Summer Reading Club is almost here! Don’t miss out on reading fun and rewards.

Why join a summer reading program? Not only is it fun, but taking part in the Summer Reading Club encourages children, teens, and adults to continue reading and to develop lifelong learning skills.

This year’s theme, Read Beyond the Beaten Path, encourages readers to venture into different genres and media. Delve into books by authors you love or challenge yourself to try something new. If you haven’t tried a graphic novel or science fiction, summer is a fun time to give it a go. And being on the go during the summer, you may want books that can fit into your back pocket — try the eMedia options of eBooks and eAudiobooks.

KIDS
This year, Summer Reading Club will take you off the beaten path to discover new books and explore exciting programs. Beginning May 27, track the days you read over the summer on our newly updated Beanstack app! Record your reading to earn a free book, tickets for virtual drawings, and other rewards. Complete themed activities to earn an additional reward. If desired, print a tracking sheet to follow along on Beanstack, available on the Library website, bataviapubliclibrary.org/summer-reading-club. Blaze a trail to the Library this summer!

ADULTS/TEENS
Sign up for Summer Reading Club online at bataviapubliclibrary.org/summer-reading-club or pick up a paper reading log at the Library. Every four books read and logged via Beanstack (or submitted via paper log) will entitle you to a small prize and entry into a drawing for Batavia Chamber Bucks gift certificates. All prizes will be available for pickup at the conclusion of the program.
SPECIAL SERVICES
Inspired by “Easter eggs”–hidden features in books, movies, and video games–Egghead, the Library’s iconic book-reading sculpture, presents oft-overlooked special collections and services at the Batavia Public Library.

TAKE THE LIBRARY HOME
Connect a mobile-enabled device (such as a laptop, smartphone, or tablet) to the Internet with a Mobile Hotspot.

Let’s Bake! Check out cake pans in a glorious variety of popular shapes and characters.

Let’s Play Games! Check out video games for children, teens, and adults—or bocce, a lawn game—or board games, such as Yahtzee, Candy Land, Pictionary, and more.

In Youth Services, find Surprise Me! Bundles for ages 0–13; Discovery Kits on a wide range of STEM topics; and Early Literacy Kits, including such themes as Alphabet, Colors & Shapes, Counting, Opposites, and more.

Let’s Make Music! Explore the John W. & Eileen G. Hix Lending Library of Musical Instruments, which includes ukuleles, a digital piano, and more.

Book Club Kits (in Adult Services) gather everything you need to make your next book club meeting a success.

VISIT THE LIBRARY
The Library is a wonderful “third place,” an important social environment separate from home and work. At the Library, you can find free Notary Public service, ride a mobility scooter, charge your mobile devices, or use an Optelec print magnifier for magazines, books, and personal correspondence.

“Print from Anywhere” from your device to the Library’s printer. And the Library makes your life easier with color photocopiers and a fax machine (for modest fees), as well as a scanner (free of charge).

Or use a 3D printer to create fun, customized items or more functional things.

Do you need to take a test for a class or professional certification? At the Reference Desk, librarians proctor some 100 examinations every year.

When it’s time to take a break, visit the Flyleaf Bakery Café for a snack—or lunch.

THE LIBRARY CAN VISIT YOU
Home Delivery Service is available to patrons unable to visit the Library for health or vision reasons. Please call (630) 879-1393 ext. 290 to learn more about Home Delivery.

Thank you for 20 wonderful years at 10 South Batavia Avenue!

GEORGE H. SCHEETZ
Director

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS
Book Sales – save the dates
Saturday, May 14, 9:15 a.m.–12 p.m.
Saturday, July 9, 9:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Did you know that you can find more than just books at the Friends Book Sales? Besides recent bestsellers, you’ll find vintage treasures, puzzles, games, children’s books, and more.

Saturday book sales are held in the FriendSpace on the Library’s lower level. The sales take place on the second Saturday of every month except June. In addition, the Friends Book Corner on the Library’s upper level is an ongoing book sale where items can be purchased any time the Library is open.
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. Please check our online calendar for program additions and changes. Advance registration is required for programs designated Ø.

FEATURE PROGRAMS
Marvelous Mothers: A Mother’s Day Program
May 1-8, Watch on YouTube
Starting with the mother who inspired Mother’s Day, and her daughter who tried to stop it, hear stories of mothers who did extraordinary things in extraordinary times. Martina Mathisen brings you surprising and marvelous stories that will inspire and uplift, while celebrating mothers here and now.

Roving the Red Planet Ø
Thursday, June 30, 7 p.m., In-person
Astroeducator Michelle Nichols presents a fascinating hour about Mars. We’ve been exploring the Red Planet for decades, and there are 6 U.S. spacecraft on or orbiting Mars right now. What have we learned about Mars with our fleet of robotic visitors? Plenty! We’ll cover the past, present, and future of Martian exploration.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS
Book Discussion
Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. Ø
My Sunshine Away by M.O. Walsh
In-person
An adult narrator remembers the summer his idyllic neighborhood was shattered by a violent crime. Briefly suspected, he attempts to track down the real culprit. This noir-tinged coming-of-age story perfectly portrays a teenager’s doubts and insecurities.

Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. Ø
I’ll Be Gone in the Dark by Michelle McNamara
In-person
Three decades after a crime spree in California, true crime journalist Michelle McNamara began an obsessive investigation into the identity of the murderer, whom she named the “Golden State Killer.”

Community Check-In with Misty & Aimee
Get to know more about Batavia and the people who make it great with Misty and Aimee. Catch a Community Check-In livestream twice a month on Tuesdays or a 15(ish) Minutes of Fun video on Fridays on our Facebook or Instagram accounts. You are guaranteed to laugh and to learn something about our great town. You will need a personal Instagram and/or Facebook account to interact with us. Follow us and turn on notifications so you don’t miss our videos.

• Instagram: www.instagram.com/bataviapubliclibrary
• Facebook: www.facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary

Illinois Libraries Present
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Illinois Libraries Present: Michelle Zauner Ø
Wednesday, May 18, 7 p.m.
Online
Fresh off a tour with her band Japanese Breakfast, Michelle will discuss her bestselling memoir, Crying in H Mart, and more. Chicago author, editor, critic, and producer Jessica Hopper will join her in conversation.

Illinois Libraries Present: Chef Kwame Onwuachi Ø
Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m.
Online
A James Beard award-winning chef, Onwuachi opened five restaurants before turning 30. He was a 2015 Top Chef contestant and can currently be seen judging Food Network’s Chopped. In 2021, Onwuachi became the youngest Executive Producer at Food & Wine magazine.

Themed Surprise Me Bundle—Road Trips
May/June
Planning a road trip and need an audiobook for the whole family? Or would you prefer to explore the world from your armchair by reading a far-flung adventure? Fill out our Road Trip Surprise Me Bundle form and librarians will select up to three items and set them aside for you to pick up. Look for the form on our website during May and June and enjoy your trip!
HOW-TO COMMUNITY

The Food Mercenary Presents
Side Dishes for 3 Seasons
May 1-31, Watch on YouTube
Chef Niksic pulls out a few classics: Tequila-Lime Sweet Vegetables & Plums, Saffron Potato Pancakes, and Sun-Dried Tomato Corn Relish. Detailed cooking methods are on display in this video.

Classroom Kitchen:
Springtime in Paris
Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom
Paris is probably the most romantic city in the world! Channel your inner French chef as we make Sweet Crepes and traditional Nicoise Salad with Kristyn Slick. Register and we'll send you the Zoom link and recipes.

Como Funciona Dinero,
1era clase: Fundamento
Thursday, May 19, 7:45 p.m.
En persona
Descubra cómo construir una vida segura y un futuro de independencia financiera aprendiendo cómo hacer que tu dinero trabaje para ti.

Como Funciona Dinero
2da Clase- Conceptos
Thursday, June 16, 7:45 p.m.
En persona
2da Clase- Conceptos: Aprenda los conceptos financieros básicos de cómo funciona el dinero y los principios de oro que han permitido a millones crear estabilidad financiera y riqueza.

The Food Mercenary Presents
Decadent Ice Cream
June 1-30, Watch on YouTube
Three great recipes from Chef Michael Niksic’s tenure at La Grillade, the Chicago area’s first authentic fusion restaurant. But the good news is you will not need an ice cream machine to replicate these fine French recipes. Possibly the highest-calorie ice cream sundae ever on film.

Classroom Kitchen:
Mezze Spread
Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.
Online
The traditional Mezze Board is meant to be shared with a selection of small bites. Let’s visit the Mediterranean & Middle East as we make flatbreads and dips with Kristyn Slick. Register and we’ll send you the Zoom link and recipes.

QUESTIONS & ANCESTORS
GENEALOGY SERIES

Tips, Tricks & Little-Known Genealogical Sources of Information
Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m.
Online
If you’re hitting a brick wall or just want to add new dimensions to your family history, join presenter Ray Johnson for a look at some little-known sources of genealogical and historical information.

Google Search Strategies for Common Surnames
Thursday, June 23, 7 p.m.
Online
Discover tips and tricks to find your ancestors with common surnames or surnames that double as common words in the English language with Google. Learn how to weed out irrelevant search results to save time and get to what you want faster. Presented by Lisa Louise Cooke.
**Sundays On Stage**

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**Bikes, Gas Buggies, and Burma Shave ©**
**Sunday, May 22, 2 p.m. Live via Zoom or In-library on the big screen**

The founder of Oldsmobile, R.E. Olds, portrayed by R.J. Lindsey, narrates stories about early auto inventors: Benz, Olds, Winton, Ford, Dodge; and auto racing in Evanston and Cleveland with Barney Oldfield and Bad Luck Baker, and especially the first cross-country trips from San Francisco to New York City.

**Fish and Fetish: Travels in Africa with Mary Kingsley ©**
**Sunday, June 26, 2 p.m. In-person**

The remarkable African explorer Mary Henrietta Kingsley (1862-1900) set sail for Equatorial Africa in 1893. Betsey Means portrays this fearless woman who traveled light, refused to be carried, swam across marshlands, learned to handle a canoe single-handedly, slept under the stars, and ate whatever was locally available. Her one luxury was tea. Upon returning to England, she was an acknowledged authority on the African world.

**Teen Programs**

Advance registration is required for programs designated ©. For volunteer opportunities, look for the V.

**Volunteer Opportunities ©**
**Ongoing**

Looking to earn volunteer hours? The Library needs you!
- Inclusion Game Night volunteers are welcome to join in the fun (see below).
- We also have free tug toy craft kits you can make and return to the Library for volunteer credit. Pick up a kit at the Reference Desk or request a curbside pickup.
- For more ideas and monthly volunteering suggestions, sign up for the Teen Volunteering Challenge on the Beanstack app.

**Read Beyond the Beaten Path**

**Summer Reading Club starts May 27**

[bataviapubliclibrary.org/summer-reading-club](http://bataviapubliclibrary.org/summer-reading-club)

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**ACT/SAT prep**

Tutor.com provides on-demand tutoring, homework help, test preparation, and writing assistance in over 60 subjects seven days a week, noon to midnight. You can also use their drop-off reviews, practice quizzes, video lessons, and The Princeton Review SAT®/ACT® Essentials.

**Testing & Education Reference Center** lets you practice taking the ACT, SAT, GED, AP placement exams, and more. This database also provides information about scholarships and colleges.

**Inclusion Game Night © V**
**Wednesday, May 11 & June 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. In-person**

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. Limit: 15. Volunteers, limit: 5.

**Best Friend Paint Night ©**
**Tuesday, June 28, 6-8 p.m. In-person**

Grab your best friend and bond over acrylics at the Library. You will be painting on your own canvas, but when placed next to your friend’s canvas, you’ll have one larger creation. We will provide all supplies. All you need to bring is your creativity. Sleepover-type snacks will be served. Masks are recommended, but not required. Limit: 12.
FOR BABIES, TOTS, AND PRESCHOOLERS

Truck Tales 📘
Monday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 2-6
Love trucks? Enjoy truck stories with library staff and Gary Holm, Batavia’s Public Works director, after which children can climb aboard one of Batavia’s big trucks.

Baby Play & Learn 📘
Friday, May 20, 10 a.m.
Friday, June 17, 10 a.m.
Babies and toddlers through 23 months
Meet other caregivers, enjoy playtime with your baby, and see examples of early literacy activities. We ask that you make alternate care arrangements for older siblings.

Baby Storytime 📘
Friday, June 3, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, June 28, 10 a.m.
Babies through 23 months with a caregiver
Enjoy interactive songs, rhymes, and stories.

Storytime at the Caboose 📘
Monday, June 6, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, June 22, 10 a.m.
Ages 2-6
Join a Youth Services staff member at the Depot Museum Caboose for Storytime, weather permitting. Enjoy your favorite books, rhymes, and songs. Co-sponsored by Batavia Depot Museum and Batavia Park District.

Firefly Family Theatre presents Under the Stars 📘
Monday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.
Families with children up to age 6
Join Spark the Firefly and her friends for a visit to Firefly Grove. Sing songs, listen to the noises of the forest, and watch the stars with friends. Under the Stars includes puppets, original music, interactive movement, and lots of summer fun for families!

FOR STUDENTS

Chess Night 📘
Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, June 7-July 5, 7 p.m.
Age 6 -14
Participants should have a basic knowledge of the game of chess.

Chess Club 📘
Thursdays, June 2-23, 10 a.m.
Ages 6-14
Have you always wanted to learn how to play chess? Learn what the pieces are called, how they move, and some basic strategies for playing the game. Complete this 4-week session and join our evening Chess Night program.

Egg Drop 📘
Wednesday, June 8, 11 a.m.
Grades 4-8
Compete to see if your egg can survive the highest fall. Pick up a supply kit starting June 1. Using only the provided materials, construct your egg transport. On June 8, in the Reading Garden, watch your completed egg safety device drop from the City of Batavia bucket truck!

Plant Pals 📘
Thursday, June 9, 2 p.m.
Grades K-2
Learn about different types of seeds and plants! We’ll do a few experiments together and you’ll decorate a cup to take your seeds home to watch them grow!

Book Gems 📘
Tuesday, June 14, 2 p.m.
Gone Camping: A Novel in Verse by Tamera W. Wissinger
Grades 2-3
Young readers will talk about and enjoy activities based on this title. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Yarn & Tale 📘
Tuesdays, June 14 - July 19, 4-5:15 p.m.
Ages 8-14
Students and student/parent teams are invited to knit or crochet while listening to a story. All levels of experience welcome; basic instructions will be offered. Please bring your own knitting needles (size 10) or crochet hook (size G/H); we’ll provide the yarn.
American Red Cross Babysitter’s Training Course
Wednesday, June 15, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., lottery drawing June 3
Monday, June 27, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., lottery drawing June 16
Thursday, July 14, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., lottery drawing July 7
Ages 11-15
Learn basic babysitting skills and how to deal with emergencies in this 7.5-hour training course. Due to the popularity of this program, a lottery drawing will be held. Register for lottery drawings beginning May 23. Priority given to Batavia Library cardholders. Classes sponsored by the Batavia Library Foundation.

Travel Journals
Thursday, June 16, 1 p.m.
Ages 8-14
Stampin’ Up demonstrator Heather Wnek will teach participants how to use stamps and embellishments to create a unique travel journal that can be filled with mementos and souvenirs. Registration closes June 13.

Passport Club
Monday, June 20, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 30, 1 p.m.
Grades 1-4
Discover the art, music, food, and stories from Africa, South America, Asia, and Europe. Please register for each date individually.

Paint With Nature
Tuesday, June 21, 11 a.m.
Ages 6-10
Create a painting using materials found in nature. We’ll look in the Library’s Reading Garden for items to use as brushes and stamps. Indoors, we’ll do process-based art with the freedom to explore materials, ask questions, and discover how things work. Each child will create something unique.

Surviving the Wild: Dried Food Tasting
Wednesday, June 22, 1 p.m.
Grades 6-8
Freeze-dried foods make a fantastic non-perishable snack. We’ll sample different dried foods, rank them, and vote for our favorites. We’ll also learn strategies to dry our own fruit. Please share any food allergy information.

Story Stroll at the Library Reading Garden
Saturday, May 28
Saturday, June 25
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
All ages
What do you get when you combine fresh air, light exercise, and a good book? A Story Stroll of course! Enjoy a Story Stroll in the Library Reading Garden.

Camp BPL Activities
Mondays-Saturdays beginning June 6
All ages
Stop by Camp BPL for special activities throughout the summer, crafts, scavenger hunts, guessing jar, and more!

Craft at Engstrom
Friday, June 10, 10–11 a.m.
Ages 3-14
Join Library Youth Services staff at Engstrom Park for an easy drop-in craft, weather permitting.

Children’s Book Swap
Saturday, June 11
All ages
Hey kids! Do you have books you’ve read and would like to pass on? Bring up to three books per person (appropriate for children, infants through middle school) to exchange for books that are new-to-you! All leftover books will be donated.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Application deadline May 20
Batavia students entering grades 6-9
The Youth Services Department will accept applications for a limited number of volunteers this summer. Junior volunteers are scheduled for one hour per week during one of two volunteer sessions. They may be asked to straighten shelves, make copies, prepare crafts or other projects, or help with a program.
Pick up an application at the Youth Services Desk or print a copy from the Library’s website. A limited number of volunteer openings are available. Scheduling will be based on the date the application is returned to the Youth Services Department.

Drop-In Craft
Monday, May 9, 4-7 p.m.
Thursday, May 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Wednesday, June 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday, July 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
All ages
Drop-in craft activities. Children ages six and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

FAMILIES
Free Comic Book Day
Saturday, May 7
Children may stop by the Youth Services Desk for a free comic book today while supplies last.

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Family Camp-In 🕆 Friday, June 24, 6:30–8 p.m.  
Families  
Love camping? This after-hours family “camp-in” at the Library includes various activities, a craft, photo booth, and refreshments. A caregiver must accompany children as they rotate around activities then enjoy a presentation by Sharon Peterson of Incredible Bats. Meet a bat and skunk, along with other live animals you might encounter on a campground. In-person advance registration required.  
$1 per person or $5 per family required at registration. Due to the nature of this program, we will be unable to accommodate walk-ins at the event.

Bingo at Big Woods 🎑 Wednesday, June 29, 11 a.m.  
Ages 3-14  
Join us at Big Woods Park for outdoor Bingo!! Bring a blanket or lawn chair. We’ll provide the Bingo cards and fun. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Thanks to Batavia Park District for co-sponsoring this event. Weather permitting.

JULY SNEAK PEEK!  
See the Events Calendar on the Library website for a complete listing of July events. Registration for July events begins Monday, June 27.

Games Galore  
Tuesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
All ages  
Drop in to play a variety of games: board games, giant games, and more.

Off Beat Duct Tape DIY 🎁 Wednesday, July 6, 11 a.m.  
Ages 8-14  
Use duct tape to make your own handy water bottle holder and sit-upon.

Stuffed Animal Campout & Picnic 🎈 Thursday, July 7, 3-6 p.m. drop off  
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Spin the Wheel for Reading!  
Beginning May 16  
Ages 0-14  
Show us that you are registered for Summer Reading Club 2022 on the Beanstack app or register in-person at the Youth Services Desk and Spin the Wheel for a reward. One spin per person, please!

Read Beyond the Beaten Path!  
Beginning May 27  
Summer Reading Club 2022 begins TODAY!

SRC Kick-off  
Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m.  
Full of energy, humor, and imagination, Chris Fascione creates colorful characters through his unique combination of acting, storytelling, comedy, and juggling. Adults and children alike have fun participating in his show. Join us in the Reading Garden for the performance (weather permitting), followed by ice cream and face painting by Terri Mate. Sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.