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Lions and Tigers and Bears . . . okay, not those animals, but Steve and Jessica Reedy, founders of Animal Quest, are bringing 10 other exotic animals to the Library for a show on Saturday, **October 10**, at 10:30 a.m. If your family loves animals, you don't want to miss this program. *Registration is not required.* Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors to the Founders Room open at 10:15 a.m.

The Library Is Open . . . on Columbus Day, Monday, **October 12**. Bring the kids for a Drop-In Craft between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and stay for a children's movie at 2 p.m. *Registration is not required for either program.* For movie title, please call the Youth Services department, (630) 879-1393, ext. 500.

BatFest Stories and Parade . . . Families are invited to stop by the Reading Garden (weather permitting) for fall stories and songs, **October 24**, at 11:30 a.m. The event will take place in the Founders Rooms should the weather not cooperate. Children are invited to wear costumes and parents must accompany children. At approximately 11:50 a.m., the Batavia Mothers' Club costume parade will start at the Library and continue to downtown Batavia for more BatFest activities including BatArt, games, and pumpkin bowl.



Readers Who Favor eBooks . . . now have another free collection to access—eRead Illinois. You can find this source for downloading eBooks on the Library's website, BataviaPublicLibrary.org > Readers' Corner > eBooks & eMedia.

You've never tried an eReader? Check out one of the Library's preloaded Nooks® (there are a number of books on each Nook) and give it whirl. Also, you can visit the Library's Technology Petting Zoo next to the Reference Desk to experiment with other kinds of eReaders including a Kindle, Kindle Fire, Nook Simple Touch, and Nook Color. The zoo also has an iPad, iPad Touch, Samsung Galaxy Tab, and Dell Venue 8 Pro tablets.

Beginning in October . . . one-on-one genealogy research help is available at the Library. Are you researching your family tree? Whether you've just started or would like help overcoming obstacles, schedule an appointment with a librarian who will provide a one-hour session to guide you in your genealogy research. Appointments are available Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. A Batavia Public Library card is required. Contact the Reference Desk for details, (630) 879-1393, ext. 200.

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



Batavia Public Library Writers Workshop: Monday, **October 12**, 6:30–9 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.

Give a Halloween Treat . . . that children can enjoy again and again! Purchase All Hallows' Read book coupons from the Friends of the Batavia Public Library during October and give them out to trick-or-treaters, family, and friends. Book coupons will be sold in packets of 10 for \$2.50. Each coupon entitles a young reader (infant to age 18) to a free book (50¢ value) at a Friends' monthly used book sale or from the Friends Book Corner throughout the year. You can purchase All Hallows' Read book coupons at the book sale in the FriendSpace, **October 3**, 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.; during the BatFest Stories at the Library, **October 24**, 11:30–11:50 a.m.; or at the Check Out Desk, **October 1–31**. All Hallows' Read is a celebration started by author Neil Gaiman who suggests that for Halloween, people give the gift of a book to trick-or-treaters. The Friends group heartily agrees!



Displays in the Library during September:

Art Wall—Karl Williams

Lobby Display Cases —American Cancer Society, Mutual Ground

Youth Services Display Case — Steven Bannos, Jaden Glisson, Brooke Robertson, Grant Robertson

Book Displays — Family History Month (nonfiction); Paranormal Activity (fiction)

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

Programs for Adults



Questions & Ancestors—Family History, Get Organized and Share: Thursday, **October 15**, 7 p.m.

Presenter Steve Szabados explains a method that will help improve your research skills and make writing a family history easier. [Registration required.](#)

Knitting for Beginners: Saturday, **October 3**, 1:30–4:30 p.m. Christine Edison and Carole

Halling teach you the knitting basics: casting on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch, and binding off. Participants: Bring size 8 needles. Yarn and pattern provided. PLEASE NOTE: this

program is the same program offered at 9:30 a.m.; the afternoon session was added after the 9:30 a.m. session of "Knitting for Beginners" reached capacity. [Registration required.](#)



Crochet for Beginners: Saturday, **October 10**, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 1:30–4:30 p.m. Mandy Knapp demonstrates the basics of crochet, including chaining, single and double crochet, and working in the round. Participants will make practice squares and a coffee cup cozy and learn about pattern reading and abbreviations. Yarn and hook provided. PLEASE NOTE: this program is the same program offered at 9:30 a.m.; the afternoon session of "Crochet for Beginners" was added after the 9:30 a.m. session reached capacity. [Registration required.](#)

Hand Sewing for Beginners: Saturday, **October 17**, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Lee Blakley explains how to sew a seam, sew on buttons, hem pants and skirts, and more. Participants may bring an item of clothing that needs mending and matching thread. Other supplies provided. [Registration required.](#)



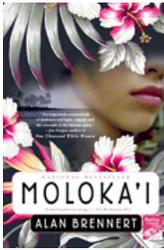
Machine Sewing for Beginners: Saturday, **October 24**, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Lee Blakley explains how to thread a sewing machine, cut out fabric, sew a seam, and more. Participants may bring their sewing machines and manuals. [Registration required.](#)

Sundays on Stage—Vegas in Batavia: Sunday, **October 25**, 2 p.m. The Strip's most legendary act—Frank, Dean, and Sammy—comes to Batavia, courtesy of Jack Miuccio, John Stenberg, and Darnell Towns. The trio pays homage to the stars in a fast-paced show filled with classic songs. In short, it *swings*. [Registration required.](#)



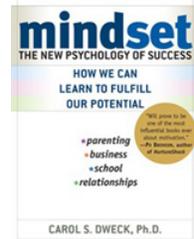
Anime Club for Adults: Wednesday, **October 28**, 6:30–9 p.m. Adults ages 18 and older are invited to watch anime and meet other adult anime and manga enthusiasts. *No registration required.*



Book Discussion: Moloka'i by Alan Brennert: Tuesday, **October 13**, 7:30 p.m. Dramatic and heartbreaking, *Moloka'i* follows the life of Rachel Kalama. As a child she is sent to the leper colony, where she grows to adulthood and marries, gaining and losing friends and family along the way. *No registration required.*

November book selection: *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson

Books Between Bites: Thursday, **October 15**, 12 p.m. Lisa Hichens reviews *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Carol Dweck. 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 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. *No registration required.*



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

College/Career

ACT Practice Test: Sunday, **October 4**, 12:30–4 p.m. Take a free practice ACT test with scoring by Kaplan Test Prep. Bring a calculator, pencils, water, and an energy snack. Kaplan will contact students approximately two weeks after the test. [Registration required](#); space is limited.



Start Early, Start Smart—College and Career Planning: Tuesday, **October 27**, 7–8:30 p.m. Paula Kosin from Career Vision explains why early career planning is crucial for today's students and discusses the five steps to making these decisions—before choosing a college. [Registration required](#).

ACT Practice Test: Sunday, **November 1**, 12:30–4 p.m. Take a free practice ACT test with scoring by Kaplan Test Prep. Bring a calculator, pencils, water, and an energy snack. Kaplan will contact students approximately two weeks after the test. [Registration required](#); space is limited.

Fun Stuff



Anime Club: Thursday, **October 8**, 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.*

Inclusion Game Night: Wednesday, **October 14**, 6:30–8:30 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.*

Inclusion Movie Night: Tuesday, **October 20**, 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 Thursday, **October 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 and/or take-home activity. *No registration required.*



Bookmark Contest: Batavia students in grades 1–5 are invited to enter the Bookmark Contest. Entry forms will be available at the Youth Services Desk **October 1–30**. Completed forms must be returned by **October 31**.

Animal Quest: Don't miss an opportunity to get up close and personal with 10 different animals—from the domestic to the exotic—during this informative and entertaining show, Saturday, **October 10**, 10:30 a.m. Doors to the Founders Room will open at 10:15 a.m. *No registration required.*

Drop-In Craft: Stop by and make a craft, Monday, **October 12**, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., or Thursday, **October 22**, 6–8 p.m. Children age 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. *No registration required.*

Movie at the Library: Join us for a movie, Monday, **October 12**, 2 p.m. Please call for movie title, length, and rating. *No registration required.*



BatFest Stories and Parade: Stop by the Reading Garden (weather permitting) for fall songs and stories, Saturday, **October 24**, 11:30 a.m. Children are invited to wear costumes. Parents must accompany children. Then join the Batavia Mothers' Club BatFest costume parade, 11:50 a.m. *No registration required.*

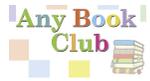


Tricks and Treats: Get ready for Halloween with some tricks and treats at the Library, Thursday, **October 29**, 4–5:30 p.m. Wear your costume and enjoy spooky games, a creepy craft, and more. Drop by anytime. *No registration required.*

Preschool Fair: Trying to decide on a preschool for your child? Stop by the Library for a look at various Batavia and Geneva preschools, Monday, **November 9**, 6:30–8 p.m. The open-house format offers parents and caregivers the opportunity to talk to many preschools at one time, in one location. *No registration required.*

Programs for Students

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, **October 5**, 7 p.m. We'll also play Uno, Apples to Apples, and traditional card games. *No registration required.*



Anybook Club: Students in grades 4–8 are invited to join us for snacks, games, and book-related banter, Tuesday, **October 6**, 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, **October 14**, 4:30 p.m. *Registration required.*

Book Gems: A book discussion club for students in grades 2–3, Tuesday, **October 20**, 6:30 p.m. Read *The Locker Ate Lucy* by Jack Chabert and join us for discussion and activities. *Registration required.* Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Curiosity Club: Through books, games, and experiments, students in grades K–2 will explore a variety of science and nature topics, Wednesday, **October 21**, 4:30 p.m. Each participant will receive a take-home activity. *Registration required.*



Middle School Advisory Council: Join the Batavia Public Library's Middle School advisory council, Monday, **October 26**, 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. A Batavia Public Library card is required. *Registration required.*

Late Night at the Library: An after-hours program for students in grades 3–5, Friday, **November 13**, 6–9 p.m. Activities include a scavenger hunt, games, pizza, and a guest performer. Register in person at the Youth Services Desk beginning **November 1**. A parental permission form and \$3 per participant are required at registration. Space is limited. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders and students attending Batavia schools.

Storytime

Family Storytime: Bring the whole family for favorite stories and more, Mondays, through **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, through **November 2**; or Tuesdays, through **November 3**, 10 a.m. Storytimes last approximately 20 minutes. The session is currently in progress. Please call for space

availability. *Registration required.*

Baby Storytime Pre-Walkers: An interactive program which includes stories, rhymes, and music for babies who are not yet walking, with a caregiver, Tuesdays, through **November 3**, 11 a.m. The session is currently in progress. Please call for space availability. *Registration required.*

ABC Storytime: Activities, books, and a craft for children ages 3–6 years old, Wednesdays, through **November 4**, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.; or Thursdays, through **November 5**, 10 a.m. This program is designed for children who are able to participate without assistance from a caregiver. The session is currently in progress. Please call for space availability. *Registration required.*

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

Preschool Drop-In Storytime: Stories, flannel boards, and more for preschoolers ages 3–6, Fridays, through **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

A full house enjoyed Joe Wiegand's fantastic portrayal of Theodore Roosevelt.



Sneak Peak at October

Parents of young children—plan to join us at the annual Preschool Fair on Monday, **November 9**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Representatives from Batavia and Geneva preschools will be at the Library to share information about their programs and answer your questions. *Registration is not required*—just drop in! The event is co-sponsored by the Geneva Public Library.

Questions? Suggestions? Email: askus@bataviapubliclibrary.org



Hours
Mon-Thu 9-9
Fri-Sat 9-5
Sun 12-5 (Sept-May)
Sun 1-4 (June-Aug)

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