

Batavia and 18 other Illinois libraries join consortium

For the past 24 years, Batavia Public Library has been a part of the Library Integrated Network Consortium (LINC), which at various times was comprised of 8–10 libraries. Due to financial constraints, LINC can no longer afford to exist as a consortium.

Effective May 1, Batavia Public Library will become part of System Wide Automated Network (SWAN). The seven other LINC libraries, which include St. Charles and Geneva, are also joining SWAN. Several nearby MAGIC system libraries, including North Aurora, are joining as well. With an addition of 19 new libraries this year, the SWAN consortium will include 97 libraries.

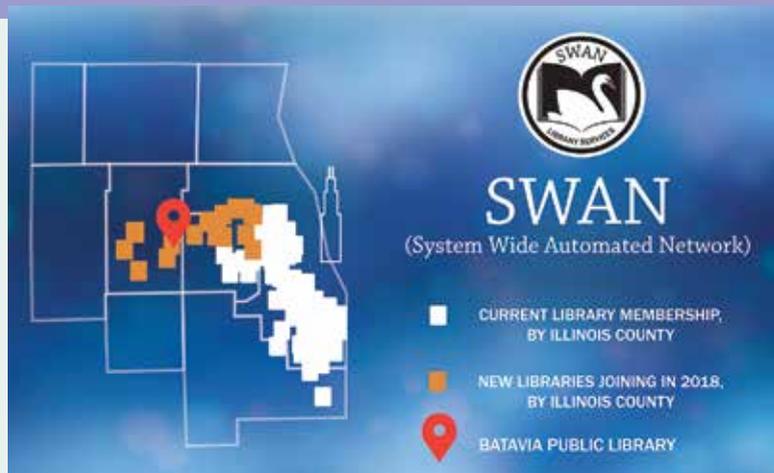
Two big advantages to joining SWAN—Batavia Public Library cardholders will have access to a catalog that will offer a 729% increase in the number of items available, and Batavia cardholders will be able to visit any of the 97 SWAN libraries to check out materials and to pick up reserved materials if another location is more convenient.

Batavia Public Library cardholders can expect to see some changes; however, the basics of borrowing and placing holds on items will remain much the same.

SWAN Q & A for Batavia cardholders

Q. Will the catalog look different?

A. The catalog will look similar and have an option of expanding to many libraries' holdings.



Q. Will there still be automatic renewals?

A. Yes! But instead of receiving one email for items that were renewed and another email for items that were not renewed, this information will arrive in one email, if multiple items are involved.

Q. How will I learn when materials I've reserved are available?

A. Hold notices will be available by text, email, or phone message. However, notices will not list details about the item. If a patron wants to know which of their items are available, they can check their account online, call the Library, or visit the Library.

Q. Will fines remain the same?

A. Daily fines will remain the same, but the fine caps per item will change. Most items will have a maximum fine of \$4.20 (previously \$5.00). New DVDs and video games will have a maximum fine of \$42.00.

Q. Will I still get messages via Shoutbomb?

A. No, Shoutbomb itself will no longer be available. However, in SWAN text messaging is an available option for hold notifications, courtesy (pre-overdue) notices, first and second overdue notices, and billing notices. This service is not interactive, so you cannot renew or query via text.

Under the Cupola

Speak Up! Batavia

The Board of Library Trustees wants to hear from you, Batavia! A series of four town-hall style community engagement sessions called "Speak Up!" are now underway. Residents are encouraged to attend each session to share their thoughts on the future of the Library.

Community Engagement Session #1 took place on Feb. 1 at the Batavia High School Cafeteria—the location for each session. A brief presentation on the "State of the Library" by Library Director George H. Scheetz was followed by small group discussions.

To view the slides and listen to my presentation, "Your Library Today," please visit the Library's home page (at BataviaPublicLibrary.org) and click on the "Speak Up!" icon.

Please send your comments to engage@BataviaPublicLibrary.org.

The success of "Speak Up!" relies on participation from a broad-based representation of community members. The Board of Library Trustees wants to hear from as many people as possible, and we want residents to hear what other residents are saying. Information gathered from the workshops will serve as the basis for a community-wide collaborative vision that will inform the decisions for future Batavia Public Library programs and services.

Community Engagement Session #2, "Focus on the Future: Trends in Libraries," took place on March 1, and explored the future of libraries in terms of programs and services, space use, technology, and

more. If you missed it, the presentation by Lynn M. Elam, a professional librarian, Batavia resident, and former Library Trustee, will soon be available on the "Speak Up!" page.

Community Engagement Session #3, "Stewards of the Public's Investment," is scheduled for Thurs., April 12. At this important session, we will share financial information about the Library, its operations and services, and its building and campus.

The final town hall meeting, Community Engagement Session #4, is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, and will ask the key question, Did we hear you correctly?

Join the conversation on April 12 and "Speak Up!" Batavia!

George H. Scheetz
Director



Q. Does my current PIN remain the same?

A. Yes. Remember you can change your PIN whenever you like.

Q. Will the Library remain open during the transition?

A. Yes. There will be a three-day period, April 28–May 1, when self-check out machines will not be available for use and no returned materials will be removed from patron accounts. No items will be due during this period, so no fines will accrue. The system will modify due dates.

Coming up...

Prom Dress Giveaway—cosponsored by CHIP IN Batavia and the Library
March 17, 9am–4pm

National Library Week
April 8–14

Library Community Engagement Sessions
March 1, April 12, May 10
7–9pm, Batavia High School Cafeteria



2018 Summer Reading Club
June 2–Aug. 2

The Library will be closed:

Sun., April 1

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am–9 pm

Friday and Saturday 9 am–5 pm

Sunday 12–5 pm (Sept.–May)

Sunday 1–4pm (June–Aug.)

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Programs and activities for youth

Registration Information: Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk at 630-879-1393, ext. 500, to register and for more information. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration. Unless otherwise noted registration for programs begins on the first of the month in which the program occurs. Storytime registration begins Mar. 19. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Spring Storytimes & Activities

Stories in Motion

Sat., Mar. 3 & Apr. 7, 11am

Ages 3–6
Books are great to listen to, but they really come alive when we add movement to them, too! We'll act out stories, learn fun stretches, and practice lively movement rhymes and songs. Each program has a different theme.

Baby Play & Learn

Fri., Mar. 16, 10am

Babies through 23 months
Drop-in playtime for parents and babies. Please make alternate care arrangements for older siblings. Space is limited.

Book Character Visits

Sat., Mar. 24, 1pm
Clifford

Fri., Apr. 20, 1pm
Curious George

Family Storytime

Mon., Apr. 2–23, 7pm

Families with children through age 7 are welcome.



Amy Lowe entertains families, May 7. See page 26 for details.

Baby Storytime–Pre-Walkers

Tues., Apr. 3–24, 9:30am

Babies 0–23 months with a caregiver
Babies who are not yet walking can enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, lap games, and book-sharing. Please make alternate care arrangements for older siblings.

Toddler Time

Mon., Apr. 2–23, 10:30am

Tues., Apr. 3–24, 10:30am
Ages 2–3 with a caregiver
Enjoy stories, rhymes, and more. Storytimes last approximately 25 minutes.

Drop-In Toddler Time

Tues., Apr. 3–24, 11:30am

Ages 2–3 with a caregiver
Toddlers can enjoy stories, rhymes, movement, and more. Storytimes last approximately 20 minutes and are followed by a short group play time. Space is limited. Entry tickets will be given out 20 minutes before the storytime until gone. Batavia Public Library card required.

ABC Storytime

Wed., Apr. 4–25, 10am

Wed., Apr. 4–25, 1pm

Thurs., Apr. 5–26, 10am

Ages 3–6
Activities, Books, and Craft program for children without a caregiver

Baby & Tot Storytime

Fri., Apr. 6–27, 10am

Babies and tots through 35 months with a caregiver
Drop in for songs, rhymes, and stories. We ask that alternate care arrangements be made for older siblings. Entry tickets will be given out 20 minutes before the storytime until gone. Batavia Public Library card required.

Baby Storytime–Walkers

Fri., Apr. 6–27, 11am

Babies through 23 months with a caregiver
Babies who are walking can enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, games, and book-sharing. Please make alternate care arrangements for older siblings.

Preschool Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Apr. 6–27, 1pm

Ages 3–6
Children are invited, younger siblings welcome. An adult must accompany children under the age of 4 years.

For Students

Minecrafternoon

Thurs., Mar. 1, 4:30pm

Thurs., Apr. 5, 4:30pm

Ages 6–14
Join your fellow Minecrafters for an hour of play on the Library's Minecraft system. Entry tickets will be handed out beginning 15 minutes before the program until gone. Space is limited.

Coding for Kids

Mon., Mar. 5–26, 4:30pm

Grades 4–6
Are you a computer fan? Computer science instructor Jo Ann Smith facilitates this 4-week coding instruction program. Each week Smith will offer instruction and introduction to some basic tools, followed by time for self-directed coding work and skill building. Space is limited.

Kids Read

Tues., Mar. 6, 6:30pm

The Artsy Mistake Mystery

by Sylvia McNicoll

Thurs., Apr. 12, 6:30pm

Bird in a Box

by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Grades 4–8
Bring these books to life with refreshments, activities, and conversation. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Middle School Mystery Night

Fri., Mar. 9, 6:30–9pm

Grades 6–8
Play a life-size game of Clue with characters and locations based on the magical world of Harry Potter. You'll also eat pizza and try to unlock the secret in a challenge room to earn hints to solve the Clue mystery. Space is limited. A signed parental form and \$3 per participant are due at registration.

Book Gems

Tues., Mar. 13, 6:30pm

The Case from Outer Space

by James Preller

Tues., Apr. 10, 7pm

8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel Idivided by 1 Dog = Chaos

by Vivian Vande Velde
Grades 2–3
Registration begins Mar. 13; reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Curiosity Club

Wed., Mar. 14, 4:30pm

Wed., Apr. 25, 4:30pm

Grades K–2
Through books, games, and experiments, participants will explore a variety of science and nature topics each month. Each participant will also receive a take-home activity.

Mad Scientists Club

Thurs., Mar. 15, 4:30pm

Magnets

Mon., Apr. 30, 4:30pm

Engineering Challenges
Grades 3–5

Explore your inner scientist with activities, experiments, and games.

Chat & Chew

Mon., Mar. 19, 6:30pm

Mon., Apr. 16, 4:30pm

Grades 6–8
Hang out with friends, eat pizza, and do creative projects. In March and April, we will film a promotional video for Summer Reading Club 2018.

Chess Club

Tues., Mar. 20, 4:30pm

Tues., Apr. 24, 4:30pm

Ages 6–14
Learn more about chess or improve your chess skills as we explore strategy and

tactics. Basic knowledge of the game is required; however, all skill levels are welcome. A portion of the hour will be spent on strategy and a portion playing the game using what you have learned.

Dewey Club

Thurs., Mar. 22, 4:30pm

Under the Sea

Tues., Apr. 17, 4:30pm

Under My Feet
Grades 2–4

Journey into the interesting topics and subjects found in nonfiction books through games and activities.

Duplo & Lego® Fun

Tues., Mar. 27, 10am

Ages 4–11
Drop-in and build something with our Duplo and Lego bricks. Batavia Public Library card required.

Space is limited. Children ages 4–6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Crafting with a Heart

Tues., Mar. 27, 2pm

Grades 5–8
Help us make toys and comfort items for dogs and cats at the Naperville Human Society. We provide the supplies—you provide your time and crafting expertise.

Pet Safety & Care for Kids

Thurs., Mar. 29, 1pm

Ages 5–12
Children are invited to learn about how to be safe around animals, what to

expect when adopting a pet, and what it takes to care for pets. This interactive program includes a visit from a therapy dog. Presented by the Naperville Area Humane Society.

For Families

Observation Station

Drop by the Youth Services department each month to see what is being explored through our Observation Station.

Read Across America

Fri., Mar. 2, 1–2pm

It's Dr. Seuss's birthday! Join us as we celebrate the fun of reading and honor Dr. Seuss. Enjoy stories and book-related activities and games.

Tournament of Picture Books

March 5–28

Take part in the Library's

inaugural Tournament of Picture Books! The contenders are sixteen outstanding picture books, all hoping to be first in your hearts and on your ballot. Beginning Mar. 5, young patrons will have a chance to choose their favorite picture book in playoff-style brackets. Winners advance to the next bracket through Mar. 30. Voting ends Mar. 28; winner announced Mar. 30. All nominated picture books are on display in the Youth Services department. Readers are invited to check them out, read them in the Library, or read them online using the Library's BookFlix and Tumblebooks Library databases. Come in and vote!

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Student volunteers needed

The Youth Services department is seeking junior volunteers to help during the Summer Reading Club. Batavia students entering grades 6–9 are invited to apply.

Junior volunteers may choose from three different opportunities. Weekly volunteers are scheduled for one hour per week from June 1 to Aug. 3, and may be asked to straighten shelves, make copies, and prepare craft projects, as well as other projects. Book Buddy volunteers will help beginning readers practice their reading skills; times and dates will vary during the summer. Special Event volunteers will be called as needed to help at special programs and with special projects. Volunteers may choose to volunteer in one, two, or all three of the opportunities.

Students interested in volunteering should pick up an application at the Youth Services Desk or print a copy from the Library website. Application deadline is May 12. Scheduling will be based on the date the application is returned to the Youth Services Desk.

And Don't Miss... Registration is not required for the following activities.

Drop-In Craft

Mon., Mar. 26, 10am–2pm

Sat., Apr. 14, 10am–12pm

All ages

Chess Knight

Tues., Mar. 27, 7pm

Ages 8 and older
Students, teens, and adults at all skill levels are welcome. Feel free to bring your favorite chess board.

Bingo

Wed., Mar. 29, 11am

Ages 3–14
Children age 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Movie at the Library

Fri., Mar. 30, 1pm

All ages
Call the Library for movie title, length, and rating. Reading Takes You Everywhere

Programs for adults and teens

Registration Information: Registration is required for some programs; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200, or register online at BataviaPublicLibrary.org. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Feature Programs

Tournament of Books

March 5–28

If you're a fan of new fiction, take part in the Library's third annual Tournament of Books! Sixteen of 2017's best fiction books—chosen by Batavia readers and Library staff—will contend for Batavia's fiction book of the year in playoff-style brackets between March 5 and March 28. Vote online on the Library's Facebook page or in person at the Library (near the Reference Desk). Pick up an annotated list of the Sweet Sixteen titles and a tournament bracket at the Reference Desk.

Party Like It's 1818!

Mon., Apr. 9, 7pm

Ellie Carlson takes you to a party in 1818 Illinois. Sample food, have your silhouette made, dance the dances, and hear the music that might have played as all 32,000 Illinoisans celebrated statehood. Period costumes welcome!

Questions & Ancestors Genealogy Series

Preserving Family Heirlooms

Mon., Apr. 23, 7pm

Tina Beaird offers a step-by-step approach to saving family treasures, including documents, photos, fabrics,

and glass, using proper storage and simple preservation techniques. Participants will test-drive products and learn preservation do's and don'ts for historic and modern scrapbooks.

Monthly Programs

Book Discussions

Tues., Mar. 13, 7:30pm

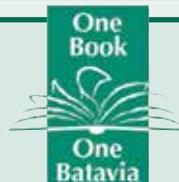
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

The men of Alpha Company battle the enemy, miss the lives they left behind, and struggle with loneliness, rage, and fear in a testament to the devastating legacy of the Vietnam War. This modern classic is a painful, lyrical, and intensely personal account of the war.

Tues., Apr. 10, 7:30pm

West with the Night by Beryl Markham

In this lyrical memoir, Markham vividly evokes her adventures as a groundbreaking pilot and horse trainer in Kenya in the early 20th century.



One Book, One Batavia

Sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library

Oba William King, Storyteller

Sun., Mar. 4, 2pm

Award-winning storyteller Oba William King captures the essence of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, the One Book, One Batavia 2018 selection, sharing stories and folktales from Malawi. King offers an example of the traditional style of "Call and Response," which is specific to the region where author William Kamkwamba is from, as well as "story with drum."

William and the Windmill

Mon., Mar. 5, 7pm

After William Kamkwamba succeeded at building a windmill for his village, he became known worldwide. This documentary shows the new challenges he faced as he shifted from inventor to leader. Winner of the South by Southwest Film Festival Grand Jury Award for Documentary Feature.

Stories and Songs of African People

Sun., Mar. 11, 2pm

Master storyteller and musician Shanta Nurullah entertains, informs, and inspires with a blend of folktales, personal stories, and music.

World traveler and storyteller Shanta Nurullah performs at the Library, Mar. 11.



May book discussion selection:

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie

Books Between Bites

Thurs., Mar. 15, 12pm

Arnie by Tom Callahan and *Smart Baseball* by Keith Law, presented by Lester Munson

Thurs., Apr. 19, 12pm

Remembering the Legendary Studs Terkel, presented by Rick Kogan

Adult Anime Club

Thurs., Mar. 22 and Apr. 26, 6:30pm

Adults ages 18 and older are invited to watch anime and meet other adult anime and manga enthusiasts.

Sundays on Stage

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2018 Season Sponsor.

Unforgettable

Sun., March 25, 2pm

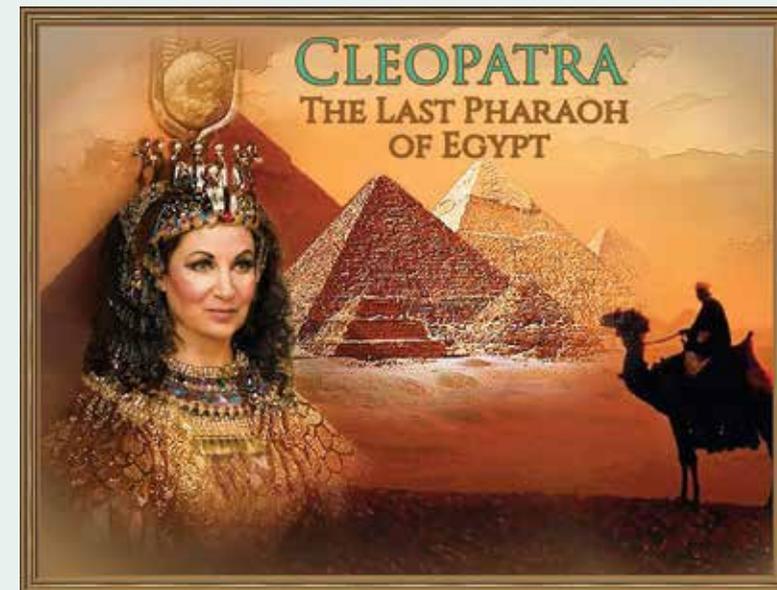
Matt and Cynthia Gruel of Nostalgia Entertainment perform popular songs of the 50s and share stories behind the music and the artists.

Cleopatra, Last Pharaoh of Egypt

Sun., Apr. 29, 2pm

Cleopatra, one of the most famous female rulers in history, shares her astounding story, audacious spirit, and astonishing guile in this portrayal by Martina Mathisen.

Martina Mathisen portrays Cleopatra, Apr. 29.



Teen Programs

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

College Prep

Financial Aid Award Letters

Thurs., Apr. 5, 7pm

Financial aid expert Meghan Chrum talks about how to understand and evaluate financial aid award letters. With the help of a worksheet, families can compare multiple financial aid award letters while getting one-on-one help as needed.

Practice SAT

Sun., Apr. 8, 12:30pm

Take a free practice SAT test, courtesy of Princeton Review. Bring water, #2 pencils, and an energy snack, as well as an SAT-approved calculator. Scores will be available online within a week of taking the test. To register, go to princetonreview.com/college/free-sat-practice-test and enter your zip code in the search box to find the practice test.

Fun Stuff

Inclusion Game Night

Wed., Mar. 14 & Apr. 11, 6:30pm

Teens and young adults of all abilities—and their families and friends—are invited to meet new people and try out a board game or card game in a relaxed setting. High school volunteers are welcome.

Anime Club

Thurs., Mar. 8 & Apr. 12, 6:30pm

Teens ages 13 and older are invited to watch anime, play games, and meet other anime and manga enthusiasts.

Inclusion Movie Night

Tues., Mar. 27 & Apr. 24, 6:30pm

Teens and young adults of all abilities—and their families and friends—

are welcome to meet new people and watch a movie in a relaxed setting.

Escape the Library!

Thurs., Mar. 29, 7pm

Can you solve the puzzles and escape the Library before the hour is up? Sign up with a friend and find out!

Follow the Library on



Technology Coaching

Schedule an appointment with a technology assistant for a one-hour, one-on-one session based on your individual needs. Technology coaching includes instruction on computers, tablets, smartphones, and more. Available Monday–Thursday, 4–8pm.

Computer classes for adults

Registration Information: One-hour, hands-on computer classes. Basic computer skills, including mouse & keyboard proficiency, are required. Registration is required; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Computer Classes

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 1

Thurs., Mar. 29, 9am

Create documents and folders; edit; change font style and size, underline, italicize, make bold, and center text; and save.

****Microsoft Word proficiency required:**

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 2**

Thurs., Apr. 5, 9am

Font and background colors; text boxes, clip art, and photos; bulleted and numbered lists; tables; lines, arrows, and autoshapec; page numbers; and page setup

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 3**

Thurs., Apr. 12, 9am

Headers and footers, section breaks, WordArt, page borders, footnotes, endnotes, tables, charts, and mail merge

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 1**

Tues., Apr. 24, 9am

Summation; formulas; data entry; autofill; print

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 2**

Tues., May 1, 9am

Add and delete rows and columns; find and replace; sort; navigate workbooks; introduction to charts; security

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016**

Thurs., Apr. 26, 9am



News from the Friends



The Friends of the Batavia Public Library is dedicated to promoting, improving, and assisting the Library. You can support the Friends by purchasing books and other materials at the Friends' monthly book sales (second Saturday of every month except June); the Friends' Book Corner (whenever the Library is open); the annual Vintage Book Sale (November); the Holiday Book Sale (November and December); and the Educators' Book Sale (August).

The Friends sell All Hallows' Read coupons in October (good for giving a book on Halloween), Book Lover's Calendars, canvas book bags, and Honorary Friends memberships for the newborns in your life.

Friends—please renew your memberships for 2018. If you are not a member and would like to join us, membership forms are available at the Batavia Public Library and online at BataviaPublicLibrary.org > *Get Involved* > *Friends*.

Save the dates

Saturday book sales in the FriendSpace on the Library's lower level are held on the second Saturday of every month except June. Book sale dates in 2018 are: Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8.

The Friends ongoing book sale is located on the Library's upper level across from the Check Out Desk. Items in the Friends Book Corner can be purchased any time the Library is open. Bring items and money to the Check Out Desk.

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Author Amy Chally

Wed., Mar. 28, 7pm

Amy Chally, author, motivational speaker, and disability awareness consultant, speaks about her book *Making Independence Happen*. She will be joined by her current service dog, Portland, and will demonstrate how he helps her in her daily routine. Witness the powerful bond that exists between a dog and his handler and gain understanding as to what it's like to live with physical differences. After the presentation, Chally will answer questions. Copies of her book will be available for purchase with 15% of the proceeds benefiting Canine Companions for Independence. Recommended for school age children, teens, and adults. Doors to the Founders Room open at 6:45pm.

Stomp Your Feet

Mon., May 7, 10:30am

Singer-songwriter Amy Lowe invites children to stomp their feet during this lively performance. Lowe's interactive songs and stories spark the imagination and encourage all to sing, clap, and move to the beat. Doors to the Founders Room open at 10:15am.



Author Amy Chally and her service dog Portland talk to families about living with physical differences, Mar. 28.



Genealogy Research

Whether you're just starting or would like help overcoming obstacles, a librarian will guide you in your genealogy research during a one-hour, one-on-one session. Available Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm.