SEPTMBER IS THE PERFECT MONTH TO SIGN UP FOR A LIBRARY CARD

One needs only to wander among the stacks to know that a library card unlocks an incredible world of possibilities.

The Batavia Public Library will mark Library Card Sign-up Month this September. Throughout the month, we encourage you and your family to explore everything we have to offer, such as new children’s books, the Library of Things, homework resources and 3D printing.

This year, we are leading the charge to help every Batavian obtain a library card and check out something incredible. Our minds can stretch as we learn about new places, cultures and customs. Time seems to freeze when we become immersed in a truly great story. And the more knowledge, enjoyment and experiences we gain through using our library card only helps to strengthen our power to change our lives and help make the world a better place. That’s pretty incredible when you pause to ponder it.

The Batavia Public Library and libraries nationwide join the American Library Association in September to show residents how they can flex their creative and intellectual muscles by maintaining and using a library card.

Each September since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has marked the beginning of the school year. It’s timed rather perfectly, and reminds parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Libraries play an important role in educating children and developing their young minds by offering a variety of programs that spark creativity and stimulate an interest in reading and learning. A library card gives students the tools they need to succeed, not just in the classroom, but throughout their lives. Individuals of all ages gain enhanced opportunities to pursue their dreams, explore new passions and interests, and find their own unique voices.

Library cards unlock access to other worlds, new and popular technology, an array of multimedia content and educational programming that truly empowers them.

We never know what we might accomplish until we use our own special powers.

Registering for a library card at Batavia Public Library costs nothing. Residents may sign up for a library card at 10 S. Batavia Ave.

Check out the library of the future while checking out a new book, DVD, or even a puppy, stork or hot lips cake pan.
"Whence Batavia? Part 2, The Batavian Identity"

In Part 1, we learned that “Batavia” means “fair meadows” – a beautiful folk tale. In Part 2, we discover a somewhat different story.

The name “Batavia” came from the Batavi, an ancient Germanic tribe, which lived in the area of the Rhine-Maas delta in the central Netherlands. The tribal name probably was derived from the Proto-Germanic batawjō (“good island”), from bar- “good, excellent” and awjō “island, land near water.” This region now is known as Betuwe, a Dutch word derived from “Batavia.”

Roman historian Publius Cornelius Tacitus (ca. 56–120 AD) lavishly praised the Batavians for their courage and love of freedom. His writings were the cornerstone of the so-called “Batavian myth,” versions of which, often fictional rather than factual, were presented to generations of Netherlanders in various ways. During the Renaissance in the Low Countries (1500s), when Tacitus’ works became available once more, Dutch nationalists formed the “Batavian myth” and argued that the ancient Batavians were the ancestors of the Dutch.

The Dutch started to call themselves Batavians, and a carefully conceived “Batavian identity” was promulgated in literature and the arts during the Dutch Golden Age (1600s), particularly in periods of political uncertainty. In the mid-1600s, for example, the Batavian myth informed a number of paintings, as the Dutch, once again, looked for a distinct identity after the Treaty of Münster (1648) and the end of the war with Spain. One such painting was “The Conspiracy of the Batavians under Claudius Civilis” (dated 1661–1662) by Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1606–1669), which portrayed the moment of the Batavians’ oath in the sacred grove as described by Tacitus, Histories IV, 14.

The Dutch carried the name “Batavia” to their colonies – including Java and Suriname – during the Republic of the Seven United Netherlands (or Dutch Republic, 1581–1795), which was succeeded by the short-lived Batavian Republic (1795–1806).

Batavia, Illinois, was named for Batavia, New York, which was named in 1802 for the Batavian Republic in honor of the Holland Land Company. That was a syndicate of 13 Dutch investors that purchased 3,250,000 acres in western New York in the late 18th century. The name “Batavia” ultimately spread to several states; visit www.BataviaHistory.org for a complete list.

And for more on this topic, visit www.pechakucha.com/presentations/a-hitchhiker-s-guide-to-batavia for a presentation on “A Hitchhiker’s Guide to Batavia” from PechaKucha Batavia.

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Director
How-To Community

Classroom Kitchen: Stone Fruit Custard Tart
Thursday, Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom
This tart is a late-summer showstopper yet surprisingly simple to make. This layered stone fruit tart recipe is a gorgeous dessert to serve to guests at your end-of-summer soiree. Taught by Kristyn Slick. Register to be emailed the class link and recipes.

How Money Works
Cómo Funciona Dinero

How Money Works:
Part 5: Long Term
Thursday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.
In person
Master the techniques used to create financial independence along with techniques to protect your wealth as a legacy for your family. It's all about the long game.

Cómo Funciona Dinero,
5ta Clase- Largo plazo
Jueves, 22 de septiembre, 7:45 p.m.
En persona
Domine las técnicas utilizadas para crear independencia financiera junto con técnicas para proteger su riqueza para dejar como un legado para su familia. ¿Se trata del juego a largo plazo?

Instagram Reels
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.
In person
Let's have some fun creating Reels on Instagram! You will learn how to choose your music, add photos and/or videos, edit videos, and add text. We will work together step-by-step to create your videos and laugh a lot while doing so! Attendees must have their own Instagram account and bring their phones. Taught by Water Street Studios artist Lisa Hozl.

I-CASH
Thursday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
In person
Drop in between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to learn if you have unclaimed property held by the State of Illinois. The state treasurer is holding more than $3.5 billion in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans. The state holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or their heirs. A representative of the State Treasurer’s Office will be at the Library to look for your name in the database. Property is returned at no cost with the proper identification.

Classroom Kitchen: Retro Baking with Apples
Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom
Apples go back thousands of years, but we are going back only 100 or so with these warm, cozy, apple-licious treats – just like Grandma used to make. Taught by Kristyn Slick. Register to be emailed the class link and recipes.

Button Maker: Get Certified
Any time
In person
Drop by the reference desk any time to learn to use the button maker. Supplies for the certification session are free. (There is a small supply fee for future button-making sessions.)
MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Book Discussion 📖
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.
“Mary Coin” by Marisa Silver
In person
Using Dorothea Lange’s Depression-era “Migrant Mother” photograph as inspiration, Silver imagines the story of the photographer, her subject, and the history professor researching a family link to the iconic photograph. Acutely and delicately observed.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.
“Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy” by Sheryl Sandberg
In person
After the sudden death of her husband, Sheryl Sandberg felt certain that she and her children would never feel joy again. Through a friend, she learned that everyone is equipped to build up resilience and taste happiness even after a life-shattering experience.

Books Between Bites
Thursday, Sept. 15, 12 p.m.
The Old Post Office Building in Chicago, presented by Karl Bruhn

Thursday, Oct. 20, 12 p.m.
“Science Discovery Files: 10 Forgotten Stories of Incredible Scientists” by Diane Lincoln, presented by author

Illinois Libraries Present:
Marlee Matlin
Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.
Live via Zoom
Join us for a talk with Marlee Matlin. Matlin is an author and actress featured in the 2022 Academy Award’s Best Picture, “Coda.” She is also author of the book “I’ll Scream Later.”

Jesmyn Ward
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m.
Live via Zoom
Jesmyn Ward is a bestselling author and two-time National Book Award winner, as well as the youngest person to receive the Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction. She is author of “Navigate Your Stars,” “Where the Line Bleeds,” and “Sing, Unburied, Sing,” among other titles.

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Community Check-in with Misty & Aimee
Every other Tuesday for 30 minutes, Misty and Aimee will be going LIVE on Instagram and Facebook to check-in with our community. This is a casual and fun way to explore downtown Batavia, see what is new, and ask questions. Be ready to laugh and reconnect with us. No registration required, but you will need an Instagram or Facebook account. Follow us and make sure to turn on notifications so you don’t miss our livestreams!

- Instagram: www.instagram.com/bplbatavia
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary

INDIVIDUAL COACHING SESSIONS
Batavia Public Library card required. Call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200, to schedule a session.

Technology Coaching
Schedule an appointment with a technology assistant for a one-hour, one-on-one coaching session based on your individual needs. Available Monday-Thursday by appointment.

Genealogy Research
Whether you’re just starting or would like help overcoming obstacles, a librarian will guide you in your genealogy research during a one-hour, one-on-one session. Available Monday-Friday by appointment.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS

One-hour, hands-on computer classes. Basic computer skills, including mouse and keyboard proficiency, are required.

- Introduction to Microsoft Word, Part 1 📖
  Wednesday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m.

- Introduction to Microsoft Word, Part 2 📖
  Wednesday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m.

- Introduction to Microsoft Word, Part 3 📖
  Wednesday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m.

- Introduction to Microsoft Excel, Part 1 📖
  Tuesday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m.

- Introduction to Microsoft Excel, Part 2 📖
  Tuesday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.

- Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 📖
  Tuesday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.

INTERNET CLASSES
* Internet proficiency required.

- Genealogy: HeritageQuest & America’s Obituaries 📖
  Thursday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m.

- Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition 📖
  Thursday, Oct. 6, 9 a.m.

- Genealogy: FamilySearch.org 📖
  Thursday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.

- Genealogy: Free Websites 📖
  Thursday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m.
FEATURE PROGRAMS

New Lyceum Lecture Series
The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2022-23 Season Sponsor

Chicago Cub Shot for Love
Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Online via Zoom
On July 6, 1932, Violet Popovich argued with her former boyfriend, Chicago Cub Billy Jurges, and pulled a gun out of her purse. Join Jack Bales, author of “The Chicago Cub Shot for Love: A Showgirl’s Crime of Passion and the 1932 World Series,” as he uses original photographs, newspaper articles, and interviews with Popovich and Jurges family members to profile the lives of the ill-fated couple and trace the ripple effects of the shooting on the Cubs’ tumultuous season. Join us online via Zoom.

Themed Surprise Me Bundle
Get Outdoors
September/October
Fall is a great time to get outdoors with the September/October Themed Surprise Me Bundle! Commune with nature, pick up a new outdoor activity like hiking or gardening, learn about rural life, or read a wilderness survival story – just fill out the Get Outdoors Surprise Me Bundle form during September and October, and librarians will select up to three items for you to pick up. Fill out the form here: tinyurl.com/outdoorsSMB.

Enjoying our Themed Surprise Me Bundles? Check out our Nonfiction for All Bundle in November and December. Or, for a general, non-themed bundle, fill out the form here: tinyurl.com/yyxgy67h.

SUNDAYS ON STAGE
The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2022 Season Sponsor

The 3 Crooners
Sunday, Sept. 25, 2 p.m.
In person
The music, comedy and memories of Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and Tony Bennett. Plus, special guests! Dave Ehler will present his one-man show, versatility in the style of each artist.

Mary Shelley: Love and Frankenstein
Sunday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
In person
Join professional storyteller Megan Wells as she portrays author Mary Shelley. “Frankenstein; or The Modern Prometheus,” the world’s first science fiction novel, was written by a 19-year-old named Mary Shelley. How she came to write such a novel reveals the painful struggle of a brilliant and rebellious mind. Born of two idealistic parents, Mary rebelled against English social norms to have a relationship with romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley. Mary’s life experiences add up to “a dark and stormy night” when a story born on a dare liberated her genius.

QUESTIONS & ANCESTORS GENEALOGY SERIES
Archives Research & How to Use Basic Resources Found There
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. | Online via Zoom
How do archives differ from libraries? Laura Street Chaplin will describe the colorful history of archives, types of archives and the roles they play, how they’re organized, and how to find and access their holdings using catalogs, databases, finding aids, and digital collections. We’ll even talk about planning your own archival research trip! Register at tinyurl.com/v6x6rjac.
Volunteer Opportunities 🔷
Ongoing
Looking to earn volunteer hours? The Library needs you!
• Inclusion Game Night continues, and volunteers are welcome to join 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 ⬢ 🔷
Tuesday, Sept. 6 & Oct. 4, 6:30-8:15 p.m.
In person
Teens and young adults of all abilities, along with their families and friends, are welcome to play board games and card games together in person. Registration is limited for safety, so please register. Limit: 15. Volunteers, limit: 5.

Vinyl for Beginners ⬢
Thursday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m.
In person
Kiss the Sky’s Steve Warrenfeltz and music and equipment aficionado Ron Thompson team up to present all about vinyl records and record players. Newbies can learn the basics and how to grow their collection, while old pros can take a listen down memory lane.

Teen Mystery Box ⬢
Thursday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m.
In person
Gather your friends and solve a mystery (or two) at the Library using our Mystery Boxes. It is that spooky time of year to solve a murder and act like a real-life Sherlock Holmes. Unlike Mr. Holmes, phones/tablets are encouraged to help crack the case and catch a murderer. Limit: 10.

Halloween Candy Showdown IRL ⬢
Tuesday, Oct. 25, 6 p.m.
In person
SNICKERS are the best! No, REESE’S are the best! NO, M&M’S! It is time to crown the best candy of this Halloween season. Each person will taste samples of candy and vote on which one they like best. Come hungry and ready to decide the best candy of Halloween 2022! Limit: 15.

Teen MakerSpace Crafternoon
Thursday, Sept. 22 & Oct. 20, 4-6 p.m.
Drop in
Enter the Teen Space and explore machines that will be a part of the new makerspace. See all the possibilities of future Crafternoon crafts coming soon. Brief tutorials for the machines will be held. Learn how to make a button and take it home. Bring ideas for future crafts to make.

College Essays ⬢
Thursday, Sept. 8, 7-8 p.m.
Online via Zoom
For students, the most daunting part of their college application can be the essay. What should they write about? Who reads it? Why am I writing this, anyway? Are there topics they should avoid? After reading more than 30,000 essays throughout her career, Julie Nelson, assistant dean of admission at Xavier University, has the answers. Join her for a look at the good, the bad and the ugly of college essay writing. Register: us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1916573134230/ WN_0TjHyQ23TNSf56AEQHjEa

ACT/SAT prep
Tutor.com provides on-demand tutoring, homework help, test preparation, and writing assistance in more than 60 subjects, seven days a week, noon to midnight. You may 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.
FOR BABIES, TOTS, AND PRESCHOOLERS

FALL STORYTIMES
Session One
Baby Storytime
Friday, Sept. 16-Oct. 7, 10 a.m.
OR Friday, Sept. 16-Oct. 7, 11 a.m.
Babies through 23 months with a caregiver

Toddler Time
Monday, Sept. 12-Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m.
OR Tuesday, Sept. 13-Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 2-3 with a caregiver

Preschool Storytime
Wednesday, Sept. 14-Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m.
OR Thursday, Sept. 15-Oct. 6, 1 p.m.
Ages 3-6 with a caregiver

FOR STUDENTS

Book Gems
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 4:30 p.m.
“Lulu and the Brontosaurus” by Judith Viorst
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 4:30 p.m.
“Over My Dead Body” by Kate Klise
Grades 2-3
Book club for young readers. Join us for discussion and activities. A copy of the book may be reserved at the Youth Services Desk when registering.

Side by Side Paint with Me
Monday, Sept. 19, 6-8 p.m.
Grades 6-8
Grab your parent, guardian, favorite aunt, or adult, and head to the Library for a paint night! You will work together on one large canvas to create a beautiful collaborative painting. Please wear clothing you wouldn’t mind getting paint on or bring an apron. We will provide all supplies, including paint, brushes, canvases, water, easel, etc. All you need to bring is your creativity. Snacks will be served courtesy of Flyleaf Bakery Cafe.

Homeschool Hangout
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1 p.m.
Families with children in grades K-5
Whether you are new to homeschooling, or have a lot of homeschool experience, you and your homeschool learners will make connections and have fun during our monthly get-together.

Explore & More
Thursday, Sept. 22, 4:30 p.m.
Grades K-3
Explore your curiosity! Do you enjoy learning new things about the world around you? Through books, activities, and games, we will explore optical illusions.

Reading Classic:
A Fall Reading Challenge
Sept. 22-Nov. 28
Ages 0-14
Create new memories with classic books this fall on Beanstack! Read or listen to either three classic picture books, or one classic juvenile fiction title, and earn a free classic book to keep. Can’t get enough of the classics? Complete both options* to receive a 2nd free book! The challenge begins the first day of fall, Thursday, Sept. 22, and continues through Monday, Nov. 28. Register on Beanstack.

*Children ages 7 and younger may read an additional three picture books instead of the juvenile fiction title.

Chess Night
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
Grades 6-14
Join us for an hour of chess. Participants must have a basic knowledge of the game.

Fiber Arts: Wet Felted Fox
Wednesday, Sept. 28, 4:30 p.m.
Ages 7-12
Fiber artist Natasha Lehrer Lewis will take students step-by-step through the wet felting process to create a fox in nature.
Get Certified: Button Maker  🎨
Thursday, Sept. 29, 5, 5:30, 7, or 7:30 p.m.
Grades 5-8
Don’t have button envy! Create your own buttons using the Library’s miniature button maker. During this 30-minute class, you will learn the ins and outs of using the button maker and become certified so you may use this device 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.

Bookmark Contest
Oct. 1-30
Grades 1-5
Use your unique talent to create an entry for this year’s themed Bookmark Contest. Entry forms available at the Youth Services Desk beginning Oct. 1.

STEAM Lab-in-a-Bag
Thursday, Oct. 6
Grades K-5
Stop in on Thursday, Oct. 6, to pick up a bag filled with jellyfish-themed STEAM activities. Bags available while supplies last.

Halloween Candy Showdown  🍴
Monday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m.
Grades 5-8
It’s a live Halloween Candy Showdown! Participants will take part in a Halloween candy taste test, then vote and debate with your friends about which option is the absolute best Halloween candy!

Late Night at the Library  🌙
Friday, Nov. 11, 6-9 p.m.
Grades 3-5
It’s back! Mark your calendar. This special, after-hours program for students in grades 3-5 includes activities, a scavenger hunt, pizza and a guest performer. Parental permission form and $3 per participant are required at registration. Register in person at the Youth Services Desk, beginning Nov. 1. Space is limited. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders and to students attending Batavia schools.

FOR FAMILIES
DISCOVER and UNCOVER
September: Library Card “I Spy”
October: Vote for your Favorite Candy & 13 Days of Halloween Scavenger Hunt
All Ages
Make a trip to the Batavia Public Library every month this fall. Drop by the Youth Services Department during your visit and discover a different children’s activity each month.

Drop-in Craft
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
All Ages
Drop-in craft activities. Children ages 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Story Stroll
Saturday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
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 for this fun activity.

SUMMER READING in BATAVIA 2022
More than 900 children from infants through 8th grade tracked their reading during the “Read Beyond the Beaten Path” reading challenge this summer. Children received reading rewards for their accomplishments and participated in contests, drawings, and special programs during the summer. We especially would like to thank the businesses and organizations that generously contributed prizes for Summer Reading Club 2022.

Our THANKS to these SRC 2022 sponsors:

- Abbey Farms
- Batavia Creamery
- Batavia Park District
- Brookfield Zoo
- Bulldog’s Red Hots
- Chick-Fil-A
- Chuck E. Cheese
- Classic Cinemas
- Colonial Cafe
- Culver’s of North Aurora
- Flyleaf Bakery & Café
- Fresh Thyme Market
- Friends of the Batavia Public Library
- Funway Entertainment Center
- Kane County Cougars
- Keller’s Farmstand
- Kimmers Ice Cream
- Kuipers Family Farm
- Learning Express Toys & Gifts
- Limestone Coffee & Tea
- McAlister’s Deli
- McDonald’s
- Naper Settlement
- Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy
- Portillo’s
- Raising Cane’s
- Chicken Fingers
- Trader Joe’s in Batavia
- Walmart
- Wendy’s in Batavia
- Windmill Grille & Pizzeria

Roz Puppets: The Three Little Pigs  🎭
Monday, Oct. 10, 10:30 a.m.
All Ages
Roz Puppets has been performing throughout the Midwest for 25 years. Children and adults will enjoy wonderfully handcrafted puppets as they journey through the story of “The Three Little Pigs,” with a surprise silly ending.

Be Prepared! - Fire Prevention  🚒
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 4 p.m.
All Ages
Join the Batavia Fire Department at the Library for 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.

BatFest Stories and Parade
Saturday, Oct. 29, 11:30 a.m.
All Ages
While enjoying BatFest, stop by the Library Reading Garden (weather permitting) for fall songs and stories. Then join the Batavia Mothers’ Club costume parade. Children are invited to wear costumes. Parents must accompany children. No registration necessary.