



LEVEL UP

your summer
exploits at
the library ++

It can be a challenge in the current financial climate to level up your summer plans, yet a host of opportunities exist at the Batavia Public Library...for free.

For all the Swifties out there, we have a program guaranteed to bring your love of literature into perfect harmony with your love of all things The Tortured Poets Department. In **Taylor Swift's Literary Lyrics**, we'll explore the many literary references contained in her hit songs. Think "The Great Gatsby," Pablo Neruda and Sylvia Plath.

The history of wine pairs beautifully with these long summer days in **Secrets of the Wine World**. Serious tasters through novices will toast to a new appreciation of wine after discovering some history, along with some exciting new changes.

Your teen could emerge victorious – and with bragging rights – if they team up with their friends and trounce opponents in good-natured Ping-Pong matches. **Teen Ping-Pong Tournament** is a testament to how cool the game has become, thanks in part to recent popularity it garnered after being recognized as an Olympic sport.

And LEGOS, well, they're always

going to be sweet and we'll never outgrow them. **Teen LEGO Building Challenge** will allow teens to hog all the LEGO bricks and pieces for a change and flex their own design skills with a massive build.

School will begin in a blink and working in some quality family time (that's fun and doesn't involve being trapped together on a long road trip) is key. Spend some screen-free gaming time together during **Game On @ The Library**.

If you didn't make it to a beach house this summer, you can build your own during **Gingerbread House Battle: Beach House Edition**. This gingerbread house hits different than your icing-frosted holiday version and your only limit is your own creativity...and the laws of physics.

READING FOR THE REWARD...AND PRIZES

While we're trying something new and fresh this summer, have you leveled up your reading to match? **Summer Reading Challenge** allows you to venture out of your reading comfort zone while also earning prizes before we head back to school.

Now through Monday, Aug. 4, you may read or listen to any book you desire, regardless of whether it's online, checked out from the Library, pulled from your own bookshelves, or borrowed from a friend.

Simply log your books as you complete them, either on paper logs available on our website or in the Library, or via the Beanstack app. Each completed reading log will earn adults and teens the chance for prizes. Children from babies through 8th grade will earn the chance for rewards by reading daily or completing extra adventures.

For more information, visit the Library's website at www.bataviapubliclibrary.org/summer-reading-club-2025, or contact the Youth Services Department at 630-879-1393, ext. 500, or the Reference Desk at ext. 200.



Batavia Public Library



Summer Reading Club 2025

Level Up at Your Library

May 23-Aug. 4



Under the Cupola



LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

As outlined in our recently completed strategic plan, the Batavia Public Library is committed to providing excellent user experiences. Two key goals support this commitment: optimizing the function and comfort of our library spaces and improving accessibility to enhance ease of use for both patrons and staff.

Since the Library opened in 2002, no major updates or changes to our building have occurred. Now it is time for a significant refresh and reimagining of our interior spaces. We are excited to share that several important renovation projects are on the horizon, including a new roof and improvements to the interior layout and design of the Library while respecting its classical design.

The Library has been preparing financially for this renovation for years, allocating funds to our Capital Improvement Fund at the end of each fiscal year to ensure a responsible and sustainable approach. As of June 2025, Batavia Public Library has saved \$6.5 million to fund both the roof replacement and interior renovation projects. These improvements will be

completed without increasing the Library's levy or seeking a referendum.

The roof replacement is scheduled for this summer and fall and is expected to have minimal impact on day-to-day operations.

We are in the early planning stages for the interior renovation, with a goal for work to begin in early 2026.

We will provide regular updates on these projects and notify the community in advance of any temporary impact on services. Updates will be posted on the Library's website.

We are excited about what's ahead and look forward to creating an even more welcoming, functional, and accessible library for the entire Batavia community.

JOSEPHINE TUCCI

*Director
Batavia Public Library*



The Library will be closed:

- Friday, July 4, for Independence Day.
- Friday, Aug. 15, all day for staff training.
- Sunday, Aug. 31, and Monday, Sept. 1, for Labor Day.

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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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library is an incredible nonprofit organization comprised of people just like you. The Friends has openings for new members, as well as for volunteers.

BECOME A MEMBER!

By joining the Friends, you will:

- Make new friends.
- Have fun!
- Enjoy the satisfaction that comes from helping to enrich the lives of Batavia-area residents by promoting the Library as the cultural and educational center of the community.

Becoming a Friend is easy. Visit www.bataviapubliclibrary.org/friends and click on "Membership Form." Mail the completed membership form with the membership fee, ranging from \$5 to \$100, to:

Friends of the Batavia Public Library
10 S. Batavia Ave.
Batavia, IL 60510

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

To volunteer, call 630-879-8220 or visit www.bataviapubliclibrary.org/friends and click on "Volunteer with Us." You could help sort books and other materials or pitch in during the Friends' monthly book sales. What else could you do?

Book Seller - Work a shift during monthly book sales.

Book Researcher/Listener - Work during the year with the internet to identify valuable books.

Book Sale Helper - Help set up the book sale and work during the book sale.

Community Liaison - Contact schools, nursing homes, shelters, jury commissioner, etc., to find homes for some of our extra books and magazines.

Special Events - Assist as needed or serve as host for special events or author visits.

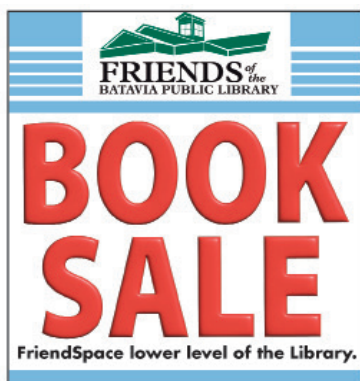
Questions? Please contact friends@bataviapubliclibrary.org.



FRIENDS' EVENING BOOK SALES

- 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9
- 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 6

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will host its monthly Evening Book Sales in the FriendSpace. The FriendSpace is located on the Library's lower level. Credit cards are accepted.



FRIENDS' BOOK SALES

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 12
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will host its monthly weekend Book Sales in the FriendSpace. Credit cards are accepted.



EDUCATORS' SALE

- 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 2

The Educators' Sale is open to all educators: teachers, preschool teachers, daycare workers, Head Start educators, home educators, and individuals who teach and mentor others. This sale will include games, puzzles, manipulatives and more.

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 www.BataviaPublicLibrary.org.*

**Programs are in person at the Library unless otherwise noted.
Advance registration is required for programs designated ③.**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

The Sweet Life After 50 ③

Mondays, July 14 & 28, Aug. 11 & 25, 1:30 p.m.

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.

Over What Hill? ③

Tuesdays, July 8 & 22, Aug. 12 & 26, 1:30 p.m.

This program is designed for those 50 and older who enjoy learning something that keeps them moving and active.

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 by appointment.

Genealogy Research

Whether you're just beginning 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.

QUESTIONS & ANCESTORS GENEALOGY SERIES

Explore Land Records ③

Tuesday, July 22, 7 p.m.

In person or online via Zoom

Genealogist Jenny Warner will teach attendees about land records: what they are, what you can learn from them and why they are so important to your research.

The Ancestry Trifecta ③

Thursday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.

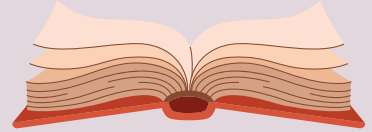
Online via Zoom

Many genealogists turn to trusted names in the industry for genealogy



research: Ancestry.com, Fold3 (for military records) and Newspapers.com (historic newspapers) – a genealogy trifecta. Join historian Kassidy Cobb as she assesses the perks – and downsides – of all three paid subscriptions. Register at www.tinyurl.com/yw2c3sux.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE: LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY



Thank you to the generous businesses that donated to the Adult and Teen Services Department for Summer Reading Challenge this year. We'd like to give a shout-out to:

- 3D's Nails
- Batavia Chamber of Commerce
- Batavia Depot Museum
- Batavia Main Street
- BOJ-E-BIKES
- Chilaquiles House
- Daddio's Diner
- Friends of the Batavia Public Library
- Great Clips
- Gun Barrel Coffee
- Kiss The Sky
- Pal Joey's Restaurant
- Paula's Couture Consignment
- Prairie Path Cycles Batavia
- Rae of Sunshine Music
- River West Family Fitness
- Water Street Studios
- WindMill Grille & Pizzeria



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Crochet an Amigurmi ®

Thursday, July 10, 6 p.m.

Amigurumi is the Japanese art of crocheting small, stuffed toys. Participants must have basic knowledge of how to chain and single crochet.

Taylor Swift's Literary Lyrics ®

Wednesday, July 16, 7 p.m.

Taylor Swift's songs cover the full emotional spectrum, from love and friendship to heartbreak and grief, but did you know many also contain literary references? Explore Swift's reading shelf through her discography, including "The Great Gatsby," Pablo Neruda, Robert Frost, Sylvia Plath, Emily Dickinson, and more. A reading list will be included.

Secrets of the Wine World ®

Thursday, July 24, 7 p.m.

Take a tour of the history of wine as well as recent, exciting changes. Everyone from serious tasters to those who enjoy a glass now and then will leave with a new appreciation of wine.

Tales & Tea ®

Monday, July 28, 10 a.m.

4-8 with a caregiver
Please turn to page 27 for more information about this multigenerational program.

Make Faux Stained-Glass ®

Thursday, July 31, 7 p.m.

Using markers on glass, make an art project that looks like a stained-glass window to display.

Mississippi Speed Record ®

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.

Wally Werderich tells the story of his epic quest to paddle the entire 2,340 miles of the Mississippi River in a single, 23-foot canoe, aiming to set a new Guinness World Record for the fastest time down the river.

Puzzle Exchange

Saturday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bring in your gently used puzzles and take home something different. Puzzles must be in their original boxes with no missing pieces.



Imaginary Journey to the White City ®

Thursday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.

Time-travel to 1893 Chicago to the site of the World Columbian Exposition in this immersive experience. Through vivid imagery and scholarly research, artist Denise Laurin, who has an M.A. in art history, will describe what it was like to be there. She will focus on the architecture, art and overall aesthetic of the event and the artists it inspired – such as Walt Disney and Frank Lloyd Wright.

IPASS & ICASH Community Day

Saturday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The I-PASS on Demand team will be offering full services, from opening accounts and adding new license



plates to handing out and activating new sticker tags that replace the battery-operated transponders. Drop in to also find out if you have unclaimed property held by the state. An Illinois State Treasurer's Office representative will look you up in the database. Property is returned at no cost with proper identification.

Eden on the Fox: The Japanese Tea Garden at Fabyan Preserve ®

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m.
Join Vivien Lasken, director of the Fabyan Villa Museum & Japanese Garden, to explore the historic Fabyan Japanese Garden in Geneva. Learn about the historical events that led to its creation and how it survived into modern times, while discovering the principles of Japanese garden design.

Tournament of Books All-Stars

Join us July 7-Aug. 4 for the Tournament of Books All-Stars, when all 10 winners of the Tournament of Books will contend for Batavia's favorite fiction title since 2016. These fan favorites will meet in a play-off style



bracket where readers choose the winner. Vote in each week's round on our website and in the Library. Look for the announcement of the All-Star champion titles and a tournament bracket on our Facebook page, Instagram and our website. It's been 10 years in the making – which book will come out on top?

SUNDAYS ON STAGE

Misty River Music Makers [®]

Sunday, July 27, 2 p.m.

Listen to the thrilling harmonies of the Misty River Music Makers, a women's barbershop music group from Batavia. Think they sing old-time music while twirling straw hats and canes? Think again!



Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess [®]

Sunday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m.

Buckle up and get ready to travel back to the golden age of air travel with actor, historian and author Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. Hear the true story of the real-life stewardesses for Pan Am, the most glamorous U.S. airline.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Book Discussion [®]

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m.

"The Book of Doors"

by Gareth Brown



MAKERZONE

Batavia Public Library



MakerZone

create inspire explore

New in the MakerZone!

Sublimation Printer and Heat Press

Create and print a sublimation ink design onto special transfer paper. Then use the heat press to transfer the design onto a variety of materials like polyester T-shirts and tote bags. For more information, visit our MakerZone page on our website at www.bataviapubliclibrary.org/maker-zone or ask in person at the Library.



One-on-One MakerZone Coaching

Need expert assistance with our equipment? Schedule a one-on-one session with our friendly staff to learn new skills, explore equipment and bring your creative projects to life!

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Creativebug

Creativebug offers online video arts and crafts workshops and techniques for free with your Batavia Public Library card. Learn how to paint, sew, knit, crochet, make perfume, screen print and more. Classes are taught by top creatives, and viewers may go at their own pace.



Chat & Stitch

Wednesday, July 9 & Aug. 13,
10 a.m.-noon

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.

Crafting Curiosities [®]

Wednesdays, July 16 & Aug. 20,
6-7 p.m.

Join us for a fun hour of crafting once a month. All materials provided.

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Book Discussion [®]

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m.

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GET CRAFTY AT BPL!

Crafternoon July & August MakerZone Table

Channel your creativity 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.



TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Inclusion Game Night ® ▼

Tuesday, July 1 & Aug. 5, 6:30-8 p.m.

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. For those needing additional assistance, please bring someone for support.

Teen Ping-Pong Tournament ®

Friday, July 11, 3-4:30 p.m.

Go head-to-head in a Ping-Pong tourney or team up with friends.

Two to four players at a time.

Limit: 12

Teen Advisory Board ▼

Monday, July 14 & Aug. 18, 3-4 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.



International Snack Challenge ®

Tuesday, July 22 & Aug. 26, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 8-12

Have you ever wanted to try snacks from another country? Take your taste buds on a journey to discover new snacks. Food, games, and trivia included. In July, we're visiting Pakistan. Registration is requested, but walk-ins are welcome. Limit: 12



Dungeons & Dragons ®

Thursday, Aug. 28, 3:30-5 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Continue your Quest: Take your character on a journey. 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.

Teen Chess Club ®

Tuesday, July 29 & Aug. 19, 7-8 p.m.

Grades 8-12

MakerZone Table

Put your chess skills to the test by playing with your peers. This club is for individuals who know how to play, but beginners are welcome. Eight people can play at one time.

Teen Nintendo Switch ®

Friday Aug. 1, 2-3 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Grab your friends and unwind by playing Nintendo Switch. Four people can play at one time. Limit: 12

Teen LEGO Building Challenge ®

Wednesday, July 16, 3-4:30 p.m.

Grades 8-12

Level Up by testing your LEGO building skills. Work in a team to put together a more than 1,250-piece video game set. Limit: 12

Volunteer Opportunities ▼

Ongoing

Looking to earn volunteer hours? Inclusion Game Night is going strong, and volunteers are welcome to join in the fun. 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.



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.

Live help for all stages of job hunting

Most online career tools provide "resume-building" software or job-hunting strategies without one-on-one advice from a career coach. JobNow bridges the divide by connecting users with experienced career coaches and vast resources to assist during all stages of the job search.

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. **July** program registration for Batavia Public Library cardholders begins Tuesday, June 17, and **August** program registration begins Friday, July 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

Drop-In Baby Storytime*

Wednesday, July 2, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m.

Fridays, July 25 & Aug. 8, 10:30 a.m.

Infants-23 months with an adult caregiver
Visit the Library for stories, songs, rhymes and early literacy skills for babies with an adult caregiver. Space is limited.

Storytime at the Caboose

Monday, July 7, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 4, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-6

Join Youth Services staff at the Batavia Depot Museum Caboose for storytime, weather permitting. Enjoy your favorite books, rhymes and songs. Co-sponsored by Batavia Depot Museum and Batavia Park District.

Sensory Play ®

Friday, July 11, 10 a.m.: Dinosaur Stomp

Friday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m.: The One with No Theme

Ages 2-6

Bring your little one for developmentally friendly – and fun – sensory play stations! The program may get messy, so please dress appropriately.

Toddler Art

Wednesday, July 16, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver

Toddlers will create show-stopping art during this fun event for budding artists. Enjoy stations that include stickers, coloring and vegetable stamping.

Alphabet Party ®

Friday, July 18, 10 a.m.

Ages 3-6 with a caregiver

Here's a sneaky way to help keep your

preschooler's fine-motor and letter-recognition skills in tip-top shape for the fall. This month, it's the letter S's time to shine!

Bilingual Storytime ®

Monday, July 21, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-6 with a caregiver

Staff from The Language Labs will present a bilingual storytime incorporating English and Spanish stories, songs and vocabulary, as well as a craft activity.

Tales & Tea ®

Monday, July 28, 10 a.m.

Seniors & children ages 4-8 with a caregiver

Put on your fancy clothes and join us for stories, songs, rhymes and more, followed by a real tea party featuring Mother Goose and her feathered friend, Lucy. Please register each person who will attend this event.

FOR STUDENTS

DNA Bracelets ®

Wednesday, July 23, 1 p.m.

Grades K-2

Create your own DNA bracelet by answering questions about what makes you unique. Presented by U of I Extension.

Wind Turbines ®

Wednesday, July 23, 2 p.m.

Grades 3-5

Students will work in groups, think like engineers, and build a wind turbine to produce electricity. Presented by U of I Extension.

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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Chess Club (formerly Chess Knight) ®

Tuesday, July 8 & Aug. 19, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 26, 2 p.m.

Ages 6-14

Capture an hour of fun, not just your opponent's chess pieces when you face off against your opponent. Participants should have a basic knowledge of the game.

DIY Collage Décor ®

Tuesday, July 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Grades 5-8

Led by artist Carly Palmer, design and make your own identity collage décor for your room or locker. This program looks at themes of identity, dreams and how they make us who we are while teaching you the basic concepts and skills of collage design. **PLEASE BRING A RECENT PORTRAIT PHOTO OR DRAWING OF YOURSELF.**

Gingerbread House Battle: Beach House Edition ®

Thursday, July 17, 3 p.m.

Grades 5-8

Do you have the skills to build the most impressive gingerbread beach house? Materials will be provided, but please bring your creativity!

Pokémon Playground ®

Thursday, July 24, 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.

Ages 4-8 with a caregiver

Visit Youth Services for a Pokémon-themed sensory extravaganza! Come dressed to get messy.

Titans of Trivia ®

Sunday, July 27, 2-3 p.m.

Grades 5-8

Test your knowledge at our trivia challenge. Trivia questions will cover a variety of topics, including pop culture, sports, literature, history and more. Contestants will be organized into groups of four or five and will compete to win the coveted G.O.A.T (Greatest of All Time) award.

Minecraft IRL ®

Tuesday, July 29, 2 p.m.

Grades 1-5

Experience the world of Minecraft, in real life! First, we mine, then we craft.



Brand Name vs. Knock-Off Taste Challenge ®

Thursday, July 31

Grades 3-5: 1 p.m.

Grades 6-8: 3 p.m.

Can you tell a real Pringle's chip from a store brand version? Make sure to exercise those tastebuds beforehand, some of these are sure to be tricky (but still delicious)!

Squishmallow Drawing Camp ®

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Love Squishmallows? Learn how to draw your favorite Squishmallow friends.

Real Life Among Us ®

Monday, Aug. 11, 6 p.m.

Grades 5-8

Can you sus out the imposter? Test your skills and complete tasks with a real-life game of Among Us.

Dungeons & Dragons ®

Thursday, Aug. 28, 3:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12

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.

Summer Reading Club 2025 - Level Up at Your Library Ends Monday, Aug. 4

It's not too late to sign up! Start tracking every day you read: Library books, books from home, online books, audiobooks – whatever you read. Record your reading progress on Beanstack to earn prize drawing entries and reading rewards.



Stuffies and Stories

Tuesday, July 1, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 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 Building Challenge

Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 6:30 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 building skills. Program available while supplies last.

FOR FAMILIES

Weekly Wow Activities

All ages

Stop by Youth Services for special activities that change every two weeks.

A Night at the Movies

Monday, July 7, 6-7:30 p.m.

Families

Game on! Drop by the Library for a movie based off an immensely popular video game. Snacks and easy activities will be available. Please call the Youth Services Desk at 630-879-1393, ext. 500, for the title.

MARS Academy Robotics Workshop

Wednesday, July 9, 6-7:15 p.m.

Families with children ages 6-13

Children will engage in hands-on robotics exploration. Caregivers will learn the value of tech education while MARS Academy staff provide free resources to encourage at-home learning. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Craft at Engstrom Park

Thursday, July 10, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 3-14

Join Youth Services staff at Engstrom Park for an easy, drop-in craft, weather permitting. No registration is necessary. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Co-sponsored by the Batavia Park District.

Firefly Family Theatre: Under the Stars (tickets required)

Monday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.

Families

Meet Spark the Firefly at this performance that includes puppets, original music, interactive movement and lots of summer fun for families.

Tickets are required for this program and will be available at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, July 7.

Family Storytime*

Monday, July 28, 6:30 p.m.

Recommended for ages 2 and older

Stories and songs on a Monday evening – what could be better? Feel free to bring a favorite stuffed animal along for the fun.

Game On @ The Library

Tuesday, July 29, 6:30-8 p.m.

Families

Enjoy a screen-free night of fun with the family. We will have a selection of board and card games for all ages, from classic favorites to new discoveries.

Junior Volunteers

Fall Session: Monday,

Sept. 8-Friday, Nov. 7

(applications are due Aug. 18)

Students entering grades 6-8

If you're 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 during their assigned session. Please apply online through the Library's website or pick up a paper copy at the Youth Services Desk.

Bingo at Big Woods

Wednesday, July 30, 11 a.m.

Ages 3-14

Weather permitting, join us at Big Woods Park for outdoor Bingo. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, we'll provide the Bingo cards and fun. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Co-sponsored by the Batavia Park District.

Drop-In Game Day with DuPage Children's Museum

Saturday, Aug. 9 & Sunday, Aug. 10, all day

Families

Drop in for a weekend full of board games, giant versions of classic games, and a few travelling exhibits from DuPage Children's Museum. Games are self-serve, so drop in to the program room and stay as long as you like.

Family Storytime*

Saturday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2 and older

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and more.

Drop-in Craft

Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Families

Drop in with the whole family and get crafty together! Available while supplies last.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE SPONSORS

Thank you to our 2025 Summer Reading Challenge sponsors for Youth Services.

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- Batavia Creamery
- Batavia Park District
- California Pizza Kitchen
- Chick-fil-A
- Chicken Salad Chick
- Chipotle
- Chuck E. Cheese
- Classic Cinemas
- Colonial Café
- Culver's Batavia
- Currito
- DuPage Children's Museum
- Everdine's Grilled Cheese Co.
- Flyleaf Bakery Cafe
- Friends of the Batavia Public Library
- Funway Ultimate Entertainment Center
- Griffin Museum of Science and Industry
- Jimmy John's
- Kane County Cougars
- Keller's Farmstand
- Kimmer's Ice Cream
- Kuipers Family Farm
- Limestone Coffee & Tea
- McAlister's Deli
- McDonald's Batavia
- MOKA Coffee
- Morton Arboretum
- Naper Settlement
- Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store
- Portillo's Batavia
- Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park
- The Whimsy Farm Candy Store
- Trader Joe's
- Urban Air Adventure Park
- Wendy's
- WindMill Grille & Pizzeria
- Windy Acres Farm

