

Our  
34th Season!

2022 – 2023 Schedule

# Books Between Bites at



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Batavia Public Library, 10 South Batavia Avenue

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Thursday, September 15, 2022

## The Story of Recent Major Renovations of the Old Post Office in Chicago

**Presenter: Karl Bruhn**

Local historian Karl Bruhn, retired history and English teacher, taught for 40 years in Wheaton. He's been a volunteer at the Chicago Architecture Center for the past 12 years. Local and regional history has always fascinated Karl, sparking an interest when renovations of the Old Post Office in Chicago began. He'll share the history of the building we drive through on the Eisenhower Expressway. Renovations to this great Chicago landmark were the most expensive ever done to a private building in the history of the United States.

Thursday, October 20, 2022



## Science Discovery Files: 10 Forgotten Stories of Incredible Scientists

**Author/Presenter: Diane Lincoln**

Diane Lincoln is a frequent visitor to Batavia Public Library. During her years as a science teacher, students would often ask, "How do we know that?" Her book is a compilation of some of the answers, telling how ten diverse people made their scientific discoveries. The book reveals how we learned that an asteroid killed the dinosaurs, that CFCs were destroying the ozone, and about radioactivity, the big bang, and the size of the Milky Way, to name a few.

Thursday, November 17, 2022

## Lost Batavia Literature

**Presenter: Jeff Schielke**

Batavia's Mayor Jeff Schielke was the very first speaker at the very first Books Between Bites in Batavia in 1987. Well known and appreciated as Batavia's resident historian, Mayor Schielke has shared many fascinating programs about Batavia history and books and literature that have a connection to our city. He will share his latest literary discoveries that mention our City of Batavia.

Thursday, December 15, 2022



## Humanity's Journey Home Author/Presenter: Roger Breisch

*Humanity's Journey Home: Surrendering to the Wholeness that Is Gaia*, is the culmination of 30 years of reading, living, and thinking deeply about where Homo sapiens is as a species and what we need to become. A book for our time, Roger documents the perils we face, the paradigms that brought us here, wisdom and knowledge we must better understand, and challenging paradoxes we must embrace. It is a book of hope for the species long-term, but to get there, it is best to recall Robert Frost's words, "The best way out is always through." The difficult times ahead are precisely what we need to gain the humility, gratitude, and wisdom we need to be invited into the future.

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Thursday, January 19, 2023

## Glory Days by L. Jon Wertheim Rethinking Fandom by Craig Calcaterra

**Presenter: Lester Munson**

Lester Munson is a nationally known commentator, former ESPN senior writer and legal analyst, and WTTW's *Chicago Tonight* guest. We're delighted for his return to Batavia to share his thoughts on these sport-related books. *Glory Days* chronicles the arrival of Michael Jordan in Chicago and the story of the great 1984 Cubs team featuring Ryne Sandberg.

Thursday, February 16, 2023

## The Overstory by Richard Powers Presenter: Barb McKittrick

Long-time Batavian Barb McKittrick is fortunate to spend all her time in nature as a naturalist and Environmental Education Manager for the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. Feed your own inner naturalist with a dive into the world of *The Overstory*, winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction. Richard Powers' deeply researched work of fiction overlays trees and their many intricate parts with interwoven personal stories of activism and discovery.

Thursday, March 16, 2023

## Hope Matters: Why Changing the Way We Think Is Critical to Solving the Environmental Crisis by Elin Kelsey

**Presenter: Teri Dykhuis**

Teri Dykhuis has lived in Batavia for over 30 years and worked as an Environmental Specialist at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory for the past 23 years. Despite the doom and gloom preached about the state of the environment, she remains optimistic that we can and will solve environmental problems, and that much progress has already been made.

Thursday, April 20, 2023



## Mom's Time-Out Author/Presenter: Sammi King

Batavian Sammi King has spent over 50 years as a copywriter and newspaper columnist. Her family column in the *Aurora Beacon News*, "Mom's Time-Out," centered on life with her two young sons. After an 8-year run, she moved to the *Daily Herald*, where she enjoyed over 20 years as a community columnist writing about Batavia. For the past 15 years, she has worked with writers at The Holmstad, promoting the craft of writing.

Thursday, May 18, 2023



## Hooray for Grandparents Author/Presenter: Jay Payleitner

Chicago-area writer Jay Payleitner is a national speaker and best-selling author of easy-to-read, hard-to-put-down, make-you-think books. After focusing mainly on books for parents, he finally wrote one specifically for the parents of parents. This beautifully designed book delivers 40 fresh strategies for giving love, receiving love, leaving a legacy, and being a rock star to your entire family.