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**The Library Will Be Closed** . . . Sunday, **September 6**, and Monday, **September 7**, in observance of Labor Day. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Library parking lots will be resurfaced at this time. To return materials, use the sidewalk from Batavia Avenue to the upper level book return located in the east courtyard.



**Author Robert Kurson** . . . will discuss his new book, *Pirate Hunters*, at the Library on Monday, **September 21**, at 7 p.m. Kurson is an award-winning writer who has worked for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Esquire*, *Chicago Magazine*, and whose articles have appeared in *Rolling Stone*, the *New York Times* and other publications. His first book, *Shadow Divers*, was a *New York Times* best seller. Please register for this New Lyceum Lecture Series (NLLS) program, which kicks off the NLLS 2015-16 season sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation.

**"Sundays on Stage" Now Features** . . . a stage! The Library's popular Sundays on Stage entertainment series now has an 8 x 12 foot stage which promises to give the audience a better view of the featured performers. The portable stage was purchased with funds provided by an Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant.

**The Library Construction Project** . . . The lights are back up on the courtyard walls! The process of replacing exterior doors has begun and should be finished in September.



**Board of Library Trustees Meeting:** Tuesday, **September 15**, 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? Would you like to meet other local writers? Then you may want to attend the Batavia Public Library Writers Workshop, Monday, **September 14**, 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 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** . . . Do you have any books left over from your summer garage sale? Consider donating them to the Friends. Your donations help to stock our monthly book sales and the Friends Book Corner located across from the Check Out Desk. Book sale profits fund a variety of projects and events at the Library. Bring your donations to the Check Out Desk or call ahead, (630) 879-1393, ext. 100, to have staff meet you at the lower level door. Don't forget to ask for your tax receipt form. Thank you!



The next book sale in the FriendSpace is Saturday, **September 5**, from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Next month: The Friends will be selling All Hallows' Read book coupons **October 1-31**. Free books make nice Halloween treats for toddlers, young students, and teens! More details to come in the October issue of *Wired*.

## Displays in the Library during September:

**Art Wall**– Kathi Kuchler

**Lobby Display Cases** –AFS Foreign Exchange, Northern Illinois Food Bank

**Youth Services Display Case** – Jake Grohe, Nathan Grohe, Ambriel Prah, Madelyn Kennedy

**Book Displays** – Historical Fiction; Self-Help (nonfiction)

**September/October Collection Survey:** History. [Take the online survey.](#)

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## Programs for Adults



**New Lyceum Lecture Series—Pirate Hunters:** Monday, **September 21**, 7 p.m.

*New York Times* best-selling author Robert Kurson tells the story of two men—John Chatterton and John Mattera—who are willing to risk everything to find the ship of the infamous pirate Joseph Bannister. Though Bannister's exploits were more notorious than Blackbeard's, his story and his ship have been lost to time. Chatterton and Mattera travel the globe in search of historic documents, face down dangerous rivals, and battle the tides of governments and experts. But it's only when they learn to think and act like pirates that they become able to go where no pirate hunters had gone before. [Registration required.](#) Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation.



**Sundays on Stage—An Afternoon with Theodore Roosevelt:** Sunday, **September 27**, 2 p.m. A weak and sickly boy in New York City built his body and became a rough-riding cowboy and the 26th President of the United States. From confronting barroom bullies in the Dakota Territory to battling the trusts of Wall Street, Theodore Roosevelt preached and lived the strenuous life. Join Colonel Roosevelt, as portrayed by Joe Wiegand, on adventures from Washington, D.C., to Yosemite National Park, British East Africa, and the Amazon jungle of Brazil. Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation. [Registration required.](#)

**Anime Club for Adults:** Wednesday, **September 23**, 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:** *River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard: Tuesday, **September 8**, 7:30 p.m. The true story of Theodore Roosevelt's incredible journey down one of the most dangerous rivers on earth. It is an unbelievable tale of exploration and incredible hardship as he and his men discover an unmapped tributary of the Amazon River. *No registration required.*

October book selection: *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert

## 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

### College/Career

**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.



**College Knowledge—Tips from Inside the Admissions Committee:** Tuesday, **September 15**, 7–8:30 p.m. Julie Nelson, regional recruitment director for Xavier University in Cincinnati, explains the college admissions process, including campus visits, application tips, and financial assistance. Students and parents welcome. [Registration required.](#)



**Don't Pay the College Sticker Price!** Tuesday, **September 29**, 7–8:30 p.m. Learn how to maximize need-based financial aid eligibility, target the right colleges for merit-based financial aid, and use tax-saving opportunities. Presenter Joe Orsolini is a certified financial planner and an expert in the college financial aid system. Students and parents welcome. [Registration required.](#)

### Fun Stuff

**Inclusion Game Night:** Wednesday, **September 9**, 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, **September 10**, 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, **September 22**, 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.*

### Programs for Youth

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

### Programs for Families

**Observation Stations:** Drop by the Youth Services department any time during the month to explore our Observation Station. The station will include an in-house or take-home activity. *No registration required.*

**Drop-In Craft:** Stop by and make a craft, Thursday, **September 10**, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.; or Saturday, **September 19**, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Children age 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. *No registration required.*



**Book Character Visit:** Barnes & Noble Booksellers will bring Arthur to the Library for stories and activities, Saturday, **September 12**, 3 p.m. Bring your camera! *No registration required.*

**Small Card, Big Rewards:** It's National Library Card Sign-Up month. Whether you're getting your first library card or you've had a card for years, you may enjoy this special opportunity to find out all the ways the Library can serve you. Interested families of any size can sign up to learn about some of the unique services the Library provides, and take a peek at a few places not generally open to the public, Wednesday, **September 16**, 4 p.m.; Thursday, **September 24**, 1 p.m.; or Monday, **September 28**, 7 p.m. Space is limited. *Registration required.*

**Batman Day:** All ages are welcome to celebrate one of the most iconic superheroes of all time on Batman Day, Saturday, **September 26**, 10–11:30 a.m. Take a picture with Batman, use your bat skills in a scavenger hunt, and more! *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, **September 8**, 4 p.m. You can talk about the 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.*

**Book Worms:** Stories, games, and a craft for students in kindergarten and first grade, Wednesday, **September 9**, 4:30 p.m. *Registration required.*

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

**Book Gems:** A book discussion club for students in grades 2–3, Tuesday, **September 15**, 6:30 p.m. Read *8 Class Pets +1 Squirrel [divided by] 1 Dog = Chaos*, the 2016 Monarch nominee by Vivian Vande Velde. *Registration required.*

**Middle School Advisory Council:** Join the Batavia Public Library’s Middle School advisory council, Monday, **September 21**, 4 p.m. We meet once a month to plan activities for students at the Library and work on projects to benefit the Library and community. We also eat pizza and have fun at our meetings. *Registration and a Batavia Public Library card are required.* Please register at the Youth Services Desk.

**Curiosity Club:** Through books, games, and experiments, students in grades K–2 will explore a variety of science and nature topics, Wednesday, **September 23**, 4:30 p.m. Each participant will receive a take-home activity. *Registration required.*

## Storytime

**Family Storytime:** Bring the whole family for favorite stories and more, Mondays, **September 14–November 2**, 6:30 p.m. *No registration required.*

**Lap Sit Storytime:** Stories, rhymes, and more for children ages 2–3 with a caregiver, Mondays, **September 14–November 2**, or Tuesdays, **September 15–November 3**, 10 a.m. Storytimes last approximately 20 minutes. *Registration required.*

**Baby Storytime Pre-Walkers:** An interactive program which includes stories, rhymes, and music for babies who are not yet walking and a caregiver, Tuesdays, **September 15–November 3**, 11 a.m. *Registration required.*

**ABC Storytime:** Activities, books, and a craft for children ages 3–6 years old, Wednesdays, **September 16–November 4**, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.; or Thursdays, **September 17–November 5**, 10 a.m. This program is designed for children who are able to participate without assistance from a caregiver. *Registration required.*

**Baby & Tot Storytime:** Stories, songs, and more for babies and tots through age 35 months with a caregiver, Fridays, **September 18–November 6**, 10 a.m. We ask that alternate care arrangements be made for older siblings. Present your Batavia Public Library card to receive entry tickets. Tickets will be handed out beginning at 9:40 a.m. until they are gone. Space is limited. *No registration required.*

**Baby Storytime—Walkers:** Babies through 23 months who are already walking and a caregiver will enjoy this interactive program, Fridays, **September 18–November 6**, 11 a.m. *Registration required.*

**Preschool Drop-In Storytime:** Stories, flannel boards, and more for preschoolers ages 3–6, Fridays, **September 18–November 6**, 1 p.m. Younger siblings are welcome. An adult must accompany children under the age of 4. *No registration required.*

## Photo of the month

Library repairs are not done, but Egghead is back on the wall and that makes some people very happy!



## Sneak Peak at October

Have we got a “How-To Community” line-up for you! Four “How-To” programs will be offered in October: Hand Sewing for Beginners, Machine Sewing for Beginners, Knitting for Beginners, and Crochet for Beginners. If you want to learn



the basics, your opportunity to do so has arrived. Check the Library's online October [calendar](#) for dates and times.

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Questions? Suggestions? Email: [askus@bataviapubliclibrary.org](mailto:askus@bataviapubliclibrary.org)

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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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