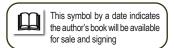
Our 2024 - 2025 Schedule 36th Season!

Books Between Bites at



Noon – 1 p.m. Third Thursday of the month Batavia Public Library, 10 S. Batavia Avenue

Bring a lunch (or purchase at Flyleaf Bakery Cafe) to enjoy during the program



Thursday, September 19, 2024

Cheaper by the Dozen

by Frank B. Gilbreth, Jr.

Sue Campbell Presenter

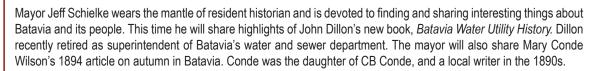
Sue Campbell invites you to jump into Foolish Carriage with the Gilbreth clan and enjoy the rewards and frustrations of growing up in this unique family. Still in print, Cheaper by the Dozen continues to delight readers of all ages. Locals know Sue as a fixture at the Library where she staffs the Friends of the Batavia Public Library monthly

book sales and appears each Halloween in the guise of the Library Witch. A member of The Fermilab Arts and Lecture Committee, for many years she announced events there and received a jolt of adrenaline every time by making the audience laugh.

Thursday, October 17, 2024

More Batavia History in Literature

Mayor Jeff Schielke



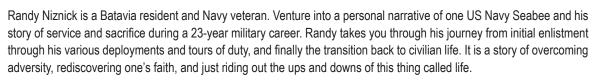


Thursday, November 21, 2024



In Service to Others: A US Navy Seabee's Journey

Randall Niznick Author/Presenter





Thursday, December 12, 2024

Valerie Blaine, Presenter The End of Night: Searching for Natural Darkness in an Age of Artificial Light

by Paul Bogard

In the short span of 145 years since Edison patented the incandescent light bulb, darkness has faded in the glare of artificial light at night. The change to the planet has been far-reaching. Naturalist Valerie Blaine will review how Bogard describes the impact of artificial light on ecology, human health, and cultural traditions. Unlike many books about environmental issues, his narrative is both informative and inspiring. Valerie will emphasize ways in which we all can bring back the health of nighttime, one light switch at a time.

Note: program moved to 2nd Thursday

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Karl Bruhn Presenter

Unique Structures of Fabyan Forest Preserve and Their Fascinating Stories

Batavian Karl Bruhn is a retired history teacher, devoting 40 years to teaching in Wheaton. A guest presenter at Books Between Bites for a number of years, he now is a docent at the Fabyan Forest Preserve. Hear the stories he has to tell about the nationally-known Villa, and other structures in and around the Villa, dating back to the days of Colonel Fabyan. Our February program by Vivien Lasken will add even more to this story.



Thursday, February 20, 2025

The Woman Who Smashed Codes

by Jason Fagone

Vivien Lasken Presenter

Elizebeth Smith Friedman was a pioneer in code-breaking and one of the nation's foremost cryptanalysts. She took down smuggling syndicates during Prohibition, broke enigma codes in WWII, and caught Nazi spies in South America. She and her husband, William Friedman, practically invented their field overnight. Learn about her start at the fabulous Geneva estate of Colonel George Fabyan, the eccentric millionaire, and how her research led to the start of the NSA. Vivien Lasken is director of the Fabyan Villa Museum and Japanese Garden.



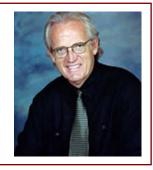
Thursday, March 20, 2025

Charlie Hustle: The Rise and Fall of Pete Rose

by Keith O'Brien

Lester Munson Presenter

Lester Munson has been a nationally-known commentator, former ESPN senior writer and legal analyst, and WTTW's *Chicago Tonight* guest. In this annual visit to the program, he will share his thoughts on this new and epic treatment of the life of one of the most fascinating figures in sports history, from his dizzying heights to his calamitous lows, a tragic fall brought on by Rose's hubris, arrogance, and compulsive gambling.



Thursday, April 10, 2025

Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer

by James L. Swanson

Batavian Dan Hoefler is a retired history teacher and president of the Batavia Historical Society. The murder of Abraham Lincoln 100 years ago set off the greatest manhunt in American history—the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth. Based on rare archival materials, obscure trial transcripts, and Lincoln's own blood relics, *Manhunt* is a fully documented, fascinating tale of murder, intrigue, and betrayal told through the eyes of the hunted and the hunters.

Note: program moved to 2nd Thursday

Dan Hoefler
Presenter



Thursday, May 15, 2025

The Anxious Generation

by Jonathan Haidt

The Anxious Generation, by social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, explores the progression of declining mental health in youth in the era of smartphones, big technology and exposure to social media. Haidt cites examples of how "play-based childhood" has been replaced by "phone-based childhood" and how four simple rules can assist in controlling the epidemic of mental illness and "restore a more human childhood". Kathy Hubbard and Linda Sullivan are retired Batavia teachers. Kathy is a member of the Board of Trustees for Batavia Public Library.





Kathy Hubbard & Linda Sullivan
Presenters