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2012 – 2013 Schedule

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Thursday, September 20, 2012



Grace Among Thieves

A Manor House Mystery

Author/Presenter: Julie Hyzy

We welcome Chicago-area mystery writer Hyzy back to the program. She first visited in 2010 to discuss her *White House Chef* series. This new book is the third in Hyzy's *Manor House Mystery* series. It features her character Grace, who finds a murderer on the loose, and she can't leave the dirty work to the cops — especially since the killer still seems to be lurking around town, waiting to finish the job of making Grace history...

Thursday, October 18, 2012



The Hands of Strangers: Poems from the Nursing Home

Author/Presenter: Janice N. Harrington

A member of the English faculty at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Harrington first visited the program in 2007 to discuss her children's books. Her new book of poetry focuses on the sad, funny, mundane reality of life in a nursing home. She worked her way through college as a nurse's aide and wrote these poems because she "cannot forget the 'girls' she worked with or the 'residents' under her care, not forgetting what she saw, heard, felt, or learned."

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Where Good Ideas Come From: The Natural History of Innovation

by Steven Johnson

Presenter: Roger Breisch

Roger Breisch, Executive Director of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce, returns to the program to discuss this intriguing book. By reviewing the history of innovation, Johnson teases out characteristics of an environment in which good ideas can emerge. If groups and organizations lack creativity, this book suggests great ways to spur innovation. Join Breisch to explore where you might find your next great idea!

Thursday, December 20, 2012



Return to Wake Robin: One Cabin in the Heyday of Northwoods Resorts

Author/Presenter: Marnie O. Mamminga

Five generations of Mamminga's family have been rejuvenated by times together in Wisconsin's Northwoods. In a series of evocative remembrances accompanied by a treasure trove of vintage family photos, Mamminga, of Batavia, takes us to Wake Robin, the cabin her grandparents built in 1929 on Big Spider Lake near Hayward. Along the way, she preserves the spirit and cultural heritage of a vanishing era, conveying the heart of a place and the community that gathered there.

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Thursday, January 17, 2013

The Book That Was Never Published

Presenter: Mayor Jeff Schielke

Mayor Jeff Schielke makes his annual visit to the program to share stories and historical anecdotes about Batavia. He learned of documents in the National Archives relating to a long-suspected connection between Batavia's Judge Lockwood and Abraham Lincoln.

Thursday, February 21, 2013

Over Time: My Life as a Sportswriter by Frank Deford

Dream Team by Jack McCallum

Presenter: Lester Munson

Nationally known commentator and writer, ESPN editor Lester Munson returns for his annual visit. Deford, the greatest of all sportswriters, describes his work and the role of sports in American culture. McCallum, a premier NBA writer, tells the story of the American basketball team in the 1992 Olympics, a team that featured Michael Jordan and ten other members of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Presenter: Diane Capitani

One Book, One Batavia selection

This timeless comedy of manners has delighted generations of readers and 2013 marks the 200th anniversary of its publication. Dr. Capitani, Outreach Director of the Jane Austen Society of North America – Greater Chicago Region, will explore how Mr. Darcy got his money, why Elizabeth would have turned him down if money was an issue in her family, and the idea that money—not love—is what makes this novel's plot keep turning.

Thursday, April 18, 2013



Warm Light, Cool Shadows: The Life and Art of Ruth Van Sickle Ford

Author/Presenter: Nancy Smith Hopp

This pioneering artist and teacher's fascinating life has been chronicled by Hopp, one of her former students. A lifetime resident of the Fox Valley, Ford was under-appreciated locally, yet she nurtured many at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts who went on to win Pulitzer Prizes, Oscars, and other prestigious awards. With her flamboyant personality and free sense of perspective, Ford became one of the Midwest's best watercolorists.

Thursday, May 16, 2013

The Servant by James C. Hunter

Presenter: Pastor David A. Newhouse

This is the story of an executive who, nearly losing it as a husband, father, and boss, reluctantly goes on a week-long retreat and recovers essential qualities for living in relationship with others. The principles addressed reveal the "true essence of leadership." Pastor David A. Newhouse is the new senior pastor at Batavia United Methodist Church, continuing a ministry of thirty-nine years.