

Our
31st Season!

2017 – 2018 Schedule

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Thursday, September 21, 2017

Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy
Presenter: Laura Newman

Batavian Laura Newman became Batavia's City Administrator in 2016. As a grade-schooler she befriended the head librarian at Nathan Hale Elementary School, who selected books for her to read. Newman first read *Profiles in Courage* when just 11 years old. While difficult to maneuver at that age, she was determined to learn the lessons each story imparted. She looks forward to sharing this book with others and discussing its significance then and now.

Thursday, October 19, 2017

The Fifth Floor
Author/Presenter: Julie Oleszek



Like Anna, the heroine in *The Fifth Floor*, Julie Oleszek grew up the ninth child of ten. Her inspirational, coming-of-age novel highlights the challenges faced by teens. Anna's journey offers a glimpse into a story that transcends time. Through Anna's thoughts and internal dialogue, readers experience first-hand the gut-wrenching struggle of a girl's journey, her secretive past, and the people who hope to save her.

Thursday, November 16, 2017

On a Clear Night: Essays from the Heartland
Author/Presenter: Marnie Mammaing



Marnie Mammaing, Batavia author and best-selling Wisconsin Northwoods memoirist, returns for a second visit to our program. She will discuss her dazzling collection of essays on the extraordinarily ordinary rhythms of the Midwest—the anxiety of taking a teenager out for driving lessons, the nostalgic pleasure of watching the Cubs at Wrigley Field, the heartache of moving an aging parent into a nursing home, and the quiet bliss of sitting on a cabin's porch, listening for loons and wolves under the Northwoods' starry sky.

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Note: 2nd Thursday this month

Winter World by Bernd Heinrich
Presenter: Pam Otto

Pam Otto manages the Hickory Knolls Discovery Center in St. Charles and writes a weekly column, "Good Natured," for the *Kane County Chronicle* and *Kane County Connects*. She knows her way around many natural areas throughout the area, as well as the writings of many naturalists, including Bernd Heinrich. Her seasonally themed presentation will lead listeners on a virtual tour of animals in winter.

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Thursday, January 18, 2018

**Batavia's Revisionist History:
Old Stories, New Endings**
Presenter: Mayor Jeff Schielke

Batavia's Mayor Jeff Schielke makes his 31st annual visit to the program. Well-known and appreciated as Batavia's resident historian, Schielke has shared many programs about Batavia history, as well as literature with a connection to our city. This year, he shares Batavia-related stories that didn't end the way they were originally told.

Thursday, February 15, 2018

The Ultimate Guide to the Gettysburg Address
The Ultimate Guide to the Declaration of Independence
Co-Author/Presenter: Dan Van Haften



The Gettysburg Address is generally recognized as one of the greatest speeches ever written. The persuasive force of the Declaration of Independence contributed to the survival of the United States. Authors Dan Van Haften and David Hirsch were the first to dig beneath the surface to reveal Thomas Jefferson's and Abraham Lincoln's use of the six elements of a proposition.

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Arnie: The Life of Arnold Palmer by Tom Callahan
Smart Baseball by Keith Law
Presenter: Lester Munson

Lester Munson, nationally known commentator and ESPN senior writer and legal analyst, returns for his annual visit with two sports-related books. With spring approaching, he'll talk golf and baseball, and books by authors with whom he is acquainted.

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Remembering the Legendary Studs Terkel
Presenter: Rick Kogan

Rick Kogan, of the *Chicago Tribune* and WGN radio, returns to continue his discussion of Chicago legends. This year, he will tell us more about his late friend, Studs Terkel, who was also a close friend of Rick's father, newspaperman Herman Kogan. In fact, Studs took Rick's father out for a drink on the night Rick was born.

Thursday, May 17, 2018

**The Batavia/Chicago Connection to Architect
Solon Spencer Beman**
Presenter: Karl Bruhn

Batavian Karl Bruhn is a musician and retired history teacher. He'll discuss the significant Midwestern architect, Solon S. Beman, designer of the United Methodist Church on Batavia Avenue. Beman designed many other significant buildings in Chicago, including Pullman Village. Beman's legacy is also found in Evanston, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Boston, Grand Rapids, South Bend, and Milwaukee.