

Our
35th Season!

2023 – 2024 Schedule

Books Between Bites at



Noon – 1:00 PM Third Thursday of the Month

Batavia Public Library, 10 South Batavia Avenue

Bring a lunch (or purchase at Flyleaf Bakery Cafe) to enjoy during the program



This symbol by a date indicates the author's book will be available for sale and signing

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Over My Dead Body: Unearthing the Hidden History of America's Cemeteries

by Greg Melville

Journalist Greg Melville visits local cemeteries wherever he travels and in this book, he invites readers to join him. From colonists' hasty burials to the leisure parks that inspired the Transcendentalists, Melville sees cemeteries as windows to understanding American history. Kate Garrett, Batavia resident and Director of the Batavia Depot Museum, is a lifelong learner who feels about libraries the way Melville feels about cemeteries.

Kate Garrett
Presenter



Thursday, October 19, 2023



Get a Grip

Local cozy mystery author, Annie Hansen, is branching out from her award-winning Kelly Clark Mystery Series to release her first stand-alone mystery, *Get a Grip*, set in the wealthy, snow-filled suburbs of Chicago. Three desperate housewives team up to solve the disappearance of their neighbor, Carrie, who has gone inexplicably missing. Did she leave town to avoid the high Covid numbers? Was she murdered? Is it possible that Covid is not the only killer stalking the neighborhood?

Annie Hansen
Author



Thursday, November 16, 2023

We Took To the Woods

by Louise Dickinson Rich

Pam Otto is the outreach ambassador for the St. Charles Park District and creator of the weekly *Good Natured* newspaper column in the *Kane County Chronicle* and online in *Kane County Connects*. Her love of nature—and nature books—spans the decades. This book takes us back to 1942. A bestseller back in the day, Rich relates the ins and outs of life in the rugged backcountry of Middle Dam, Maine in exquisite and often hilarious detail.

Pam Otto
Presenter



Thursday, December 14, 2023

Madam Secretary and *Hell and Other Destinations*

autobiographies by Madeleine Albright

Laura Newman has been Batavia's City Administrator since 2016. Before that she practiced labor and employment law and served as an executive for Mitutoyo America Corporation. Madeleine Albright was someone who Laura greatly admires and thinks of as a role model for women in traditionally male-dominated careers. Albright's first autobiography, *Madam Secretary*, chronicles her life up to and including her service as Secretary of State. The second, *Hell and Other Destinations*, details her many post-service experiences and accomplishments.

Laura Newman
Presenter



Please note: this program has been moved up to the 2nd Thursday

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Thursday, January 18, 2024

The Back Story of Batavia History

Mayor Jeff Schielke
Presenter



Batavia's Mayor Jeff Schielke was the very first speaker at the very first Books Between Bites in Batavia in 1987, when it was initially held at Batavia United Methodist Church. He is well known and appreciated as Batavia's resident historian. Mayor Schielke has shared many programs about Batavia history and books and literature with a connection to our city. This visit, he shares what he has found to be the back story of Batavia history.

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Scandinavian and British Mysteries

Josephine Tucci
Presenter



Josephine Tucci, Batavia Public Library Executive Director since June 2023, is an avid reader and viewer of Scandinavian and British mystery series. From Scandinavian noir to British detective series, Jo shares some of her favorites, including the Wallander series. She'll highlight mysteries that are available as book series, as well as book-to-TV series to add to your queue.

Thursday, March 21, 2024

The Tao of the Backup Catcher

by Tim Brown & Erik Kratz

Lester Munson
Presenter



Lester Munson is a nationally known commentator, former ESPN senior writer and legal analyst, and WTTW's *Chicago Tonight* guest. We're delighted for his annual visit to Batavia to share his thoughts on this sport-related book. He promises to share more sports books, including those he recommends, and those he doesn't!

Thursday, April 18, 2024



The Woodpecker's Song

Marnie O. Mamminga Author
Mary C. Parks Illustrator

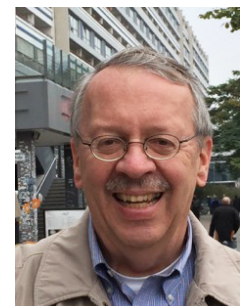
Marnie O. Mamminga is the award-winning author of *Return to Wake Robin: One Cabin in the Heyday of Northwoods Resorts* and *On a Clear Night: Essays from the Heartland*. As a professional essayist, her work has been featured on NPR and in numerous publications. Currently, she writes a monthly perspective for NPR's WNIJ. Marnie has collaborated with artist Mary C. Parks to create this lovely children's book. Parks is both a state and nationally honored educator and taught art in grades K through the college level. Parks was a feature writer/illustrator for *Instructor* magazine for four years.



Thursday, May 16, 2024

Sears Kit Houses in Batavia, Geneva & Beyond

Karl Bruhn
Presenter



Karl Bruhn, a Batavia resident, is a retired history teacher. He spent 40 years teaching in Wheaton. He's been a guest presenter at Books Between Bites for a number of years. Come to his presentation, and learn about several Sears Kit houses in our area. Karl has been helped in his thorough research by several books about Sears houses, including *Sears Homes of Illinois* by Rosemary Thornton, and *Houses by Mail* by Katherine Cole Stevenson.