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The Library Will Be Closed . . . Friday, August 28, for staff training.

Summer Reading Club Concludes . . . Monday, August 3. Turn in your reading logs and logbooks by 9 p.m. to collect your rewards. Winners of the teen and adult prize drawing will be notified in August. Thank you, parents, children, teens, and adults, for participating in "Read to the Rhythm." You rock!

"The Purpose of Art . . . is washing the dust of daily life off our souls" ~ Pablo Picasso. Dust your soul during three fine art lectures presented at the Library during August. The programs are being offered in conjunction with Batavia's Art in Your Eye Fine Art Festival, **August 14–16**. Batavia artist Ezra Siegel will discuss "Art in Your Mind," on Wednesday, **August 5**. One of Siegel's paintings is featured on the 2015 AIYE festival poster. On Monday, **August 10**, Professor Mark Pohlada examines "Abraham Lincoln in American Art." Pohlada's presentation will include images of Lincoln in paintings, photography, and sculpture. "Illinois Sculptor: The Art of Lorado Taft," will be highlighted by art historian Jeff Mishur on Tuesday, **August 25**. The programs all 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 programs, please see Programs for Adults in this eNewsletter. For more information about the festival, visit artinyoureye.com.



The Library Construction Project . . . experienced a lull during July as we wait for the City Council to approve a sign for the corner stairs at Wilson and Water Streets. When approved, the engraved cast stone will be ordered. Currently on order: new columns and doors. The courtyard planter boxes will be filled in the fall. Thank you, Batavia, for your patience throughout the construction project.

Board of Library Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, **August 18**, at 7 p.m., in the Library Conference Room. Meetings are open to the public.



Budding and Experienced Writers . . . are invited to attend the next meeting of the Batavia Public Library Writers Workshop, Monday, **August 10**, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Adults and teens writing in all genres are welcome. Participants share their work, exchange advice, and offer support to fellow writers. The workshop meets on the second Monday of every month in the Conference Room. *Registration is not required.* For more information contact the workshop facilitator, Frank Rutledge, at weatherbone@comcast.net.

Friends of the Batavia Public Library . . . The next book sale in the FriendSpace is Saturday, **August 8**, from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Can't make the Saturday sale? Visit the Friends' Corner across from the Check Out Desk whenever the Library is open. The shelves are replenished often, so there is always something new to see and purchase.



Displays in the Library during August:

Art Wall – Wayne Art League

Lobby Display Cases – Batavia Mothers' Club, Fox Valley Robotics and Batavia Robotics

Youth Services Display Case – Finn Drohan, Joshua Hart, Danny Rabehl, Michael Rabehl
Book Displays – Titles by the Month (fiction); The World around Us (nonfiction)

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

Programs for Adults

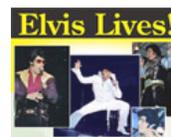


Art in Your Mind: Wednesday, **August 5**, 7 p.m. We are inundated with images, but how well do we really see them? In this lecture, artist Ezra Siegel discusses how we can improve our visual literacy. Siegel has been awarded several Best in Show and First Prizes in painting, and has earned recognition 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. [Registration required.](#)

Questions & Ancestors—CSI: Cemetery Search & Investigation: Sunday, **August 9**, 2 p.m. Presenter Tina Beard explains symbols found on older headstones and mourning customs of the past. Beard also offers suggestions and tips on how to find your ancestors' burial places and the different kinds of burial information available. [Registration required.](#)

Abraham Lincoln in American Art: Monday, **August 10**, 7 p.m. Mark Pohlad, Associate Professor of Art History at DePaul University, traces the image of Abraham Lincoln in the history of American art. From Mathew Brady's photographs, to statues by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, to paintings by contemporary artists such as Ed Paschke, the sixteenth President has been the subject of many important American works of art. Besides description and analysis of these pieces, this lively multimedia presentation will also involve history, art, and the biography of Abraham Lincoln. [Registration required.](#)

Sundays on Stage—Elvis Lives!: Sunday, **August 23**, 2 p.m. Tribute artist Ed Parzygnat performs popular Elvis songs from the '50s, '60s, and the Las Vegas years. Relive the melodies that made Elvis the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation. [Registration required.](#)



Illinois Sculptor: The Art of Lorado Taft: Tuesday, **August 25**, 7 p.m. As a teacher and accomplished sculptor, Lorado Taft established an impressive legacy in the state of Illinois. In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur examines a number of important Taft projects, including *The Fountain of Time*, *The Fountain of the Great Lakes*, *The Eternal Indian* (Black Hawk), and others. [Registration required.](#)



Anime Club for Adults: Wednesday, **August 26**, 6:30–9 p.m. Adults ages 18 and older are invited to watch anime and meet other adult anime and manga enthusiasts. *No registration required.*

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

September book selection: *River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard

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.



For Teens

Fun Stuff



Inclusion Game Night: Wednesday, **August 12**, 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, **August 13**, 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 Movie Night: Tuesday, **August 18**, 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

ACT Practice Test: Saturday, **August 1**, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. **Please check the Library's online calendar for space availability.** 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.](#) Limit: 24 participants.

PSAT Practice Test: Sunday, **September 13**, 12:30–4 p.m. The PSAT is newly revised. Are you ready? Take a free practice PSAT 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 August programs offered by the Youth Services department, please refer to the Library's *Programs/Events* page. Unless otherwise indicated, program registration begins Saturday, **August 1**. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders.

Programs for Families



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. We'll have refreshments, raffles, and activities in the Reading Garden after the presentation, weather permitting. *No registration required.* This is the last day to bring in your logbook for "Read to the Rhythm" rewards.

"Read to the Rhythm," Summer Reading Club: The summer reading club concludes Monday, **August 3**. Turn in logbooks to receive your rewards by 9 p.m.

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

Bingo: Children ages 3–14 are invited to play picture bingo and regular bingo, Thursday, **August 6**, 11 a.m. An adult or older sibling must accompany children age 5 and younger. *No registration required.*



Drop-In Craft: Stop by to make a craft, Monday, **August 17**, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Children age 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. *No registration required.*

Programs for Students

Game Day: Students ages 7–14 are invited to play board and other games, Thursday, **August 13**, 2–4 p.m. *No registration required.*



Baby Storytime: An interactive program for babies through 23 months with a parent/caregiver which includes stories, rhymes, and music, Tuesday, **August 11**, 11 a.m. *Registration required.*

For Babies and Preschoolers

Baby Play 'n' Learn: Playtime for babies through age 23 months, Saturday, **August 29**, 11 a.m. Parents/caregivers can meet other parents/caregivers and see examples of early literacy activities. We ask that outside care arrangements be made for older siblings. Space is limited. Please show your Batavia Public Library card to receive an entry ticket. *No registration required.*

Photos of the Month

The teen Cupcake Wars program was a friendly competition and the final products were both delightful and delicious! Winners are shown here.



Contestants



First Place

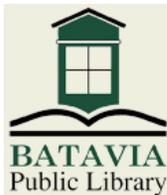
Second Place

Third Place

Sneak Peak at September

The first lecture of the New Lyceum Lecture Series 2015-2016 season will be presented at 7 p.m. on Monday, **September 21**. *New York Times* best-selling author Robert Kurson will talk about his latest book, *Pirate Hunters*. *Registration required*; begins **August 27**.

Questions? Suggestions? Email: askus@bataviapubliclibrary.org



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Mon-Thu 9-9
Fri-Sat 9-5
Sun 12-5 (Sept-May)
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