

Celebrating
21 Years!

2008 – 2009 Schedule

Books Between Bites at




Noon – 1:00 PM Third Thursday of the Month

Batavia Public Library, 10 South Batavia Avenue

Bring or pre-order lunch to enjoy during the program — Beverages available for sale

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advance from
10 South
Coffee House
630/406-8870
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This symbol by a date
indicates the author's
book will be available
for sale and signing

Thursday, September 18, 2008

**Heart of Darkness: New Science Fiction
and Fantasy for Young Adults**

Presenter: Gary K. Wolfe

A Professor of Humanities and English at Roosevelt University and contributing editor and lead reviewer for *Locus: The Magazine of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Field*, Wolfe is the author of critical studies *The Known and the Unknown: The Iconography of Science Fiction*; *David Lindsay*; *Critical Terms for Science Fiction and Fantasy*; and *Harlan Ellison: The Edge of Forever* (with Ellen R. Weil). His most recent book, *Soundings: Reviews 1992-1996* received the British Science Fiction Association Award for best nonfiction, and was nominated for a Hugo Award by the World Science Fiction Convention.

Thursday, October 16, 2008

**Deadline the Dog Detective
and Riverview**

Author/Presenter: Rick Kogan

Kogan has been busy since his last annual appearance, writing a children's book AND a novel! You read him in the *Chicago Tribune* and hear him on his WGN radio show "Sunday Papers." You'll enjoy hearing about these books and all the other tidbits he'll share about Chicago, newspapers, and unique things in life to treasure.

Thursday, November 20, 2008

**Kitchen Table Wisdom and
My Grandfather's Blessings**

by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D.

Presenter: Roger Breisch

Breisch, executive director of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce, returns to talk about these books by Dr. Remen, who trained as a medical doctor, but found life had other plans for her. She spent most of her career counseling patients, many of whom were terminally ill with cancer. These are books of stories that will change your life. While you might think they are stories of sadness and desperation, they are instead of hope, of wisdom, and of life and living — given to us by those who are dying. These stories change who we are and how we think.

Thursday, December 18, 2008

More Batavia Literary Highlights

Presenter: Mayor Jeff Schielke

Batavia's mayor launched the program twenty-one seasons ago and has presented each year since. His special interest is searching for mention of our community in various literary sources and he returns to share his latest finds.

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Hanni and Beth: Safe & Sound

Author/Presenter: Beth Finke

We welcome Finke back to discuss her new book in which a Seeing Eye dog explains her important job. Beth and Hanni will lead the session together, demonstrating the rewards of teamwork, animal companionship, and perseverance. Beth is an NPR commentator, a memoir teacher for Chicago's Commission on Aging, and a part-time blog moderator for Easter Seals Headquarters. In 2005, she visited our program to talk about her memoir *Long Time, No See*.

Thursday, February 19, 2009

**The Best Game Ever by Mark Bowden
Rome 1960: The Olympics That Changed the
World by David Maraniss**

Presenter: Lester Munson

Nationally known commentator, writer, ESPN editor, and our go-to guy on sports topics, Munson shares his impressions of two new sports books. Bowden argues that the Giants-Colts championship game of 1958 established the NFL. Maraniss asserts that the 1960 Olympics changed the entire world. Is either writer correct? Munson will answer.

Thursday, March 19, 2009

The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara

Presenter: Rod Henshaw

Join Rod Henshaw, Dean of Drake University's Cowles Library and a life-long student of Gettysburg, Lincoln, and the Civil War, for "The Killer Angels of Gettysburg: Fiction, Fact, and National Memory," a lively talk about the book **The Killer Angels**, its characters, the battle, and a concluding reflection on the nature, use, and power of historical memory—one that continues to influence the course of contemporary events and the future of the nation. **The Killer Angels** is the One Book, One Batavia selection for 2009.

Thursday, April 16, 2009

**Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission
to Promote Peace...One School at a Time**
by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin

Presenter: Barbara Kalina

A retired Batavia educator and now an educational consultant, Kalina will share Mortenson's inspiring true story. His experience in Pakistan lead him on a quest to build schools in the Third World, to fight terrorism with books not bombs.

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Treasures of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop

Presenter: Daniel Weinberg

We welcome the proprietor of Chicago's Abraham Lincoln Book Shop to our final program of the year. He will tell the story and show pictures of artifacts that have passed through the shop in the past 37 years, sharing a dealer's perspective. If you have items relating to the Lincoln era, bring them to the program and he will comment on their relevance.

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