

Our  
28th Season!

2014 – 2015 Schedule

# Books Between Bites at




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Noon – 1:00 PM Third Thursday of the Month

Batavia Public Library, 10 South Batavia Avenue

Bring a lunch (or purchase at Chapters Coffeeshouse & Café) to enjoy during the program

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

Thursday, September 18, 2014



## Jackie's Journal

**Author/Presenter: Diane Mayer Christiansen**

Christiansen co-wrote this book with her son, Jackie. He describes himself as "just a regular 12-year-old kid," but his struggle with Autism Spectrum Disorder often alienates him from his peers. Follow one boy's journey with ASD through his mother's never-ending mission to help others understand what this difference looks like on a daily basis.

Thursday, October 16, 2014

## History of Batavia High School Yearbooks

**Presenter: Mayor Jeff Schielke**

Batavia Mayor Jeff Schielke makes his annual visit to the program to share stories and historical anecdotes about Batavia. This year he shares highlights of the interesting historical information he has found from the collection of Batavia High School yearbooks that are available to peruse at the Batavia Public Library.

Thursday, November 20, 2014

## The Chicago World's Fair 1933–1934

**Presenter: Rick Rann**

A Century of Progress International Exposition was a momentous event for Chicago, its citizens, and visitors and participants from all over the world. Rann has collected 1933 Chicago World's Fair items for over 25 years and co-founded and produces the World's Fair Memorabilia Show, held every spring for the last 20 years. Rann, an amateur historian and a World's Fair aficionado, will share stories, images, and actual artifacts from the fair.

Thursday, December 18, 2014



## Busy-Busy Little Chick

**Author-Poet/Presenter: Janice N. Harrington**

Harrington returns for her third visit to our program, delighting us with her poetry, children's books, and storytelling. She will read from her new children's book, talk about the challenges of turning a traditional story into a picture book, share family stories, and give you a chance to write your own story through poetry. Harrington, a former librarian and professional storyteller, teaches creative writing as an associate professor of English at the University of Illinois.

Thursday, January 15, 2015

## The Bully Pulpit by Doris Kearns Goodwin

**Presenter: Judge Steven Sullivan**

Goodwin, renowned historian and author of several best-selling books on the American Presidency, recounts the careers of two of the most fascinating figures of the turn-of-the-century political scene, as well as the role of the muck-raking journalists of the era. Sullivan, a retired judge from Batavia, will highlight the events and personalities of the time from a unique perspective.

Thursday, February 19, 2015

## A Feathered River Across the Sky: The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction

by Joel Greenberg

**Presenter: Valerie Blaine**

With his knack for natural and cultural history, Greenberg tells the story of the passenger pigeon and the "perfect storm" of its destruction. Blaine, Nature Programs Manager at the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, will address the question: How can a species that numbered in the billions plummet to zero in less than 100 years?

Thursday, March 19, 2015

## Michael Jordan: The Life by Roland Lazenby Geronimo by Mike Leach and Buddy Levy

**Presenter: Lester Munson**

Munson, nationally known commentator and ESPN senior writer and legal analyst, discusses two books: the definitive biography of legendary athlete Michael Jordan, and a book written by history-loving college football coach Mike Leach that examines Apache warrior Geronimo's leadership approach and the timeless strategies, decisions, and personal qualities that made him a success.

Thursday, April 16, 2015

## Notable Chicagoans: Nelson Algren & David Mamet

**Presenter: Rick Kogan**

Kogan, of the *Chicago Tribune* and WGN radio, returns to discuss two distinctive Chicago literary figures. Algren wrote essays, short stories, and novels, including *Chicago: City on the Make*, *The Man with the Golden Arm*, and *A Walk on the Wild Side*. Playwright and screenwriter Mamet is known for *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *American Buffalo*, *The Verdict*, and *The Untouchables*.

Thursday, May 21, 2015



## Song of Dewey Beard: Last Survivor of the Little Bighorn

**Author/Presenter: Philip Burnham**

Former Batavian Phil Burnham is a freelance journalist/historian and an assistant professor of composition at George Mason University. His latest book, the biography of a Lakota who witnessed the Battle of Little Bighorn and survived the Wounded Knee Massacre, chronicles a remarkable life that can be traced through major historical events from the late nineteenth into the mid-twentieth century.

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