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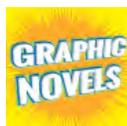
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The Library Will Be Closed . . . Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The Library will be open Sunday, July 5, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Attention, Shutterbugs! . . . Learn how to use the options on your digital cameras and how to organize and enjoy your photos during four different "How-To Community" programs at the Library this month. The presenters are professionals who will share the tips and tricks of their trade. Program information and links to registration can be found in Programs for Adults in this eNewsletter.



There's Still Time . . . to participate in "Read to the Rhythm," Summer Reading Club 2015. Babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and students entering grades K–8 can register at the Youth Services Desk. Adults and high school students can pick up a reading log at the Reference Desk. Everyone earns rewards and the chance to win other prizes. July is hopping with programs and activities for children. Be sure to check out the Programs for Youth in this eNewsletter for details.



Check Out the New Graphic Novels . . . area in the Youth Services department where new kid-friendly seating invites students in grades K–8 to enjoy 100 new graphic novels and comics. Look for the "Graphic Novels" sign—you can't miss it!

The Construction Project Continues . . . on the Library property. The lower level book return has been remodeled and will be open for business by July 1. New decorative railings are being installed and planters for the two courtyards will be arriving soon. We're checking things off the list! Thank you, Batavia, for your patience as we refresh and improve the Library building and grounds.

Board of Library Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, at 7 p.m., in the Library Conference Room. Meetings are open to the public.

Are You a Writer . . . in search of constructive criticism or encouragement? Would you like to meet other writers who will help you develop and perfect your craft? Come to a Batavia Writers Workshop meeting at the Library. The group meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on the second Monday of the month and includes both published and aspiring writers representing a number of genres. The next meeting is Monday, July 13. Registration is not required. For more information, contact workshop facilitator Frank Rutledge, [weatherbone@comcast.net](mailto:weatherbone@comcast.net).



Friends of the Batavia Public Library: Congratulations to Library pages Benjamin Van Vleet and Catelyn Janda who each received a Margaret E. Cooper scholarship from the Friends. Ben plans to attend Waubonsee Community College to study computer science this fall. Catelyn will attend Grinnell College in Iowa to study English and/or philosophy. Best wishes, Ben and Catelyn!

The next book sale in the FriendSpace is Saturday, July 11, from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Displays in the Library during July:

Art Wall – AFS Foreign Exchange 100th Anniversary Banners

Lobby Display Cases – Summer Reading Club, Library Improvements

Youth Services Display Case – Alexandria Horne, Sam Horne, Beatrix Terrell, Charlotte Terrell

Book Displays – Good Reads (fiction and nonfiction)

July/August Collection Survey: Home Renovation. [Take the online survey.](#)

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## Programs for Adults



Converting to Solar Power: Tuesday, July 14, 7 p.m. Norm Johnson, "The Solar Professor," explains how a home solar energy system works, including the design and installation process, costs, and benefits.

[Registration required.](#)

Getting the Most from Your Digital Camera, Part 1: Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. Professional photographer Roger Mattingly explains the seven basic commands that allow you to take control of your point-and-shoot digital camera. Participants will be divided by type of camera. Bring your camera and its instruction book. [Registration required.](#)

Getting the Most from Your Digital Camera, Part 2: Saturday, July 18, 1 p.m. This practical application of Part 1 includes how to scan, shoot, and copy with a digital camera, including old family photos and valuables for insurance records; and how to use available light, the self-timer, and movie mode. Bring your camera and its instruction book. [Registration required.](#)

Organizing Digital Photos & More: Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m. Learn the simple steps for organizing digital photos on the computer, as well as printed photos, from Beth Randall, professional organizer. [Registration required.](#)



Shoot Photos Like a Pro: Saturday, July 25, 1 p.m. Improve your image-capturing skills. Go from mundane to memorable by following a few simple tips and tricks from professional photographer John Dziekan. [Registration required.](#)

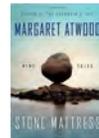
New! Adult Anime Club: Wednesday, July 22, 6:30–9 p.m. Anime enthusiasts are of all ages. This new club is for adults age 18 and older. Watch anime movies on DVD and meet other fans of anime and manga at the Library. Questions? Write to [Anime@BataviaPublicLibrary.org](mailto:Anime@BataviaPublicLibrary.org). No registration required.



Sundays on Stage—Sentimental Journey: Sunday, July 26, 2 p.m. Nora Drysch sings standards from the '30s to the early '60s. This one-hour musical excursion includes more than a dozen numbers, music trivia questions, and a free door prize raffle. Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation. [Registration required.](#)

Book Discussion "Non-Discussion": Tuesday, July 28, 7 p.m. Share with the group the favorite two books—new or old—that you've read in the past year. [Registration required.](#)

Book Discussion: Stone Mattress by Margaret Atwood: Tuesday, August 11, 7:30 p.m. Vintage Atwood, these brilliant and original nine tales epitomize the famous saying that "growing old ain't for sissies." No registration required.



Art in Your Mind: Wednesday, August 5, 7 p.m. We are inundated with images, but how well do we really see them? In this lecture, artist Ezra Siegel discusses how we can improve our visual literacy. Siegel has been awarded several Best in Show and First Prizes in painting, and has earned recognition by numerous juries, such as the Illinois Arts Council and Art Loop Open. His artwork is featured on the 2015 Art in Your Eye poster.

## Computer Classes for Adults

The Library offers a variety of 1-hour, hands-on [computer classes](#) (from "Introduction to Microsoft Word" to "Genealogy on the Internet"). 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

Fun Stuff



Inclusion Game Night: Wednesday, July 8, 7–8 p.m. Teens of all abilities—and their families and friends—are invited to the Library to meet new people and play a board game or card game in a relaxed setting. No registration required.

Anime Club: Thursday, July 9, 6:30–8:30 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.

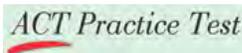
Cupcake Wars: Sunday, July 19, 1:30 p.m. Create unique cupcakes using candy, frosting, and other food items in this friendly competition. The literary theme will be revealed to contestants the day of the event. The most creative designs will receive delicious prizes. [Registration required.](#)



Teen Writing Workshop: Monday, July 20, 7–8 p.m. Have fun playing with words in short writing exercises. No registration required.

New! Inclusion Movie Night: Tuesday, July 21, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Teens and young adults of all abilities—and their families and friends—are invited to watch movies and meet new people in a relaxed setting. No registration required.

#### College/Career



ACT Practice Test: Saturday, August 1, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Take a free practice ACT 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.

### Programs for Youth

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

### Programs for Families



“Read to the Rhythm,” Summer Reading Club 2015: Children from birth through middle school are invited to participate in Summer Reading Club. Participants must be Batavia Public Library cardholders or students of a Batavia school. Summer Reading Club concludes Monday, August 3.

Patrons' Choice Movies: Come and view the movies voted the favorites of Youth Services patrons during the month of March, Wednesday, July 1, 10 a.m.; Monday, July 6, 2 p.m.; Thursday, July 16, 11 a.m.; and Wednesday, July 22, 2 p.m. Please call the Youth Services Desk for movie titles, lengths, and ratings. No registration required.

Drop-In Craft: Stop by and make a craft, Tuesday, July 7, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Children age 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Chess Knight: Students ages 8 and older and adults are invited to play chess, Tuesdays, through August 4, 7 p.m. Participants should have a basic knowledge of the game. No registration required.

Rhythm and Rhymes!: Parents' Choice Award winner Laura Doherty leads this upbeat concert, Monday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. This program is especially well-suited for families with children in preschool and early elementary grades. Doors to the Founders Room open at 10:15 a.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library. No registration required.

Sock Hop: Bring the whole family to the Hop, Monday, July 20, 7–8 p.m. We'll twist and bop to some great tunes—costumes are encouraged. No registration required.



Rock 'n' Roll Bingo: Play regular bingo and our specially designed music bingo, Friday, July 24, 1 p.m. Children age 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling. No registration required.

Patrons' Choice Awards Party: Walk the red carpet to the ceremony where we announce the winners that you have voted for this summer, Thursday, July 30, 11 a.m. Dress in your finest (or as your favorite character) and enjoy refreshments and activities. No registration required.



Rhythm Matters—A Musical Celebration: Join us for music, refreshments, and fun as we celebrate our summer reading success, Monday, August 3, 2 p.m. Jeff Matter, director of Batavia's Music Matters, guides us in a hands-on musical journey with musical instruments, singing, and games for all. After the program, there will be refreshments, raffles, and activities in the Reading Garden, weather permitting. No registration required. This is the last day to bring in your logbook for "Read to the Rhythm" rewards.

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## Programs for Students



Book Buddies: Young readers ages 6–8 will be partnered with Junior Volunteers for an hour of reading, Thursday, July 2, 11 a.m.; Tuesday, July 7, 2 p.m.; Friday, July 17, 2 p.m.; Thursday, July 23, 2 p.m.; and Wednesday, July 29, 11 a.m. This program focuses on book-sharing rather than tutoring. Please register for each date your child will attend. Registration required.

Game Day: Board games and more for students ages 7–14, Thursday, July 2, 2–4 p.m. No registration required.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course: A 7½ hour training course for students ages 11–15 during which they will be taught basic babysitting skills and emergency skills, Tuesday, July 7, and Thursday, July 23, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Due to the popularity of this program, a lottery drawing is held. The drawing has been held for the July 7 program; please check with Youth Services for space availability. The lottery drawing will be held on July 9 for the July 23 program. The course is sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation. Registration required.

Anybook Club: Students in grades 4–8 are invited to join us for snacks, games, and book-related banter, Wednesday, July 8, 11 a.m. Talk about some books you've read and we'll tell you about some you might like. You don't have to read anything in particular, just come to enjoy book-related activities. Registration required.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Your stuffed animal is invited to a sleepover at the Library, Wednesday, July 8. Children ages 4–8 can drop off the animals between 4–7 p.m., make an ID tag, and say goodnight until the next day. Children return Thursday, July 9, 1 p.m., for a snack while they watch a slideshow to see what the stuffed animals did during the sleepover and receive a certificate of participation. Registration required.



Lego® Fun: Students ages 6–10 can use the Library's Lego collection to build a creation to go on display, Friday, July 10, 1 p.m. Children age 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. A Batavia Public Library card is required. No registration required.

No More Boring Earbuds!: Do your earbuds look the same as everyone else's? Students in grades 6–8 can create a unique look for their earbuds, Tuesday, July 14, 1 p.m. The program lasts approximately 2 hours, so we'll vote on a movie to watch while working. Earbuds will be provided if you do not have your own. Registration required.



Spin-a-Disc Trivia: Students ages 7–14 can spin the disc on the trivia board and test their knowledge of things related to music and summer fun, Wednesday, July 15, 11 a.m. What summer sport has two major league teams in Chicago? What instrument has 88 keys? Join us for fun and prizes! Registration required.

Curiosity Club: Students in grades K–2 will explore a science and nature topic through books, games, and experiments, Wednesday, July 15, 1 p.m. Each participant will receive a take-home activity. Registration required.

Book Worms: Stories, games, and a craft for students in kindergarten and first grade, Monday, July 20, 10 a.m. Registration required.

Card Games: 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, July 20, 2 p.m. We'll also play Uno, Apples to Apples, and traditional card games. No registration required.

Book Gems: Book discussion for young readers, Tuesday, July 21, 2 p.m. Read *Singing Sensation* by Geronimo Stilton and join us for discussion and activities. Registration required; reserve a copy of the book when registering.



The Rhythm of Nature: Learn how plants grow, then plant your own microgreens, Wednesday, July 22, 11 a.m. Students in grades 4–7 will bring home a recycled container with potted microgreens and care instructions. Registration required.

Rhythm of Art: Did you know that artwork can have rhythm? By using repeating patterns, colors, and themes, we can create a visual beat in design. Join art instructor Karine Bauch as we practice printmaking to create colorful, rhythmic designs, Monday, July 27. Children, ages 6–9, will meet at 10 a.m. Children, ages 10–14, will meet at 12:30 p.m. Registration required.



Let's Make Music: Students in grades 3–6 can make their own instruments—drums, flutes, strings, and harmonicas—Tuesday, July 28, 2 p.m. Raw materials and instructions provided. Registration required.

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## Storytime

ABC Storytime: Activities, books, and a craft for children ages 3–6, Wednesday, July 1, 1 p.m.; and Friday July 31, 1 p.m. Registration required.

Lap Sit Storytime: Stories, rhymes, and more for children ages 2–3 with a caregiver, Monday, July 6, and Tuesday, July 21, 10 a.m. Registration required.

Baby & Tot Storytime: Songs, rhymes, and stories for babies and toddlers through 35 months of age, Friday, July 10, 10 a.m. Please make alternate care arrangements for older siblings. A Batavia Public Library card is required. No registration required.

Baby Storytime: An interactive program which includes stories, rhymes, and music, for babies through 23 months with a caregiver, Tuesdays, July 14 and 28, 11 a.m. Registration required.

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### For Babies and Preschoolers

Baby Play 'n' Learn: Drop-in playtime for babies ages 23 months and younger and their parents/caregivers, Saturday, July 11, 11 a.m. Parents can meet other parents and caregivers and see examples of early literacy activities. We ask that other arrangements be made for older siblings. Space is limited. Please show your Batavia Public Library card to receive an entry ticket. No registration required.



Duplo Fun: Children ages 4–6 can create with the Library's Duplo bricks, Friday, July 17, 10 a.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. A Batavia Public Library card must be presented for entry. No registration required.

Signing Fun: Licensed sign language interpreter Sheryl Ebersold demonstrates how to incorporate sign language into daily activities with signs, songs, and more, Friday, July 24. Space is limited. Infants through 18 months and caregivers will meet at 10 a.m. Toddlers ages 18 through 36 months and caregivers will meet at 11 a.m.

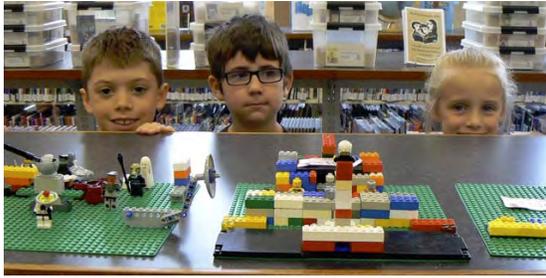
Registration required.

Beanbags, Shakers, and Scarves: Feel the rhythm and get your body moving in this interactive class that incorporates beanbags, shakers, and scarves with music and movement, for 2–3 year olds and their caregivers, Friday July 31, 10 a.m. Toddlers will practice following directions and work their muscles as they shake out the sillies. Registration required.

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### Photos of the Month





## Sneak Peak at August

In conjunction with Batavia's Art in Your Eye Fine Arts Festival, August 14–16, the Library is offering three art lectures in August—"Art in Your Mind," on August 5; "Abraham Lincoln in American Art," on August 10; and "Illinois Sculptor: The Art of Lorado Taft," on August 25. The programs begin at 7 p.m. and are free of charge. Please register online or call the Reference Desk, (630) 879-1393, ext. 200. For more information about the festival, visit [artinyoureye.com](http://artinyoureye.com).

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