

Our
32nd Season!

2018 – 2019 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



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Thursday, September 20, 2018

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion
Presenter: Kathryn Hubbard

Hubbard, a retired elementary school teacher and self-described bibliophile, is often found perusing the stacks at Batavia Public Library. Please join her as she enthusiastically reviews this story of Don Tillman, a socially challenged professor of genetics, who has decided the time has come to find a wife. He develops a sixteen-page survey to filter out “the smokers, drinkers, and late arrivers” who won’t fit into his highly efficient life. The unexpected twists and turns of this quirky novel will undoubtedly make you smile.

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Ali: A Life

Author/Presenter: Jonathan Eig

He was the wittiest, the prettiest, the strongest, the bravest, and, of course, the greatest (as he told us himself). Until now, there has not been a complete, unauthorized biography of Muhammad Ali. Eig, hailed by Ken Burns as one of America’s master storytellers, had unique access to Ali’s inner circle, conducted more than 500 interviews, and uncovered thousands of pages of previously unreleased FBI and Justice Department files. Collectively, they tell Ali’s story like never before.

Thursday, October 18, 2018

**The Biggest Game of the Year:
Batavia Bulldogs vs. Geneva Vikings**
Author/Presenter: George H. Scheetz



Scheetz, Batavia’s Library Director, arrived in late December 2004. It did not take long for him to discover that the annual Batavia–Geneva football game was a REALLY BIG DEAL. He caught the fever and Batavia’s championship run (2006) made the condition chronic. He soon found gaps in the all-time record, and so began a fascinating, often frustrating, research journey, culminating in *The Biggest Game of the Year* (2012), updated annually. Since 1913, the schools have played 99 games in 105 years; the century game takes place in Batavia in September.

Thursday, February 21, 2019

The Madness of Mary Lincoln by Jason Emerson

Presenter: Jennifer Putzier

In 2005, Emerson discovered 20 never-before-published letters by Mary Todd Lincoln, many of which she wrote here in Batavia. These letters shed new light on Mrs. Lincoln, granting a fuller look at her life beyond the “Insane” verdict and presenting her time in Batavia in a more balanced way. Jennifer Putzier has been director of the Batavia Depot Museum since 2017.

Thursday, November 15, 2018

**American Canopy: Trees, Forests,
and the Making of a Nation** by Eric Rutkow
Presenter: Valerie Blaine

Blaine, manager of environmental education for the Kane County Forest Preserve District, is a life-long naturalist. She grew up exploring forest preserves, where she developed a deep appreciation for all things green and wild and wonderful. This book reveals that “trees are perhaps the loudest silent figures in our country’s history.” With sweeping vision, as well as an eye for detail, Rutkow tells the remarkable story of trees, forests, and the making of a nation.

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Unbeaten by Mike Stanton
Astroball: The New Way to Win It All by Ben Reiter
Presenter: Lester Munson

Lester Munson is a nationally known commentator and ESPN senior writer and legal analyst and we are honored that he is an annual guest of our program. *Unbeaten* tells the story of Rocky Marciano, the only undefeated heavyweight boxing champion in history. *Astroball* recounts the Houston Astros’ march to the World Series championship in 2017, one of the greatest turnarounds in the history of sports.

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Note: 2nd Thursday this month

Batavia Literary Footnotes
Presenter: Jeff Schielke

Batavia’s Mayor Jeff Schielke, who was the very first speaker at the very first Books Between Bites in Batavia, makes his 32nd annual visit to the program. Well known and appreciated as Batavia’s resident historian, Mayor Schielke has shared many programs about Batavia history and books and literature that have a connection to our city. This year he shares his additional discoveries about Batavia-related stories in literature.

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Reflections on Herman Kogan and Ben Hecht
Presenter: Rick Kogan

Kogan, of the *Chicago Tribune* and WGN radio, returns to continue his discussion of Chicago legends. This year we asked him to tell us more about his father, newspaperman and author, Herman Kogan. Rick suggested he include in the discussion his father’s idol: author, playwright, and screenwriter, Ben Hecht.

Thursday, May 16, 2019

**D-Day, June 6, 1944: The Climactic Battle
of World War II** by Stephen Ambrose
Presenter: Dan Hoefler

In this definitive history of WWII’s most pivotal battle, Ambrose draws on more than 1,400 interviews with American, British, Canadian, French, and German veterans to reveal how the original plans had to be abandoned, and how enlisted men and junior officers acted on their own initiative. Hoefler, a retired Oswego High School history and government teacher, has served on the Batavia City Council, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Batavia Historical Society board.

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