

Surprising things you can find at the Library

Lifelong learning

With a Batavia Public Library card, your opportunity to learn goes well beyond books. Our online databases can open new worlds for you in genealogy, history, literature, art, health, and business.

The streaming video service, Kanopy, offers hundreds of titles from The Great Courses. These courses cover various subjects such as architecture, astronomy, literature, chemistry, career development, health, and more. Most of the lectures are less than an hour long.

Learners of every age and background can acquire a new language confidently with the interactive Mango Languages software. Follow step-by-step lessons for any of 71 different languages.

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Legal information

While our librarians cannot help you write your will, they can help you navigate the Legal Information Reference Center Plus database. It offers assistance in legal matters, exclusive full text for many top



consumer legal reference books, as well as thousands of legal forms.

Cake pans, games, and musical instruments

Besides being a resource for information, the Library offers ways to have fun without spending any money. While we have plenty of video games for patrons, our newest collection—the Library of Things—lets you borrow old-fashioned board games as well as musical instruments and fancy cake pans. Need to bake a cake shaped like a dinosaur or a snowman? In our Library of Things, you will find a collection of over six dozen cake pans in different shapes and sizes, including Bundt pans.

Passes to museums and cultural venues

The Library offers two ways to receive free admission or special discounts at participating cultural destinations. Patrons can borrow a Museum Adventure Pass and visit Chicago area cultural destinations. Or reserve through the Explore More Illinois cultural pass program and venture further from home for museums, park districts, historical societies, zoos, art centers, recreational facilities, and other Illinois attractions.



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Fri., Dec. 24
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Sun., Dec. 26
Fri., Dec. 31
Sat., Jan. 1

Library Hours

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

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Under the Cupola

The lady in red

Sarah Malinda Gammon was born 9 Nov. 1849 at Lovell, Maine, and died at San Diego, California, on 3 Jan. 1881, at 31 years old. She was the second daughter of Elijah H. Gammon and Sarah J. Cutler, who died in 1855. She married Frederick J. Huse of Chicago in December 1873; they had three children. Both Sarah and her sister, Abbie Kimball (Gammon) Harvey, died before their father built the magnificent Queen Anne house that still stands across from the Library, now known as Gammon Corner, in 1885. Both women have living descendants.



Sarah

The oil-on-canvas portrait was done in 1876, when Sarah was 26 years old. It was discovered circa 1902 in the loft of the carriage house behind the Gammon house by Elizabeth P. Prindle, wife of James P. Prindle, Jr.; they were married in October 1901 and were living for a time with his parents. (His father was the brother of Elijah H. Gammon's second wife, Jane C. Prindle; James the younger and Sarah were step-cousins. James the elder bought the home from the Gammon Theological Seminary in 1894.) Elizabeth gave the portrait to Dolores J. "Dee" Johnson, the wife of Carl A. "Pinoko" Johnson, in 1963. In 1998, Dean S. Johnson, executor of Dee's estate, presented the painting to the Library, because his mother felt very strongly that the

portrait of Sarah should remain in Batavia, in a location where it could be viewed and appreciated. A matching portrait of Abbie—both young women are wearing the same brooch—is owned by the widow of her great-grandson, James S. McChesney of Connecticut.

The artist, Theodore E. Pine, a noted portrait artist, was active for a time in Illinois and known, as well, for figure and still life paintings. He moved to Chicago in 1866; his entire studio was destroyed in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. In 1904, Pine, a great admirer of Robert E. Lee, painted a life-sized portrait of Lee, now known as the "Pine Portrait," which hangs in the Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee University.

Conservation work on the painting and its original, gilded frame—completed in June 2009 by The Chicago Conservation Center—was made possible by a gift from Pamela A. Larsen in memory of Dennis G. Larsen; and an Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State.

Come visit Sarah in the Library Leaders Reading Room and take time to enjoy "Chapter One," "Wildly Happy Reading Together," "Egghead," and the many other works of art that grace the Library and its grounds.

George H. Scheetz,
Director

Abbie



Flyleaf Bakery Café—a new chapter for the Library café

Batavia Public Library is delighted to announce the reopening of its cafe space under its new name, Flyleaf Bakery Cafe. Formerly known as Chapters Coffeehouse and Cafe, the transition comes after the previous operator turned the page to more relaxing endeavors.

Flyleaf Bakery Cafe features treats such as brownies, cookies, tarts, and more that are freshly baked by the new operators, Anne Fabing and her daughter Colleen Fabing. Striving to be a deliciously cozy corner of Batavia that nourishes the community, the Bakery Cafe also serves coffee and tea staples, as well as savory soups and sandwiches.

Located inside the main entrance of the Batavia Public Library at 10 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia, Flyleaf Bakery Cafe invites you in to cozy up, indulge in a good book, and treat yourself to a scrumptious snack. For passersby that prefer grab-and-go style, portable options are available, so don't hesitate to drop in as you pick up your holds.

Find them @FlyleafBakeryCafe on Facebook and Instagram to see what specials they are whipping up.



Batavia Public Library

Programs and activities for youth

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

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

Saturday Storytimes

Sat., Nov. 20, 10am

Sat., Dec. 18, 10am

Ages 2-6 with a caregiver

Holiday Storytime Specials

Toddler Time

Tues., Dec. 7, 10:30am

Mon., Dec. 13, 10:30am

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver

Preschool Storytime

Wed., Dec. 8, 10:30am

Thurs., Dec. 16, 10:30am

Ages 3-6 with a caregiver

Baby Storytime

Fri., Dec. 17, 10am

Babies through 23 months with a caregiver

For Students



Fall Into Reading: A Reading Challenge

Now–Nov. 28

Grades K–8

There is still time to participate in the 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 seven categories to earn a second book. Deadline Nov. 28. Register on Beanstack.



3D Pens

Tues., Dec. 28, 1 or 3pm

Mon., Jan. 3, 1 or 3pm

Grades 4–8

Love drawing and want to take it to the next level? Our new Mynt3d 3D pens are back! During this 45-minute program, you will complete a short tutorial followed by a drawing session where you can create something using a template or develop your own one-of-a-kind creation. Register for one session.



Fiber Arts Classes

Felted Bookmark: Mon., Dec. 27, 10:30am

Ages 4–9

Felted Fox: Mon., Dec. 27, 1pm

Ages 10–14

Join fiber artist Natasha Lehrer Lewis as she teaches classes on wet felting! Children ages 4–9 will make a colorful bookmark, and children ages 10–14 will create a cute fox. All supplies are included for this easy craft that uses wool to sculpt your creation. Children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

STEAM Lab-in-a-Bag

Mon., Nov. 15, All day

Thurs., Dec. 16, All day

Grades K–5

In November, stop in to pick up a balloon car kit. Learn about motion and kinetic energy as you experiment with the design of your car. In December, enjoy activities about color. Kits available all day while supplies last.

Homeschool Hangout

Tues., Nov. 16, 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.

Chess Knight

Tues., Nov. 23, 7pm

Tues., Dec. 28, 7pm

Ages 6–14

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

Perler Beads

Thurs., Dec. 30, 1 or 2:30pm
Grades 4–8

Choose from an amazing assortment of bead colors and templates to develop your one-of-a-kind creation. Register for one 45-minute session.

Families

Make It Monthly

November: Thankfulness Turkey

December: Kindness Cards

Drop by the Youth Services Department during November and December and participate in these children's activities. Write something you are thankful for on a paper feather and add it to our turkey. In December, bring some cheer to someone in need by coloring one of our printed cards. Cards will be distributed locally and through "Cards for Hospitalized Kids."

Children's Book Week

Mon., Nov. 8–Sun., Nov. 14

Help us celebrate Children's Book Week. Add the title of your favorite book to our special display. Then receive an entry into a drawing for an author or illustrator signed children's book.

Read Together—Be Together

Wed., Nov. 17, All day

Thurs., Nov. 18, All day

Celebrate Illinois Family Reading Night with this inviting take-home kit! Each kit will include materials for a DIY drink cozy, hot cocoa packets, and color-your-own bookmarks. Would you like some book suggestions to read together too? Themed mystery bag with two books and a DVD will be available

to check out and share with the entire family. Take-home kits will be available for pick up both dates.

Take-Home Craft Kit

Wed., Nov. 24

Thurs., Dec. 23

All ages

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

Bingo

Fri., Nov. 26, 11am

Wed., Dec. 29, 11am

Ages 3–14

Children age 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Story Stroll

Sat., Nov. 27, 10am–4pm

Tues., Dec. 28, 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!

Board Games

Dec. 20–Jan. 8

Are you visiting the Library during winter break? Stop by the Youth Services Desk and borrow one of our board games to play in the Library.

Movie at the Library

Fri., Jan. 7, 11am

Call the Youth Services Desk for movie title, length, and rating.

Lego Building Challenge

Wed., Jan. 5, 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



Frosty Fun

Join us for these frosty-related activities at the Library for all ages

Find Frosty the Snowman and his Frozen Friend Olaf Dec. 1–15

Find a picture of Frosty or Olaf hiding in the Youth Services Department. Bring him to the Youth Service Desk for a treat.

Drop-in Craft

Mon., Dec. 6, 4–7pm

Tues., Dec. 14, 10am–1pm

Drop-in to make a Frosty Picture Frame.

Snowman Guessing Jar

Dec. 8–22

Correctly guess how many marshmallows are in the jar for a chance to win a prize.

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.



Winter Library Club 2022

**"I ♥ Batavia
 Public Library"**

Jan. 15–Feb. 28

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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

New Lyceum Lecture Series  *The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2021–22 Season Sponsor*

**Myth or Truth?
Stories We've Heard About Early America**

Tues., Nov. 16, 7pm

Online

"This is a 'Chippendale' chair, named after the furniture maker who designed it." "George Washington personally gave this set of china to this family." Chances are, if you have visited a museum or historic house, you have heard one of these statements or something very similar. Jenny Warner will show how facts of history are tweaked, exaggerated, or enhanced to entertain museum visitors or while being passed down through family history.



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/yxyxgy67h>



**The Food Mercenary Presents:
Meat & Vegetarian Chili**
Starting Nov. 1
YouTube online

Something for everyone! Excellent high fiber, high protein, zero or little cholesterol, no sugar, no crazy hot spices, and is quickly cooked. Chef Niksic shares great insights into making a superior chili that is a meal unto itself.

Medicare Made Easy 
Thurs., Nov. 4, 10am—Online

Medicare can be confusing! Allow Hadia Bangash of CareFree Insurance Services to help you navigate the maze. No products will be sold at this informational session.

Self-Care for Busy People 
Thurs., Nov. 11, 7pm—Online

The time to practice self-care is now. Bring balance to the busyness with inspirational practices from Julie M. Gentile. You'll learn how to start journaling and everyday meditation, a grounding breathing exercise, practical self-care practices for mind, body, and spirit—and how to stay motivated to make self-care a daily, lifelong habit.

Your Smart Home 
Thurs., Dec. 2, 7pm—Online

The future is now! Apple, Amazon, Google, and others have released products to help make your home smarter. Learn what's available, what's around the bend, and all the trends.

**The Food Mercenary Presents:
Uber-Cool Gingerbread Houses**
Starting Dec. 1—YouTube online

This comprehensive, detailed gingerbread house-building video opens the door to some of the most incredible and fun "builds" you will find anywhere. All skill levels can handle this style of building. Plus, the houses will last 3–5 years when stored well! You'll even learn how to install miniature lights in strategic locations, turning them into spectacular night lights and centerpieces.

Watch this video any time starting Dec. 1 on our YouTube channel!



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

Sacagawea: Adventures with Lewis and Clark

Sun., Nov. 21, 2pm

Online

You've heard of Lewis and Clark—the men who explored the western half of the United States, the men who charted the uncharted. But how much do you know of their companion, Sacagawea? This incredible Lemhi Shoshone tribeswoman was an indispensable part of the most significant journey in U.S. history. Actress Martina Mathisen will immerse you in Sacagawea's life, experiences, and incredible journey into the Louisiana Purchase.



My Childhood Christmas

Sun., Dec. 12, 2pm

Online

Reminisce about childhood Christmas music and your favorite childhood Christmas traditions and their history. Sing along with Heather Braoudakis on songs that include "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," "Nuttin' for Christmas," and "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas."

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Community Check-in with Misty & Aimee

Tues., Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 30, 6:30pm

Tues., Dec. 7 & 14, 6:30pm

Join Misty & Aimee from Adult Services for 30 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. No registration required, but you will need a personal

Instagram or Facebook account to interact with us. So follow us, and make sure to turn on notifications, so you don't miss our livestreams!

Instagram: [instagram.com/bplbatavia](https://www.instagram.com/bplbatavia)

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Monthly Programs

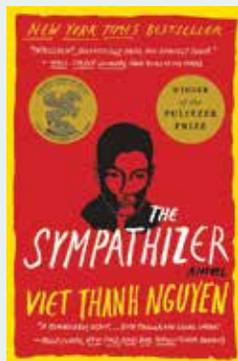
Book Discussion

Tues., Nov. 9, 7:30pm 

In-person

The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen

A Viet Cong agent spies on a South Vietnamese army general and his compatriots as they start a new life in 1975 Los Angeles. A gripping spy novel, an astute exploration of extreme politics, and a moving love story, *The Sympathizer* explores a life between two worlds and examines the legacy of the Vietnam War.



Tues., Dec. 14, 7pm 

In-person

Non-Discussion Book Discussion

Share with the group the two favorite books—new or old—that you've read this year.

January book selection:

Hollow Kingdom by Kira Jane Buxton

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Teen Programs

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Teen Do Something Volunteering Challenge On the Beanstack App through May 2022

Do something to help your community. Earn virtual badges, complete activities, and earn volunteer service hours by completing activities on the Beanstack app. Special badges are unlocked each month, so be sure to check each month for new opportunities. This program is open to grades 9–12 students who attend a school within the Batavia Public Library District service area. Please note: Be sure to ask your parent or caregiver for permission to participate in volunteer opportunity suggestions. Also, please take selfies completing or working on different volunteer projects throughout the year, as you might be asked to provide some proof of your service project completion.



Inclusion Game Night

Wed., Nov. 10 & Dec. 8, 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. However, we need to limit registration for safety, so please register for this program soon. Limit: 15. Volunteers, limit: 5.

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 the Illinois Student Assistance Commission can help. You are welcome to bring a laptop and complete the FAFSA during the program. Registration required. Limit: 20.

Ugly Sweater Cookie Contest

Wed., Dec. 1, All day

Kit pick-up

Create your ugly holiday sweater cookies and enter your best? worst? in our contest! Register and pick up your cookie kit on Dec. 1. Send us a photo of your ugliest creation by Dec. 15. (Limit: 10)



NaNoWriMo Virtual Write-In

Sun., Nov. 14, 6pm

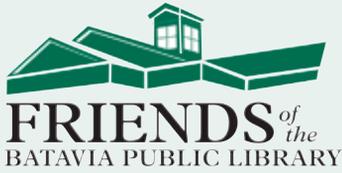
Are you doing NaNoWriMo online this year? Join us for a virtual write-in on Zoom to try some word wars and watch your word count grow! Sign up for the free challenge at nanowrimo.org. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/bplvirtualnanowrimo>.

International Games Week

Sun., Nov. 7, 7pm

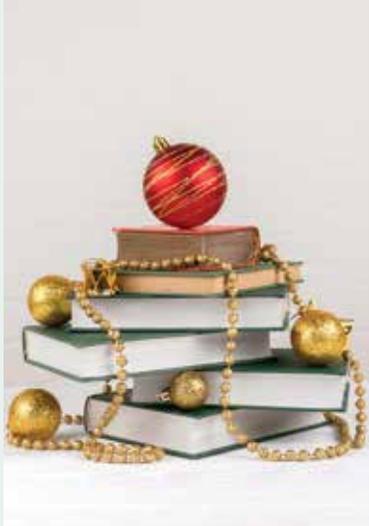
Online

Celebrate International Games Week at the Library with some online Jackbox trivia games. In addition, board and card games are available to check out from our Library of Things for those who prefer to go old-school.



News from the Friends

Holiday shopping made easy



Monthly Book Sales

FriendSpace on the lower level

Sat., Nov. 13, 9:15am–1pm

Sat., Dec. 11, 9:15am–1pm

Vintage Sale

Founders Room off the lobby

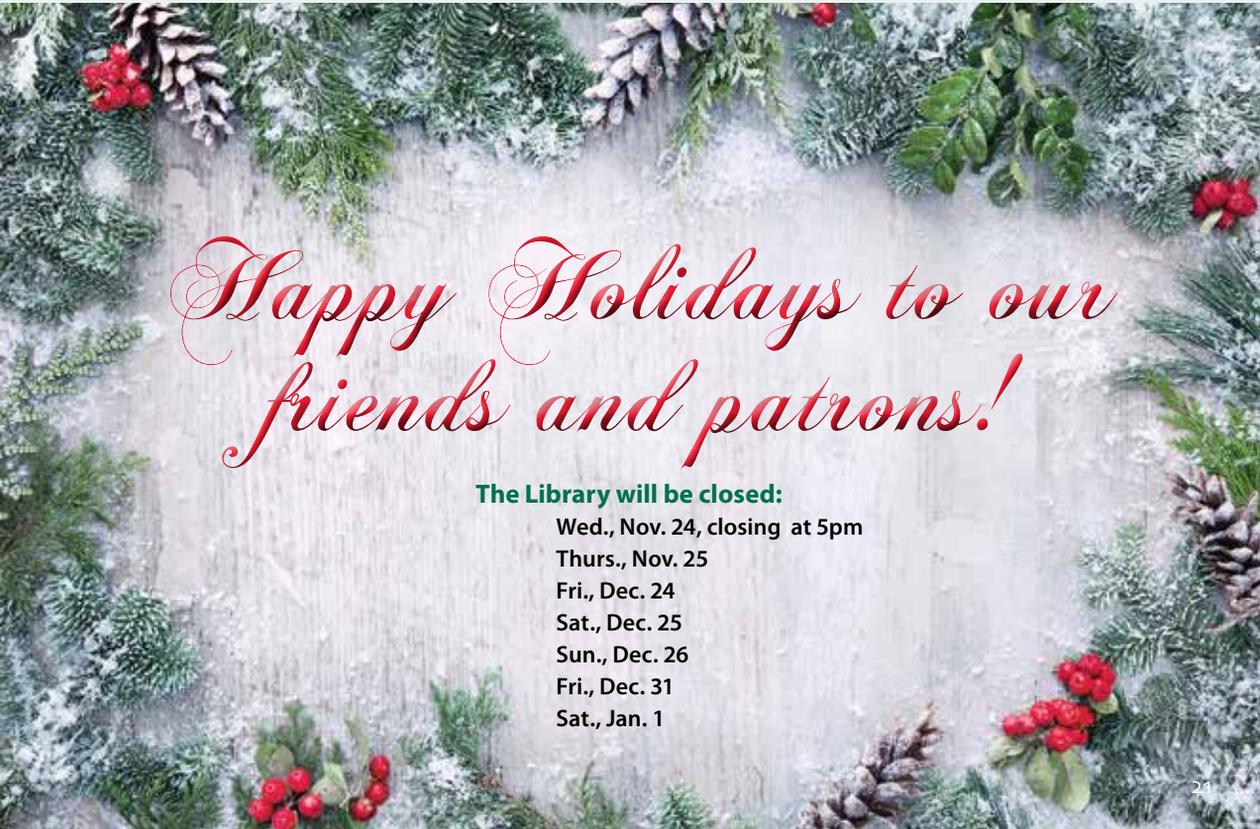
Sat., Dec. 11, 9:15am–1pm

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library are hosting two special sales on Sat., Dec. 11, offering savvy shoppers the opportunity to buy great gifts at great prices. The Vintage Book Sale will be held upstairs in the Founders Room off the Library lobby. This sale will feature a selection of classics, sets, novels, and nonfiction. After shopping the Vintage Book Sale, continue shopping downstairs at the monthly used book sale in the FriendSpace.

Book Corner

Throughout December

The Friends' Holiday Sale runs throughout December in the Friends' Book Corner across from the Check Out Desk. Gift-quality and holiday-themed books will be featured along with fiction, nonfiction, and children's books—there will be something for everyone on your list. Every book purchased helps the Friends support the Library.



Happy Holidays to our friends and patrons!

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