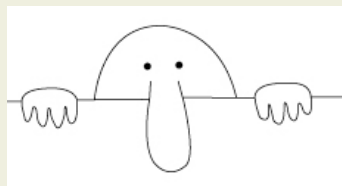



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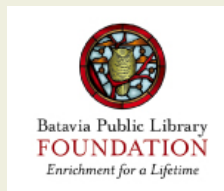
Loyalty Day Parade . . . Look for the enthusiastic group representing the Batavia Public Library in Batavia's Loyalty Day Parade, Sunday, **May 4**. The Library's entry, "Kilroy Was at the Library," features signs, flags, and candy! The parade begins at 1:30 p.m. on Raddant Road and travels west on Wilson Street to Route 25, then heads south to Batavia VFW Post 1197. See you then!

Truck Tales . . . Children ages 5–8 are invited to listen to stories about cool trucks and then climb aboard a big truck provided by the City of Batavia, Monday, **May 19**, at 4 p.m., at the Library. Gary Holm, Batavia Public Works director, will read a number of truck tales in the Reading Garden. *Registration is requested.*



The Library Will Be Closed . . . Sunday, **May 25**, and Monday, **May 26**, in observance of Memorial Day.

Board of Library Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, **May 20**, at 7 p.m., in the Library Conference Room. Meetings are open to the public.



"Get Involved" . . . is more than just a tab on the Library website! It's an opportunity for Batavia residents and/or business owners to join the board of the Batavia Public Library Foundation. Did you enjoy Batavia's "Bulldogs Unleashed" during the summer of 2011? Did you attend "Second City for President" in 2012 or a River Rhapsody concert at the Riverwalk last summer? The Foundation helped to make those events happen. Through its fundraising efforts, the Foundation has funded the Library's New Lyceum Lecture Series (three seasons), and the free American Red Cross Babysitting Course for students ages 11–15 (six courses in all). To get involved in your community and your Library, write to

Foundation@BataviaPublicLibrary.org, or call George H. Scheetz, (630) 879-1393, ext. 350.

The Next Meeting . . . of the Batavia Public Library Writers Workshop is Monday, **May 12**. Experienced and novice writers of all genres meet to offer each other feedback and support and to perfect their craft. The group meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. *Registration is not required.* For more information contact Frank Rutledge, weatherbone@comcast.net.

Friends of the Batavia Public Library: The next used book sale in the lower level FriendSpace is Saturday, **May 3**, from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stock up on summer reads for the entire family without spending a bundle!



Displays in the Library:

Art Wall – Paintings by Kevin Hoepper

Lobby Display Cases – Batavia Bicycle Commission, Fox Valley Robotics & Batavia Robotics

Youth Services Display Case – Liam Hurley, Rachel Lowe, Camy Mertes, Katie Schroeder

Book Displays – Patron Recommendations; Graphic Novels

Collection Survey: Let us know what you think of the Library's collection of books about sports books during May and June. [Take](#)

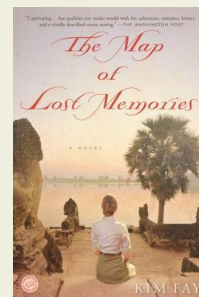
[the online survey.](#)

Programs for Adults



New Lyceum Lecture Series – Illinois Rogues Gallery: Monday, **May 19**, 7 p.m. Six Illinois governors were found guilty of corruption and at least one governor was acquitted under suspicious circumstances. Author Dave Clark talks about the history of corruption in Illinois—including former governors George Ryan and Rod Blagojevich and Dixon comptroller Rita Crundwell—and questions when Illinois will be ready for reform. [Registration required.](#)

Book Discussion: *The Map of Lost Memories* by Kim Fay, Tuesday, **May 13**, 7:30 p.m. In this novel, set in the early 1900s, a woman sets off on a search for an archaeological treasure. History, politics, and art play a role in this story of discovery that could not only change history, but also the lives of those involved. *No registration required.*



Books Between Bites: Thursday, **May 15**, 12 p.m. Travel back in time with an enchanting tale by Indiana author and naturalist Gene Stratton-Porter. *A Girl of the Limberlost*, first published in 1909, follows young Elnora Comstock as she matures from awkward teen to fine young adult—a spectacular transformation mirrored by the book's other leading characters, the caterpillars and moths. Presenter Pam Otto, who also dabbles in writing and nature in her work as a St. Charles Park District manager, will highlight specific passages and present real-life examples of the moths portrayed in Stratton-Porter's vivid prose. *No registration required.*



Computer Classes for Adults

The Library offers a variety of 1-hour, hands-on computer classes (from "**Computer Mouse Basics**" to "**Genealogy on the Internet**") and a 20-minute Library catalog instruction class. *Registration required*; call (630) 879-1393, ext. 200.

Computer Coaching Sessions: Basic computer training is available at the Library. Schedule an appointment with a technology assistant for a one-hour, one-on-one coaching session based on your individual needs. Sessions are available Monday–Thursday, 4–8 p.m. Batavia Public Library card required. Call the Reference Desk, (630) 879-1393, ext. 200, for details.

For Teens

Free Comic Book Day: Saturday, **May 3**. Love comics and graphic novels? Stop by the Reference Desk today for a free comic book courtesy of Graham Crackers Comics in St. Charles.

Practice ACT Test: Sunday, **May 4**, 12:30–4 p.m. Teens can take a free practice ACT test with scoring by Kaplan. Bring a calculator, pencils, water, and an energy snack. *Registration required.* Please register early—15 participants are needed for the event to run. Program limited to 24 participants.

Anime Club: Thursday, **May 8**, 6:30–9 p.m. Watch anime movies, preview new shows on DVD, and meet other anime and manga enthusiasts. *No registration required.*



Magic the Gathering Club: Wednesday, **May 21**, 7–8 p.m. Teens are invited to the Library to play Magic the Gathering with other teens. *No registration required.*



Programs for Youth

For a complete listing and details of all May programs offered by the Youth Services department, please refer to the Library's *Programs/Events* page. Unless otherwise indicated, program registration begins Thursday, **May 1**. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders.

Programs for Families

Drop-In Craft: Stop by to make a craft, Tuesday, **May 6**, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., or Saturday, **May 10**, 1–3 p.m. All ages welcome; children age 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling. *No registration required.*



Book Character Visit: Barnes & Noble Booksellers will bring Spot to the Library for stories and activities, Friday, **May 9**, 11 a.m. Bring your camera! *No registration required.*

Programs for Students

Anybook Club: Students in grades 4–8 are invited to join us for snacks, games, and book-related banter, Tuesday, **May 13**, 4 p.m. You don't have to read anything in particular, just talk about books you've read and hear about some you might like. *Registration required.*

Junior Volunteer Application Deadline: Students going into grades 6–9 are reminded that the application deadline is **May 17** for the summer junior volunteer program. Applications may be picked up at the Youth Services Desk or [printed](#) from the Library's website.

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Storytimes

Babies & Tots Storytime: Songs, rhymes, and stories for babies and tots through 35 months of age, Friday, **May 2**, 10 a.m. Please make outside care arrangements for older siblings. Batavia Public Library card required. *No registration required.*

Preschool Drop-In Storytime: Stories, songs, and more for children ages 3–6, Friday, **May 2**, 1 p.m. An adult must accompany children under the age of 4. *No registration required.*

Photo of the Month

WGN radio personality and *Chicago Tribune* writer Rick Kogan drew a crowd at Books Between Bites in April.



Sneak Peek at June

The kickoff for "Paws to Read," Summer Reading Club (SRC) 2014 is Saturday, **June 7**. Families are invited to the Library for lemonade, cookies, and a craft. SRC registration for babies, preschoolers, and students entering K–8 begins in the Youth Services department **May 28**. Teens and adults can pick up reading logs at the Reference Desk beginning **May 28**.

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Hours Mon-Thu 9-9
Fri-Sat 9-5
Sun 12-5 (Sept-May)
Sun 1-4 (June-Aug)

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