2006-2007 Schedule for Batavia's

Books Between Bites at



12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Third Thursday of the Month (except December) Batavia Public Library, 10 South Batavia Avenue

This symbol by a date indicates the author's book will be available for sale & signing

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

Thursday, September 21, 2006



Fox Valley Veterans: A Salute to Hometown Heroism

Presenters: George Rawlinson (author) & Gene Bonk

This book features the stories of several local veterans who served from World War II through Operation Iraqi Freedom, including Gene Bonk, who will tell of his experiences as a 22-year-old master sergeant leading troops in the initial invasion wave at Omaha Beach on D-Day. Gene Bonk is the chaplain of American Legion Post 84 in Aurora. George Rawlinson is an author and freelance writer.

Thursday, October 19, 2006



The Eastman Tales

Author & Presenter: Dr. Richard Morse Eastman

Author of numerous books, articles, and papers, Eastman is retired from North Central College in Naperville, where he served as professor of English and Humanities and dean of faculty. His *Tales* include twenty-two short stories of various subjects and moods.

Thursday, November 16, 2006



Sidewalks: Portraits of Chicago

Authors/Presenters: Rick Kogan & Charles Osgood

Annual Books between Bites favorite Kogan, of the *Chicago Tribune* and WGN Radio, brings along his "sidewalks sidekick," *Tribune* photographer Charles Osgood, to share their new book of amazing stories and photos from their sidewalks beat.

Thursday, December 14, 2006

NOTE: 2nd Thursday

A Review of Bill Wood's Weekly Bulletins Presenter: Mayor Jeff Schielke

Batavia's Mayor returns to continue discussing the "observations of life in Batavia and the world at large" written by his dear friend, the late educator and historian, Bill Wood.

Thursday, January 18, 2007



Blind Watchers of the Sky: The People and Ideas that Shaped Our View of the Universe Author & Presenter: Dr. Edward "Rocky" Kolb

The founding head of the NASA/Fermilab Astrophysics Group at Fermilab and professor of Astronomy at the University of Chicago, Kolb writes and speaks in a lively and humorous manner that brings real understanding to these complex topics.

Thursday, February 15, 2007

Sound and Fury: Two Powerful Lives, One Fateful Friendship by Dave Kindred Lance Armstrong's War by Daniel Coyle

Reviewer: Lester Munson

Commentator, writer, and *Sports Illustrated* editor Munson shares his impressions of two new sports books. The first describes the entwined lives of Muhammad Ali and Howard Cosell and their roles in the social history of America. The second tells of the fabulous life and fast times of an international cycling icon.

Thursday, March 15, 2007



There Are No Children Here Author & Presenter: Alex Kotlowitz

This award-winning writer discusses this year's "One Book, One Batavia" selection. His best-selling book describes two years in the lives of two boys growing up in Chicago's Henry Horner Homes, where they live amidst poverty and violence. The New York Public Library chose this as one of the 150 most important books of the century. Kotlowitz, the author of three books, is a journalist, contributor to Chicago Public Radio, and a writer-in-residence at Northwestern University.

Thursday, April 19, 2007

From Lyceum to Library: A Free Public Library for Batavia

Presenter: George H. Scheetz

Batavia's Library Director will share how the Sigournean Society (young women) and the Laconian Literary Society (young men) at the Batavia Institute organized a library, which became the Batavia Library Association, and which ultimately led to the creation of the Batavia Township Public Library 125 years ago.

Thursday, May 17, 2007



Going North

Author & Presenter: Janice Harrington

A children's librarian in Champaign and an award-winning author, poet, and storyteller, Harrington grew up in Alabama and Nebraska. Her first of three books, *Going North*, is based on her own experience moving North in the mid-1960s. She has performed at the National Storytelling Festival and her poetry appears regularly in national literary journals.

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