

Special anniversaries at the Library



Thousands attended the dedication of the new Library building at 10 S. Batavia Ave., January 27, 2002.

10 South Batavia Avenue

The Library is celebrating two milestones in 2012—10 years at 10 South Batavia Avenue and the 10th annual One Book, One Batavia event.

The current library building was dedicated on January 27, 2002, during an open house attended by more than 6,000 people. The Library opened for business the next day. One of the many enhancements the newest Library

building had to offer was meeting and study room space available for public use. In the past ten years, the Library has been the gathering place for dozens of local organizations, students, teachers, book discussion groups, and more.

Another immeasurable asset of the building is the number of public-access computers available for Library District residents and visitors, adults and children. It's a

long way from the tiny closet-like room housing three computers in the previous Library building!

The public is invited to visit and help celebrate the building's 10th anniversary on Friday, January 27, to see a pictorial display reviewing the changes and achievements of the last ten years and to enjoy some light refreshments. Registration is not required.

One Book, One Batavia

2012 also marks the 10th annual One Book, One Batavia event. One Book, One Batavia is a community-wide reading program presented by the Batavia Public Library in cooperation with Batavia High School and co-sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.

The purpose of One Book, One Batavia is to offer a shared reading experience to the community, to expose readers to a variety of subjects and ideas, and to promulgate the enjoyment of reading.

Each year the Library hosts a variety of programs relating to that year's selection. Programs have included author lectures, book discussions, historical or cultural presentations, and musical programs.

The Library is pleased to announce that the One Book, One Batavia 2012 selection is *A Night to Remember* by Walter Lord. This non-fiction book offers a look at the events taking place as the RMS *Titanic* sank on April 15, 1912. See Programs for Adults and Teens on

page 32 for One Book, One Batavia programs being offered in January and February. Additional programs will be offered in March.



The Library will be closed:

Saturday, December 31

Closing at 12pm

Sunday, January 1

Monday, January 2

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am–9 pm

Friday and Saturday 9 am–5 pm

Sunday 12–5 pm (Sept.–May)

Sunday 1–4 pm (June–Aug.)

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Winter Reading Club is back

Fireside Family Fun—the 2012 Winter Reading Club for families, adults, and teens—begins Saturday, January 14, and continues through Leap Day, Wednesday, February 29.

Families (consisting of at least one parent and one child) can register and pick up a log at the Youth Services Desk beginning Saturday, January 14. Families are invited to participate in a number of fun activities including reading at home, Library-sponsored programs, and contests.

As families complete activities listed on the log, they will earn rewards, which include a bookplate featuring the family's name on a new book in the Youth Services collection, as well as chances to win a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and a family brunch at Lincoln Inn Banquets, Batavia.



Teens (high school age and older) and adults can pick up a reading log at the Reference Desk beginning Saturday, January 14. 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. For more information visit the Library or its website, BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

The Library scores!

The latest *Library Journal (LJ)* Index was released November 1, 2011. In its category (\$1M–4.9M), Batavia Public Library was ranked 9th in Illinois (of 117) and 109th in the United States!

LJ Index scores are based on four per capita service outputs: library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use. A library's *LJ* Index score is based on the relationship among these four statistics and the averages of those statistics among its peers.

"The *LJ* Index confirms what we already knew in Batavia—the Library provides an exceptional level of service to its community," said George H. Scheetz, director. "I am very proud of the Library, its trustees, and employees, and what we have accomplished—and continue to achieve on a daily basis."



Follow the Library on Facebook and Twitter!

Under the Cupola

"Ten Years at 10 South Batavia Avenue"

The citizens of Batavia Township voted to establish a free public library on 5 April 1881. Batavia's seventh public library facility since that time—the current, world-class Batavia Public Library at 10 South Batavia Avenue—was dedicated on 27 January 2002.

The Library is a very busy place! From 2001 to 2011, the number of books and other materials checked out increased 164.6% (from 294,389 to 779,053) and the number of visitors increased 125.7% (from 145,444 to 328,251).

However, the true measure of a public library is in the quality, value, excellence, or relevance of services it provides to its community. In this respect, the Batavia Public Library is outstanding, and was one of only 80 libraries in the United States and Canada recognized for "significance to community life" in the book *Heart of the Community: The Libraries We Love* (2007).

How has the Library changed in ten years? It now offers 28 public-access computers (up from three in 2001) and a diversity of computer classes, provides a great resource in its Local History Room, and produces phenomenal programs for children, teens, and adults. In fact, attendance at children's programs increased 218.3% (from 4,395 to 13,988).

Up to 90 groups per month use the Library's meeting rooms, and study rooms for individuals and small groups are very popular. Adequate parking makes the Library an easy-to-access community destination and Wi-Fi makes the Library a wonderful "third place," an important social environment separate from home and work. The Library's art collection is a visual and cultural feast.

Many of the Library's resources are with you at home (BataviaPublicLibrary.org) and on the go, with Live Homework Help, reference databases, and e-books (and e-audiobooks). Stay connected with Facebook and Twitter.

There is so much more, from DVDs to video games to Literacy Kits! The Library offers gallery space to local artists and brings the world closer to Batavia with Books Between Bites (since 2002), One Book, One Batavia (2003), and the New Lyceum Lecture Series (2008). With apologies to Mark Twain, reports of the library's death are an exaggeration.

Join us on Friday, 27 January 2012, to celebrate ten years at 10 South Batavia Avenue!

George H. Scheetz, *Director*

Programs and activities for youth

Registration Information: Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk, 630-879-1393, select option 3, 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 storytimes and programs begins Jan. 3; registration for February programs begins Feb. 1.

Winter Storytimes

Family Storytime

Mon., Jan. 9–Feb. 27, 7pm

Families with children through age 7 are welcome. No registration required.

Lap Sit Storytime

Mon., Jan. 9–Feb. 27, 10am

Tues., Jan. 10–Feb. 28, 10am
Ages 2–3 with a caregiver. Enjoy stories, rhymes, and more. Storytimes last approximately 20 minutes. Registration required.

Baby Storytime–Pre-Walkers

Tues., Jan. 10–Feb. 28, 11am

Babies with a caregiver. Babies who are not yet walking will enjoy this interactive program, which includes songs, nursery rhymes, lap games, and book-sharing. Registration required.

ABC Storytime

Wed., Jan. 11–Feb. 29, 10am

Wed., Jan. 11–Feb. 29, 1pm

Thurs., Jan. 12–Mar. 1, 10am

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

Baby Storytime–Walkers

Fri., Jan. 13–Mar. 2, 11am

Babies with a caregiver. Babies through 23 months who are already walking and a caregiver will enjoy this interactive program, which includes songs, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, games, and book-sharing. Registration required; space is limited.

Babies & Tots Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Jan. 13–Mar. 2, 10am

Babies and tots through 35 months with a caregiver. Drop in for songs, rhymes, and stories. Please make outside care arrangements for older siblings. No registration required. Batavia Public Library card required.

Preschool Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Jan. 13–Mar. 2, 1pm

Ages 3–6
Younger siblings welcome. An adult must accompany children under the age of 4 years. No registration required.

Book Character Visit Clifford

Barnes & Noble Booksellers will bring Clifford to the Library for stories and activities. Bring your camera! No registration required.



Looking For Legos

The Youth Services department is looking for donations of Legos to be used for future programs. Donations of any amount (baggie to box) are welcome.

For Students

Book Beat

Thurs., Jan. 12, 6pm

The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan
Thurs., Feb. 9, 6pm
My Very UnFairy Tale Life by Anna Staniszewski
Grades 4–8

Join us for a book discussion, activities, and refreshments. Registration required; begins 4 weeks prior to the program. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Book Worms

Wed., Jan. 11, 25, 4:30pm

Wed., Feb. 8, 22, 4:30pm

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

Reading with Rover

Sat., Jan. 14, 21, 10am–12pm

Sat., Feb. 11, 18, 10am–12pm

Grades 1–4
Children are invited to practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a specially trained therapy dog. The goal of Reading with Rover is to create a positive, non-threatening, and fun environment in which reading aloud is enjoyed. Register for a 20-minute time slot. Registration required.

Book Gems

Tues., Jan. 17, 6pm

Cam Jansen and the Snowy Day Mystery

by David Adler

Mon., Feb. 13, 6pm

The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto

by Natalie Standiford

Grades 2–3

Book club and activities for young readers. Registration required; reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Savvy Searching

Mon., Jan. 23, 6pm

Grades 4–8
Learn how to use the two most popular student databases to find information on people, current events, school projects, and great books to read. Also learn tips and tricks that librarians use to get the best results from the online catalog. Bring your library card. Registration required; space is limited.

Family Book Chat

Thurs., Jan. 26, 7pm

The Fairy-Tale Detectives by Michael Buckley

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.



Duct Tape Treasure

Sat., Feb. 4, 2–3:30pm

Ages 7–14
Bring a roll of your favorite color duct tape and a pair of scissors and learn how to create a duct tape treasure. Parents are welcome and encouraged. Registration required; begins Jan. 3.

Online Resources for Homeschoolers

Thurs., Feb. 16, 1pm

Homeschool families are invited for a hands-on demonstration of some of the Library's most popular databases for student use. Learn search techniques for the Library's online catalog. Younger children can enjoy a storytime program. Families with children through grade 8 are welcome. Registration required.

Yarn 'n' Tale Club

Tues., Jan. 10, 24 & Feb. 7, 6:30–7:30pm

Thurs., Jan. 19 & Feb. 2, 16, 6:30–7:30pm

Ages 8–14
Students and student and 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. Bring knitting needles (size 10) or crochet hook (size G/H); yarn is provided. Plan to attend all six sessions.

For Families

Scavenger Hunt

Sat., Jan. 14–Wed., Feb. 29

Join this special hunt in the Youth Services department. Winter Reading Club participants earn credit on their log for completing the search. Stop by the Youth Services Desk for directions.

Sleepers, Flappers, Snackers & Nappers

Fri., Jan. 20, 1pm

Ages 3–10
How do plants and animals survive the cold winter months? Do they sleep, migrate, nap, or snack? An expert from the Morton Arboretum

Everyone's invited to Lego Day, Saturday, January 28, 10am to 4pm.

helps us investigate how trees, frogs, groundhogs, and other living things handle this chilly time of year. Children younger than 5 years must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

Lego Day

Sat., Jan. 28, 10am–4pm

Calling all Lego fans! Lego enthusiast Jeff Viens returns with a large Lego city that includes a freight train line, an elevated rail, and a few new creations. Batavia High School student Connor Larson also displays a variety of favorite Lego scenes. After viewing the display, families are invited to stay for Lego-inspired activities. No registration required.

Bubble Wonders

Sun., Feb. 26, 2pm

Have you ever seen a square bubble, a bubble caterpillar, bubbles inside bubbles, or smoke-filled bubbles? Bubble artist Geoffrey Akins demonstrates his amazing bubble creations and the facts behind the art and science of bubble-making. This program is the finale to Winter Reading Club. Seating for this event is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors to the meeting room open at 1:45pm. No registration required.



Geoffrey Akins, aka Bubbleman, returns to the Library to demonstrate the wonders of bubble-making, February 26.

And Don't Miss . . .

No registration required for the following activities.

Movies at the Library

Mon., Jan. 16, 2pm

Mon., Feb. 20, 2pm

Please call the Library for movie titles, lengths, and ratings.

Chess Knight

Tues., Jan. 17–Feb. 28, 7–8pm

Ages 8 and older
Students, teens, and adults of all skill levels are welcome.

Drop-In Craft

Sun., Jan. 29, 1–3pm

Mon., Jan. 30, 6–8pm

Thurs., Feb. 2, 11am–1pm



Baby, Baby, have we got a bag for you!

Complimentary Born to Read bags filled with books babies love and early literacy information for parents and caregivers are available at the Library. Babies born within the last nine months and who live in Batavia, the Library District, or the School District qualify for a free bag. Parents, call the Youth Services department, 630-879-1393, select option 3, for more information. Born to Read bags are available in both English and Spanish.

Programs for adults and teens

Registration Information: Registration is required for some programs; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, select option 2, or register online at BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

Feature Programs

Going Green in New Ways Thurs., Jan. 19, 7pm

Jennifer Jarland, Kane County Recycling and Resource Conservation Program coordinator, offers new ideas on conservation, product stewardship, recycling beyond curbside, electronics legislation, and more. The program is suitable for homeowners and businesses. Registration required.

Batavia High School Roundtable Sun., Jan. 22, 2pm

Batavia High School
Join current and former Batavia School District employees and students in reviewing the 100-year history of Batavia Public Schools with photos and film. Use the Main Street entrance and meet in the cafeteria. No registration required. Co-sponsored by the Batavia Historical Society.

New Lyceum Lecture Series "Moon Talk: More than Just a Phase" Mon., Jan. 23, 7pm

Paul Stoddard, Associate Professor of Geology and Environmental Geosciences at NIU, talks about the Moon, including the various Moon origin hypotheses and the Space Race—our motivations for going to the Moon and how we got there. Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation (2011–2012 Season Sponsor) and co-sponsored by *The Kane County Chronicle*. Registration required.



Ragtime Piano with Sue Keller Sun., Feb. 5, 2pm

Keller, recognized as one of the world's top ragtime pianists, sings and plays ragtime like no other. Her CDs include "AKA Charles Johnson" and "Ragtime Reflections." Join us for this lively, toe-tapping performance! Registration required.



Violet Jessop, Titanic Survivor Sun., Feb 19, 2pm

True story: Stewardess Violet Jessop survived the sinking of the RMS *Titanic* in 1912 and the sinking of the HMHS *Britannic* in 1916, the only person to survive both disasters. Hear Jessop's vivid accounts of life aboard the most glamorous luxury liners of their day and the disasters that ensued, as portrayed by actress Leslie Goddard. Registration required.



Monthly Programs

Book Discussions

No registration required.

Tues., Jan. 10, 7:30pm

Please Look After Mom

by Kyung-sook Shin

An old woman travels to Seoul to visit her children. At a busy train station, she is separated from her husband and becomes lost. As the family members look for their mother, they reflect on her life and their relationships with her. The contrast between old and new in Korea is examined by the author in her first book in English translation.

Tues., Feb. 14, 7:30pm

A Night to Remember by Walter Lord

One Book, One Batavia 2012 Selection

Written in 1955, this classic account of the sinking of the RMS *Titanic* on April 15, 1912, remains one of the most popular books about the disaster. Lord's clear, concise storytelling allows present-day readers to feel the immediacy of the events of that terrible night 100 years ago.

March book discussion selection:

The Day the Falls Stood Still

by Cathy Marie Buchanan

Books Between Bites

No registration required.

Thurs., Jan. 19, 12pm

Ernie Banks: Mr. Cub and the Summer of '69 by Phil Rogers,

presented by Lester Munson

Thurs., Feb. 16, 12pm

Batavia Literary Highlights, Part 5,

presented by Mayor Jeff Schielke

Computer classes for adults

Registration Information:

One-hour, hands-on computer classes. Registration is required; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393.

Computer Mouse Basics

Tues., Jan. 17, 9am

Internet Classes

Basic computer skills, including mouse and keyboard proficiency, are required.

Introduction to the Internet

Wed., Jan. 18, 9am

**Internet proficiency required:*

Searching the Internet*

Tues., Jan. 24, 9am

Introduction to Email*

Fri., Feb. 10, 9am

Shopping on the Internet*

Tues., Feb. 7, 9am

Amazon and eBay

Library Catalog Instruction

Tues., Jan. 24, 7pm

20-minute, hands-on class

Travel and Maps on the Internet*

Fri., Feb. 24, 9am

Genealogy on the Internet, Part 1*

Wed., Feb. 1, 9am

America's Obituaries & Death Notices and HeritageQuest

Reference Databases at the Library

Tues., Feb. 7, 7pm

Genealogy on the Internet, Part 2*

Wed., Feb. 29, 9am

Ancestry Library Edition and genealogy Web sites

Other Computer Classes

Basic computer skills, including mouse and keyboard proficiency, are required.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, Part 1

Fri., Jan. 20, 9am

Create documents and folders; edit; change font style and size, underline, italicize, make bold, and center text; and save.

***Microsoft Word proficiency required:*

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, Part 2**

Fri., Feb. 3, 9am

Font and background colors; text boxes, clip art, and photos; bulleted and numbered lists; tables; lines, arrows, and autosshapes; page numbers; and page setup

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, Part 3**

Fri., Feb. 17, 9am

Headers and footers, section breaks, WordArt, page borders, footnotes, endnotes, tables, charts, and mail merge

Resume Writing Basics

Mon., Feb. 20, 9am

Microsoft Word 2007 resume templates. Internet proficiency required.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007**

Thurs., Mar. 1, 9am

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007**

Fri., Mar. 2, 9am

Teen Programs

Batavia Anime Club

Teens age 13 and older are invited to watch anime movies, preview new shows on DVD, and meet other anime and manga enthusiasts. No registration required.

Thurs., Jan. 12; Wed., Jan. 25,

Thurs., Feb. 9; Wed., Feb. 22,

6:30pm

Author David Jordan

Tues., Jan. 10, 7pm

Local author David Jordan talks about how he writes, publishes, and publicizes his work using open source

software. His new Web series, *ZHackers*, follows a group of engineering students through a zombie apocalypse. No registration required.

FAFSA Workshop

Tues., Jan. 24, 7pm

Laura Armgardt of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission offers tips on completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form to parents and students. Registration required.

Teen Open Mic Night

Tues., Jan. 31, 7pm

Spoken-word artist Hiya Leslie will lead this open mic night for students. Share music, comedy, or poetry, and/or be part of the audience. No registration required.

Iron Chef Teen!

Tues., Feb. 7, 7pm

A friendly competition to see who can create the tastiest, best-looking dish using a secret ingredient. Ingredients provided. Sign up by yourself or with a friend. Registration required.