nearly destroyed a city. William Pack weaves together technical details of the fire with vivid firsthand accounts from those who lived through the conflagration of 1871, bringing alive all the excitement and terror in a multi-media storytelling event that you will not soon forget.



Questions & Ancestors Genealogy Series

Researching the Great Chicago Fire and Your Genealogy

Mon., Oct. 18, 7pm

Online

Learn how the fire started, how it changed the city of Chicago forever, and how it made the city what it is today. Jenny Warner will focus on locating

records about the Great Chicago Fire and how to find information that you could have found in vital records that now don't exist because of the fire.

Surprise Me Bundles

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 online form, and librarians will find up to five items just for you to pick up later. Fill out the form here: <https://tinyurl.com/yyxgy67h>

Follow the Library on



Community Check-in with Misty & Aimee

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

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

Join us for thirty minutes of local exploration and a chance to connect with your neighbors. You will laugh with and learn from the people who make this community great. Follow us on Instagram or Facebook, and be sure to turn on notifications, so you don't miss our live streams!

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

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

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



The author, Agatha Christie

The Mystery of Living: Packing for Syria with Agatha Christie

Sun., Sept. 26, 2pm

Online

Performer Betsey Means brings Agatha Christie to life. The year is 1949 and you are at the home of the prolific British “Queen of Crime,” author Agatha Christie, creator of such famous detectives as Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple. Agatha Christie is going away, and she has some things to tell you.

Paranormal Illinois: Tales of Ghosts, UFOs, and Mysterious Creatures

Sun., Oct. 24, 2pm

Online



Just in time for Halloween, this presentation is an eerie combination of the most bizarre paranormal topics set in Illinois. Hear tales of strange cases of alien abductions, haunted places, mysterious creatures, crop circles, and everything else weird and unusual.



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Monthly Programs

Book Discussion

Tues., Sept. 14, 7:30pm 

In-person

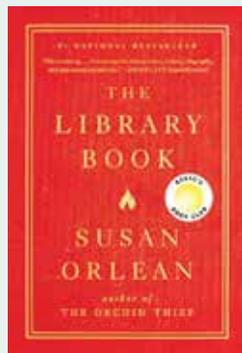
Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid
In this captivating novel about race and power dynamics, a video goes viral when a babysitter is unjustly accused of kidnapping.



Tues., Oct. 12, 7:30pm 

In-person

The Library Book
by Susan Orlean
Award-winning author Susan Orlean revisits the compelling story of the fire that started in the Los Angeles Public Library more than 30 years ago. The catastrophic fire destroyed more than 400,000 books. Unfortunately, the mystery of who started the fire remains unsolved.



November book selection: *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Batavia Public Library



The Food Mercenary Presents: Chocolate Overdose Starting Sept. 1

Online: YouTube channel

Not the best choice if you are on a diet, but a great choice if you love chocolate. Chef Niksic presents three very flexible chocolate recipes every cook should have plus a classic cookie ramped up to satisfy the deepest chocolate cravings. No registration needed!

Your Resume vs. the Robots, Part 1

Mon., Sept. 13, 10am, Online

Unfortunately, about 50–75% of applicants' resumes are never even seen by a human, and the reasons have nothing to do with skills or qualifications. Find out how to avoid online application pitfalls when Lauren Milligan of ResuMAYDAY brings Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) insider information to you. She'll show you how to work better with ATS, so your resume will get into the right hands.

Your Resume vs. the Robots, Part 2

Mon., Sept. 27, 10am, Online

Find the right keywords and how to

Teen Programs

Advance registration is required for programs designated .

Inclusion Game Night

**Wed., Sept. 8 & Oct. 13,
6:30 to 8:30pm**

In-person

We missed you! Teens and young adults of all abilities, their families and friends are welcome to play board games and card games together in person. We need to limit registration for safety, so please register for this program soon. Limit: 15.

incorporate them into your resume and LinkedIn profile with Lauren Milligan of ResuMAYDAY. She'll walk you through each step using Google, LinkedIn, Word, and a free ATS simulator program. Finally, she'll demonstrate her proven "stacking method" that guarantees a strong match score.

Sell Your Stuff Online

Wed., Sept. 22, 7pm, Online

Decluttering? Instead of discarding, get some cash by selling your old possessions online. Michael Gershbein, from Very Smart People, discusses the pros and cons of online platforms like eBay, Craigslist, Amazon Seller Marketplace, and Facebook Marketplace—and offers expert selling and safety tips.

The Food Mercenary Presents: Ciel Bleu Tomato Bisque

Starting Oct. 1

Online: YouTube channel

Learn the recipe Chef Niksic put together that became the house soup for one of Chicago's iconic 80's French restaurants, Ciel Bleu. This method also makes a tomato mother sauce with no thickening agents, no cholesterol, no sugar, no gluten, and, if desired, no dairy products.

Artist for an Evening

Thurs., Oct. 14, 6pm, In-person

Unleash your creativity by painting a seasonal picture in acrylics with Adult Services Librarian Aimee at the Library. This is a socially

distanced event; all supplies will be provided by the Library. Bring an apron or wear clothes that can get messy.

Vegan Diet How-to

Thurs., Oct 14, 7pm, Online

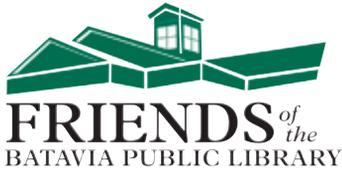
Vegan diets are becoming more and more popular. Maybe you've wanted to try it out but didn't know where to start. Join us as Diane Reinhold of the University of Illinois Extension explains the ins and outs of the vegan lifestyle.

Let's Talk Downsizing!

Tues., Oct. 19, 7pm, Online

Down-sizing can be the time to right-size. But, making sense of a lifetime of possessions down doesn't have to be overwhelming! Colleen Klimczak will lay out the process, talk about deciding what to part with and what to keep, and share resources to make it all happen.





News from the Friends

Even ghosts and goblins like to read!

Give All Hallows' Read coupon books on Halloween instead of, or in addition to, candy. Giving a coupon is like putting a book into each trick or treat bag. Each coupon allows its bearer to receive a children's or young adult book of their choice during one of the Friends' monthly book sales or from the book corner on the upper level. Coupons are valid for one year. Sets of 10 coupons will be available at the Circulation Desk for \$2.50 throughout October. Questions? Contact Friends@BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

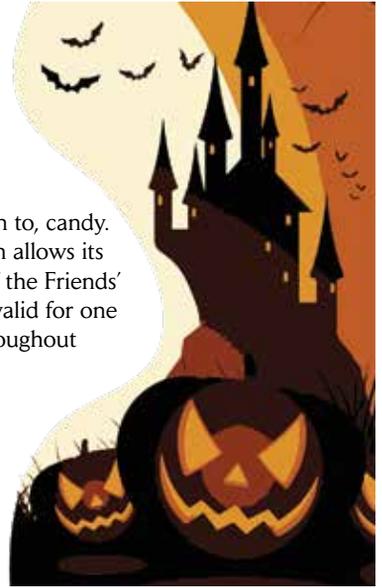
Friends Book Sales

Friends Corner, main level—everyday

FriendSpace, lower level—

Check the website for future Saturday sale dates:

bataviapubliclibrary.org/friends/



Teen Programs

Advance registration is required for programs designated .

Fall College Programs

Sponsored by Batavia, Geneva, North Aurora, St. Charles, West Chicago, and Wheaton public libraries

The College Application Process

Tues., Sept. 14, 7pm, Online

An ISAC corps member will discuss the ins and outs of the college application process.

The Financial Aid Process

Tues., Sept. 21, 7pm, Online

An ISAC corps member will outline the general financial aid process and explain how financial aid works.

The Financial Aid Process

Wed., Sept. 29, 7pm, Online

ISAC corps member Lauren Waitt will discuss college costs, the types of financial aid available, how to apply using the FAFSA, and financial aid award packages.



Don't Pay the College Sticker Price!

Mon., Oct. 4, 7pm, Online

Certified Financial Planner Joe Orsolini will discuss money-saving strategies for college planning.

Understanding College Financial Aid—and How You Can Benefit from It

Wed., Oct. 6, 7pm, Online

My College Planning Team will give a deep dive on financial strategies for affording college.

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

Wed., Oct. 20, 7pm, Online

Tom Jaworski from Quest College Consulting will discuss how to explore colleges remotely.

Five Steps to Effective College Essays

Thurs., Oct. 21, 7pm, Online

Stephanie Kennedy, professional college coach, presents this mini boot camp to prepare students of



any writing ability to launch their essays confidently.

Making Your College Search Count

Wed., Oct. 27, 7pm, Online

Julie Nelson, Regional Recruitment Director at Xavier University, will help students and parents navigate the college search, particularly in light of the pandemic.

FAFSA Workshop

Wed., Nov. 17, 7pm

In-person

Is your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form done? This program by Lauren Waitt and Martha Gutierrez from ISAC can help. If you bring a laptop, you can complete the FAFSA during the program. Registration required. Limit: 20.