

Our
29th Season!

2015 – 2016 Schedule

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Thursday, September 17, 2015



Shells: Sustained by Grace within the Tempest
Author/Presenter: Steven Heronemus

People with ALS are often described as having a normal mind trapped in a shell of a body. Heronemus, of Batavia, has lived with ALS since 2003, yet is happier than ever. His book uses seashells as metaphors for habits that reveal the joy and beauty of life, no matter the circumstance. He finds fulfillment in relationships, building opportunities for those living with disabilities, being an advocate, and writing.

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Mindset: The New Psychology of Success
by Carol Dweck. Ph.D.

Presenter: Dr. Lisa Hichens

As educators prepare students for a future where jobs as we currently know them may no longer exist, it is more important than ever to teach students skills that will always be relevant. Among those skills is perseverance. Is there something that we educators and parents can do differently to help students face challenges and seek solutions? Hichens has served Batavia for 15 years as a teacher, dean, assistant principal, principal, and now superintendent of schools.

Thursday, November 19, 2015



**George Fabyan: The Tycoon Who Broke Ciphers,
Ended Wars, Manipulated Sound, Built a Levitation
Machine, and Organized the Modern Research Center**
Author/Presenter: Richard Munson

Munson discusses Fabyan, the Fox Valley tycoon who sponsored and inspired a community of thinkers who advanced science in such diverse fields as acoustics, cryptography, genetics, and physiology. He changed how we wage wars and keep secrets, and how we transmit sound and design buildings—but the whimsical Fabyan also tried to construct a machine to defy gravity and spent millions trying to prove that Sir Francis Bacon wrote Shakespeare's plays.

Thursday, December 17, 2015

**The Ascent of Humanity: Civilization and the
Human Sense of Self** by Charles Eisenstein
Presenter: Roger Breisch

Breisch, of Batavia, always challenges us to think more deeply. We welcome him back to discuss Eisenstein's exploration of human thought and how humanity came to this place and time. The book challenges some fundamental beliefs about many topics—including language, time, fire, science, and mathematics—and illustrates how they've had a dramatic impact on our current view of the world. How does our separation from the rest of the biosphere jeopardize our future, and how might we see our current path in new ways?

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Thursday, January 21, 2016

The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
Presenter: Barbara Kalina

Kalina, a lifelong Batavian and former literature and history teacher in Batavia schools, who is fascinated by those who think outside the box, discusses this account of the Wright brothers' uncanny genius. Their dream to fly began with deceptively simple questions: How do birds fly, maneuver, and use air currents? McCullough's inspiring account of the Wright brothers' highly intelligent, vastly curious, and untiringly persistent pursuit of their dream reveals the character traits that led to their stunning success.

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Batavia's Literary Skeletons
Presenter: Mayor Jeff Schielke

Batavia's Mayor Schielke has a talent for finding what has been written about our historic city. In this installment, he explores some fascinating literary skeletons he has unearthed about Batavia. Hollywood and revisionist historians have promulgated Batavia stories that definitely need further examination, and Schielke, as one of Batavia's chief historians, will set the record straight.

Thursday, March 17, 2016

**The Game: Inside the Secret World of Major League Baseball's
Power Brokers** by Jon Pessah
The Grind: Inside Baseball's Endless Season by Barry Svrluga
Presenter: Lester Munson

Munson, nationally known commentator and ESPN senior writer and legal analyst, discusses two books that look inside baseball from the perspectives of the owners, the commissioner, the players union, the players' wives, and the players themselves. They offer unique descriptions of the joys and the mysteries of baseball in America.

Thursday, April 21, 2016

The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease
Presenter: Maureen Jakubowski

Our world today is dominated by technology, yet the benefits of reading aloud to children have not diminished. Trelease's book explains why it is more important than ever to read aloud to children. This handbook includes research, as well as a treasury of read-aloud books. Jakubowski, a retired kindergarten and second grade teacher with Batavia Public Schools, is a former Batavia Public Library trustee and is involved with the Library's "Born to Read" program.

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Remembering Legendary Chicagoans
Presenter: Rick Kogan

Kogan, of the *Chicago Tribune* and WGN radio, returns to continue his discussion of Chicago legends. Last season he shared wonderful clips from an online video library he had found: mediaburn.org. Kogan is looking forward to sharing more clips and stories of legendary Chicagoans he has come to know so well through his work and personal life.