



BRAVERY AMID BATTLE

at the heart of Batavia Public Library's One Book, One Batavia

It was a time when we came together to focus on what truly matters: our families, our friends and our freedom.

To some, memories of life during World War II are etched in their minds like razor-edged photographs. To others, they are hazy and distant stories told by grandparents or great-grandparents, contained in history books, or described in podcasts.

This year's One Book, One Batavia community-wide reading program brings home those harrowing tales of international intrigue, resilience, courage and empowerment – uniting us in exciting stories we can share together with our families, friends and community.

And this year, we're unveiling something new. So residents from every age group may enjoy these exciting tales, the Batavia Public



Library has selected three books, with one geared for adults, one for teens and one for children.

- Adult selection: "Good Night, Irene" by Luis Alberto Urrea
- Teen selection: "Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys
- Youth selection: "Allies" by Alan Gratz

In **"Good Night, Irene,"** we find that Irene Woodward has abandoned an abusive fiancé in 1943 New York, "enlists with the Red Cross and heads to Europe. She and Dorothy Dunford, a towering Midwesterner with a ferocious wit, are part of a group of women nicknamed Donut Dollies who command military vehicles...at the front lines, providing camaraderie and a taste of home that may be the only solace before troops head into battle."

To learn more about "Salt to the Sea" and "Allies," please turn to page 19.

One Book, One Batavia is presented by the Library and co-sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library. The Friends provide a sizeable portion of the funding needed to host this epic endeavor, with additional costs picked up by the Library.

This big community read is designed to enrich our lives by exposing us to a variety of books and ideas while promoting the joy of reading. One Book, One Batavia also fosters a strong sense of



Images source: Batavia High School Spectator, 1943

community by providing the diverse individuals and groups who call Batavia home with a shared reading experience.

Our librarians have pulled together an exciting array of programs to help immerse our community in these stories, bringing them to life in fascinating, delightful and wacky ways. There's even an opportunity for you to help our troops with a fun group service project. Check out the following pages for more details.

By coming together for One Book, One Batavia, we share not only the joy of reading remarkable tales, but of discovering the extraordinary people with whom we share Batavia.

The Library will be closed:

- Sunday, April 20, for Easter.

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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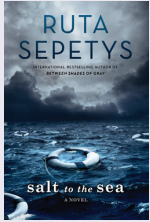
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Adult selection: "Good Night, Irene" by Luis Alberto Urrea
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Teen selection: "Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys



As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.

Youth selection: "Allies" by Alan Gratz

June 6, 1944: The Nazis are terrorizing Europe on their evil quest to conquer the world. The only way to stop them? The biggest, most top-secret operation ever, with the Allied nations coming together – by land, sea, and air – to storm German-occupied France. Welcome to D-Day.



Kickoff Celebration
Friday, March 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
All ages

One Book, One Batavia kicks off with a special, after-hours celebration. We'll have refreshments, music and crafts. Check out a copy of "Good Night, Irene" along with "Salt to the Sea" or "Allies" while supplies last. Learn about a community-wide collection for our troops and play World War II-era games.

Teeny Art Show

Monday, March 31 – Canvas pick-up
Friday, April 18 – Finished art drop-off
Teens

Decorate a canvas as you'd like and drop off your masterpiece by Friday, April 18. Artworks will be on display at the Library through the end of April. One per person.

Words that Heal: The Power of Writing a Veteran's Story
Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m.
Adults

Discover the transformative power of stories as you embark on a journey of genealogy and military research. Genealogist and military researcher Jennifer Holik will help you pay tribute to the brave veterans in your family.

WWII Candy & Snack Challenge ®
Sunday, April 6, 2 p.m.
Families

Have you ever wanted to try candy that was popular decades ago? Bring the family to taste candy enjoyed by the Greatest Generation. Limit: 50

Adulting 101: "Make Do and Mend" ®
Tuesday, April 8, 6-7 p.m.
Teens

Mending clothes was important during WWII due to lack of resources, but today it is just as important for sustainability reasons. Learn some simple tips and tricks for mending your favorite sweater or pants. Limit: 10

Art in War: Monuments Men, Curators & Treasures of Europe ®
Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m.
Adults

Many famous artworks from the Louvre were hidden in the French countryside during the Nazi occupation. Dive into the stories of the organizations and missions that sought to save and preserve these treasures.

The True Story of Smoky the War Dog ®
Saturday, April 12, 1:30 p.m.
All ages

Found by accident in the jungles of New Guinea during World War II, this brave dog went on to earn two medals of honor for her bravery and the many lives she saved.

Storyteller Adrian Brigham, his wife, Denise, and her therapy dog, Hairy Pawter, share Smoky's story.



Classic Movie Morning
Friday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.
Drop in
All ages

Can Dorothy make it home after a twister drops her off in a magical land? Find out during this classic movie that families loved during World War II. Crafts and snacks will be provided.



Movie Matinee
Friday, April 25, 1 p.m.
Drop in
Adults

See this classic, award-winning D-Day movie, which is told from the perspectives of Allied and German sides. Stars include John Wayne, Arletty, Fabian, Madeleine Renaud and Robert Wagner.

MRE Taste Test Challenge ®
Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m.
All ages

Family and friends may try a MRE (Meal, Ready-to-Eat) kit. Sample a variety of food options (entrees, sides and desserts) similar to what WWII soldiers may have eaten in their C-rations. Register by April 14.

World War II Radio Hour ®
Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.
Adults and teens

Patti, Maxine and Andrew entertain the "studio audience" with Andrews Sisters-style tunes and choreography, Abbott and Costello-like comedy sketches, and a touching tribute to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Pizza & Pages: "Allies" by Alan Gratz ®
Monday, April 28, 6 p.m.
Grades 5-8

Read the One Book, One Batavia middle grade pick, "Allies" by Alan Gratz, then visit the Library for a book discussion and pizza.

Book Discussion: "Good Night, Irene" by Luis Alberto Urrea ®
Tuesday, April 29, 7 p.m.
OR Wednesday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.
Adults

Read the One Book, One Batavia adult pick, "Good Night, Irene" by Luis Alberto Urrea, then share your thoughts during a discussion session.

Operation Support Our Troops Care Package Pack ♥
Wednesday, April 30, 3-5 p.m.,
OR 5:30-8 p.m.

Drop in
All ages

You donated the supplies, now help pack them to send to Operation Support Our Troops! We also will feature a card station to create well-wishes for those serving our country.

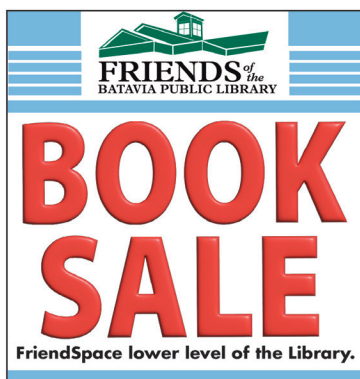
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FRIENDS' EVENING BOOK SALES

- 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5
- 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will host its monthly Evening Book Sale from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, and April 9 in the FriendSpace. Credit cards are accepted. The FriendSpace is located on the Library's lower level.



FRIENDS' BOOK SALES

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 8
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 12

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will host its monthly Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, and April 12 in the FriendSpace. Credit cards are accepted.

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 .

QUESTIONS & ANCESTORS GENEALOGY SERIES

The Underground Railroad in Kane County, Illinois

Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.

Don't miss this presentation with historian and curator Zachary Bishop from Aurora University. Bishop will cover some history of the Underground Railroad, including specifics about how Kane County was involved, plus provide tips on how to conduct research on our ancestors with UGRR connections. He will share resources, techniques and suggestions. Presented with the Kane County Genealogical Society.

More Genealogy

One-hour, hands-on computer classes. Basic computer skills, including mouse and keyboard proficiency, are required.

Genealogy: HeritageQuest & HeritageHub

Wednesday, April 2, 9 a.m.

Learn the basics of using the genealogy databases HeritageQuest and HeritageHub.

Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition

Thursday, April 17, 9 a.m.

Learn the basics of using the genealogy database Ancestry Library Edition.

Genealogy: FamilySearch.org

Wednesday, April 23, 9 a.m.

Learn the basics of using the genealogy website FamilySearch.org.

Genealogy: Free Websites

Wednesday, April 30, 9 a.m.

Learn to use genealogy websites such as Cyndi's List, the USGenWeb® Project, and Find a Grave.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

The Sweet Life After 50

Mondays, March 10 & 24, April 14 & 28, 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. March 10: Sharpie Mug Bird Feeder; March 24: Origami Butterflies; April 14: Paper Garland with Birds for Spring; April 28: Paint Rocks.

Over What Hill?

Tuesdays, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, 1:30 p.m.

This program is designed for those 50 and older who enjoy learning

something that keeps them moving and active. March 11: Puzzles; March 25: Meditation & Coloring; April 8: Fringe Paper Wreath; April 22: Acrylic Painting.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Communication in Dementia Care: Their Love Language

Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.

Knowing about dementia is only part of caregiving; more important is knowing the person as an individual with stories, histories, preferences, habits, nuance and comforts, just like you. Explore what it might feel like if you start to lose parts of who you are so you can empathize with your loved one.

String Theory Fiddle Ensemble

Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m.

String Theory is Batavia High School's Fiddle and Alternative Styles String Ensemble. Listen to the students perform Irish, Scottish and American music.

Senior Downsizing Course

Wednesday, March 19, 1:30 p.m.



Thinking of downsizing to a smaller house or apartment? Learn how to determine if you need to downsize, what

you can afford, what your options are and how to move forward once the decision is made. Presented by Joyce Courtney, a real estate broker and the owner of The HomeCourt Real Estate in Geneva.

Unlock the Secrets of Batavia Forest Preserves

Wednesday, March 19, 7 p.m.

Learn about all six of the unique forest preserve properties within Batavia city limits and the special features found at each.

You can contribute to the ongoing health and biodiversity of these special natural spaces by joining volunteer workdays.



First-Time Homebuyer's Workshop

Wednesday, April 2, 7 p.m.

Thinking of buying your first home? Learn what first-time buyers need to know about making this life-changing decision. You'll gain tips on making the best investment. Presented by Joyce Courtney, a real estate broker and the owner of The HomeCourt Real Estate in Geneva.

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.

2025 Tournament of Books

If you're a fan of new fiction, join us March 17-April 10 for the Library's 10th annual Tournament of Books. Sixteen of 2024's best fiction books – chosen by Batavia Library staff members – will contend for Batavia's favorite fiction book of the year in playoff-style brackets. Vote in each week's round on our website and in the Library. Look for the announcement of the Sweet

Sixteen titles and a tournament bracket on Facebook, Instagram, and our website.



Seed Library

The Seed Library will open on Saturday, March 1. Featuring a variety of vegetables, fruits, flowers and herbs, the Seed Library is open to Batavia residents, regardless of whether they have a Batavia Public Library card. Seed packets are free, and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Get your seeds by visiting the Library's Reference Desk, located on the main level. Limits apply.

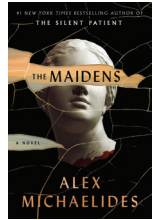
MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Book Discussion

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

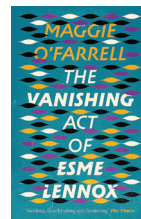
"The Maidens" by Alex Michaelides

Mariana Andros, a grief-stricken therapist, becomes convinced that Edward Fosca, a charismatic Greek tragedy professor, is responsible for the murder of one of her niece's friends at Cambridge University. Fosca holds a revered position among a group of female students known as "The Maidens."



Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

"The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox" by Maggie O'Farrell



Iris Lockhart is stunned to learn her great-aunt Esme, a woman deleted from her family's history, is being released from Cauldstone Hospital, where Esme's been

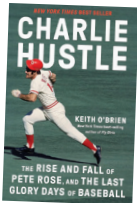
confined for 60-plus years. Soon she discovers that Esme holds the key to family secrets that could change her life forever.

May: "Once There Were Wolves" by Charlotte McConaghy

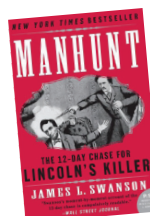
Books Between Bites

Thursday, March 20, Noon

"Charlie Hustle: The Rise and Fall of Pete Rose and the Last Glory Days of Baseball" by Keith O'Brien, presented by Lester Munson, nationally known commentator and former ESPN senior writer and analyst.



Thursday, April 10, Noon



"Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer" by James L. Swanson, presented by Batavia Historical Society President Dan Hoefler.

MAKERZONE

Cricut Online Certification

Become certified to use the Cricut machine online, either at home or in the Library, at www.tinyurl.com/aumkrca or scan the QR code below.



Meet the MakerZone

Tuesday, March 25, 4-5 p.m.

Thursday, April 3, 4-5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22, 6-7 p.m.

Join us for a tour of our MakerZone! Learn about equipment and get creative. A Batavia Public Library card is required. Some supplies provided.

Chat & Stitch

Wednesday, March 12 & April 9, 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

Wednesday, March 19 & April 16, 6-7 p.m.

Visit the MakerZone Table by the Reference Desk for a fun hour of crafting each month. March: Make a Sharpie mug bird feeder. April: Create a fringe paper wreath. All materials provided.

GET CRAFTY AT BPL!

March & April

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.

ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Exploring Space with

Coralie Adam

Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Illinois native Coralie Adam leads the multi-mission Optical Navigation team at KinetX Aerospace, the first privately held company to provide deep space navigation and flight dynamics expertise to NASA. Adam is the deputy navigation chief on NASA's Lucy mission to the Jupiter Trojan asteroids, and a navigation lead and science co-investigator on the OSIRIS-APEX extended mission to asteroid Apophis. Register at: www.bit.ly/ILP_CoralieAdam.

Documentary Screening:

Experience 9to5: The Story of a Movement at Home!

Friday, March 21, from 2 p.m. through Sunday, March 23, at 11:59 p.m.

Online on-demand recording

Watch the true story of 9to5, a group of Boston secretaries in the early 1970s whose fight for better pay, advancement opportunities and more inspired a hit movie and changed the

American workplace. Register for an email with a link to the performance at: www.tinyurl.com/32anfdy3.

The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and an outdoor educator using social media platforms to celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain sight. Nelson will be joined in conversation with Natalie Evans, a wild edible foods instructor. Register at www.bit.ly/ILP_AlexisNikoleNelson.

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SUNDAYS ON STAGE

Democracy in America: A Social Gathering with Jane Addams

Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m.

Meet crusader for social justice and 1931 Nobel Peace Prize winner Jane Addams, portrayed by actor Betsey Means from WomanLore.

World War II Radio Hour

Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.

See page 19 for details.



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.

Inclusion Game Night ® ♥

Tuesday, March 4 & April 1, 6:30-8 p.m.

Teens and young adults of all abilities plus 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.

Teen Chess Club

Tuesday, March 25 & April 29, 7 p.m.

Grades 8-12

MakerZone Table

Put your chess skills to the test by playing the game with your peers. Knowledge of chess is a plus, but beginners are welcome. Eight people can play at one time.

Dungeons & Dragons ®

Thursday, March 27, 3:30-5 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Middle school and high school students are invited to hang out at the Library as we explore the world

of Dungeons & Dragons through the animated series. Registration is requested, but walk-ins are welcome.

Teen Advisory Board ♥

Tuesday, March 18 & April 15, 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.



International Snack Challenge ®

Tuesday, March 25, 4-5 p.m.

Thursday, April 17, 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. Registration is requested, but walk-ins are welcome.

Teen Nintendo Switch ®

Friday, March 28, 10-11:30 a.m.

Grades 6-12

Play Mario Kart or Super Smash Bros. Ultimate at the Library. Four people can play at one time.

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. **March** program registration for BPL cardholders begins Feb. 15 and **April** program registration begins March 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. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

Advanced registration is required for programs designated ®.

ONE BOOK, ONE BATAVIA

Please see page 20 for more information about:

- One Book, One Batavia Kickoff
- World War II Candy & Snack Challenge
- Classic Movie Morning
- Pizza & Pages: "Allies" by Alan Gratz

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FOR BABIES, TOTS, AND PRESCHOOLERS

Baby Storytime for Prewalkers®

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

Tuesday, April 8-April 29, 9:30 a.m.

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

Baby Storytime for Walkers®

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

Tuesday, April 8-April 29, 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*

Saturday, March 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. Space is limited.

Parent/Caregiver & Baby Yoga®

Friday, March 7 & Saturday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. OR 10:15 a.m.

Babies through 23 months with a caregiver
Create a space to connect with yourself and your baby through gentle movement and breath work in a relaxed, playful environment. Yoga mats provided. Registration for one or both dates welcome, but please register for only one timeslot.

Toddler Time®

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

Monday, April 7-April 28, 10:30 a.m.

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

Drop-In Toddler Time*

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

Thursday, April 10-May 1, 10:30 a.m.

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

Preschool Storytime®

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

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

Thursday, April 10-May 1, 9:30 a.m.

Ages 4-6

Drop in for stories, songs and more!
Children may attend on their own or with a caregiver.



Sensory Playtime®

Wednesday, March 26, 10:30-

11:15 a.m.: Fun with Weather!

Saturday, April 26, 10:30-11:15 a.m.:

Spring has Sprung

Ages 2-6 with a caregiver

Bring your little one for some developmentally friendly – and fun – sensory play stations!

Bilingual Storytime: Spanish®

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 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, plus a craft activity.

FOR STUDENTS

Middle School Take 'N' Make

Grades 6-8

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

Murder Mystery Afternoon®

Saturday, March 1, 2 p.m.

Grades 6-8

Love mysteries? Help us solve the poisoning at Magnolia Gardens. Game play is expected to take 60-90 minutes but may vary, so please allow up to two hours.

The Bluestem Bakery®

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

Grades 3-5

Welcome to The Bluestem Bakery! This month we'll be sampling three Bluestem Award nominees spotlighting family relationships: "Shine On, Luz Veliz!" by Rebecca Balcarcel; "Not If I Can Help It" by Carolyn Mackler; and "Frizzy" by Claribel A. Ortega. Having read all three books is not a requirement. Bakery treats and book talks provided.

Chess Knight®

Tuesday, March 4, & April 22, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 5, 2-3 p.m.

Ages 6-14

Capture an hour 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.



Late Night at the Library®

Friday, March 14, 6-8 p.m.

Grades 3-5

Magical after-hours excitement at the Library will include pizza and games, along with a magic show and lesson taught by professional magician Ken Mate. Everyone will receive their own bag of magic tricks. Space is limited. Priority will be given to Batavia Public Library cardholders and Batavia school students.

Homeschool Hangout®

Tuesday, March 18, 1:30 p.m.: STEM

Rockets with U of I Extension

Tuesday, April 15, 1:30 p.m.: Learn About Art

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. Register with Youth Services.

Junior Volunteers®

Monday, June 2-Friday, June 27

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. Volunteers will be assigned a one-hour time slot per week from June 2 to June 27. Please apply online through the Library's website at www.bataviapubliclibrary.org or pick up a paper copy at the Youth Services Desk.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MONDAY, MAY 12.



Bookend Art ®**Tuesday, March 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.***Grades 6-8*

Love to paint? Paint your own bookend to take home and use to decorate your room!

Young Scientists ®**Wednesday, March 19, 4:30 p.m.:****Marshmallow Engineering****Wednesday, April 16, 4:30 p.m.:****Animals at Night***Grades K-3*

Young scientists will investigate a new topic each month through games, fun experiments and activities.

Geology Rocks!**Sunday, March 23, 2 p.m.***Families with children ages 8 and older*

Local geology expert Jeff Amelse will mine his extensive collection of rocks and minerals to showcase a collection that's part of the bedrock of this planet. Participants also may handle samples on loan from the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art.

Dungeons & Dragons ®**Thursday, March 27, 3:30-5 p.m.***Grades 6-12*

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

From Carton to Garden ®**Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m.***Grades K-5*

Join students from the Illinois Math & Science Academy's Think Natural. Live Sustainable. initiative to transform recycled egg cartons into your own mini planters. Learn about recycling, gardening and sustainability, and watch your seeds grow into beautiful plants.

Artist Adventures ®**Monday, March 31, 4:30 p.m.:****Claude Monet****Monday, April 21, 4:30 p.m.:****Wassily Kandinsky***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.

Yums and Crumbs ®**Friday, April 4****1 p.m., Grades 3-5****3 p.m., Grades 6-8**

No Stone Soup here! Put on your chef's hat and get ready to leave with a full stomach as you discover some recipes you can prepare yourself. Recipes will contain gluten and dairy, but will be peanut-free.

FOR FAMILIES**Stuffies and Stories*****Tuesday, March 11 & April 8, 6:30 p.m.****Saturday, March 8, 10:30 a.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.

Drop-In Craft**Sunday, March 16, noon: Rainbow****Wednesday, April 2, 10 a.m.: April****Showers***All ages*

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

LEGO Challenge**Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m.****Tuesday, April 15, 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. Supplies are limited.

**Laura Doherty Family Concert****Tuesday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.***Families*

Musician Laura Doherty will present a lively concert of upbeat songs. Tickets are required for this program and will be available at the Youth Services Desk beginning March 17.

**Drop-In Play Day****Wednesday, April 2, All day***Families*

No school? Drop by to play as we break out our board game and toy stash!

Family Movie Morning**Thursday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.***Families*

Find out if a robot can get in touch with her animal instincts on a mysterious island during this movie showing at the Library. Crafts and snacks will be provided.

Family Storytime***Saturday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.***Families*

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

Cooperative Game Play**Saturday, April 19, 10-11 a.m.****Sunday, May 18, 2-3 p.m.***Grades K-5*

Children of all abilities are welcome to drop in for some friendly board game play. Games will be easy to follow and cooperative in nature. Adult participation is encouraged to help facilitate game play and socialization.