

Nominate Batavia Public Library's next

LIBRARY LEADER

“Love is the greatest force in the universe,” Martin Luther King Jr. once wrote.

That love doesn't just exist for our immediate family members or friends, to be shared through sweet sentiments on Valentine's Day. It extends throughout our community, demonstrated every day through selfless acts, countless hours of volunteer work and a true passion for helping others succeed.

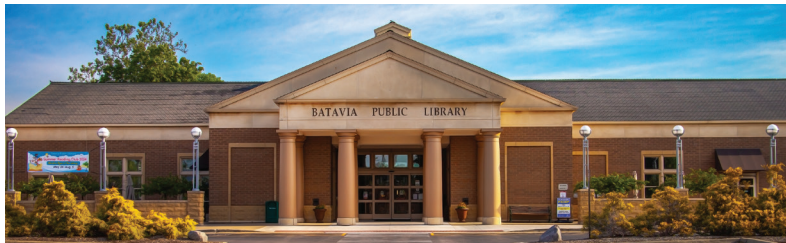
That love extends to the Batavia Public Library, too.

If someone you know is a champion of the Library and our commitment to lifelong learning and cultural enrichment in a welcoming environment, they could be nominated as a Library Leader.

Every other year, the Library Board of Trustees recognizes a special individual who has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the Library District. This award is bestowed biennially on individuals whose instrumental work benefits the Library District, its services and our community.

This year's award winner will be the 10th recipient. The Library Board created this award in 2003.

Nominees may include Batavia Public Library District residents; members of the business community; individuals affiliated with Batavia educational, civic, and philanthropic organizations; members of the



Friends of the Batavia Public Library; as well as former members of the Board of Library Trustees; current and former employees (with at least 10 years of service); and volunteers of the Batavia Public Library.

The award may be given posthumously.

To be eligible for this award, nominees must meet at least three of the following criteria.

ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

1. Demonstrates exemplary commitment to the goals and mission of the Batavia Public Library.
2. Makes a significant and long-lasting contribution to the advancement of the Library through leadership, excellence, achievement, or volunteerism.
3. Advocates for access to information and freedom of speech and expression.
4. Promotes the growth and development of the Library.
5. Fosters partnerships with local organizations and agencies to enhance the quality of Library service in Batavia.

6. Champions the Library and its services to the community.
7. Encourages innovative and visionary thinking in the Library's operations, programs, and services.

DATES AND DETAILS

In honor of National Library Week, which is celebrated this year from April 6-12, nominations must be submitted by Monday, April 7. The award will be presented during Library Card Sign-Up Month in September 2025.

Nominations may be submitted by any member of the Batavia Public Library community.

Nomination packets may be obtained in person at the Library, or from our website, BataviaPublicLibrary.org, beginning in January. Completed nomination packets include a nomination form; nomination letter detailing the nominee's eligibility; and two letters of support. Mail or deliver completed packets by April 7 to:

Library Leader
Attention: Executive Director
Josephine Tucci
Batavia Public Library
10 S. Batavia Ave.
Batavia, IL 60510

The Library will be closed:

- Tuesday, Dec. 31, for New Year's Eve.
- Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, for New Year's Day.
- Friday, Feb. 21, closed from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for staff training. Open from 1-5 p.m.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: 12-5 p.m.

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Under the Cupola

Happy New Year, Batavia!

As we welcome this new year, we are thrilled to share an update on our journey toward developing a new Strategic Plan for the Library.

During the past several months, we've engaged with our community – collecting valuable insights from residents, community partners, our dedicated Library Board, and our amazing staff. Thank you to everyone who participated in our surveys, interviews, and focus groups. Your feedback has been invaluable in shaping a plan that truly reflects our shared vision for the Library's future. We're excited to finalize this plan by the end of January and look forward to the positive impact it will bring.

In the meantime, we have a full calendar of exciting activities planned for January and February for all ages. From family-friendly events to programs tailored for teens and adults, there's something for everyone to enjoy. We can't wait to see you at the Library, where you'll find both learning opportunities and fun experiences that connect us all.

Thank you for being an integral part of our library community. Here's to a wonderful year ahead filled with growth, connection and discovery!

JOSEPHINE TUCCI

Library Executive Director

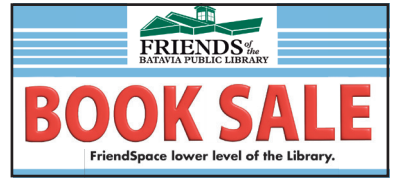


FRIENDS' EVENING BOOK SALES

Wednesdays, Jan. 8 & Feb. 5

6-8 p.m.

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will host its monthly Evening Book Sale from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8, and Feb. 5 in the FriendSpace. Credit cards are accepted. The FriendSpace is located on the Library's lower level.



FRIENDS' BOOK SALES

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9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The Friends of the Batavia Public Library is dedicated to promoting, improving, and assisting the Batavia Public Library. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, with all donations fully tax-deductible. If your employer has set up a Matching Funds Program, we are legally qualified to accept these funds. This is a way to double your donation to the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Registration information: Registration is required for some programs; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200, or register online at BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

Advance registration is required for programs designated ®.

Surprise Me Bundles

Ongoing

Adults and teens – Do you need something new to read or watch, but you're not sure what to choose from the Library's collection? We can help. Fill out our Surprise Me Bundle form, and librarians will search for up to five items just for you and set them aside for you to pick up. Fill out the form here: tinyurl.com/atssurpriseme.

Book Subscription Bags for Adults & Teens ®

February, March and April

Love surprises? Looking for fresh reading ideas? Adults and teens can sign up for a three-month subscription to a Book Subscription Bag filled with a library book selected especially for you, plus a few surprise goodies to keep. We'll notify you when your bag is ready. Registration opened Dec. 1 and ends Jan. 15. Limit: 30. Sign up here: tinyurl.com/atswin25.

SUNDAYS ON STAGE

Louis Jolliet: A Solid Path Through Water ®

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m.

In person

This one-act, one-person play written and performed by Jim Healy is presented in honor of the 350th anniversary of the voyage of Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet down the Mississippi River.

The Saddle Shoe Sisters ®

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m.

In person

The Saddle Shoe Sisters are back by popular demand! Celebrate the sweet harmonies of the best girl vocal groups, from the Andrews Sisters to The Supremes and everything in between with the Saddle Shoe Sisters.



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FEATURE PROGRAMS



Wild West Africa 🌍

Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.

On the big screen in the Library or online via Zoom from your home

Join world traveler Brian Michalski on a Zoom travelogue of West Africa. Through gorgeous original photos, Michalski unearths fascinating firsthand experiences in Mauritania, Senegal, The Gambia, and Sierra Leone. While discussing the staggering difficulties these populations face, he also will explore the upsides, including stunning natural beauty, accessible wildlife and genuine hospitality. West

Africa is worlds apart from the Chicago region. Due to safety concerns, poor living conditions, long distances, and prohibitive costs, people may favor visiting other destinations. Fortunately, his experiences will transport us to this fascinating region with all the beauty and excitement but none of the risks.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year 🌕

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.

In person

Welcome the Year of the Snake with us! We'll learn about the celebration of the Lunar New Year in China and many other Asian cultures from educator Yvonne Wolf. Wolf will tell us about the rites, activities, symbols and foods associated with the Lunar New Year and how you can participate at home.

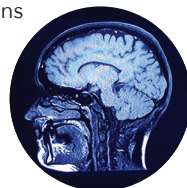
Healthy Living for Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research 🧠

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.

In person

For centuries, we've known that the

health of the brain and the body are connected. Now, science can provide insights into how to optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. We'll discover how to use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter.



NASA's Next Steps 🚀

Thursday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.

In person

What plans does NASA have for a return to the Moon? Ryan Wiseman, systems engineer and deputy program manager at Lockheed Martin, will talk about the exciting things that are being built now to reach that goal.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

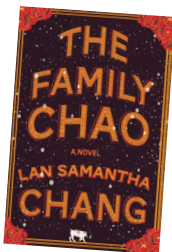
Book Discussion 📖

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.

In person

"The Family Chao" by Lan Samantha Chang

When the owner of Fine Chao Restaurant is found dead – presumed murdered – his three sons are reunited and fall under suspicion. Leo Chao's sons must reckon with the legacy of their father's outsized appetites and their own future survival. "An ingenious and cunning reboot of Dostoyevsky's 'The Brothers Karamazov.'" ~ Publishers Weekly



you were asked to name five people, living or dead, with whom you'd like to have dinner? Whom would you choose? And what if that dinner happened?

March book selection: "The Maidens" by Alex Michaelides

Books Between Bites

Thursday, Jan. 16, Noon

In person

Docent Karl Bruhn details the unique structures of Fabyan Forest Preserve and their fascinating stories.

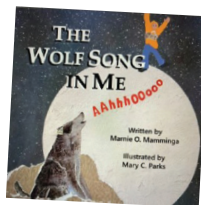
Books Between Bites Bonus!

"The Wolf Song In Me"

Thursday, Jan. 30, Noon

In person

We're excited to announce the addition of a special program to present Marnie O. Mamminga's and Mary C. Park's new book, "The Wolf Song In Me."



Thursday, Feb. 20, Noon

In person

"The Woman Who Smashed Codes" by Jason Fagone, presented by Vivien Lasken, director of the Fabyan Villa Museum and Japanese Garden.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

The Sweet Life After 50 🍰

Mondays, Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24, 1:30 p.m.

In person

Visit the Library for social time and a relaxed craft or activity. This program is designed for individuals 50 and older who enjoy working fun and easy crafts, games and puzzles while socializing with other active adults. Crafts and activities change routinely so there's always something fresh and exciting to try. Jan. 13: No Sew Shawl. Jan. 27: Ombre Pinecones with Misty. Feb. 10: Watercolor Luminaries. Feb. 24: Acrylic Painting with Misty.

Over What Hill? 🏔️

Tuesdays, Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25, 1:30 p.m.

In person

This program is designed for those 50 and older who enjoy learning something that keeps them moving and active. Jan. 14: Fabric Scrap Ladybug Magnets. Jan. 28: Badminton, Bags & Ping-Pong. Feb. 11: Scrapbook Page. Feb. 25: Badminton, Bags & Ping-Pong.



Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.

In person

"The Dinner List" by Rebecca Serle

In "The Dinner List," the author contends with these questions: What if

HOW-TO COMMUNITY

Estate Planning Explained ③

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

In person

Gerontologist and educator Lydia Manning, Ph.D., of Bentron Financial covers the estate planning process from beginning to end. We will look at the need to plan, the most common planning techniques, and the documents used in the planning process. This class will explain the difference between a will and a trust and give attendees an understanding of probate, wills vs. trusts, power of attorney for healthcare and financial matters, and guardianship appointments. Attendees will gain a thorough understanding of what steps they need to take to protect their spouse and heirs.

Writers' Group ③

Wednesdays, Jan. 15 & Feb. 19, 7 p.m.

In person

Ever dreamed of writing that book? Writer Rebecca Kohles will lead a writers' workshop to get you started. Fiction and nonfiction writers are welcome!

Let Art Speak to You: Creative Writing Workshop ③

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m.

In person

Join artist and writer Carly Palmer for a creative writing workshop. This workshop will introduce participants to how to bridge the connection between image and word. By capturing our first impressions, thoughts and feelings into words, we are able to tell a new story. Students will be guided with writing prompts to deepen their creative process and self-expression. No experience is necessary. Bring paper and a pen or pencil and an open mind to play with possibilities!



Illinois Tollway Community Day

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2-6 p.m.

Drop in – in person

The Illinois Tollway's I-PASS on Demand team will be offering full services from opening accounts and adding new license plates, to handing out and activating its new sticker tag transponders that replace the battery-operated, white plastic ones.

QUESTIONS & ANCESTORS GENEALOGY SERIES

Who Needed it, Anyway? Researching Around the Missing 1890 Census, Part 1 ③

Monday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom

The loss of the 1890 U.S. census is a source of great frustration for American genealogists, but all hope is not lost. Learn strategies and gather tips for success in locating your family in other records between the 1880 and 1900 U.S. censuses. Register via Zoom: tinyurl.com/mr24jv5z.

Why We Still Don't Miss 1890. Much., Part 2 ③

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom

This follow-up presentation to "Researching Around the Missing 1890 Census" will explore even more resources to help us find our families between 1880-1900. Register via Zoom: tinyurl.com/mpmmjyjpz.

GET CRAFTY AT BPL!

January & February

Crafternoon

MakerZone Table

Be creative with a drop-in craft for all ages, to be completed at your leisure, while supplies last.



Teen Take 'N' Make Kits

Teen Space

Grab a take-home craft kit for teens, while supplies last. One per person.

MAKERZONE

Chat & Stitch

Wednesday, Jan. 8 & Feb. 12,

10 a.m.-noon

Drop in

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, cross-stitching, or sewing by hand? Join us once a month to socialize while you stitch. Please bring your own materials.



Cricut Certification Class ③

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

In person

Learn the basics of using a Cricut Maker and become certified to use the Library's machine. Basic computer skills required. Basic computer skills and a Batavia Public Library card are required.

Crafting Curiosities ③

Tuesdays, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18, 4-5 p.m.

In person

Join us at the MakerZone Table for a fun hour of crafting once a month. All materials provided.

Cricut Make It: Mini Greeting Cards ③

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Or Wednesday, Feb. 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

In person

Learn how to use the Cricut Maker to design and cut mini greeting cards. Choose one session. Cricut materials provided. Basic computer skills and a Batavia Public Library card are required.



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ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT



STEVE DOLINSKY

Chicago Pizza – Past, Present & Future with Steve Dolinsky

Thursday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Steve Dolinsky is the well-known Food Guy reporter at NBC 5 in Chicago and James Beard Award winner for his TV, radio and podcast work. Dolinsky is host of The Feed Podcast with Chicago chef/ restaurateur Rick Bayless and the Pizza City podcast. Join him to dish on "The Ultimate Chicago Pizza Guide: A History of Squares & Slices in the Windy City," his comprehensive guide to the styles, locales and people making the Windy City a prime destination for slices and pies. Register at: bit.ly/ILP_SteveDolinsky.



MICHELLE BUTEAU

Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau

Thursday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Michelle Buteau is a stand-up comedian, actress and author of "Survival of the Thickest." Register at: bit.ly/ILP_MichelleButeau.



JAMES MCBRIDE

An Evening with James McBride

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Award-winning author, musician and screenwriter James McBride's

landmark memoir, "The Color of Water," was published in 1996 and his novel, "The Good Lord Bird," won the National Book Award for Fiction. His 2023 novel, "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store," was named one of the New York Times' 100 Notable Books of 2023. Register at: bit.ly/ILP_JamesMcBride.



Slowing Down with Amy Tan

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Amy Tan, the daughter of immigrant parents from China, grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area. Best known for her novel "The Joy Luck Club," Tan also has several other popular novels, short story collections, children's books and a memoir. During the pandemic shutdown, she spent long hours observing the behavior of wild birds in her backyard. She turned her pencil sketches, portraits and journal notes into "The Backyard Bird Chronicles," published in April 2024, which became an instant No. 1 bestseller. Register at: bit.ly/ILP_AmyTan.

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INDIVIDUAL COACHING SESSIONS

Batavia Public Library card required. Call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200, to schedule a session.

Technology Coaching

Schedule an appointment with a technology assistant for a one-hour, one-on-one coaching session based on your individual needs. Available Monday-Thursday by appointment.

Genealogy Research

Whether you're just starting or would like help overcoming obstacles, a librarian will guide you in your genealogy research during a one-hour, one-on-one session. Available Monday-Friday by appointment.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Advance registration is required for programs designated . For volunteer opportunities, look for the .

Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing

Looking to earn volunteer hours? The Library needs you!

- Inclusion Game Night is going strong and volunteers are welcome to join in the fun (see below).
- We also have free tug toy craft kits you can make and return to the Library for volunteer credit. Visit the Teen Space for a kit.

Family Book Bingo

Monday, Jan. 6, 3-4 p.m.

Ages 3-adult

In person

Play Bingo. Win prizes. Become the Bingo champion in your family!

Inclusion Game Night

Tuesday, Jan. 7 & Feb. 4, 6:30-8 p.m.

In person

Teens and young adults of all abilities, their families and friends are welcome to play board games and card games together. Those not needing assistance are welcome to attend without a caregiver. Those needing additional assistance should bring someone for support.

Adulting 101 – Money

Management with BMO Bank 

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

In person

Spend a little too much this holiday season? Learn the ins and outs of creating and managing a budget to become financially responsible. Register for only one session.

Teen Homeschool Hangout

Tuesday, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18

1:30-2:30 p.m.

In person

Whether you're new to homeschooling or a seasoned expert, you're welcome at this monthly get together for teens in grades 6-12. Families with children in grades K-5 may attend Homeschool Hangout for kids, happening simultaneously with our Youth Services librarians.

Teen Advisory Board 📌

Tuesday, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18, 6-7 p.m.
Grades 8-12

Teens, we need your help. Develop ideas for the Library and receive volunteer hours. Meeting to be hosted in the Teen Space.

Dungeons & Dragons 📌

Thursday, Jan. 23, 3:30-5 p.m.:

Go on a Quest

& Feb. 27, 3:30-5 p.m.: Play a

D&D-inspired Card Game

Grades 6-12 | In person

Middle school and high school students are invited to hang out at the Library as we play Dungeons & Dragons. Registration is requested, but walk-ins are welcome.

International Snack Challenge 📌

Tuesday, Jan. 28 & Feb. 25, 4 p.m.

Grades 8-12

Have you ever wanted to try snacks from another country? Take a tasty trip each month with a new country to explore. Food, games and trivia included. Registration is requested, but walk-ins are welcome.

Let's Play! Teen Nintendo Switch 📌

Monday, Feb. 17, 3-4:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12 | In person

Grab your friends and unwind after school playing Nintendo Switch. Four people can play at once.

BRAINFUSE: ONLINE TUTORING AND SO MUCH MORE**Live online tutoring for all learners**

Patrons may access real-time assistance through the intuitive Brainfuse online classroom in HelpNow. Brainfuse tutors are trained not to provide answers, but to help users master a problem's underlying academic concepts. Brainfuse offers tutoring and homework help services in Spanish for all subjects that are offered in English. Tutoring assistance, including test prep, is available for students in grades K-12.

Live help for college admissions

Brainfuse's online counselors help students navigate the college admissions process, including developing a list of target schools, crafting a well-written admissions essay designed to make students stand out, helping students excel in their admissions interviews, and offering guidance on financial aid and scholarships.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

Program Registration: To register, please use the online events calendar at www.BataviaPublicLibrary.org or call the Youth Services Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 500. **January program registration for Batavia Public Library cardholders begins Wednesday, Dec. 18, and February program registration begins Saturday, Jan. 18. Registration for all other patrons begins on the first of each month.** Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

Advanced registration is required for programs designated 📌.

FOR BABIES, TOTS AND PRESCHOOLERS**Baby Storytime for Prewalkers** 📌

Tuesday, Jan. 14-Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25-March 18, 9:30 a.m.

Babies who are not yet walking through 23 months old with caregiver
 Stories, songs and early literacy skills for babies who are not yet walking.

Baby Storytime for Walkers 📌

Tuesday, Jan. 14-Feb. 4, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25-March 18, 10:30 a.m.

Babies who are walking through 23 months old with a caregiver
 Stories, songs and early literacy skills for babies who are walking.

Drop-In Baby Storytime*

Friday, Jan. 24 & Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11 & Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m.

Babies through 23 months with an adult caregiver
 Stories, songs, rhymes and early literacy skills for babies and an adult caregiver.

Toddler Time 📌

Monday, Jan. 13-Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m.

Mon., Feb. 24-March 17, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver
 Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and a craft with your toddler.

Preschool Storytime 📌

Wednesday, Jan. 15-Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26-March 19, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 4-6
 Stories, songs and more! Children may attend on their own or with a caregiver.

**Drop-In Preschool Storytime***

Thursday, Jan. 16-Feb. 6, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27-March 20, 9:30 a.m.

Ages 4-6

Stories, songs and more! Children may attend on their own or with a caregiver.

Drop-In Toddler Time*

Thursday, Jan. 16-Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27-March 20, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and a craft with your toddler.

Sensory Playtime 📌

Friday, Jan. 10, 10-10:30 a.m.

OR 10:45-11:15 a.m.: Sound and Color

Friday, Feb. 21, 10-10:30 a.m.

OR 10:45-11:15 a.m.: Out of this World Adventures!

Ages 2-6 with a caregiver

Bring your little one for some developmentally friendly – and fun – sensory play stations! Please sign up for one time slot per session.

*Programs marked with an * have limited seating. Tickets for these programs will be available at the Youth Services Desk 15 minutes before each program begins.*

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FOR STUDENTS

Middle School Take 'N' Make January & February

Grades 6-8

Drop in to Youth Services and pick up a Take 'N' Make kit. Kits are limited so don't wait to stop in!

Icy Antics

Thursday, Jan 2, 11 a.m.

Ages 4-7 with a caregiver
Ice – it's not just cold and slippery! Kick off the new year with a morning of ice-themed art and STEM activities. Dress to get messy (and a little wet).

Chess Basics

Monday, Jan. 6, 13 & 20, 6:30 p.m.

Ages 6-14

Learn from chess instructor James Laughead how to play this classic game of strategy. After completing this session, join us for Chess Knight each month.

Book Buzz

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 4:30 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Meet new friends and discover new books at this club for newly independent readers. Each class features books, conversation, crafts and activities.

Winter Art Workshops

Sunday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m.: Winter Monoprints

Ages 6-8

Create original monoprints of your winter drawings. Presented by artist Laura Musatto

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2:30 p.m.: Animals in Winter

Ages 9-12

Illustrate an animal posing in front of a painted wintry night. Presented by artist Laura Musatto.

Artist Adventures

Monday, Jan. 13, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 10, 4:30 p.m.

Grades 1-5

Explore the wide world of art by studying a different famous artist every month. We'll begin the class

with a look at the artist's life and their artwork, then create our own projects in that artist's signature style.

DIY Locker Magnets

Monday, Jan. 20, 2 p.m.

Grades 6-8

Make some DIY magnetic picture frames to brighten your locker. Please bring three photos that you would like to use with your magnetic frames.

Homeschool Hangout

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1:30 p.m.: Family

Book Club: "Matilda" by Roald Dahl

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1:30 p.m.:

Valentine's Day Party

Families with children in grades K-12

Whether you are new to homeschooling, or have a lot of homeschool experience, you're welcome at this monthly get together. Youth Services librarians will host elementary-aged students, and our Young Adult librarian will host our middle- and high school-aged students.

Chess Knight

Tuesday, Jan. 21, & Feb. 18, 7 p.m.

Ages 6-14

Capture an evening of fun, not just your opponent's chess pieces, when you join us for an hour of chess. Participants must have a basic knowledge of the game of chess.

Dungeons & Dragons

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Perler Beads

Thursday, Jan. 23, 4:15 p.m. OR 5:15 p.m.

Grades 2-5

Choose from an amazing assortment of bead colors and templates to develop your own creation. Register for one 45-minute session.

The Bluestem Bakery

Monday, Feb. 3, 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3-5

Welcome to The Bluestem Bakery! This month we'll be sampling three Bluestem Nominees featuring kids who overcome challenges, against all odds: "Invisible" by Christina Diaz Gonzales, "Boardwalk Babies" by Marissa Moss, and "Air" by Monica Roe. Having read all three books is not a requirement. Bakery treats and book talks provided.



International Taste Testers: A Tasty Trip to Italy

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Grades 5-8

Did you ever wonder what kind of snacks kids enjoy in Italy? We will sample, rate and rank snacks from Italy. Mangia!

Guess That Flavor: Soda Edition

Friday, Feb. 28

1 p.m., Grades 3-5

3 p.m., Grades 6-8

Get your detective tastebuds ready and try some truly wacky soda flavors!

Let's Play! Nintendo Switch

Monday, Feb. 17, 1-2 p.m.

Ages 4-7

Monday, Feb. 17, 2-3 p.m.

Grades 1-5

Challenge your friends to some Mario Kart and prove yourself with your main character. Snacks will be served, and prizes will go to the winners.

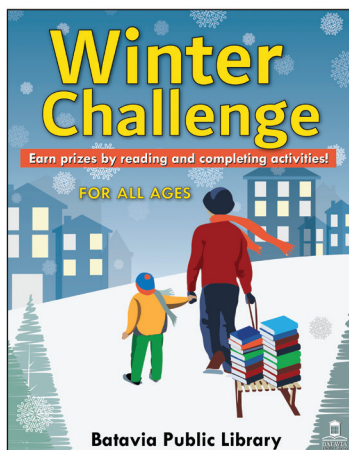
Murder Mystery Afternoon

Saturday, March 1, 2 p.m.

Grades 6-8

Love mysteries? Help us solve the poisoning at Magnolia Gardens. Game play lasts 60-90 minutes but may vary, so please allow for up to two hours of mystery-solving fun.

FOR FAMILIES



2024-2025 Winter Challenge ®

Monday, Dec. 16-Friday, Jan. 31

Ages newborn-14

Children are invited to join the 2024-2025 Winter Challenge, which combines reading and fun activities. Record your accomplishments on the Beanstack app or on a paper activity log. When children complete the program, please visit the Youth Services Desk for their rewards. For teens and adults, this is a reading club for prizes.

Drop-In Craft

Friday, Jan. 3, 10 a.m.: Snow Fun

Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.

& Sunday, Feb. 9, noon: Make A Valentine Card

All ages

Drop-in craft activity is available while supplies last. Children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Book Bingo ®

Monday, Jan. 6, 3-4 p.m.

Families

Please see page 24.

Stuffies and Stories*

Tuesday, Jan. 7 & Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Families

Bring a favorite stuffed animal for some stories and songs that children and their stuffies can enjoy together. Feel free to wear your pajamas!

LEGO Challenges

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2 p.m.

Families

Drop in for a family LEGO challenge featuring a variety of challenge cards to test your building skills. Your family's creation will be displayed in the Library to show off your skills. Supplies are limited.



Raise the Woof!

It's a DOG MAN Party

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m.

Families

He's half dog, half police officer, all movie star! Celebrate DOG MAN and his friends at the Library, then watch the trailer for his first movie.



Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure

Saturday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m.

Families

Join Science Heroes on a treasure-hunting adventure deep in the jungle! Along the way, the audience helps the performer conduct exciting science experiments that bring this story to life. Tickets are required for this program and will be available for pickup beginning Monday, Jan 13.



Animal Meet & Greet

Saturday, Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.-noon

All ages

Visit with a variety of animal exhibits including Frog Lady, Incredible Bats, Stillman Nature Center and Randall Oaks Zoo. This is your chance to get up close to the animals and have all your questions answered. Tickets are required and will be available at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, Feb. 10.



Junior Volunteers ®

Monday, March 24-

Friday, May 16

Grades 6-8



Are you in middle school and interested in what it's like to work in a library? Apply for Junior Volunteers and help behind the scenes. All volunteers will be assigned a one-hour time slot per week from March 24 to May 16. Please apply online through the Library's website at BataviaPublicLibrary.org or pick up a paper copy at the Youth Services Desk.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MONDAY, MARCH 10.