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**Happy New Year!** . . . The Library will close at 12 noon on **December 31** and will be closed all day, **January 1**. Have a safe and happy holiday.

**Polar-Palooza** . . . Winter Library Club 2015, begins **January 17**. Families (at least one parent and one child—baby through grade 8) are invited to participate by reading and doing fun activities together, both at home and at the Library. Families earn small rewards as they check off activities on a special log. Families can pick up an activity log at the Youth Services Desk beginning Saturday, **January 17**. Special events during Winter Library Club include "Legos and Trains," on Saturday, **January 24**, and "Wonderful World of Puppets," on Saturday, **February 28**.

High school students and adults can participate in Polar-Palooza by reading or listening to three books and returning a reading log to the Reference Desk to receive a small reward. Reading logs will be available at the Reference Desk beginning **January 17**.

Polar-Palooza runs through Saturday, **February 28**.



**New Lyceum Lecture Series** . . . St. Charles resident and retired architect Mike Dixon discusses his three years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine, the projects he worked on, and his hurried escape from Ukraine earlier in 2014, Monday, **January 26**, at 7 p.m. Dixon also will give an update on the current state of the Ukraine revolution and talk about revisiting Ukraine this fall. The program is sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation. [Registration is required.](#)

**Let Us Help You** . . . find "Your Next Read" and many more book suggestions based on your personal likes. Library users can fill out a questionnaire located on the Library website under "Readers Corner." Librarians will review the questionnaire and then create a list of book suggestions. Readers can receive their book suggestion list by email or snail-mail, or they can pick it up at the Reference Desk. Readers can expect a reading list within 14 days after submitting their questionnaires. Try it and let our librarians do the searching for you!

**The One Book, One Batavia 2015** . . . selection is *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson. Copies of the book and copies of *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*, a youth version of the book also by Swanson, are available at the Library. Swanson will visit Batavia on **March 11**. More information about Swanson's visit and One Book, One Batavia 2015 events can be found at [OneBookOneBatavia.org](http://OneBookOneBatavia.org).

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



**Are You an Aspiring Writer** . . . looking to perfect your craft and meet other local writers? You may want to attend the Batavia Public Library Writers Workshop, Monday, **January 12**, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Adults and teens writing in all genres are welcome. Participants share their works, exchange advice, and offer support to fellow writers. The Writers Workshop meets on the second Monday of every month in the Conference Room. *Registration is not required.* For more information contact the Writers Workshop facilitator Frank Rutledge at [weatherbone@comcast.net](mailto:weatherbone@comcast.net).

**Friends of the Batavia Public Library:** Friends members—Don't forget to renew your membership in 2015. Not a current member? Join the Friends. Annual memberships are \$5 for seniors, \$10 for adults, and \$15 for families. The Friends of the Batavia Public Library is a group dedicated to promoting, improving, and assisting the library. The group provides volunteer support for Library projects and activities. Profits from the Friends used book sales provide "extras" for the Library which enhance the public's Library experience.



Friends of the Batavia Public Library is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible to the extent of the law and eligible for matching gift programs.

The next book sale in the FriendSpace is Saturday, **January 3**, from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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#### Displays in the Library during January:

Art Wall – **Mike Dixon**  
Lobby Display Cases – **Promote Your Group Here**  
Youth Services Display Case – **Aidan Huck, Sarah Huck, Rachel Rempert, Alexandra Warta-Collins**  
Book Displays – **Funny Fiction, Travel**

**January/February Collection Survey:** Computer Books. [Take the online survey.](#)

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### Programs for Adults



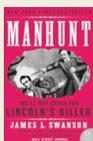
**Sundays on Stage—From Italy with Love:** Sunday, **January 18**, 2 p.m. Singers Jan and Gino of The Soundz of Time will whisk you away to sunny Italy. Forget the cold with warm classics sung in Italian and English, made popular by Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and others. Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation. [Registration required.](#)

**New Lyceum Lecture Series—Tales from Ukraine:** Monday, **January 26**, 7 p.m. Architect Mike Dixon discusses his three-year stint in the Peace Corps serving in Ukraine. Dixon's work in Ukraine includes the recovery and preservation of Ukrainian culture, focusing on the development of museums and the restoration of folk architecture. This updated lecture includes more information about the revolution, his escape to America, and his recent return to Ukraine. Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation. [Registration required.](#)

**How-To Community—eBay 101 Selling Basics:** Wednesday, **January 28**, 7 p.m. Make money by selling your "stuff" on eBay. Presenter Jack Waddick, eBay University instructor, will walk you through the steps to successful eBay selling. The session includes real-time demonstrations on eBay.com and Q&A time. [Registration is required.](#)



**Book Discussion:** *The Humans* by Matt Haig, Tuesday, **January 13**, 7:30 p.m. An extra-terrestrial comes to Earth with a mission to save humans from themselves. Thought-provoking and darkly humorous.



February book discussion selection: *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson

**Books Between Bites:** Thursday, **January 15**, 12 p.m. Judge Steven Sullivan reviews *The Bully Pulpit* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Goodwin, renowned historian and author of several best-selling books on the American Presidency, recounts the careers of two of the most fascinating figures of the turn-of-the-century political scene, as well as the role of the muckraking journalists of the era. Sullivan, a retired judge from Batavia, will highlight the events and personalities of the time from a unique perspective. *No registration required.*

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#### 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.

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### For Teens

**College/Career**



**FAFSA Form Workshop:** Tuesday, **January 6**, 7–8:30 p.m. Have you completed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form? Parents, get answers to your questions from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. [Registration required.](#)

**ACT Practice Test:** Sunday, **January 11**, 12:30–4 p.m. Take a free ACT practice test with scoring by Kaplan. Bring a calculator, pencils, water, and an energy snack. Kaplan will contact students with results approximately two weeks after the test. [Registration required;](#) please register early—15 participants are needed for the event to run. Limit: 24 participants.

**Financial Planning Workshop:** Monday, **January 19**, 7–8:30 p.m. Whether it is finding the best college match, filling out the right forms, or deciphering the financial aid process, this workshop presented by College Bound Funding Solutions can help students and parents plan for college. [Registration required.](#)

### Fun Stuff

**Anime Club:** Thursday, **January 8**, 6:30–9 p.m. Teens are invited to the Library to watch anime movies, preview new shows on DVD, and meet other anime and manga enthusiasts. *No registration required.*



**Inclusion Game Night:** Wednesday, **January 14**, 7–8 p.m. Teens are invited to the Library to meet new people and play a board game or card game in a relaxed setting. This event is tailored to meet the needs of teens with developmental disabilities. Siblings welcome. *No registration required.*

## Programs for Youth

For a complete listing and details of all January programs offered by the Youth Services department, please refer to the Library's *Programs/Events* page. Unless otherwise indicated, program registration begins Friday, **January 2**. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders.

### Programs for Families

**Drop-In Craft:** Stop by to make a craft, Thursday, **January 8**, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.; or Saturday, **January 17**, 1–3 p.m. Children age 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. *No registration required.*



**Baby Play 'n' Learn:** Join us for a drop-in playtime for babies age 23 months and younger, Saturday, **January 10**, 11 a.m. Meet other caregivers and see examples of early literacy activities. Please make alternate care arrangements for older siblings. Space is limited. *No registration required.* Please show your Batavia Public Library card at the Youth Services Desk to receive an entry ticket.

**Polar-Palooza:** Families are invited to join the Winter Library Club and combine reading and family activities to earn rewards, beginning Saturday, **January 17**. Participating families must be Batavia Public Library cardholders or have children attending a Batavia school. Come to the Youth Services Desk to register and receive an activity log. Polar-Palooza continues through Saturday, **February 28**.

**Observation Stations:** Stop in any time during the Winter Library Club to explore one of the Library's "Observation Stations," **January 17–February 28**. One station will be available at a time, with stations changing every two weeks and will include an in-house or take-home activity. *No registration required.*



**Movie at the Library:** Please call the Youth Services Desk for movie title, length, and rating of the movie to be shown Monday, **January 19**, 1 p.m. *No registration required.*

**Chess Knight:** Students ages 8 and older, teens, and adults of all skill levels are welcome to play chess, Tuesdays, **January 20–February 24**, 7–8 p.m. *No registration required.*

**Legos® and Trains:** Enthusiasts of all ages are invited to stop by the Library to view a Lego display by ChiLUG (Chicago Area Lego Users Group) and train displays by Valley Model Railroad Club, Saturday, **January 24**, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. *No registration required.*

## Programs for Students



**Lego® Fun:** Children ages 4-11 can drop in and build something with our Lego or Duplo bricks, Friday, **January 2**, 10 a.m. Space is limited. A Batavia Public Library card is required for admission. Children ages 4–6 must be accompanied by an adult. *No registration required.*

**Card Game Night:** Students ages 7–14 are invited to bring a deck of cards and challenge other players in a game of Magic, Pokémon, or Yu-Gi-Oh, Monday, **January 12**, 7 p.m. We'll also play Uno, Apples to Apples, and traditional card games. *No registration required.*

**Anybook Club:** Students grades 4–8 can join us for snacks, games, and book-related banter, Tuesday, **January 13**, 4 p.m. Talk about books you've read and we'll tell you about some you might like. *Registration required.*

**Curiosity Club:** Using books, games, and experiments, students in kindergarten through second grade will explore a variety of science and nature topics, Wednesday, **January 14**, 4:30 p.m. Each participant will receive a take-home activity. *Registration required.*

**Book Gems:** Book discussion for students in grades 2–3, Tuesday, **January 20**, 6 p.m. Read *Knights of the Kitchen Table* by Jon Scieszka and join us for discussion and activities. *Registration required.*

**Get Crafty:** Students in grades 4–8 are invited to drop by after school and do something crafty, Wednesday, **January 21**, 4 p.m. All materials are provided. *No registration required.*

**Yarn 'n' Tale Club:** Students ages 8–14 and a parent are invited to knit or crochet while listening to a story, Thursdays, **January 22–February 19**, 6:30–7:45 p.m. All levels of experience welcome; basic instructions will be offered. Please bring knitting needles (size 10) or a crochet hook (size G/H); yarn is provided. Please plan to attend all five sessions. *Registration required.*

**Book Worms:** Books, games, and a craft for students in kindergarten and first grade, Wednesday, **January 28**, 4:30 p.m. *Registration required.*



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## Storytimes

**Lap Sit Storytime:** Stories, songs, and more for children ages 2–3 with a caregiver, Mondays, **January 12–March 2**; or Tuesdays, **January 13–March 3**, 10 a.m. *Registration required.*

**Family Storytime:** Favorite stories, songs, and activities for families with children through age 7, Mondays, **January 12–February 23**, 7 p.m. *No registration required.*

**Baby Storytime–Pre-Walkers:** Songs, rhymes, lap games, and book-sharing for babies through 23 months who are not yet walking, with a caregiver, Tuesdays, **January 13–March 3**, 11 a.m. Please make outside care arrangements for older siblings. *Registration required.*



**ABC Storytime:** Activities, books, and a craft for children ages 3–6, Wednesdays, **January 14–March 4**, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.; or Thursdays, **January 15–March 5**, 10 a.m. *Registration required.*

**Baby & Tot Storytime:** Songs, rhymes, and stories for babies and tots through 35 months of age, Fridays, **January 16–March 6**, 10 a.m. Please make alternate care arrangements for older siblings. *Registration required.*

**Baby Storytime–Walkers:** Songs, rhymes, lap games, and book-sharing for babies through 23 months who are walking, Fridays, **January 16–March 6**, 11 a.m. Please make alternate care arrangements for older siblings. *Registration required.*

**Preschool Drop-In Storytime:** Stories, songs, and more for children ages 3–6, Fridays, **January 16–March 6**, 1 p.m. An adult must accompany children under the age of 4. *No registration required.*

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## Photo of the Monday

The Festive Singers entertained patrons with delightful songs, bringing the spirit of the Holidays to the Library.



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## Sneak Peak at February

"The Camera and Abraham Lincoln," a New Lyceum Lecture Series program, will be presented Monday, **February 9**, at 7 p.m. DePaul University Professor Mark Pohlad will examine photography from the 1840s to the 1860s and the impact it had on Lincoln's dramatic career. The program is a One Book, One Batavia 2015 event. [Registration is required.](#)



Hours

Mon-Thu 9-9

Fri-Sat 9-5

Sun 12-5 (Sept-May)

Sun 1-4 (June-Aug)

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