

FUN BLOSSOMS

THIS SPRING AT BATAVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Springtime reveals fresh experiences, new growth and budding excitement – exactly what you will find at the Batavia Public Library this season.

From the much-anticipated return of community-wide events, to exciting new programs, the Library will be hopping this spring.

PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY

The popular Prom Dress Giveaway returns from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at the Library.

CHIP IN Batavia and the Library are teaming up again this year to help teens enjoy the rite of passage of going to prom, without the typically high price hindering anyone from attending. While CHIP IN's mission is to assist low income and homeless Batavia families, this event is open to any student from any school district, regardless of need. You read that right.

Clean prom dresses, which are in good to excellent condition, as well as shoes, purses, jewelry and accessories may be dropped off at the Library Check Out Desk

through Friday, March 8. Racks will be available on which to hang attire. New makeup, as well as hair accessories and wraps, also may be donated.

TOURNAMENT OF BOOKS

The ninth annual Tournament of Books kicks off on March 18. Sixteen of 2023's best fiction books, selected by Library staff members, will battle it out in this playoffs-style competition that ends April 11.

Each week, beginning with the Sweet 16, a new round of books will face off and participants will vote for their favorites on our website and in the Library. Stay tuned for an announcement about the Sweet 16 titles and a tournament bracket on our Facebook page, Instagram account and website.

NEW PROGRAMS FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

The Library recently launched two invigorating programs for individuals 50 and older who enjoy crafts, games, socializing, learning new things and being active.

The Sweet Life After 50 is hosted from 1:30-3 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month, and Over What Hill? is hosted from 1:30-3 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. These programs are free and registration is required, but participants don't need to live in Batavia or have a Batavia Public Library card to sign up.

ONE BOOK, ONE BATAVIA

One Book, One Batavia – the annual community-wide reading program – continues in March with a host of fun and informative programs tied to this year's reading selection: "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline.

If you grew up in the '80s, or are a fan of that decade, you will love this book. Nostalgia combines artfully with artificial intelligence, old-school video gaming, and a riveting quest in a virtual world with "in real life" dangers. For more information, see p. 20, or visit our website at BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

The Library will be closed:

- Sunday, March 31, for the Easter holiday

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: 12-5 p.m.

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Get to Know...

Get to Know Flyleaf Bakery Café

By Kristen Zambo, promotional services manager

Flyleaf Bakery Café is the locally owned shop that greets visitors when they step inside the doors of Batavia Public Library.

But did you know the story behind those rich, delicious aromas wafting through the Library's entryway?

Flyleaf opened in November 2021 and is operated by mother and daughter Anne and Colleen Fabing. Colleen Fabing has a degree in photography and graphic design from Bradley University in Peoria. Prior to opening the café, her mom worked in the Library's Technical Services Department for almost 15 years processing magazines and cataloging children's books.

"Many of the recipes are Mom's recipes," said Anne Fabing, the café's baker in chief.

Her mother, who was born in Belgium, worked in her teens as a nanny for a Jewish family in Holland. Born in 1930, her mother was of an age where she remembered World War II from when she was a child growing up in Belgium.

"The stories she would tell me was at night, they would have to cover all the windows so there would be no light (showing outside)," Anne Fabing said, adding that her mother's family slept in the kitchen together, gathered around the stove for warmth. "At night you could hear the sirens and the flyovers during the invasion."

After baking for family, friends and neighbors since 1990, and Library staff members while working for the Library, Anne Fabing and her daughter opened their café so they



could serve the entire Batavia community and residents in neighboring towns. They make soups, sliders, wraps, salads and sweets, among other specialty items.

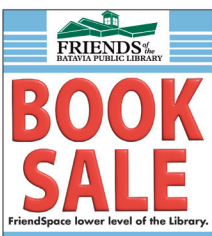
In addition to serving Library visitors before monthly Books Between Bites, storytime and After-School Wind Down programs, the mother-daughter duo includes a catering arm to their small business. They provide catering services to groups hosting meetings at the Library and other locales throughout the community.

Text or call 331-302-3480 with questions, and online orders may be placed at tinyurl.com/56uchbcv.

Like the Library, the café also features local artists each month, highlighting their exhibits in the Artist of the Month Gallery.

Find us in the
Batavia Public Library.

FLYLEAF
BAKERY CAFE



FRIENDS' BOOK SALES

Saturday, March 9
from 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
from 9:15 a.m.
to 1 p.m.

During
March and April
sales, CDs and
DVDs are on
special discount:
Buy three
for \$1.

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will host its monthly Book Sale from 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, and on Saturday, April 13, in the FriendSpace. The FriendSpace is located on the Library's lower level. Credit cards are accepted.



FRIENDS' EVENING BOOK SALES

Wednesday, March 6
from 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10
from 6-8 p.m.

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will host its new, monthly Evening Book Sale from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, and Wednesday, April 10, in the FriendSpace. Credit cards are accepted. If Saturdays are too hectic for you to shop the Saturday monthly book sales, these Wednesday evening sales might be the perfect option.

■ The Friends of the Batavia Public Library is dedicated to promoting, improving, and assisting the Batavia Public Library. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, with all donations fully tax-deductible. If your employer has set up a Matching Funds Program, we are legally qualified to accept these funds. This is a way to double your donation to the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.

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.

Advance registration is required for programs designated .

FEATURE PROGRAMS

One Book, One Batavia

One Book, One Batavia is sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library. This year's selection is "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline.

Climate Change: Why and How to Cause the Change Required Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m.

In person

Amy McMorro Hunter, president and CEO of The Climate Economy Education Inc., shows how we can reverse course and prevent the dystopian future we are heading toward, so we don't have a world like Wade's. Event co-produced with the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

The History of Video Games Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m.

In person

David Gerding, associate professor of Interactive Arts and Media at Columbia College Chicago, talks about the history of video games.

Saturday Movie: A 1983 classic film featuring a high school video gamer who discovers a back door into a central military computer. Saturday, March 16, 2 p.m.

In person, drop in

Young electronics wizard David Lightman unwittingly hooks into America's supersecret wargames computer and the world suddenly is threatened with nuclear annihilation. This film stars Matthew Broderick, Ally Sheedy, Dabney Coleman, John Wood, and William H. Macy.

Time After Time:

Songs of the 1980s

Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m.

In person

The History Singers, John and Kathryn Atwood, present an hour of '80s music from "Ready Player One" and award-winning songs of the decade.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Book Discussion

Book discussions are in-person programs hosted by librarians.

Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

"The Personal Librarian"

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

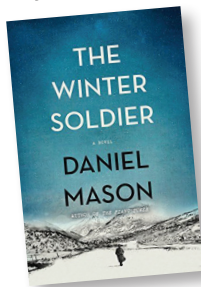
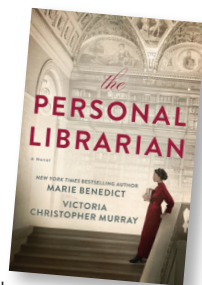
Set in New York City in 1905, a young woman in her 20s is hired to be the personal librarian of J.P. Morgan and create a collection of rare manuscripts, books and artwork.

While becoming well-known for her curating skills, she also is hiding a secret that could ruin her career.

Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

"The Winter Soldier"

by Daniel Mason



This "contribution to war literature involves almost no depiction of fighting but rather its aftermath, the tragically scarred soldiers, and the almost equally traumatized

caregivers who sacrifice their health in providing medical help to the wounded." – Kirkus Reviews

Books Between Bites

Thursday, March 21, Noon

In person

"The Tao of the Backup Catcher" by Tim Brown and Erik Kratz, presented by Lester Munson.

Thursday, April 18, Noon

In person

"The Woodpecker's Song," presented by author Marnie Mamminga and illustrator Mary Parks.

NEW PROGRAMS FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

The Sweet Life After 50

Mondays, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, 1:30-3 p.m.

In person

Visit the Library for social time and a relaxed craft or activity. This program is designed for individuals 50 and older who enjoy working fun and easy crafts, games, and puzzles while socializing with other active adults. Crafts and activities change routinely so there's always something fresh and exciting to try.

Over What Hill?

Tuesdays, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, 1:30-3 p.m.

In person

This program is designed for individuals 50 and older who enjoy learning something new that keeps them moving and active.

Surprise Me Bundles Ongoing

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? We can help. Fill out our Surprise Me Bundle form, and librarians will search for up to five items just for you and set them aside for you to pick up. Fill out the form here: tinyurl.com/yyxgy67h.

2024 Tournament of Books

If you're a fan of new fiction, join us March 18-April 11 for the Library's ninth annual Tournament of Books. Sixteen of 2023's best fiction books – chosen by Batavia Library staff – will contend for Batavia's favorite fiction book of the year in playoff-style brackets. Vote in each week's round on our website and in the Library. Look for the announcement of the Sweet 16 titles and a tournament bracket on our Facebook page, Instagram account and website.

HOW-TO COMMUNITY

Pollinator Gardens:

Invite Nature to Your Home 📍

Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.

In person

Beautiful your yard while conserving water and creating a habitat for birds and butterflies can be easy and rewarding. Jim Kleinwachter, Conservation@ Home program director for The Conservation Foundation, will suggest impactful choices for home landscapes. This is a great way to fight climate change at home.



The Basics of Crochet 📍

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

In person

Join instructor Candace Rakow to learn the basics of crochet in this 90-minute class. For individuals 18 and older. Crochet hook and yarn will be provided.



QUESTIONS & ANCESTORS GENEALOGY SERIES

Reconstructing the Lives of Our Farming Ancestors 📍

Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.

(Co-hosting with Kane County Genealogical Society)

Online via Zoom

It's a rare family tree that doesn't contain at least some farm families, since until the latter part of the 19th century, farmers made up most workers in America. It may be difficult to envision what daily life was like for our farming ancestors as we



try to recover their stories. Join speaker Annette Burke Lyttle of Heritage Detective as she shows how genealogical records and social history resources can help us reconstruct the life stories of our farming ancestors. Register at tinyurl.com/2trv36md.

ICASH

Monday, April 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

In person, drop in

Drop in to find out 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. A representative of the State Treasurer will be at the Library to look you up in the database. Property is returned at no cost with the proper identification.

Watercolor and Ink Workshop 📍

Tuesday, April 23, 6 p.m.

In person

Join this two-hour watercolor and ink workshop and explore creating with beautiful watercolor paints. Students will create watercolor paintings, then enhance their artwork with ink details.

What Records are Created Upon Someone's Death? 📍

Monday, April 15, 7 p.m.

In person

Genealogy and history speaker Jenny Warner teaches about the different records created after someone has died and where to locate those documents.

Digging In and Opening Up: Gathering and Preserving Family Stories 📍

Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m.

In person

Are you interested in interviewing your family, but don't know where to start? During Preservation Week, author and historian Tina Beaird will show how to set up an oral history interview, what equipment to use, and the types of questions to ask. She will walk through how to begin identifying boxes of photos you've inherited throughout the years using genealogical tools and observational techniques. (Co-hosting with the Kane County Genealogical Society.)

SUNDAYS ON STAGE

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2024 season sponsor.

Daisy's Girls: Camping With Juliet Gordon Low 📍

Sunday, March 24, 2 p.m.

In person

Actor Betsey Means of WomanLore portrays Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927), the founder of the Girl Scouts. A wealthy socialite, Low spent most of her life enjoying the recreations of the privileged classes. After meeting the founder of the Boy Scouts, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, she discovered a social cause to which she would devote the rest of her life.

Rock 'n' Roll Roadshow 📍

Sunday, April 28, 2 p.m.

In person

Join us for a fast-paced show by musician and entertainer Randy Walker that combines 1950s, Sun Records, 1960s Surf, Motown and a variety of hits from the '50s through the '70s.



Check out the Library on social media

Check in with staff members from Batavia Public Library. Catch us on our social media pages chatting with local and famous authors and showing you cool things you can do and check out at your Library. You will need a personal Instagram, Facebook or TikTok account to interact with us. Follow our accounts and turn on notifications so you don't miss our posts.

- Instagram: www.instagram.com/bataviapubliclibrary
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary
- TikTok: www.tiktok.com/@bataviapubliclibrary

ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Ruth E Carter: Interweaving Tradition & Imagination Through Costume Design

Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom



Join us for a special event with Ruth E. Carter, two-time Academy Award-winning costume designer. Carter made history as the first Black designer to win the Costume Design category, winning an Academy Award for "Black Panther." Register for this Zoom program at bit.ly/ILP_RuthCarter.

Temple Grandin: The Hidden

Gifts of Visual Thinkers

Wednesday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Prominent speaker and professor Temple Grandin, who earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and doctorate in animal science, shares on the gifts of neurodiversity. Register for this Zoom program at bit.ly/ILP_TempleGrandin.

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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** Tuesday, April 9, 9-10 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word, Part 2** Tuesday, April 16, 9-10 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word, Part 3** Tuesday, April 23, 9-10 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel, Part 1** Wednesday, May 1, 9-10 a.m.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Excel, Part 2** Wednesday, May 8, 9-10 a.m.

NEW LYCEUM LECTURE SERIES

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2023-24 season sponsor.

Weather and Storm Chasing

Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m.

In person

Join Illinois Storm Chasers on a dive into the basics of severe weather. Topics include storm chasing, local climatology, past tornadic events, severe weather safety and preparedness, and a Q&A session.



100 Things to Do in Illinois Before You Die

Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.

In person

Melanie Holmes, author of "100 Things to See in Illinois Before You Die," tells Illinois' story through a collection of experiences. Going back to Indigenous peoples, then moving forward through Illinois as a free state surrounded by slave states and walking through other "hot spots" of culture, people, arts, and geology around the state.

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.

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MakerZone

create inspire explore

The MakerZone Presents:

"Make It" Cricut Vinyl Decor

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 4-5 p.m.

Monday, March 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25, 4-5 p.m.

In person

This class will take you step by step on how to make your

own personalized monogram permanent vinyl sticker. Bring your own water bottle, travel mug or similar product to decorate in class. Materials will be provided during the lesson. No prior experience is necessary, but Cricut Certification class is a recommended prerequisite. Batavia Public Library card required. Limit: 2 per class.

Cricut Certification

Monday, March 4, 3, 3:30, or 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 18, 3:30, 4, or 4:30 p.m.

In person

During this 30-minute class, you will learn the basics of using a Cricut and become certified to use the Cricut in the Library. Please note: Supplies for this program are free; however, future usage will have a small materials fee. Please register for only one class. Batavia Public Library card required. Limit: 4 per class.

TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Volunteer Opportunities **V**

Ongoing

Looking to earn volunteer hours? The Library needs you!

- Inclusion Game Night is going strong, 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.
- For more ideas and monthly volunteering suggestions, sign up for the Teen Volunteering Challenge on the Beanstack app.

ACT/SAT Testing Event **R**

Saturday, March 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
In person

Back by popular demand (from your parents), take an ACT or SAT practice test in the Library meeting room. Bring your own laptop. Sponsored by C2 Education. Registration required. Limit: 12.



Inclusion Game Night **R V**

Tuesday, March 5 & April 2,
6:30-8:15 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. We need to limit registration for safety, so please register for this program.

After-School Wind Down

Thursday, March 7, 3:30-5 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons Edition

Grades 6-12

Middle school and high school students are invited to hang out at the Library. Drop in for snacks and laughs as we continue our campaign while playing Dungeons & Dragons with Todd Warren from Grogard Games.

Thursday, April 11, 4 p.m.

Party Time!

Grades 6-12

Middle school and high school students are invited to hang out at the Library. Drop in for a party that includes snacks, crafts and the Nintendo Switch.

Teen Homeschool Hangout **R**

Tuesday, March 12 & April 23,
1:30-2:30 p.m.

In person

Whether you're new to homeschooling or a seasoned expert, you're welcome at this monthly get-together for teens in grades 6-12. Families with children in grades K-5 are invited to attend Homeschool Hangout for kids, happening at the same time with our Youth Services librarians.

Teen Nintendo Switch Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament **R**

Thursday, March 21, 3-4:30 p.m.

In person

Grab your friends and unwind after school playing Super Smash Bros. Ultimate on the Nintendo Switch. Four people can play at one time. Registration is required. Limit: 16

Teen Job & Volunteer Fair

Saturday, April 6, 1-3 p.m.

In person at Geneva Public Library

This event is presented in partnership by Geneva, St. Charles, Batavia, and Messenger public libraries. Most job opportunities will be available to individuals 16 and older, with a few

accepting 15-year-old applicants, and a few requiring applicants to be 17 or older.

Teen Take 'N' Make Kits March & April

Teen Space

Grab a take-home craft of the month to assemble at home. Bags will be available at the Reference Desk while supplies last. A new craft will be available at the beginning of each month. One per person.

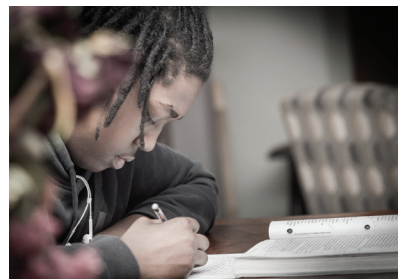
Express Teen Book Bag- Winter Edition **R**

April

All the benefits of our Teen Subscription Book Bags with none of the pressure! Choose a mood and we'll select a YA book for your winter reading. We will let you know when your bag is ready to be picked up at the Circulation Desk or via curbside service. For assistance, call the Library at 630-879-1393, ext. 200. Registration for the April bag closes March 14. Register at: tinyurl.com/teenwin24.

ACT/SAT Prep


Tutor.com provides on-demand tutoring, homework help, test preparation and writing assistance in more than 60 subjects every day, from noon to midnight. You also may use its 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 info 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, March program registration begins March 1. April program registration begins April 1.

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 .

FOR BABIES, TOTS, AND PRESCHOOLERS

Registration for April Storytimes begins March 25.

Building Blocks – An Early Literacy Playtime

Saturday, March 2, April 6 & May 4, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-23 months with a caregiver
Talk, sing, read, write and play! Young children and caregivers are invited to enjoy a story, songs and playtime while we practice these essential early literacy skills that will help your child become a great reader.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-6 with a caregiver

Please register for each date you will attend.

Toddler Time

Monday, April 8-April 29, 10:30 a.m.

OR Thursday, April 11-May 2, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver

Baby Storytime

Tuesday, April 9-April 30, 9:30 a.m.

Prewalkers with a caregiver

OR Tuesday, April 9-April 30, 10:30 a.m.

Walkers through 23 months with a caregiver

Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, April 10-May 1, 10:30 a.m.

OR Thursday, April 11-May 2, 1 p.m.

Ages 3-6 with a caregiver

Save a Superhero

Thursday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 4-6

Children will work together to engineer a vessel to ferry their superhero across a body of water safely. Presented by SciTech.

FOR STUDENTS

Adventures With . . .

Tuesday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.

The Leprechaun

Grades K-1

Get in the St. Patrick's Day spirit and join us for some leprechaun shenanigans. We'll feature stories and a craft.

Tuesday, April 16, 4:30 p.m.

Tomie dePaola

Grades K-1

Join us as we read stories by the beloved author Tomie dePaola. Laugh along with Strega Nona, Big Anthony and more!

Explore More - with Paper Airplanes

Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.

Grades 3-6

We're off to the races constructing the best airplanes possible. We'll learn about aerodynamics and have a contest to see whose plane will fly the farthest, craziest, and smoothest. This class will meet in the Founders Room.

Homeschool Hangout

Tuesday, March 12, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23, 1:30 p.m.

Families with children in grades K-12

Whether you're new to homeschooling or a seasoned expert, you're welcome at this monthly get-together. Youth Services librarians will host elementary school students, and our Young Adult librarian will host our middle and high school students.

Something about Pie

Thursday, March 14, 6 pm

Grades 6-8

Celebrate Pi Day by doing a blind pie taste test and making your own no-bake pies.

Book Buzz

Wednesday, March 20, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Meet new friends and discover new books at this program for newly independent readers. In March, we'll laugh along with some fractured fairy tales. In April, we'll get acquainted with beginner chapter book series that will keep you reading throughout the summer.

Middle School Take 'N' Make Kits March & April

Grades 6-8

Head down to the Junior Fiction bookshelves for a take-home craft kit especially for middle schoolers. Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

Chess Knight

Tuesday, March 26 & April 30, 7 p.m.

Ages 6-14

Capture an evening of fun, not just your opponent's chess pieces, when you join us for an hour of chess. Participants must have a basic knowledge of the game of chess.

Read with Rover

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.

Grades 1-4

Children may practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a trained therapy dog. The goal of Read with Rover is to create a positive, non-threatening, and fun environment in which reading aloud is enjoyed. Register for a 15-minute time slot by calling the Youth Services Desk. Presented by Fox Valley Therapy Dogs.





PIZZA & PAGES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Pizza & Pages 🍕

Monday, April 22, 6 p.m.

Your Favorite Book Club

Grades 5-8

Pizza & Pages is an exclusive club where we eat pizza and explore the many ways we use pages. Bring your favorite book to talk about and learn how you can find similar books.

FOR FAMILIES

DISCOVER and UNCOVER

March: Rainbows and Leprechauns

April: Pet Scavenger Hunt

Drop by the Youth Services Department during March and April to participate in children's activities based on these themes.

Drop-In Craft

Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, March 27, 10 a.m.

Friday, April 26, 10 a.m.

All ages

Drop-in craft activities available beginning at 10 a.m., while supplies last. Children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

After-School Wind Down

Thursday, March 7, 3:30-5 p.m.

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Grades 6-12

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Party Time!

Grades 6-12

Register or drop in. Please see the full description for After-School Wind Down on p. 23.

Student Volunteers Needed

The Youth Services Department is looking for summer volunteers. Batavia students who are entering grades 6-9 in the fall are invited to apply. Pick up an application at the Youth Services Desk, or print a copy from the Library website at bataviapubliclibrary.org/volunteering. Application deadline is May 18.

Story Stroll

Saturdays, March 16 & April 20,
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

All ages

Enjoy a Story Stroll in the Library Reading Garden. Bring the family for this fun activity.

Improv Playhouse Presents: STEPS!

Monday, March 25, 10:30 a.m.

Families

STEPS! is part improv show, part play, and part dance party extravaganza! Young audience members will join the fictional ABCD Dance Team as they confront their greatest challenge: choreographing an all-inclusive dance!

Bingo 🎰

Friday, March 29, 11 a.m.

Ages 3-14

Join Youth Services staff for Bingo! Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Stuffies and Stories

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

Families

Bring a favorite stuffed animal for stories and songs that children and their stuffies can enjoy together! Children may wear their pajamas.

Solar Eclipse 🌑

April 1-7

Ages 3-14

We've gathered materials and prepackaged them so you may learn about and watch the April 8 eclipse at home or school. Online registration begins March 1, then pick up your bag between April 1-7. A pair of solar eclipse glasses will be included in each bag. One bag per child.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4

Children may stop by the Youth Services Desk for a free comic book today, while supplies last.



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May 24 - Aug. 5