



Win free books, prizes during Batavia Public Library's

WINTER CHALLENGE

Winter in Batavia is that special time when the weather turns chilly (usually) and some of us want to curl up by the fire with a good book.

But living in the Midwest, we like a challenge. No, not just a 55-degree New Year's Day tempered by that 2-degree St. Patrick's Day. We're talking about a reading challenge.

This winter, we are extending a challenge to patrons: Winter Challenge.

Winter Challenge is a reading club through the Batavia Public Library.

For teens and adults, it's a straight-up reading club. Adults and teens may participate by reading or listening to books, then log their accomplishments to earn prizes.

For children ranging in age from infants through 14 years old, Winter Challenge



encompasses reading and completing fun activities to earn points. Those points stack up and qualify them to earn prizes, too.

Previously called Winter Library Club, Winter Challenge will begin a little earlier than last year, on Monday, Dec. 16, and wraps up on Friday, Jan. 31.

Preregistration begins Monday, Dec. 2, on Beanstack.

Between Dec. 16 and Jan. 31, simply read or listen to books, or complete activities, and record your accomplishments on the Beanstack app. Or participants may fill out paper logs and return them to one of the Library's service desks.

Reading logs and activity sheets will be available at the Library and on the Library's website beginning Monday, Dec. 16. Printed logs may be

submitted by those not using Beanstack to record their books and activities.

All Winter Challenge points must be earned and entered on Beanstack, or turned in to the Youth Services or Reference desks, by 5 p.m. on Jan. 31.

For every three books read, adults and teens will earn one free prize, which will include books. These patrons may turn in a maximum of 10 logs.

Adult and teen Batavia cardholders who participate also will earn raffle tickets for our grand prize drawings each time they submit a completed reading log.

Adults and teens may pick up their book prizes as they submit each completed log.

This winter we challenge you and your family to saddle up that sled and cart home a stack of books to enjoy when the weather outside is frightful.

The Library will be closed:

- Friday, Nov 15, closed 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for staff training. Open 1-5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 5 p.m. for Thanksgiving
- Thursday, Nov. 28, for Thanksgiving.
- Tuesday, Dec. 24, for the Christmas holiday.
- Wednesday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday.
- Tuesday, Dec. 31, for New Year's Eve.
- Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, for New Year's 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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FRIENDS' EVENING BOOK SALES

Wednesdays, Nov. 6 & Dec. 11
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, Nov. 6, and Dec. 11 in the FriendSpace. Credit cards are accepted. The FriendSpace is located on the Library's lower level.



FRIENDS' BOOK SALES

Saturdays, Nov. 9 & Dec. 14
9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will host its monthly Book Sale from 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14 in the FriendSpace. Credit cards are accepted.



FRIENDS' VINTAGE BOOK SALE

Saturday, Dec. 14
9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will host its annual Vintage Sale from 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Founders Room. The Vintage Sale may include classics, sets, nonfiction, novels, and gift-quality items. With two sales on Dec. 14, it's the perfect opportunity to cross holiday gifts off your shopping list.

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 .

FEATURE PROGRAMS

LEGO Remembered

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2 p.m.

In person

The LEGO Company started more than 90 years ago in Denmark. Discover how it grew and evolved into the hugely successful company it is today. Learn about the value of vintage LEGO sets as we reminisce through the world of LEGO. *For ages 7 and older.*



The History of Coffee

Saturday, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m.

In person

Join us for a tasty and informative program about the history and science of coffee. Explore regional references and insights – and experience an immersive tasting. Brian Moskalik, an adjunct professor at Aurora University and co-owner of Crema Coffee House, walks us through the history of this aromatic treat.

*By participating in this program, you acknowledge and accept that the Batavia Public Library District and the presenter are not responsible for any food allergies or reactions.

Saturday Matinée: "The Catcher"

Saturday, Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m.

In person

Before "Tracker" (on CBS-TV) and even before "The Finder" (a short-lived spin-off from "Bones"), there was "The Catcher," a made-for-television movie and series pilot (that was not picked up) starring Michael Witney and Jan-Michael Vincent. It aired 52 years ago in June 1972 as the NBC World Premiere Movie.

Filmed on location in Boston; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Memphis and Atlanta, "The Catcher" features Batavia's own Jackie DeShannon in a supporting role.

Sponsored by Batavia Public Library, Batavia Historical Society, Batavia Film Society, and the Jackie DeShannon Appreciation Society.

Puzzle Exchange

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

In person

Looking for a way to acquire some new puzzles? Bring in your gently used adult and children's puzzles and take home something different! Bring your puzzles in their original boxes with no missing pieces.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

The Sweet Life After 50 
Mondays, Nov. 11 & 25, Dec. 9 &
23, 1:30 p.m.
In person

Nov. 11: Make paper leaf wreaths;
Nov. 25: Games with Misty; Dec. 9:
Winter-themed acrylic painting;
Dec. 23: Games with Misty.
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? 
Tuesdays, Nov. 12 & 26, Dec. 10,
1:30 p.m.
In person

Nov. 12: Make diamond art leaf
magnets; Nov. 26: Badminton,
bags & Ping-Pong; Dec. 19: Winter
snow globes. This program is
designed for those 50 and older
who enjoy learning something that
keeps them moving and active.

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:
www.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 opens Dec. 1 and ends
Jan. 15. Limit: 30. Sign up here:
www.tinyurl.com/atswin25.

HOW-TO COMMUNITY

Protecting Dark Skies 
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
In person

Open your eyes and hearts to the
joys of the night! Learn about light
pollution, its effect on humans and
wildlife and explore how we can
restore darkness with dark sky-
friendly lighting practices. Barb
McKittrick, a Batavia Environmental
Commission member, and Dark Sky
International Delegate Adam Kreuzer
speak about problems with artificial
light at night.



Community Check-In

Check in with staff members from
Batavia Public Library. Catch us on
our social media pages chatting
with local and famous authors and
showing you cool things you can do
and check out at your Library. You will
need a personal Instagram, Facebook
or TikTok account to interact with
us. Follow our accounts and turn on
notifications so you don't miss our
posts.

- Instagram: www.instagram.com/bataviapubliclibrary
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/BataviaPublicLibrary
- TikTok: [@bataviapubliclibrary](http://www.tiktok.com/@bataviapubliclibrary)

**Bring Joy to the Holiday Season
Through Meditation** 
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.

In person
Experienced meditator Umesh Bhatia
will present a simple, yet powerful
meditation technique that can enrich
your life on many levels and help with
seasonal stress.

**Naloxone in Action:
Empowering Communities to
Prevent Overdose** 
Thursday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.

In person
This training is designed to educate
individuals and communities on the
proper use of naloxone, a
life-saving medication that can
reverse the effects of an opioid
overdose. Participants will gain
comprehensive knowledge about
opioid addiction, the signs of an
overdose and the critical steps to
take in an emergency. Presented
by Live4Lali, a nonprofit that works
to reduce stigma and prevent
substance use disorder.

Cubism: Create a Self-Portrait 
Thursday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.

In person
Delve into the fascinating world of
Cubism and unleash your artistic
potential through this dynamic and
engaging hands-on workshop lead by
artist Becka Davis Goetzinger.

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.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Book Discussion ③

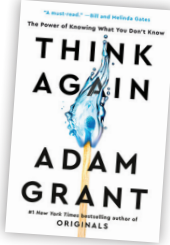
Book discussions are in-person programs hosted by librarians.

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

"Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know"

by Adam Grant

The Wharton organizational psychologist and best-selling author examines the critical art of rethinking, explaining how questioning one's opinions and opening the minds of others can promote personal and professional excellence.



Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

Non-Discussion Book Discussion

Share with the group your favorite two books, new or old, which you've read this year.

January book selection: "The Family Chao" by Lan Samantha Chang

Books Between Bites

Thursday, Nov. 21, Noon

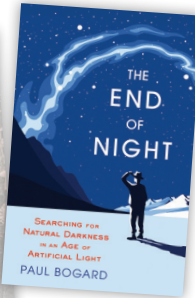
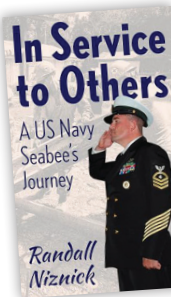
In person

"In Service to Others: A US Navy Seabee's Journey," presented by author Randall Niznick.

Thursday, Dec. 12, Noon

In person

"The End of Night: Searching for Natural Darkness in an Age of Artificial Light" by Paul Bogard, presented by Valerie Blaine.



SUNDAYS ON STAGE

Plymouth Pilgrims:

The Mayflower Voyage

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m.

In person

Listen as longtime Plymouth Governor William Bradford, portrayed by Terry Lynch, recounts the stories of some of the first settlers to America. Suitable for those from grade 6 through adult.



Under the Mistletoe:

Nostalgic Holiday Favorites

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m.

In person

"Make the season bright" with Matt and Cynthia Gruel in their holiday cabaret. Feel the jingling beat with "Jingle Bells," "Holly Jolly Christmas" and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." Or reminisce with "Baby, It's Cold Outside," "White Christmas," and "Let It Snow." This one-hour cabaret features the festive stories behind the music!

MAKERZONE

Chat & Stitch

Wednesday, Nov. 13 & Dec. 11

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

In person

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, Nov. 6, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

In person

Learn the basics of using a Cricut Maker and become certified. Please register for only one class. Basic computer skills required. Batavia Public Library card required. Limit: 4

Crafting Curiosities ③

Tuesdays, Nov. 19 & Dec. 17, 4-5 p.m.

In person

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

Cricut – Design Space 101 ③

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

In person

Learn expert tips and tools for navigating the Design Space software. Basic computer skills are required, as is a Batavia Public Library card. Limit: 5

GET CRAFTY AT BPL! November & December

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

Holiday Tips & Tricks with Chef Art Smith

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Join chef Art Smith to learn about his culinary journey and bring some



appetizing inspiration into your holiday season. Smith will be joined in conversation by Monica Eng, award-winning Chicago journalist

and co-host of food podcast "Chewing" with Louisa Chu. Register for this Zoom program at bit.ly/ILP_ArtSmith.

Little Women: The Musical Online on demand recording Friday, Saturday or Sunday, Dec. 20, 21 or 22, Any time

Louisa May Alcott's classic story of four sisters growing up in 19th-century Massachusetts made its London premiere in this acclaimed production at Park Theatre in London.

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering

premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S.

Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility. To request accommodations, please email illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com.



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!

- Volunteers are welcome to join the fun at Inclusion Game Night (see below).
- We also have free tug toy craft kits you can make and return to the Library for volunteer credit. Visit the Reference Desk for a kit or ask for a kit to be held for curbside pickup.

Inclusion Game Night

Tuesday, Nov. 5 & Dec. 3,
6:30-8:15 p.m.

In person

Teens and young adults of all abilities, along with 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 Homeschool Hangout

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

In person

Whether you're new to home-schooling 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 with our Youth Services librarians.



Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6-7 p.m.

In person

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.

Adulting 101—How to Wrap Presents & Make Bows

Wednesday, Nov. 20 & Dec. 4, 6-7 p.m.

In person

With the holidays around the corner, learn how to wrap your presents like a pro. Limit: 10



Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, Nov. 21, 3:30-5 p.m.

Continue your Quest: Take your character on a journey

Thursday, Dec. 19, 3:30-5 p.m.

Role Playing Card Games

In person

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.

International Snack Challenge

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 4 p.m.

In person

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. Limit: 10

Family Book Bingo

Friday, Nov. 29, 11 a.m.-noon

In person

Ages 3-Adult

Everyone is invited to play Bingo and win prizes. Become the Bingo champion in your family.

Finals Study Week – Exam Cram Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 16-18, 3-9 p.m.

Drop in

Head to the Library to study alone or with friends. Food deliveries are allowed in the lobby. Students may take their food to the Van Nortwick Room on Dec. 16 and 18 and to the Youth Services Program Room on Dec. 17.





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 by phone, please call the Youth Services Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 500. To register online, please use the online events calendar at BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

November program registration for Batavia Public Library cardholders begins Friday, Oct. 18, and December program registration begins Sunday, Nov. 17. 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

Toddler Time ®

Mondays, Oct. 21-Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver

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

Baby Storytime for Prewalkers ®

Tuesdays, Oct. 22-Nov. 12, 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 ®

Tuesdays, Oct. 22-Nov. 12, 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.



On-My-Own-Preschool Storytime ®

Wednesdays, Oct. 23-Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-6

Stories, songs and more for children able to sit and listen without assistance from a parent or caregiver.

Parent/Caregiver & Baby Yoga ®

Friday, Nov. 1, 9:30 a.m.

OR 10:15 a.m.

Parent or caregiver with baby through 23 months

Create a space for you to connect to yourself and your baby through gentle movement and breath work in a relaxed, playful environment. Yoga mats provided. Please register for only one timeslot.

Drop-In Toddler Time*

Thursday, Nov. 7 & 14, 10:30 a.m.

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

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver

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

Drop-In Preschool Storytime*

Thursday, Nov. 7 & 14, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-6 with a caregiver for Nov. 7 & 14 and ages 4-6 with a caregiver for Dec. 4

Stories, songs and more for children who need assistance from a parent or caregiver.

*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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Drop-In Baby Storytime*

Friday, Nov. 8 & Dec. 6, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.

Babies through 23 months with a caregiver

Drop in to hear stories, sing songs and practice early literacy skills.

Sensory Playtime®

Friday, Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m.: Fall Fun

Friday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m.: Winter Wonderland

Ages 2-6 with a caregiver

Bring your little one for some developmentally friendly – and fun – sensory play stations. Dress to get messy.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover®

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.:

Drop Off

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m.: Donuts & Storytime

Ages 2-6 with a caregiver

What sort of mischief can your stuffed animals get into during a sleepover at the Library? Drop off your stuffed animal during the designated drop-off time.

Then come back to the Library the next day for some donuts, storytime and secret stuffie surprises.



FOR STUDENTS

Middle School Take 'N' Make Kits

November: DIY Loom Bookmarks

December: DIY Chocolate Peppermint Mug Cake

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!

Read With Rover®

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m.-noon

Grades 1-4

Children may practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a trained therapy dog. The goal is to create a positive, non-threatening, and fun environment in which reading aloud is

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).

enjoyed. Register for a 15-minute time slot. Presented by Fox Valley Therapy Dog Club.

Middle School After Dark®

Friday, Nov. 8, 6-8:30 p.m.

Grades 6-8

We're playing LASER TAG in the Library! Play games, eat pizza, and hang out with friends as you rotate in-and-out of games. A signed permission slip/waiver from a parent/guardian is required. Space is limited.

Excavation Adventure: Little Diggers®

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m.

Grades K-3

Got a dino lover at home? Experience the life of a paleontologist and dig up your own dinosaur! Learn about several types of dinosaurs and how paleontologists do their job.

Book Buzz®

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 4:30 p.m.

Grades 1-3

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

The Bluestem Bakery®

Monday, Nov. 18, 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3-5

During this month's Bluestem Bakery, we'll sample three Bluestem

Nominees featuring animals:

"Marshmallow & Jordan" by Alina Chau,
"The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter" by Aaron



Reynolds, and "Odder" by Katherine Applegate. Having read all three is not a requirement. Bakery treats and book talks provided.

Homeschool Hangout®

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1:30 p.m.

Nature Detectives with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Families with children in grades K-12

Whether you're new to homeschooling or a seasoned expert, you're welcome at this monthly get together. We'll explore different topics each month and connect with other local homeschool families.

Dungeons & Dragons®

Thursday, Nov. 21, 3:30-5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19, 3:30-5 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Take your character on a journey with a new campaign. Bring your own character or choose from one provided. We welcome any experience level. Registration is requested, but not required. In partnership with Grogard Games.

Artist Adventures®

Monday, Nov. 25, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 16, 4:30 p.m.

Grades 1-5

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

Chess Knight®

Tuesday, Nov. 26 & Dec. 17, 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.

International Taste Testers: Holiday Candy from Around the World®

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m.

Grades 5-8

Did you ever wonder what kinds of candy kids eat in other countries? We will sample, rate and rank holiday candy from around the world. Warning: this class contains SUGAR!

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.

The Magic of Raina Telgemeier 📖

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

Students of all ages and adults welcome

Join Illinois Libraries Present for a special Zoom event with Raina Telgemeier, author and illustrator of the graphic novels "Smile," "Drama," "Sisters," "Ghosts," and "Guts," all No. 1 New York Times bestsellers. Register at www.bit.ly/ILP_RainaTelgemeier to receive the Vimeo link and password to this event.

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Last-Minute Gifts

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1-3 p.m., while supplies last

All ages; children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult

Do you need a last-minute gift for a friend or relative? Visit the Library and make a simple craft that you may give as a gift. One craft per person, please.



Customize Your Own Journal

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6-8 p.m.

Grades 5-8

We'll supply the journals along with colored pencils, markers, rubber stamps and our sticker maker. Stickers can be created from your own drawings, magazine clippings, or old book pages. Available while supplies last.

FOR FAMILIES

DISCOVER and UNCOVER

November: Turkey Tom Scavenger Hunt

December: Build-a-Gingerbread Person

Drop by the Youth Services Department for activities based on these themes throughout the month.

2024-2025 Winter Challenge 📖

Monday, Dec. 16-Friday, Jan. 31

Ages 0-14

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.



Junior Volunteers 📖

Monday, Jan. 6-Friday, March 7

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 out behind the scenes. Volunteers will be assigned a one-hour time slot per week from Jan. 6-March 7. Please apply online through the Library's website or pick up a paper copy at the Youth Services Desk. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE DEC. 20.**

Drop-In Craft

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.:

Turkey Time

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

All ages

Drop-in craft activity available beginning at 10 a.m., while supplies last. Children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Stuffies and Stories*

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Families

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

Snappy Saturday Storytime*

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m.

Families

Pop into the Library for a storytime that'll get you swaying and snapping.

Family Book Bingo 📖

Friday, Nov. 29, 11 a.m.

All ages

Please see the full description on page 24. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Holiday Stories at Celebration of Lights Festival

Sunday, Dec. 1, 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Families

Drop by the Batavia Depot Museum, 155 Houston St., for holiday stories during the Celebration of Lights festivities.

Family Movie Morning

Friday, Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m.

All ages

Get in touch with your emotions (both old and new) during this movie at the Library. Crafts and snacks will be provided.

DuPage Children's Museum

Traveling Exhibits

Saturday, Dec. 28, All day

Families

Drop by the Youth Services Department for a variety of fun, interactive exhibits presented by DuPage Children's Museum.

LEGO Challenge

Sunday, Dec. 29, 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! Supplies are limited.

Mark Hayward's Family Comedy Show

Monday, Dec. 30, 10:30 a.m.

Families

Mark Hayward, a World Yo-yo Champion, brings his expert yo-yo and juggling skills along with family-friendly comedy for a morning of laughter and amusement. *Tickets are required for this program and will be available to pick up at the*

Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, Dec. 16. Space is limited.

