Thursday, September 19, 2019

**Loving Your Marriage in Retirement:** Keep the Music Playing

**Author/Presenter: Sally Strosahl**

Retirement might be a good time to tune up marriage and other relationships. Couple therapist Sally Strosahl wrote this book with contributions by her husband Tom Johnson, a retired editor at The Beacon-News. They explore issues relating to aging and retirement, parenting, grandparenting, health, and wellness. This discussion will be of interest to singles, widows, and divorced retirees, as well as married couples exploring how to reboot at this prime time of life.

Thursday, October 17, 2019

**The Innocents Abroad** by Mark Twain

**Presenter: Barbara Kalina**

Celebrating the Year of Mark Twain in Batavia. At age 34 a disheveled, red-haired Sam Clemens presented an idea for his first book, based on his adventures aboard the Quaker City, a paddle-wheel ship that offered the first luxury cruise to Europe, the Middle East, and Holy Land. This biting, irreverent, and biased story became one of the most widely read travel books of all time. Barbara Kalina, life-long resident of Batavia, relishes learning about the history of her hometown, delights in discovering new ideas about the people in that history, and immerses herself in books that reveal that history and those people.

Thursday, November 21, 2019

**Exploring The Household Journal**

**Presenter: Jeff Schielke**

Batavia's Mayor Jeff Schielke returns for his 33rd annual visit to the program. Well-known and appreciated as Batavia's resident historian, Mayor Schielke has shared many programs about Batavia history and books and literature that have a connection to our city. This year he explores articles from The Household Journal, a magazine distributed nationwide and published in Batavia from about 1916 until 1935.

Thursday, December 19, 2019

**ColorMyCode**

**Author/Presenter: Jo Ann Smith**

Jo Ann Smith is a 20-year resident of Batavia and has been involved in computational thinking and computer programming for nearly 40 years. She is committed to making STEM and coding more accessible to children and all beginners who are looking for a gentle introduction to programming. She is happy to speak about her new book, ColorMyCode, which uses a new and interesting approach to learning how to code. Jo Ann serves on Batavia's Board of Library Trustees and is an enthusiastic library supporter and avid reader.

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**2019 – 2020 Schedule**

**Books Between Bites at**

**Batavia Public Library, 10 South Batavia Avenue**

Bring a lunch (or purchase at Chapters Coffeehouse & Café) to enjoy during the program.

** Noon – 1:00 PM  Third Thursday of the Month**

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**Thursday, September 19, 2019**

**Author/Presenter: Sally Strosahl**

Sunday, September 19, 2019

**Questions That Matter**

**Author/Presenter: Roger Breisch**

As a suicide hotline volunteer, he has come to know the vital, often life-saving role that questions play in our daily discourse. This book is his first collection of writings, inspired, in part, by his revelatory experiences talking people off the ledge. This discussion will be of interest to singles, widows, and divorced retirees, as well as married couples exploring how to reboot at this prime time of life.

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**Killer Stuff and Tons of Money: Seeking History and Hidden Gems in Flea-Market America** by Maureen Stanton

**Presenter: Daniel Russo**

We’ve all seen Antiques Roadshow, American Pickers, and Storage Wars, but Killer Stuff reveals a more passionate, personal, and insightful look into the buying and selling of American antiques. Presenter Daniel Russo, a lifelong collector and newbie antiques dealer, will discuss the book and use its lens to examine evolutionary changes in the local antiques market.

**Thursday, February 20, 2020**

**They Called Us Enemy** by George Takei

**Presenter: Ellen Huxtable**

In February 1942, Executive Order 9066 forced Japanese Americans from West Coast communities into remote barbed-wire camps. They Called Us Enemy is actor George Takei’s story of his childhood experiences and contemporary reflections. Huxtable is a local business advisor who is researching and writing a children’s book based on the oral history her parents shared of their personal wartime experiences at the Manzanar Relocation Center in California.

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**

**Lester’s Book Club**

**Presenter: Lester Munson**

Lester Munson is a nationally known commentator, former ESPN senior writer and legal analyst, and frequent guest on Chicago Tonight. He returns for his annual visit to share his thoughts on a number of sports-related books. Through his profession in sports journalism, Munson often knows and has worked with the authors. Last year he started “Lester’s Book Club” and will again share his favorite titles.

**Thursday, April 16, 2020**

**Questions That Matter**

**Author/Presenter: Roger Breisch**

“Would you be willing to share with me, why you want to live?” This question, asked of people so bereft of joy and connection that they have considered ending their lives, has taught Batavian Roger Breisch much about life and the human journey. As a suicide hotline volunteer, he has come to know the vital, often life-saving role that questions play in our daily discourse. This book is his first collection of writings, inspired, in part, by his revelatory experiences talking people off the ledge.

**Thursday, May 21, 2020**

**52 Things Kids Need from a Dad**

**Author/Presenter: Jay Payleitner**

Just in time for Father’s Day! Inspired by his bestseller, 52 Things Kids Need from a Dad, this dad of five shares practical ways to connect with your kids, help them find their gifts, and make memories that last—ideas like “buy a unicycle,” “stockpile junk food,” and “laugh about spilt milk.” Jay never bashes dads. After all, God designed fatherhood to be a blessing and a blast. He’ll share video clips of classic movies.

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