

Enjoy Polar-Palooza at the Library

Q: What do polar bears like to eat for lunch?

A: "Brrr-grrrs"!

Q: What do polar bears like to read?

A: "Librrry" books!

Families, adults, and teens are invited to join Polar-Palooza, the Library's Winter Reading Club, sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.

Polar-Palooza for families includes reading and activities, at home and at the Library, for children and their parents. Families, consisting of at least one child and one adult, can pick up a log at the Youth Services Desk beginning January 16. No pre-registration is required.

As families complete activities listed on the log, they will earn a Polar-Palooza patch, a bookplate on a new book in the Youth Services collection containing the family name, and contest entry forms for a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Teens (high school age and older) and adults can pick up a reading log at the Reference Desk and on the Lobby kiosk beginning January 16. After reading or listening to three books, teens and adults will earn a book prize and a chance to enter a drawing for additional prizes.

Visit the Library or its Web site, BataviaPublicLibrary.org, for more information. Polar-Palooza concludes Sunday, February 28.



The Library will be closed:

Friday, January 1

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am–9 pm
Friday and Saturday 9 am–5 pm
Sunday Noon–5 pm (Sept.–May)

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New and improved Good Reads & Views

Browse the Library's updated "Good Reads & Views" blog on the Library Web site for book and movie reviews by our librarians. Find reviews easily by selecting your favorite fiction genre or nonfiction topic. "Good Reads & Views" is updated weekly and includes book and DVD reviews for adults, book reviews for teens, and a link to new books for children. New feature: Share your comments about the books and DVDs that are reviewed, and read comments from other Library patrons. Go to BataviaPublicLibrary.org > *Library Services* > *For Readers* > *Good Reads & Views*.

Library Friends' annual meeting March 1

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will hold its annual meeting, Monday, March 1, at 7 pm at the Library. A brief business meeting will be followed by "Say Cheese," a presentation by guest speaker Cathy Blozis, caterer and Batavia High School foods teacher. Anyone interested in serving on the Friends' governing board can e-mail (Friends@BataviaPublicLibrary.org) or call (630-879-8220) the Friends for an application form and more information.

The Friends are selling green, reusable tote bags for \$4 each. Totes are available at the Check Out Desk. Help the Friends help the Library by purchasing your tote today!

Magazine giveaway February 27

The Library's annual magazine giveaway will be held Saturday, February 27, from 9 am until 4 pm (or until the magazines are gone). Magazines that are 3–5 years old and bundled by title will be offered free of charge on a first come, first served basis. Publications include *Architectural Digest*, *Cooking Light*, *Highlights*, *New Yorker*, *Reader's Digest Large Print*, *Ranger Rick*, *Sports Illustrated*, and more.



Under the Cupola

"How We Rate"

The second-ever *Library Journal Index of Public Library Service* ("LJ Index") has been released. I am proud to report that Batavia is ranked 72 out of 1,209 public libraries—and ranked 6 among Illinois public libraries—in its expenditure group (\$1.0 million–\$4.9 million) with an overall score (rating) of 1,038.

The LJ Index is a new national rating system designed to recognize and promote America's public libraries, to help improve the pool of nationally collected library statistics, and to encourage library self-evaluation.

Simplicity, transparency, and comprehensibility were the main objectives in designing the rating system. *Library Journal* (LJ) used statistical correlation analysis to identify a concise and straightforward set of indicators of library service provision. LJ also wanted to enable individual libraries to examine firsthand the data upon which their ratings are based.

One of the foundational ideas of this system is the acknowledgment of the strengths and weaknesses of library ratings systems of any kind. Ratings are best understood within the larger context of library assessment and evaluation. Comprehensive local evaluation of library operations by libraries and their constituents is the most productive method for assessing library performance.

LJ Index scores and star ratings (the top 30 libraries in each expenditure group receive stars) are based on data reported annually by public libraries to their state library agencies and compiled nationally by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Each edition of the LJ Index specifies the statistical year to which the ratings pertain. The newly released LJ Index ratings are based on IMLS public libraries data for 2007.

The index is based on four service measures: circulation per capita, visits per capita, program attendance per capita, and public computer use per capita. Batavia is above average in each of the four service measures, as follows:

- circulation per capita (23.6 compared to 9.8 average)
- visits per capita (17.8 compared to 6.8 average)
- program attendance per capita (0.56 compared to 0.41 average)
- and public computer use per capita (2.8 compared to 1.5 average)

Please visit LibraryJournal.com/article/CA6705616.html for complete information on this index and its significance.

We want to be your first choice for knowledge. Come visit the Library or its Web site today!

George H. Scheetz
Director

Programs and activities for youth

Registration Information: Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk at 630-879-4775 for more information and to register. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration. Unless otherwise noted, registration for January programs begins Jan. 2; registration for February programs begins Feb. 1.

Winter Storytimes

Family Storytime Mon., Jan. 11–Mar. 1, 7 pm

Families with children through age 7
No registration required.

Lap Sit Storytime Mon., Jan. 11–Mar. 1, 10 am

Tues., Jan. 12–Mar. 2,
10 am
Ages 2–3 with a caregiver
Stories, rhymes and more; storytimes last approximately 20 minutes. Registration required.

Baby Storytime– Pre-Walkers

Tues., Jan. 12–Mar. 2,
11 am
Infants with a caregiver

Songs, nursery rhymes, lap games and book sharing for babies not yet walking. Registration required.

ABC Storytime

Wed., Jan. 13–Mar. 3,
10 am

Wed., Jan. 13–Mar. 3,
1 pm

Thurs., Jan. 14–Mar. 4,
10 am

Ages 3–6 without a caregiver
Activities, Books, and Craft program.
Registration required.

Baby Storytime– Walkers

Fri., Jan. 15–Mar. 5,
11 am

Babies with a caregiver
Babies through 23 months who are already walking will enjoy songs, nursery

rhymes, fingerplays, games, and book sharing. Space is limited. Registration required.

Babies & Tots Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Jan. 15–Mar. 5,
10 am

Babies and tots through 35 months with a caregiver
Songs, rhymes, and stories. No registration required.

Preschool Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Jan. 15–Mar. 5,
1 pm

Ages 3–6
Younger siblings are welcome. An adult must accompany children younger than 4 years old. No registration required.

Book Character Visit Fri., Feb. 12, 1 pm

Cookie Mouse
Barnes & Noble Booksellers will bring Cookie Mouse to the Library for stories and activities. Don't forget your camera! No registration required.

For Students

Book Beat

Tues., Jan. 12, 6 pm
Dragon Slippers

by Jessica Day George
Thurs., Feb. 11, 6 pm
First Light

by Rebecca Stead
Grades 4–8
Join us for book discussion, activities, and

refreshments. Registration required; begins 4 weeks prior to the program. Reserve a copy of the book when you register.

Book Worms

Tues., Jan. 12 and 26,
4:30 pm

Tues., Feb. 9 and 23,
4:30 pm

Grades K–1
Themed story and craft time
Registration required.

Book Gems

Tues., Jan. 19, 6 pm

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
Mon., Feb. 15, 6 pm
Ready, Freddy! Ready, Set, Snow by Abby Klein
Grades 2–3

Book club and activities for young readers. Registration required. Reserve a copy of the book when you register.

Family Book Chat Thurs., Jan. 28, 7 pm

I Was a Rat!
by Philip Pullman
Grades 3–5
Students and a parent or another adult are invited to chat and enjoy activities. Registration required; begins 4 weeks prior to book chat. Reserve a copy of the book when you register.

PowerPoint for Kids Sat., Jan. 23, 1:30–3 pm

Ages 8–10
Learn basic PowerPoint skills: inserting pictures, animating text, and more.

Registration required.
Space is limited.

Yarn 'n' Tale Club Tues., Jan. 26–Feb. 16, 6:30–7:30 pm

Sat., Feb. 20,
11 am–12 noon

Ages 8–14
There's something about knitting and a good story that warms a heart in winter. Students and student/parent teams are invited to learn how to knit or crochet while enjoying a story. All levels of experience welcome; basic instructions will be offered. Please bring a pair of size 10 knitting needles or size G/H crochet hook; we will provide the yarn and the tale. Plan to attend all 5 sessions. Registration required.

Duct Tape Treasure Sat., Feb. 6, 2 pm

Ages 7–14
Bring a roll of your favorite color duct tape and learn how to create a duct tape treasure. We'll be creative and try not to get stuck! Parents are welcome and encouraged. Registration required.

Web Kidz

Sat., Feb. 27, 10:30 am
Ages 6–8
Visit kid-friendly Internet sites for entertainment and education. Registration required. Parents must sign a parental permission form prior to class.

For Families

Igloo Search Jan. 16–Feb. 28

Track down fun arctic facts posted on igloos throughout Youth

Services. This activity completes one task on the Winter Reading Club log. Stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up an Igloo Search page and begin the hunt!

Preschool Fair

Thurs., Jan. 21,
6:30–8 pm

Trying to decide on a preschool for your child? Come to the Library for a look at various Batavia and Geneva preschools. The open house offers parents and caregivers the opportunity to talk to many preschools at one time, in one location. No registration required.

Spirit of the Eagle Sat., Jan. 30, 2 pm

All ages
Jon Jordan, better known as Spirit of the Eagle, brings his vast collection of Native American artifacts to the Library. See the many ways the Lakota used the buffalo for clothing, tools, toys, and more. Children and adults are invited to view the Spirit of the Eagle collection from 10 am to 2 pm. At 2 pm, animals and history will come alive through Jon Jordan's telling of Native American tales. Bring mom, dad, grandma, and grandpa for this



Jon Jordan, Spirit of the Eagle, brings his collection of Native American artifacts to the Library, January 30.

multi-generational family program. Scout troops are welcome. Children attending the storytelling show are invited to make a Native American craft following the program. No registration required.

Library 'Lympics Mon., Feb. 15, 2–4 pm

Ages 4–14
The 2010 Winter Olympics have begun. Join us for our own Library version of these winter games. Participants may compete in any of these events: Book Cart Bobsled, Book Slide Curling, Book Skating, and Box-a-Book Slalom. Collect your scores and have a chance to win a prize and title of "Library

Olympian." Register in person on the day of the games.

Bubble Wonders Sun., Feb. 28, 2 pm

Have you ever seen a square bubble? Bubble caterpillars, bubbles inside bubbles, or smoke-filled bubbles? Bubble artist Geoffrey Akins will demonstrate that almost anything is possible when it comes to bubbles. The whole family will enjoy Akins' bubble creations and will learn about the art and science of bubble making. Seating for this event is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 1:45 pm. No registration required.

No registration is required for the following activities.

Movie at the Library Mon., Jan. 18, 2 pm

Sat., Feb. 13, 1 pm
Please call the Library for movie title, length, and rating.

Drop-In Craft

Sun., Feb. 7, 1–3 pm
Mon., Feb. 8, 6–8 pm
Thurs., Feb. 11,
11 am–1 pm



Children will visit kid-friendly Internet sites during the Web Kidz program in February.

Programs for adults and teens

Registration is required; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-4777.

Monthly Programs

Anime Club

Thurs., Jan. 14, 7 pm
Wed., Jan. 27, 7 pm
Thurs., Feb. 11, 7 pm
Wed., Feb. 24, 7 pm

Great Decisions

Wed., Jan. 20, 7 pm
"Human Rights in a New Era: Wars for Peace"
Batavia Public Library

Wed., Feb. 10, 7 pm

Topic to be announced in January
Geneva Public Library

Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Tues., Jan. 12, 7 pm
The Elixir of Love

Geneva Public Library

Tues., Jan. 26, 7 pm

The Damnation of Faust

Batavia Public Library

Tues., Feb. 9, 7 pm

The Marriage of Figaro

Geneva Public Library

Book Discussions

Tues., Jan. 12, 7:30 pm

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of interconnected stories follows the lives of folks in a small Maine town, including the rather blunt and opinionated school teacher of the title. Finely crafted and deeply emotional.

Soldiers in Greasepaint

Tues., Feb. 2, 7 pm

During World War II, many entertainers answered the call to arms by joining the USO and entertaining troops around the world. Presenter Donna Nowak, singer and storyteller, toured twice with the USO. Hear the songs of the big bands such as Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, and others, and the stories of what happened along the way.

A Fireside Chat with Franklin D. Roosevelt

Thurs., Feb. 18, 7 pm

FDR, as portrayed by Chicago actor R. J. Lindsey, speaks of the challenges facing the nation, and reads Depression-era letters from citizens asking for help. He recounts the New Deal programs designed to provide jobs, save homes and farms from foreclosure, and put the economic engine back on track. He also recalls the attack on Pearl Harbor and the critical challenges facing the Allies in 1942. In typical

Tues., Feb. 9, 7:30 pm

Playing with the Enemy

by Gary W. Moore

See One Book, One Batavia box below.

March book discussion selection:

The Gargoyle by Andrew Davidson

Books Between Bites

Thurs., Jan. 21, 12 noon

The Scot Harvath series, presented by its author Brad Thor

Thurs., Feb. 18, 12 noon

The White House Chef series, presented by its author Julie Hyzy

Roosevelt fashion, Lindsey also will share stories about Eleanor Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, and FDR's dog, Fala.



Join the One Book, One Batavia online book discussion

If you can't come to the February book discussion of *Playing with the Enemy*, the One Book, One Batavia 2010 selection, join the online book discussion on the Library's Web site, beginning in early February. We'll post a few leading questions to get the discussion going, as we do in our face-to-face book discussions, and invite you to post your comments and observations. The online book discussion will remain on the Library's Web site through the end of March.



Book Discussion

Tues., Feb. 9, 7:30 pm

Playing with the Enemy

by Gary W. Moore

As a teenager, Gene Moore, the author's father, was recruited by the Brooklyn Dodgers—but World War II interrupted his plans. Gary Moore describes his father's unique experience in the Navy, playing baseball and guarding secret German prisoners, as well the challenges he faced during the war's aftermath.



Actor R. J. Lindsey will bring FDR to life during a One Book, One Batavia program in February.

Computer classes for adults

One-hour, hands-on computer classes. Registration is required; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-4777.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, Part 1

Mon., Jan. 11, 9 am

Learn how to create a document in Microsoft Word, including how to edit; change font style and size; underline, italicize, make bold, and center text; and save.

Searching the Internet

Tues., Jan. 12, 9 am

Fri., Mar. 12, 9 am

Learn to use the Google search engine to find information. Learn general search tips, recommended search strategies, alternatives to search engines and how to evaluate Web sites.

Introduction to Email

Thurs., Jan. 14, 9 am

This is an introduction to free, web-based e-mail. Learn how to read, send, and manage e-mail messages.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, Part 2

Mon., Jan. 18, 9 am

Going beyond the basics: Learn to change font or background colors; insert and format text boxes, clip art, and photographs; use bulleted or numbered lists; create tables; use lines, arrows, or autosshapes; and use page setup. Participants should have attended Part 1 or have equivalent experience.

Reference Databases at the Library

Tues., Feb. 2, 7 pm

The Library subscribes to more than 25 online databases that contain millions of full-text articles from magazines, newspapers, and authoritative reference works. Learn how to search databases in business, health, education, reading suggestions, and more.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007

Wed., Feb. 3, 9 am

Learn how to create, print, and deliver a presentation by choosing a slide layout; adding and editing text; and saving the file.

Shopping on the Internet

Tues., Feb. 9, 9 am

Learn to use Amazon and eBay. Amazon is a gigantic department store available only on the Web; eBay is the largest online auction site in the world. Learn how to search both sites and make purchases.

Library Catalog Instruction

Wed., Feb. 10, 7 pm

Learn to use the Library's catalog to look up books and other materials in this 20-minute, hands-on class.

Résumé Writing Basics

Thurs., Feb. 18, 9 am

Learn how to create a simple, professional looking résumé using Microsoft Word 2007 templates. Find



the format that fits your needs and learn the fundamentals of writing a résumé. Learn how to send your résumé when applying online.

Computer Mouse Basics

Tues., Mar. 9, 9 am

This class is perfect for first-time computer users. Learn how to use a mouse, which is the first step in becoming computer literate.

Introduction to the Internet

Wed., Mar. 10, 9 am

Learn the basics of navigating the Internet, including typing a web address, linking from one web site to another and conducting basic searches.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007

Thurs., Mar. 11, 9 am

Learn how to design and create a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, including how to use summation; formulas; insertion and deletion of rows and cells; autofill; sort; and other features.

10 South Coffee House

Enjoy warm daily specials including soups and chili during your winter visits to the Library.



Call 630-406-8870 to have your Books Between Bites lunch waiting for you at noon!