



12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Third Thursday of the Month (except as noted)

Batavia Public Library, 10 S. Batavia Avenue

Bring a sack lunch to enjoy during the book review — Coffee & soft drinks are available for sale

Thursday, September 18, 2003

A medley of recent Batavia appearances in literature

Reviewer: [Mayor Jeff Schielke](#). The very first reviewer when this Batavia program was established in 1987, he always shares his love of history and all things Batavia. Two of the books he will mention are *The American Road* and *History Just Ahead*.

Thursday, October 16, 2003

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Mark Twain, Author

Reviewer: [Adam Holtz](#), a longtime resident of Batavia and high school English teacher of 37 years. He has been teaching/facilitating classes for the Institute for Learning in Retirement at Waubensee Community College for several years and specializes in Mark Twain. This American classic has been the theme of Batavia Public Library's Summer 2003 program One Book, One Batavia.

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Though Time Be Fleet
Louise Andrus Rogers, Author

Reviewer: [Marilyn Robinson](#). This historian, Kane County Chronicle columnist, and research specialist has uncovered a novel written by a Batavia author in 1937. The fun of the book is to see how many references to Batavia the reader can identify.

Thursday, December 18, 2003

Prodigal Summer
Barbara Kingsolver, Author

Reviewer: [Valerie DePrez](#), a naturalist and Nature Programs Supervisor for Kane County Forest Preserve District. This book weaves together three stories of human love within a larger tapestry of lives inhabiting the forested mountains and struggling small farms of southern Appalachia.

Thursday, January 15, 2004

Working
Studs Terkel, Author

Reviewer: [Rick Kogan](#). His annual visit last year was cancelled because of the war and his fans missed this Chicago Tribune senior writer's lively report on doings in Chicago. We look forward to his return and discussion of the work of his friend Studs --- the legendary Chicago oral historian.

Thursday, February 19, 2004

My Turf by William Mack
Moneyball by Michael Lewis

Reviewer: [Lester Munson](#), associate editor of *Sports Illustrated* and TV commentator, returns to share his fascinating experiences and insights as he discusses two books about the sporting world. One is great, and one is not so great!

Week Early: Thursday, March 11, 2004

Of Beetles & Angels: a boy's remarkable journey from a refugee camp to Harvard

Author & Presenter: [Mawi Asgedom](#)

Mawi and his family fled from Ethiopia to the Sudan and then to Wheaton, IL., where he went to public school and earned a scholarship to Harvard. An unforgettable memoir

Thursday, April 15, 2004

Audition for Murder

Susan Sussman with Sarajane Avidon, Authors

Reviewer: [Barbara Alexander](#). This professional actress from Batavia met the authors at Northwestern University when they were in the high school cherub program in Theatre/Radio-T.V. & Film. This book is an accurate portrayal of the

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Book to be selected from the spectrum of current events

Reviewer: [Don Wycliff](#), public editor for the Chicago Tribune. For nine years he served as editor of the Trib's editorial page, which received a Pulitzer Prize during his tenure. He now writes weekly about current issues in journalism and will share his insights on a book and topic he finds timely.