Are you a big reader, or do you hardly ever pick up a book? Why not enjoy the lazy days of summer by taking a reading break? This year’s Summer Reading Club encourages you to be adventurous and Read Beyond the Beaten Path. You can do this by changing up your usual reading genre: your reading adventure could have you diving into the latest bestseller, losing yourself in a romance, scaring yourself silly with a thriller, or exploring the ocean depths with nonfiction.

You can also go beyond your usual by trying a different reading mode – experience a graphic novel, an audiobook, or an eBook on your mobile device. There is still time to sign up for the Summer Reading Club. All ages can explore outside their usual boundaries and earn rewards this summer when they join the Library’s Summer Reading Club (now through Aug. 8). Register online using the Beanstack app or pick up a log in the Library. Then start reading and earning rewards plus a chance at winning an end-of-summer prize. You’ll find the complete information on our website at BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

Whether you are just joining the Summer Reading Club or have already filled a log, these Reading suggestions can help you find your next read.

**Kids’ reading recommendations:**
- **You can call us!** 630-879-1393 ext. 500.
- **Check our website:** bataviapubliclibrary.org/ youth-book-lists
- **Kids’ Book Lists** – whether you have a reluctant reader or a budding bookworm, check out these surefire, kid-tested titles.
- **Surprise Me! Bundle** - let us know what you like to read, and we’ll match you up with some terrific books, movies, video games, or other materials.
- **New Books in Youth Services** reviews picture books, early readers, nonfiction, and fiction.
- **Book Gems in July** – where young readers enjoy a book discussion and activities. Register through the event calendar.

**Adults and Teen reading recommendations:**
- **You can call us!** 630-879-1393 ext. 200.
- **Check our website:** bataviapubliclibrary.org/ all-about-books
- **Surprise Me! Bundle** – let us know what you like, and we will select a personalized bag full of materials for you.
- **Good Reads** blog gives you longer book reviews plus read-alikes.
- **My Librarian** pages on our website list the types of books each of our Adult Services librarians like to read—plus their suggestions.
- **Your Next Read** – answer a few questions online about your reading likes and dislikes, and our librarians will respond with a reading list chosen just for you.
- **Register for a summer book discussion** – *Hollow Kingdom* by Kira Jane Buxton in July or *Leaving Atlanta* by Tayari Jones in August.
- **Try some of the books that made the final round of this year’s Tournament of Books.**

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**The Library will be closed:**
Monday, July 4

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“Whence Batavia? Part 1, Fair Meadows”

Once upon a time, when Jeffery D. Schielke was not yet mayor, but rather a member of the Fourth Estate, he wrote a newspaper column called “Batavia’s Fair Meadows.” Whence “Fair Meadows”?

In March 1956, Miriam H. Johnson, Batavia’s librarian, published a query in “On the Shelf,” her own newspaper column. “On the debit side,” wrote Johnson, “we have been unable to answer the request for the meaning of the name ‘Batavia.’ Since Batavia, Java, was settled by the Dutch, we surmise that the word might have a meaning in that language, but so far we have been unsuccessful in our search. Can anyone help us?”

Batavia, Java — established in 1619 as the capital of the Netherlands (or Dutch) East Indies by the United East India Company of the Netherlands – is better known today as Jakarta, Indonesia.

Lo and behold! “Batavia does have a meaning!” exclaimed Johnson in April 1956. “And a beautiful meaning it is – Fair Meadows. This information came to us from John Gustafson, Batavia’s No. 1 local historian. Mr. Gustafson located this unusual fact in An American Doctor’s Odyssey, by Victor Heiser, page 462. Dr. Heiser describes his visit to Java for the Rockefeller Foundation and tells about visiting the old capital, Batavia.”

“In Batavia,” according to Heiser, “which ironically enough means Fair Meadows,” the 17th century Dutch colonists “clung intrepidly to the homes they had erected there,” despite the heat and insect life of the tidal flats.

“It would seem that our Batavia,” concluded Johnson, “unlike the old Batavia, is appropriately named, for we are truly surrounded by ‘Fair Meadows.’ Thanks to John Gustafson for this interesting and little-known information.”

Schielke confirmed the origin of his column’s title in June 1976. “Batavia is the old Dutch word that describes a fair meadow,” he explained, as he described the Batavia area in 1833 as “far from a fair meadow.”

Look for the conclusion (Part 2) and learn about the “Batavian identity” in the next issue of The Batavian. In the meantime, visit www.BataviaHistory.org to learn more about Batavia’s history.

GEORGE H. SCHEETZ
Director

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Stock Your Classroom Sale!
Saturday, Aug. 6, 9:15 a.m.-1 p.m., in the FriendSpace
- Open to all teachers - including preschool teachers, daycare workers, home educators, and those who teach and mentor kids
- Books for kids, teens, and adults
- Most books half price – prices start at $0.25 for paperbacks and $.50 for hardcovers
- The price for all educator materials is $0.25

Book Sale!
Looking to purchase books at bargain prices?
Sales in the FriendSpace on the lower level.
Saturday, July 9, 9:15 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 13, 9:15 a.m.-1 p.m.
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 📈.

HOW-TO COMMUNITY

Not Your Grandmother's Polish Side Dishes
Watch online anytime July 1-31
Great for year-round meals. Plucked from Chef Michael Niksic’s eBook *Hearty & Healthy Polish Cooking*, these are definitely not your grandmother’s recipes! However, the vodka vegetables are a favorite and were featured on several local network TV stations. tinyurl.com/HowToCommunity

Classroom Kitchen: Thai-Inspired Grilling 📈
Thursday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. 
Online
Grilling doesn’t just have to be about burgers and hot dogs. This summer, impress your friends and family with some Thai-inspired grilling: kebobs and flatbread pizzas. The flavors are bright and vibrant, just like the feel of summer!

30 Things Under $30 to Do in Chicago 📈
Wednesday, July 20, 7 p.m. 
In-person
From prominent museums to little-known attractions, make the most of your weekend or staycation by learning how to take advantage of everything Chicago offers—without breaking the bank. In this presentation, Jez Layman highlights 30 deals and free options ranging from history and culture to green spaces to quirky sites off the beaten path.

How Money Works:
Part 3: Protection 📈
Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m. 
In-person
In the third of a monthly series of bite-sized programs, discover the importance of protecting yourself and your family from life’s unexpected events before charting the rest of your journey!

Cómo Funciona Dinero:
3era Clase- Protección 📈
Thursday, July 21, 7:45 p.m. 
En persona
¡Parte de una serie de programas informativos en trozos pequeños, descubra la importancia de protegerse a sí mismo y a su familia de los eventos inesperados de la vida antes de trazar el resto de su camino financiero!

Classroom Kitchen: Farmer’s Market Homemade Ravioli 📈
Thursday, Aug. 4, 6:30 p.m. 
Online
A sun-inspired class focused on fresh seasonal veggies, whether from the produce aisle or your summer garden, combined with the art of homemade ravioli.

Smartphone Photography 101 📈
Thursday, Aug. 4, 7 p.m. 
In-person
They say your “best camera” is the one you have with you. So how can you make the most of the incredible tool you carry around every day if that’s true? Learn mobile photography tips and tricks, explore options for editing your creations, and begin to transition from taking pictures to making pictures.

How Money Works:
Class 4: Short Term 📈
Thursday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m. 
In-person
In the fourth of a monthly series of bite-sized programs, learn how you can get your financial affairs in order so you can live in confidence. The time to act is NOW!

Cómo Funciona Dinero:
4ta Clase: A Corto Plazo 📈
Thursday, Aug. 18, 7:45 p.m. 
En persona
Parte de una serie de programas informativos en trozos pequeños, aprenda cómo puede poner en orden sus asuntos financieros para que pueda vivir con confianza. ¡El momento de actuar es AHORA!

Telephone & Online Interviews 📈
Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m. | In-person
Many employers turn to technology to interview candidates using video platforms, screening by phone call, or requiring a pre-recorded interview. Unfortunately, for the interviewee, this method of interviewing involves preparation and a solid impression to be successful. Come learn from workNet Batavia how to position yourself for success on your next virtual/phone interview!
MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Book Discussion 🎬
Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m.
*Hollow Kingdom* by Kira Jane Buxton
In-person

The apocalypse is coming. Humans are becoming shells of their former selves, nature is taking over, and the animals band together. S.T., a crow, raised by a human in Seattle, must learn to adjust to the new world order. A finalist for the 2020 Thurber Prize for American Humor.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m.
*Leaving Atlanta* by Tayari Jones
In-person

Set during the Atlanta child murders, this lyrical and poignant story is told through multiple viewpoints.

September book selection: *Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver

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 or a 15(ish) Minutes of Fun video on our Facebook or Instagram accounts. You are guaranteed to laugh and to learn something about our great town. No registration is required, but you will need a personal Instagram or Facebook account to interact with us. Follow us and turn on notifications, so you don’t miss our videos! #bplcommunitycheckin #bpl15minoffun
- Instagram: [www.instagram.com/bataviapubliclibrary](http://www.instagram.com/bataviapubliclibrary)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary)

FEATURE PROGRAMS

Speed Dating with Books
Saturday, July 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Reading Garden
Are you a book lover looking for your next good read? Join us for this fun event for adults during Windmill City Festival, where Library trustees and librarians will introduce you to the books we can’t stop talking about. One of these books might be the perfect match for your reading tastes. No registration is required; drop by the Library Reading Garden. (Rain location: Founders Room.) Offered in partnership with Batavia Park District.

Themed Surprise Me Bundle—Mountains/Beaches/Forest
July/August
There’s no mountain high enough to keep us from getting books to you! The July/August Themed Surprise Me Bundle will take you to the mountains, the forest, or the beach for a great escape. Are you looking for a fun beach read or a gripping tale of survival on an icy mountainside? Then fill out the online form for the Mountains/Beaches/Forest Surprise Me Bundle during July and August. Librarians will select up to three special items and set them aside for you to pick up. Fill out the form here: [https://tinyurl.com/rsyb3nbe](https://tinyurl.com/rsyb3nbe)

Coming up in September/October—Get Outdoors Themed Surprise Me Bundle.

QUESTIONS & ANCESTORS GENEALOGY SERIES

Through the Golden Door: Immigration After the Civil War 📚
Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m. | Online via Zoom
Before the Civil War, America’s doors were open to all, with few restrictions. Afterward, the laws tightened, with exclusions, quotas, and even required visas. So how did the immigration laws affect your ancestors who immigrated after the Civil War? What hoops did they jump through to enter America’s “golden door?”
Register at [tinyurl.com/4j9e4yxb](http://tinyurl.com/4j9e4yxb)
SUNDAYS ON STAGE
The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2022 Season Sponsor

The Future is Now: Architectural Tour of the World 🌍
Sunday, July 31, 2 p.m.
In-person
Buckle your seat belts and get ready for a surprising tour right from your seat. The international traveler, Jasmine Blaze (as played by educational entertainer Martina Mathisen), takes you around the globe to discover the fantastic superstructures that have stunned the world.

The Music & Influence of Peter, Paul & Mary and the Kingston Trio 🎼
Sunday, Aug. 28, 2 p.m.
In-person
Join musician and historian Steve Justman for the story and songs of Peter, Paul & Mary, and the Kingston Trio. These influential folk music groups put guitars and banjos into the hands of millions and taught them the songs to sing and play.

TEEN PROGRAMS
Advance registration is required for programs designated 🗣. For volunteer opportunities, look for the 🗣.

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 below).
- • We also have free tug toy craft kits you can make and return to the Library for volunteer credit. Visit the Reference Desk for a kit or ask for a kit to be held for curbside pickup.

Inclusion Game Night 🗣 🗣
Wednesday, July 13 & Aug. 10, 6:30 to 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. However, we need to limit registration for safety, so please register for this program. Limit: 15. Volunteers, limit: 5.

Yarn Bomb the Reading Garden 🗣
Saturday, July 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
In-person
Bring your family and friends to the Library Reading Garden for a yarn bomb! Not sure what that is? We will be wrapping yarn around tree limbs, benches, light posts, and anything else within the Reading Garden outside of Youth Services. Yarn will be provided. Prior knowledge of knitting, crocheting, braiding, or knotting is not required. Registration is not required.

Customize Your Space 🗣
Tuesday, July 26, 7 p.m.
In-person
Are you heading off to college this fall? Or maybe you’re looking to give your living space a facelift? Please stop by the Library, where we’ll have an assortment of items and supplies to help you bring personality to otherwise drab things. Registration required. Limit: 15

ACT Practice Test 🗣
Saturday, Aug. 27, 1-4 p.m.
In-person
Back by popular demand (from your parents), take an ACT practice test in the library meeting room. Sponsored by C2 Education. Registration required. Limit: 12

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. For practice tests, visit Testing & Education Reference Center to practice taking the ACT, SAT, GED, AP placement exams, and more. This database also provides information about scholarships and colleges.
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

Program Registration: For programs requiring telephone registration, please call the Youth Services Desk, 630-879-1393 ext. 500. For all other programs, please register using the online events calendar at BataviaPublicLibrary.org. Unless otherwise noted, July and August program registration begins June 27. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

Advanced registration is required for programs designated 🌈. Batavia Park District co-sponsored events are marked with *.

FOR BABIES, TOTS, AND PRESCHOOLERS

Storytime at the Caboose *
Thursday, July 14, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m.
Ages 2–6

Signing Fun 🌈
Friday, July 15, 10 a.m.
Ages 0–18 months with a caregiver
Friday, July 15, 11 a.m.
Ages 18–36 months with a caregiver
Licensed sign language interpreter, Sheryl Ebersold, will show how to incorporate sign language into daily activities with signs, songs, and more.

Toddler Time 🌈
Monday, July 25, 10 a.m.
Ages 2–3
Stories and more for toddlers.

Baby Storytime 🌈
Tuesday, July 26, 10 a.m.
Babies through 23 months with a caregiver
Enjoy interactive songs, rhymes, and stories.

Toddler Art 🌈
Tuesday, Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 2–3
Toddlers will create show-stopping art at this fun event for budding artists. Enjoy stations that include stickers, coloring, and vegetable stamping.

Baby Play & Learn 🌈
Friday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m.
Babies through 23 months with a caregiver
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.

FOR STUDENTS

Yarn & Tale 🌈
Continues Tuesdays, July 5–19, 4-5:15 p.m.
Ages 8–14
Please call for space availability. Students and student/caregiver teams are invited to knit or crochet while listening to a story. All knitting and crochet experience levels welcome. Please bring your own knitting needles (size 10) or crochet hook (size G/H).
Off Beat Duct Tape DIY 🌟
Wednesday, July 6, 11 a.m.
Ages 8–14
Are you traveling off the beaten path this summer? Use duct tape to make your own handy water bottle holder and sit-upon.

Paws for Tales 🐾
Saturday, July 9, 10 a.m.–11 a.m.
Grades 1–4
Children will practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a specially trained therapy dog or cat. The goal of Paws for Tales is to create a positive, non-threatening, and fun environment to enjoy reading aloud. Register for a 15-minute time slot. Presented by the Naperville Area Humane Society.

Passport Club 🎨
Monday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 28, 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.

American Red Cross Babysitter’s Training Course 📚
Thursday, July 14, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Ages 11–15
A 7.5-hour training course in which students learn basic babysitting skills and how to deal with emergencies. Participants must attend the entire session. Due to the popularity of this program, we will hold a lottery drawing on July 7. Registration for the lottery drawing is already in progress. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders. Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation.

Calligraphy Camp 🎨
Tuesday, July 19, 2 p.m.
Thursday, July 21, 2 p.m.
Grades 5–8
Do you enjoy being creative and trying new things? Are you interested in learning calligraphy using ink? Then register for a two-day calligraphy camp with Miss Rachel, a Youth Services staff member and calligraphy enthusiast. You’ll learn how to use a nib and ink, practice basic strokes, and create a set of personalized cards to give to your friends and family. No prior experience is needed! Participants must attend both classes.

Book Gems 📚
Friday, July 22, 2 p.m.
Bad Kitty: Camp Daze by Nick Bruel
Grades 2–3
Young readers will talk about this title and enjoy activities based on this title. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Get Certified: Button Maker 🌟
Friday, July 29, 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 a.m. or 12 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 25, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30 p.m.
Grades 5–8
Don’t have button envy! Create buttons using the Library’s mini button maker. During this 30-minute class, you will learn the ins and outs of using the button maker and get certified so you can use the button maker any time the Library is open. Please note supplies for this program are free. However, there will be a small supply fee for future personal button-making sessions. Please register for only one class.

Perler Beads 🌟
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Grades 4–8
Perler Beads are back by popular demand! Choose from a fantastic assortment of bead colors and templates. Then develop your own one-of-a-kind creation. Register for one 45-minute session.

FAMILIES Camp BPL Activities
All Ages
Stop by Camp Batavia Library often this summer for special activities featuring crafts, scavenger hunts, and more. Camp activities will be available Monday-Saturday.

Drop-In Craft 🎨
Friday, July 1, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
All ages
Drop-in craft activities.
Children aged 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
Games Galore
Tuesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 4, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
All Ages
Stop by Youth Services to play a variety of games for all ages inside the Library and outdoors in the Library Reading Garden.

Chess Night ⚒
Tuesdays, July 5-Aug. 9, 7 p.m.
Age 6-14
Participants should have a basic knowledge of the game of chess.

Stuffed Animal Campout 🛬
Thursday, July 7, 3-6 p.m. drop off
Friday, July 8, 10:15 a.m. pick-up, photo reveal, and Stuffed Animal Picnic
Ages 4-8
Is your favorite stuffed animal begging to go to sleepaway camp this summer? Sign them up for a night of silly fun at our Stuffed Animal Campout. Your animal friend will spend the night exploring the Library, meeting other stuffed animals, and having the best time of their lives! Then, the following day, see photos of stuffed animal mischief at their campout. Bring your blanket or chair and join us for a stuffed animal picnic in the Library Reading Garden following the photo reveal.

Lego Building Challenge ⚒
Tuesday, July 12, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
All Ages
Are you looking for something fun for the family? Register for a 30-minute time slot to work together to build with Legos. We will give families 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 one week. Register by calling the Youth Services Desk at 630-879-1393 x500.

Nature Bingo ⚒
Wednesday, July 13, 11 a.m.
Ages 3-14
Create your Nature Bingo card with Stampin’ Up demonstrator Heather Wnek. We’ll play several rounds of Nature Bingo and then move on to traditional Bingo.

Story Stroll at the Library Reading Garden
Saturdays, July 23 & Aug. 27
10 a.m.–4 p.m.
All ages
When you combine fresh air, light exercise, and an enjoyable book, what do you get? A Story Stroll, of course! Enjoy a Story Stroll in the Library Reading Garden.

Bingo ⚒
Wednesday, July 27, 11 a.m.
@ Big Woods Park *
Friday, Aug. 12, 11 a.m.
@ the Library
Ages 3-14
We will meet for Bingo at the pavilion at Big Woods Park in July! (weather permitting) Bring a blanket or lawn chair. In August, come to the Library for indoor Bingo. We’ll provide the Bingo cards and fun. A caregiver must accompany children.

Movie
Monday, Aug. 15, 11 a.m.
All Ages
Call Youth Services for the movie title.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER READING CLUB SPONSORS
Abbey Farms, Batavia Creamery, Batavia Park District, Brookfield Zoo, Bulldog’s Red Hots, Chick-Fil-A, Chuck E. Cheese, Classic Cinemas, Colonial Café, Culver’s North Aurora, Fermilab Arts and Lecture Series, Flyleaf Bakery & Café, Friends of the Batavia Public Library, Funway Ultimate Entertainment Center, Kane County Cougars, Keller’s Farmstand, Kimmer’s Ice Cream, Kuiper’s Family Farm, Learning Express Toys, Limestone Coffee & Tea, McAlister’s Deli, McDonald’s, Naper Settlement, Oberweis, Portillo’s, Raising Cane’s, Trader Joe’s, Wal-Mart, Wendy’s, Windmill Grille & Pizzeria

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