



LEVEL UP

this summer at
**Batavia Public
Library**

Summer is that glorious time when students are out of school, adults take more vacation time from work and there are new adventures waiting with every sunrise.

Taking a break from school and work can have their downsides, though. (Stay with us on this.)

Maybe you've heard about the "summer slide." Sometimes summer is considered a brain-draining period when students take a break from reading and start to backslide, losing a portion of that important progress they made during the school year.

That's where **Summer Reading Challenge** steps in, to defend against the summer slide IRL (in real life).

This year's theme is "Level Up at Your Library." For the noobs out there, "level up" is a term that springs from gaming. After players slay the dragon, they progress to the next level. They advance up the ladder after finding the power bar or collecting the power-enhancing loot, moving up through the game's levels as their skills and strength progress.

The key is that as players improve, they move up to increasingly more challenging levels.

The same applies to reading, which is where the Summer Reading



Challenge comes in.

From Friday, May 23, 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 or days spent reading, either on paper logs available on our website or in the Library, or via the Beanstack app. Each completed reading log will earn **children, teens and adults** the chance for prizes.

Pre-registration begins Friday, May 9.

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.

HOT COMMODITY

While it's heating up outside, a new collection of books and movies are hot commodities at the Library.

The new "Hot Picks" collection debuted earlier this spring and includes the hottest new releases that just might fly off the shelves so fast they leave scorch marks. Think the "Barbie" and "Wicked" movies.

The details are simple:

- Three-week checkouts
- No holds (unless you find a copy in our regular collections)
- No renewals

Contact the Reference Desk at 630-879-1393, ext. 200, if you have questions.



The Library will be closed:

- Sunday, May 25, and Monday, May 26, for Memorial 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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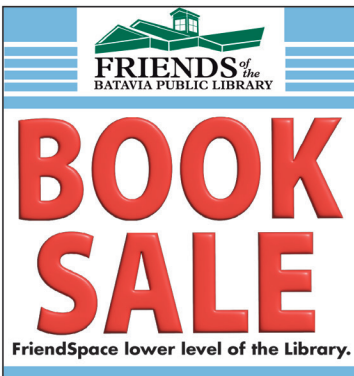
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FRIENDS' EVENING BOOK SALES

- 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7
- 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11

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, May 10
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 14

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will host its monthly weekend Book Sales 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 ®.



FEATURE PROGRAM

Freedom Songs: The Music of Black History ®

Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.

Grade 3 through adult

Celebrate our newest national holiday, Juneteenth, with a musical tour through

hundreds of years of history. From songs that carried secret messages needed to navigate the Underground Railroad, to the powerful anthems of the Civil Rights Movement, to the Beale Street Blues, music long has been an integral part of American history.

QUESTIONS & ANCESTORS GENEALOGY SERIES

Brick by Brick: Tracing Your Home's History ®

Thursday, May 1, 7 p.m.

Hybrid

Professional genealogy sleuth Tina Beaird will share tips for solving the mystery of your historic home.



World War I Genealogy - Where Do I Start? ®

Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m.

Hybrid

Learn more about your family's connection to World War I with author, genealogist and librarian Debra Dudek. Using a fail-proof method of record gathering, you'll begin tracing your ancestor's Great War experience.



Genealogy at the Library





SUNDAYS ON STAGE

Maria Anna Mozart: Our Family and My Famous Brother

Sunday, May 18, 2 p.m.

Actress Megan Wells portrays Maria Anna Mozart, the brilliant pianist and composer who often lived in the shadow of her superstar brother.

The American Folk Song: Community Concert & Dessert Potluck

Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m.

Folk singer and author Mark Dvorak presents familiar folk favorites, oral history and standards. A dessert potluck and collection of toiletries for Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry also will be hosted. You are invited to bring a store-bought, sealed dessert for 6-10 people to share. *Please, no nuts.*

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Book Subscription Bags for Adults & Teens

June, July, August

Looking for fresh reading ideas? Adults and teens can sign up for a three-month subscription to a Book Subscription Bag, which will be filled with a library book selected especially for you, plus a few surprise goodies to keep. Registration ends May 15. Limit: 30. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/ATsubsum25>.

Heartfulness Relaxation & Meditation for Wellness

Sundays, May 4 & June 1, 1 p.m.

Reduce stress and anxiety and bring back a sense of calm, inner peace and well-being – which are essential for wellness – with a guided body relaxation exercise and short meditation session.

Local Author Talk: "Big Deal Coming" by Don Delaney

Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Author Don Delaney will discuss his twist-filled tale of exposing one man's greed, deception and fraud. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Puzzle Exchange

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bring in your gently used puzzles and take home something new to you.

Improving Communication with Others

Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m.

Join Marissa Raglin, a national board-certified therapist, to learn effective ways to express your needs while crafting responses that are productive and considerate.

Solve the Murder: Malachai Stout's Family Reunion

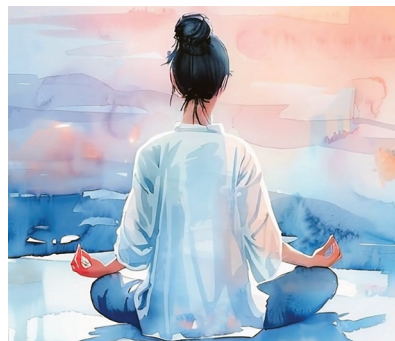
Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.

Play the role of a dysfunctional member of the Stout family, members of which have gathered at their ancestral home. However, elderly patriarch Malachai Stout's lifeless body lies crumpled on his bed, and the wall safe is open. Who dunnit?

Witness Trees

Wednesday, May 28, 7 p.m.

Have you ever looked at a giant tree and wondered what historical events it experienced during its lifetime? Barb McKittrick, environmental education manager with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, will explain the importance of our regional "Witness Trees."



The Healing Power of Meditation

Wednesday, June 25, 6 p.m.

Meditation can be the tool we need to help cope with the stresses and challenges of everyday life. Umesh Bhatia, an experienced meditator and national speaker, will help us learn and practice a simple technique that can reduce stress, enhance relaxation and promote inner growth.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.

"Once There Were Wolves"
by Charlotte McConaghy

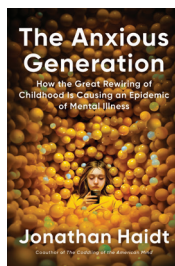
Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

"All the Beauty in the World"
by Patrick Bringley

Books Between Bites

Thursday, May 15, Noon

"The Anxious Generation"
by Jonathan Haidt,
presented by Kathy
Hubbard and Linda
Sullivan.



Volunteer Fair

Tuesday, May 6, 2-6 p.m.

Discover an array of opportunities to inspire, create and engage with the community. Find the perfect volunteer role that aligns with your passions and skills. *In partnership with Batavia Chamber of Commerce.*

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

The Sweet Life After 50

**Mondays, May 12, June 9 & 23,
1:30 p.m.**

For individuals 50 and older who enjoy working on fun and easy crafts, games and puzzles while socializing with other active adults.

Over What Hill?

**Tuesdays, May 13 & 27,
June 10 & 24, 1:30 p.m.**

For individuals 50 and older who enjoy learning something that keeps them moving and active. On June 10, we're doing water-blast painting with teens. Teens are welcome during this program.

MAKERZONE

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MakerZone

create inspire explore

NEW! Sewing Machine Online Certification

Take our online certification for the Singer Patchwork 7258Q, available to use in the Library's MakerZone. Visit <https://shorturl.at/2Ao0T> or scan the QR code below.



Meet the MakerZone

**Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.-noon
Tuesday, June 24, 4-5 p.m.**

Learn about our equipment and see what you can create! Batavia Public Library card required. Limit: 6

Cricut – Mug Press Class

**Thursday, May 1, 4 p.m.
Thursday, June 5, 4 p.m.**

Teens and adults are invited to draw their own custom designs, which will be created using our Cricut Mug Press. Supplies included. Batavia Public Library card required. Limit: 5



Chat & Stitch

**Wednesdays, May 14 & June 11,
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, May 21 & June 18,
6-7 p.m.**

Visit the MakerZone Table for a fun hour of crafting once a month. All materials provided.

Crafternoon

**May & June
MakerZone Table**

Stop in for a drop-in craft, to be completed at your leisure, while supplies last. For all ages.

Teen Take 'N' Make Kits

Teen Space

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



ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond

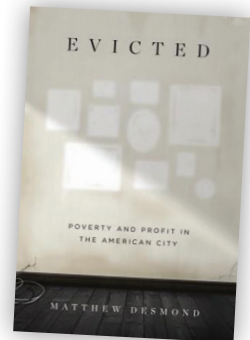
Tuesday, May 13, 7 p.m.

Matthew Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of the award-winning book,

"Evicted:

Poverty and Profit in the American City."

Desmond's research focuses on poverty in the U.S., city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality and ethnography.



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TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Inclusion Game Night **R V**

Tuesday, June 3, 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.



Dungeons & Dragons **R**

Thursdays, May 22 & June 26,
3:30-5 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Continue your Quest: Take your character on a journey. Middle school and high school students may hang out at the Library as we play D&D. Registration is requested, but walk-ins are welcome.

Teen Nintendo Switch **R**

Monday, June 9, 3-4:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Bring your friends and play Nintendo Switch. Four people can play at one time. Limit: 12

Teen Advisory Board **V**

Tuesday, June 17, 3-4 p.m.

Grades 8-12

Teen Space

Teens, we need your help. Develop ideas for the Library and receive volunteer hours.

Teen Chess Club **R**

Tuesdays, May 27 & June 24, 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.

International Snack Challenge **R**

Thursdays, May 29 & June 19, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 8-12

Ever wanted to try snacks from another country? Take a tasty adventure to discover new snacks. Food, games and trivia included. Registration is requested; walk-ins are welcome. Limit: 12



Finals Study Week – Exam Cram
Monday-Wednesday, May 19- 21,
Noon-9 p.m.

Drop In

Head to the library to study solo or with friends. Food deliveries are allowed and welcome in the Van Nortwick Room.

The Evolving World of College Financial Aid: What's Changing & Why It Matters

Tuesday, May 6, 6 p.m.

Online

Explore recent changes in financial aid that may affect how much parents will pay for college and how they can adjust to these shifts. Actionable strategies will be shared to reduce costs and make informed decisions based on each college's financial aid formulas. Register at <https://foxly.link/batavia>.

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. **May** program registration for Batavia Public Library cardholders begins Thursday, April 17, and **June** program registration begins Sunday, May 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 ③.

FOR BABIES, TOTS AND PRESCHOOLERS

Drop-In Baby Storytime*

Saturdays, May 10 & June 7, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, June 18 & July 2,
10:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 19, 6 p.m.

Babies 0-23 months with an adult caregiver

Bilingual Storytime ③

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, as well as a craft activity.

Sensory Playtime ③

Friday, May 16, 10 a.m.: Construction

Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m.: Summer Fun

Ages 2-6 with a caregiver

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

Truck Tales*

Tuesday, May 20, 10 a.m.

Ages 2-6 with a caregiver

Love trucks? Celebrate Public Works

Week with truck stories shared by Library and Batavia Public Works staff, then climb aboard one of Batavia's big trucks.



Storytime at the Caboose

Monday, June 2, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-6

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

Alphabet Party ③

Thursday, June 5, 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 it's time to shine!



Drive-In "Movie" ③

Saturday, June 14, 10-11:15 a.m.

Ages 2-4 with a caregiver

Design your own car from a box, pull into a parking spot and enjoy a short video. Boxes and snacks provided.

FOR STUDENTS

DIY Cactus Garden ③

Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m.

Grades 6-8

Love plants but can't keep them alive? Make a cactus garden with custom-painted rocks. Choose from a variety of paint colors and rock shapes to make your garden personalized.



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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025

Level Up at Your Library!

Friday, May 23 - Monday, Aug. 4
(pre-registration begins Friday, May 9)

Ages infant-14

Whether you read to your children or they read independently, readers of all ages (including teens and adults) are encouraged to sign up for Summer Reading Challenge. Track your reading and earn prizes as you progress through the program. Make your own individual reading goals and chose what you'll read. Build early literacy skills or keep current reading skills sharp. Summer Reading Challenge is for everyone.

Visit the Youth Services or Reference desks for more details.



Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff

Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

All ages

Celebrate the start of Summer Reading Challenge! This event will feature storytelling by Chris Fascione from 11-11:30 a.m. From 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., enjoy roving juggling, face painting, ice cream and Hugo's



Elvis, who will perform Elvis songs from the '50s through the '70s.

Artist Adventures: Mary Blair

Monday, May 12, 4:30 p.m.

Grades 1-5

Explore the wide world of art by studying a different famous artist every month. We'll begin class with a look at the artist's life and their artwork, then create our own projects in that artist's signature style.

Chess Club (formerly Chess Knight)

Tuesdays, May 20 & June 3, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m.

Ages 6-14

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, May 22, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 26, 3:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12

In partnership with Groggnard Games. Registration is requested, but walk-ins are welcome.



Chess Basics

Mondays, June 2, 9 & 16, 7 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 Club each month.

International Taste Testers:

Chip Challenge

Thursday, June 5, 3 p.m.

Grades 5-7

There are some wacky chip flavors out there – can you guess them all? We will sample, rate and rank chips from around the world.

Beginning Sign Language

Tuesday, June 10, 6-7:30 p.m.

Grades 4-8

Common words and phrases used in our everyday language will be

taught by hard-of-hearing disability advocate Rhiannon Gurley. Adult family members are welcome to attend.

Engineering Arcade: Build Your Own Game

Monday, June 16, 11 a.m.

Grades 3-5

Design and build your own arcade game by applying STEM concepts. This STEMshop will be led by staff at SciTech.

Mario Meets Muck

Wednesday, June 25, 1 p.m. OR 3 p.m.

Ages 4-8 with a caregiver

Enjoy a Super Mario sensory play palooza. Dress to get messy.

Yes, And...Improv Games

Monday, June 23

2 p.m.: Grades 3-5

3 p.m.: Grades 6-8

Learn classic improv games through play and interaction, then create your own improvised scene with a partner. No previous experience is necessary, though participation is expected.

Junior Volunteers

Session One: Monday,

June 2-Friday, June 27

(applications due May 12)

Session Two: Monday, July

7-Friday, Aug. 1 (applications

due June 23)

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.





FOR FAMILIES

**Unless otherwise noted, programs listed are for all ages with a caregiver.*

Chill, Craft, and Color

Saturday, May 3, All day

Chill at the Library by watching episodes featuring our favorite curious little monkey, make a craft, or simply color a picture. Everyone is welcome.

Stuffies and Stories 📖

Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.

Let's Go to the Zoo

Monday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Weeknight LEGO Building Challenge

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 p.m.

Cooperative Game Play

Sunday, May 18, 2 p.m.

Grades K-5

Children of all abilities are welcome to drop in to play board games. They will be easy-to-follow and cooperative in nature. Adult participation is encouraged to help facilitate game play and socialization.

Drop-In Craft

Saturday, May 24, All day:

Memorial Day

Sunday, June 8, All day:

Ocean Animal

Craft at Engstrom Park

Wednesday, June 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 3-14

Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. *Co-sponsored by the Batavia Park District.*

Family Movie Morning

Friday, June 6, 10:30 a.m.

He's bad, and that's good. He will never be good, and that's not bad! Watch this turbo-tastic movie at the Library! Snacks and easy activities available. Call the Library for movie title.

Family Concert with Justin Roberts at Peg Bond Center

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m.

Summertime means it's time for a special concert with Grammy-nominated children's performer Justin Roberts. *Brought to you in partnership between Batavia Public Library and Batavia Park District.*

African Folktales (tickets required)

Thursday, June 12, 10:30 a.m.

Join a variety of characters from stories that celebrate the folktale



traditions of Africa. African music helps set the stage for these energetic stories. **Tickets are required for this performance and will be available at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, June 2.**

Family Storytime*

Monday, June 23, 6:30 p.m.

Starr Chief Eagle: Hoop Dancing (tickets required)

Tuesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m.

Starr Chief Eagle's presentation will explore the language, art and culture of the Lakota people. She also will perform the rare tradition of Hoop Dancing. **Tickets are required for this performance and will be available at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, June 16.**

Bingo at Big Woods 🎮

Friday, June 27, 11 a.m.

Ages 3-14

Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. *Co-sponsored by the Batavia Park District.*

Retro Gaming

Sunday, June 29, 2-4 p.m.

Families

Level-up your character on a variety of retro gaming systems.



Starr Chief Eagle: Hoop Dancing

ARTOGRAPHY & DESIGN