

Our
23rd Season!

2009 – 2010 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
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This symbol by a date
indicates the author's
book will be available
for sale and signing

Thursday, September 17, 2009



Back Home Author/Presenter: Julia Keller

We welcome the return of this Pulitzer Prize winner and cultural critic at the *Chicago Tribune* to open our 23rd season. Julia Keller's new novel is narrated by Rachel Browning, a 15-year-old girl whose father suffers a traumatic brain injury while serving in the Iraq war. When he returns home, Rachel and the rest of the family must adjust to a new reality; the dad they knew is gone forever, replaced by a sullen stranger. *Back Home* is about the strength and resiliency of families, and the tremendous sacrifice made by our military veterans and their families.

Thursday, January 21, 2010



The Scot Harvath Series Author/Presenter: Brad Thor

New York Times best-selling author Brad Thor talks about his popular series of thrillers featuring covert Homeland Security operative and former Navy SEAL Scot Harvath. Nelson DeMille has called Harvath "the perfect all-American hero for the post-September 11 world." Thor has served as a member of the Department of Homeland Security's Analytic Red Cell Program.

Thursday, October 15, 2009



River Ghosts by B. R. Robb Author/Presenter: Bruce Steinberg

Batavia attorney Steinberg returns for his second "Books" appearance. *Publishers Weekly* praised *River Ghosts* as a murder mystery written with "steely eloquence" and *Kirkus Reviews* awarded Steinberg's novel its coveted Starred Review, comparing it favorably with Alice Sebold's *The Lovely Bones*. Mayor Jeff Schielke selected it as one of the year's three important books with Batavia connections. Steeped in a hard-scrabble search for faith amid stubborn racism, *River Ghosts* is a mystery that matters.

Thursday, February 18, 2010



The White House Chef Series Author/Presenter: Julie Hyzy

Chicago-area author Julie Hyzy discusses her "White House Chef" mystery series, including *State of the Onion*, *Hail to the Chef*, and the newest book, *Eggsecutive Orders*. These books feature Olivia (Ollie) Paras, who feeds the First Family and saves the world in her spare time.

Thursday, November 19, 2009

More Batavia Literary Highlights Presenter: Mayor Jeff Schielke

Mayor Jeff Schielke continues his sharing of recently discovered literature, both new and old in age, which features Batavia, Illinois, as its central theme. The highly entertaining pieces featured are sure to catch the interest of local readers, both old-timers and newcomers.

Thursday, March 18, 2010



Playing With the Enemy: A Baseball Prodigy, a World War, and a Field of Broken Dreams Author/Presenter: Gary Moore

Chicago-area author Gary Moore discusses his nonfiction account of his father Gene's experience as a 15-year-old catcher signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers just as World War II began. Gene played on the Navy baseball team before being brought back to the U.S. to serve on a secret mission, guarding German POWs whose U-boat was captured. The 2010 One Book, One Batavia selection.

Thursday, December 17, 2009



Sidewalks: Portraits of Chicago, Book 2 Authors/Presenters: Rick Kogan & Charles Osgood

Rick Kogan, of the *Chicago Tribune* and WGN Radio, and photographer Charles Osgood team up to create the weekly "Sidewalks" column in the *Sunday Tribune*. Their first book of "Sidewalks" photos and stories was so popular that a second book is being published. For this occasion they share photos, stories, and interact with the audience. Listen for interesting tidbits about their Chicago beat and share your thoughts on the state of journalism today.

Thursday, April 15, 2010

The Beckham Experiment by Grant Wahl American Icon by N.Y. Daily News Sports Investigative Team 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. The first describes the state of professional soccer in America. The second describes Roger Clemens and his use of performance-enhancing drugs. Munson is sure to comment and take questions on other current issues. What about those Cubs?

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Thursday, May 20, 2010



The Dixie Highway in Illinois (Images of America Series) Author/Presenter: James R. Wright

Homewood historian James R. Wright gives an overview of the early history of the Dixie Highway in Illinois, illustrated by photos from his book. The highway was an early thoroughfare between Chicago and Miami. In Illinois, the highway's origins date to 1915, and it was the first Illinois highway to be fully paved when it was completed in 1921.