

Summer Reading Clubs 2018

READING TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE!

Discover life in other dimensions, on other planets, or in other times when you explore people, places, and things outside your neighborhood or town. This summer, let reading take you everywhere!

- Pick up your reading log and start recording your reading beginning May 25
- Turn in your reading log by Aug. 6 at 9pm
- Books may be read or listened to (in any format)

Adults

Let your summer reading take you to new places and times. Once you've read four books, take your completed reading log to the reference desk and collect a small reward. Your name will be entered in the prize drawing at the end of the program.

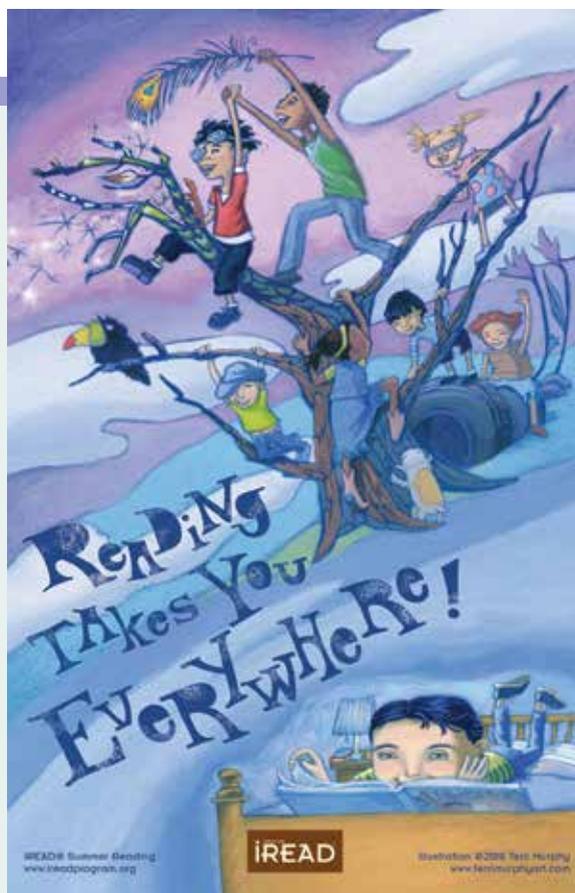
Teens

Be transported to places you could never imagine with the Summer Reading Club for students in grades 9–12. Each time you complete a reading log of three books and take your reading log to the reference desk, you will earn a small prize. Your name will be entered in the prize drawing at the end of the program.

Children

Reading on your own, being read to, or listening to audiobooks all count towards your daily reading goal. After completing each level of your reading log, take it to the Youth Services Desk to receive a souvenir (prize).

We officially kick off Summer Reading Club on Sat., June 2, with professional magician Ken Mate. His sleight of hand and quick wit will amaze and entertain all ages. After the show, join us in the Reading Garden for ice cream and face-painting by Terri Mate.



Birth through Two Years

Parents and babies will have fun together this summer while sharing books, rhymes, and lap games. Log an early literacy activity each day to earn rewards. Learn more at the Summer Reading Club preview, Baby Play & Learn, on May 18 at 10am.

Two Years through Eighth Grade

Choose your personal daily reading goal based on your reading habits. Keep track of your daily reading and earn rewards throughout the summer. Take your reading log to the Youth Services Desk to collect your reward.

Parents of preschoolers can learn more at the Summer Reading Club preview, Preschool Play & Learn, on May 17 at 10am.

Under the Cupola

Mark Twain in Batavia

In November 1868, Samuel Langhorne Clemens, alias Mark Twain, launched a major lecture tour, "The American Vandal Abroad," which recounted his adventures on the very first major pleasure cruise across the Atlantic in U.S. history. The performances were a rousing success.

As part of that tour, Clemens, then 33 years old, gave an evening lecture "to a crowded house" in Batavia on Tuesday, 26 January 1869, nearly 150 years ago.

Unfortunately, the "crowded house" was not named, but it could have been Revere House, which regularly accommodated large audiences for events; or the assembly hall in West Side School; or Dorn's Hall, on the third floor of the Dorn Block; or any of several other public gathering places.

The short-lived Batavia Lecture Association sponsored the lecture course that included Twain, who was then anticipating the publication of *The Innocents Abroad* in July 1869.

There is a commonly held yet erroneous belief that Clemens was not overly impressed with Batavia, solely because of this excerpt from a letter to his soon-to-be fiancée, Olivia L. Langdon: "... to-day this sad-looking village makes me feel ever so friendless & dreary..."

In fact, the balance of that sentence proves otherwise: "... & behold, the picture is so overflowing with friendliness, & tries so hard to come out of the case to me, that I grow contented & glad again, in spite of the sad village & its solemn surrounding. I wouldn't

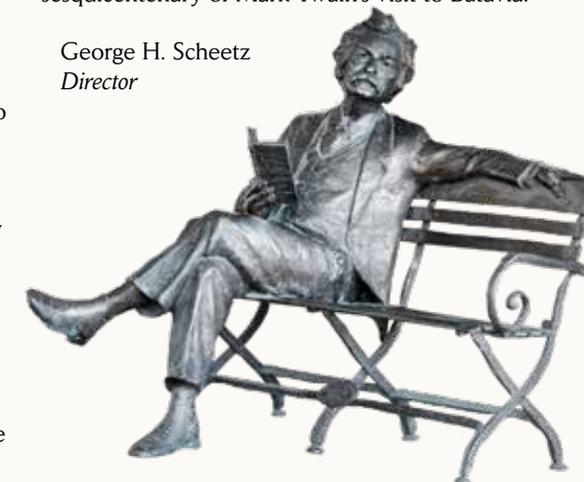
part with the picture for the world."

Twain was using contrast, a rhetorical device, to highlight and emphasize the difference between his so-called dreary surrounding (Batavia, simply a coincidence of location) and the light in his life (Olivia), represented by the photograph she recently sent him, in order to make his argument stronger and more memorable.

One Book, One Batavia, a community-wide reading program, was launched in 2003 with *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, an homage to Mark Twain. Clemens' visit is commemorated, as well, by a statue at the Library's entrance, given by the Swanson family in honor of longtime library director, Miriam H. Johnson.

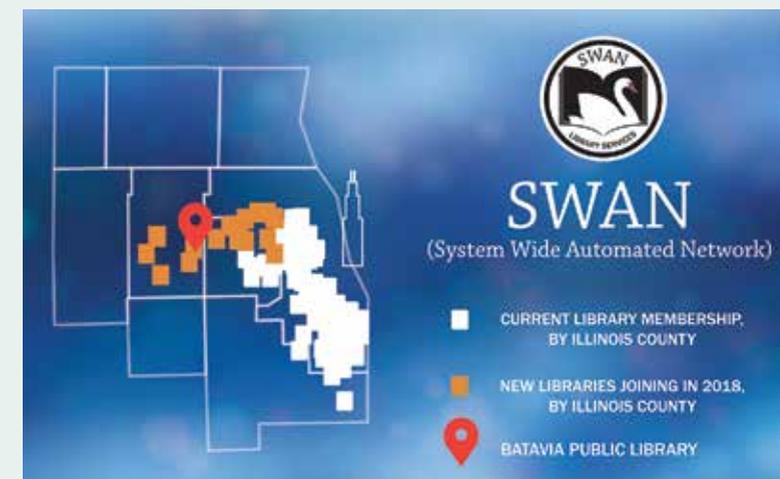
Join us in January 2019 to celebrate the sesquicentenary of Mark Twain's visit to Batavia.

George H. Scheetz
Director



SWAN is coming—change your PIN

On May 1, Batavia Public Library will be joining SWAN, a consortium of 97 libraries. As a library cardholder, you will have access to over 8 million materials—books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and more. To be ready for the change, please change your PIN to an all numeric code (no letters, special characters, or punctuation, and at least four digits long).



The Library will be closed:

- Sun., May 27
- Mon., May 28
- Wed., July 4

Library Hours

- Monday–Thursday 9 am–9 pm
- Friday and Saturday 9 am–5 pm
- Sunday 12–5 pm (Sept.–May)
- Sunday 1–4 pm (June–Aug.)

Telephone

- 630-879-1393
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Programs and activities for youth

Registration Information: Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 500, for more information and to register. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration. Unless otherwise noted, May program registration begins May 1; June program registration begins May 29; July program registration begins July 1. Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

For Babies, Tots, and Preschoolers

Stories in Motion

Sat., May 12, 11am

Mon., June 4, 11am

Mon., July 2, 11am

Ages 3–5

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 movements to rhymes and songs. Each class has a different theme.

Play & Learn + Summer Reading Club Information

Thurs., May 17, 10am

Ages 2–5

Fri., May 18, 10am

Babies and toddlers

through 23 months

Find out how your infant,

toddler, or preschooler

can participate in Summer Reading Club (SRC).

A brief presentation is followed by play time. SRC reading logs will be available. Batavia Public Library card required.

Truck Tales

Tues., May 22, 10am

Ages 3–6

Enjoy truck stories with Gary Holm, Batavia's Public Works director, after which children can climb aboard one of Batavia's big trucks.

Baby Play & Learn

Fri., June 8, 10am

Fri., July 6, 10am

Babies and toddlers

through 23 months

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

Toddler Time

Tues., June 12, 10am

Ages 2–3 with a caregiver

Enjoy stories, rhymes, and more.

Baby Storytime

Tues., June 12, 11am

Babies through 23 months

with a caregiver

Interactive program which includes stories, rhymes, and music. Batavia Public Library card required.

ABC Storytime

Thurs., June 14, 10am

Fri., June 29, 1pm

Ages 3–6

Activities, Books, and Craft program for children without a caregiver.

Baby & Tot Storytime

Fri., June 22, 10am

Babies and tots through 35

months with a caregiver

Drop in for songs, rhymes, and stories. Please make alternate care arrangements outside of class for older siblings. Batavia Public Library card required.

Signing Fun

Fri., June 29, 10am

Ages 0–18 months

with a caregiver

Fri., June 29, 11am

Ages 18–36 months

with a caregiver

Licensed sign language interpreter Sheryl Ebersold demonstrates how to incorporate sign language into daily activities with signs, songs, and more. Space is limited.

For Students

Dewey Club

Thurs., May 10, 4:30pm

Thurs., June 12, 2pm

Grades 2–4

Join us for a journey into the world of nonfiction as we play games and enjoy activities.

Chess Club

Tues., May 15, 4:30pm

Ages 6–14

Learn more about chess and improve your chess

skills as we explore strategy and tactics and then play the game. Basic knowledge of the game is required; however, all skill levels are welcome.

Chess Basics

Wed., June 6–27, 10am

Ages 6–14

Learn about the game of chess—what the pieces are called, how they move, and basic strategy. After completing this 4-week session, you are welcome to join Chess Knight on Tuesday evenings (see For Families) and play with other chess fans.

Anime

Wed., June 6, 2–4pm

Tues., July 3, 2–3pm

Grades 5–8

If you're a fan of anime or are curious about the art of Japanese animation, join us for snacks, discussion, and an anime feature-length movie.

Map It!

Thurs., June 7, 2pm

Grades 3–5

Learn how to draw a map using the locations in a book of your choice. With the book in hand and supplies and directions supplied by the Library, you can become a junior cartographer.

Book Buddies

Fri., June 8, 11am

Sat., June 16, 11am

Wed., June 20, 2pm

Tues., June 26, 11am

Fri., July 6, 2pm



Ages 6–8

Young readers will be partnered with junior volunteers for approximately one hour of reading. This program focuses on book-sharing rather than tutoring. Please register for each date your child will attend.

Paws for Tales

Sat., June 9, 23,

10–11:30am

Grades 1–4

Children are invited to practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a specially trained therapy dog. The goal is to create a positive, non-threatening, and fun environment in which reading aloud is enjoyed. Register for a 15-minute time slot. Due to limited space, please register for only one of the two dates. Presented by the Naperville Area Humane Society.

Yarn & Tale

Mon., June 11–July 9,

6:30pm

Ages 8–14

Student and parent teams can join us for knitting or crocheting and a tale. All levels welcome; beginner instruction available. Please bring #10 knitting needles or G/H crochet hook. Yarn is provided.

Passport Club,

Tourists

Thurs., June 14, 1pm

Thurs., June 28, 11am

Grades K–2

Passport Club,

Explorers

Mon., June 11, 11am

Mon., June 25, 1pm

Grades 3–5

Discover the art, music, food, and stories from South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe. Students create a passport for each class that will be stamped once our "travel" and activities are completed.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course

Thurs., June 14 or

Mon., June 25

9:30am–4:30pm

Ages 11–15

A 7½-hour training course in which students learn basic babysitting skills and how to deal with emergencies. Participants must attend entire session. Due to the popularity of this program a lottery drawing will be held. Lottery registration begins May 29 for both June classes. Lottery drawing for the June 14 class will be held June 7; drawing for the June 25 class will be held

on June 14. Priority given to Batavia Public Library cardholders. Sponsored by the Batavia Public Library Foundation.

Book Gems

Tues., June 19, 2pm

Bon Voyage by Anne Adler

Grades 2–3

Young readers can enjoy discussion and activities based on this book. Reserve a copy of the book when registering.

Travel Journals

Thurs., June 21, 10am

Ages 8–14

Stampin' Up demonstrator Heather Wnek demonstrates how to create a unique travel journal that can be filled with mementos. Registration closes three days prior to class date.

Kids Read

Fri., June 22, 11am

Grades 4–8

Short by

Holly Goldberg Sloan

Read the book then join us for discussion and activities based on the book. Reserve a copy of the

book when registering.

Pizza Tasting

Thurs., June 28, 1pm

Grades 6–8

Join our blind taste test of pizzas and then vote on the best crust, best sauce, and best overall pizza in Batavia!

For Families

Free Comic Book Day

Sat., May 5

Children can receive a free comic book on May 5 at the Youth Services Desk, while supplies last.

Amy Lowe's Stomp Your Feet

Mon., May 7, 10:30am

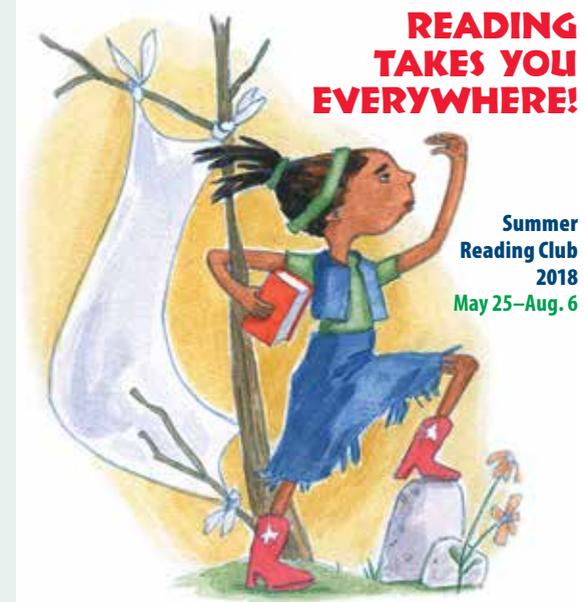
Singer/songwriter Amy Lowe's interactive songs and stories spark the imagination and encourage all to sing, clap, and move to the beat. Doors to the Founders Room open at 10:15am.

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Students age 8 and older and adults are invited to play chess Tuesday nights in June.

Junior Volunteers: Please turn in your application for summer volunteer opportunities by May 12.



Programs for adults and teens

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Feature Programs

New Lyceum Lecture Series

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2017–18 Season Sponsor

What Does a State's Attorney Do?

Wed., May 16, 7pm

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Michael Hoscheit and Sarah Seberger offer a glimpse into the criminal justice system as they discuss the stages of a criminal case, the various ways in which criminal cases are resolved, and the efforts by the State's Attorney's Office to improve the system on behalf of Kane County residents.

Murder, Mayhem & the Mob

Mon., June 11, 7pm

People are still fascinated by Al Capone nearly a century after he first moved to Chicago. Learn about the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and the Chicago beer wars from historian Clarence Goodman.



Al Capone in 1935



How to Draw a Rose

Thurs., May 17, 7pm

Learn to draw and render a realistic rose using colored pencils. Water Street Studios instructor Kelley Cappell is a scientific illustrator at Brookfield Zoo. Supplies are provided and no experience is necessary. Space is limited.

Hand-Painted Silk Scarves

Thurs., June 7, 7pm

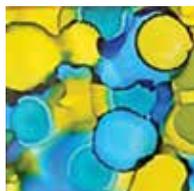
Learn a simple technique for painting silk scarves using Sharpie® markers and rubbing alcohol. Water Street Studios instructor Becka Davis is a demonstration artist for Dick Blick. Supplies are provided for making one scarf. Space is limited.



Alcohol-Ink Tile Coasters

Wed., June 20, 7pm

Try your hand at the latest art craze—alcohol inks! Each participant will create 2–3 tile coasters with an abstract watercolor look. Instructor Sabrina Martin is a resident multimedia artist at Water Street Studios. Supplies are provided. Space is limited.



Questions & Ancestors Genealogy Series

Creating a Checklist for Genealogy Research

Thurs., June 21, 7pm

Presenter Thomas MacEntee explains how to identify gaps in genealogy research before moving on to the

next level of research. Levels include using genealogy networks, online and offline resources, and crafting a genealogy research checklist.

Monthly Programs

Book Discussion

Tues., May 8, 7:30pm

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie
In the village of King's Abbot, a suicide, a secret affair, blackmail, and murder create rumors and suspects. Renowned detective Hercule Poirot solves the murder in the book that made Agatha Christie a household name.

Tues., June 12, 7:30pm

History of Wolves by Emily Fridlund
Young Madeline/Linda lives with her parents on a failed commune in the Minnesota woods. Her life changes

when a young family moves in across the lake and she babysits the 4-year-old son. Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2017.

Books Between Bites

Thurs., May 17, 12pm

The Batavia/Chicago Connection to Architect Solon Spencer Beman is presented by Karl Bruhn.

Adult Anime Club

Thurs., May 24, 6:30pm

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

Sundays on Stage

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Uke Can Play Anything!

Sun., May 20, 2pm

The Hix Bros. Ukulele Band, formed in 2011, has grown to more than 20 members of all ages. Led by Carl Hix, the band plays a wide variety of songs: Hawaiian, rock 'n' roll, songs from the Great American Songbook, contemporary songs, and even a show tune now and then.

Martha Washington: Our Founding Mother

Sun., June 24, 2pm

George Washington is our nation's Founding Father—does that make Martha our Founding Mother? Actress Lynn Rymarz portrays Martha describing the role she played in becoming our first First Lady.



Lynn Rymarz portrays Martha Washington, June 24.

Teen Programs

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Inclusion Game Night

Wed., May 9 & June 13, 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., May 10, 6:30pm

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

Practice ACT Test

Sat., May 12, 10am

Take a free practice ACT test, courtesy of Princeton Review. Bring water, #2 pencils, and an energy snack, as well as an ACT-approved calculator. Scores will be available online within a week of taking the test. Find the registration link on the Library's online calendar.

Teen Craft: Felt Your Fandom

Thurs., June 14, 7pm

Create a cool felt pin of your favorite fandom symbol.

Life Hacks: Basic Cooking Skills

Tues., June 26, 7pm

Heading off to college? Learn to prepare snacks and even a few simple meals using just a few utensils and a microwave.



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.

Follow the Library on



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 

Internet Classes

**Internet proficiency required:*

Genealogy: HeritageQuest & America's Obituaries 
Thurs., May 31, 9am

Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition 
Thurs., June 7, 9am

Genealogy: FamilySearch.org & Other Websites 
Thurs., June 14, 9am

Other Computer Classes

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 1

Tues., May 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**



Tues., June 5, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 3**



Tues., June 12, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 1**



Thurs., June 28, 9am

Summation; formulas; data entry; autofill; print

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 2**



Thurs., July 5, 9am

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

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016**



Tues., June 26, 9am

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Drop-In Craft

Thurs., May 10,

10am–12pm

Mon., May 14,

4–6pm

Tues., June 5,

10am–12pm

Thurs., July 5,

11am–1pm

All ages

Children ages 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Magician Ken Mate

Sat., June 2, 11am

Professional magician Ken Mate kicks off Summer Reading Club with his sleight of hand and quick wit. After the show, join us in the Reading Garden for ice cream and face-painting by Terri Mate. Doors to the Founders Room open at 10:45am.

Chess Knight

Tues., June 5–26, 7pm

Ages 8 through adult

Participants should have a basic knowledge of the game of chess.

Wendy & D.B.

Mon., June 18, 11am

Wendy and D.B. dazzle children and parents with songs as they encourage the audience to explore ways in which they can be better ambassadors of our planet. This interactive show comes alive! Doors to the Founders Room open at 10:45am.

Movies at the Library

Mon., July 2, 2pm

Call the Library for movie title, length, and rating.

International Games

Fri., June 15,

11am–12pm

Drop in to play games from or inspired by different countries.

Bingo

Wed., June 27, 1–2pm

Ages 3–14

Play number bingo and picture bingo. Children ages 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.



News from the Friends



Are you spring cleaning? Do you have books left over from your garage sale? Consider donating them to the Friends of the Batavia Public Library, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting, improving, and assisting the Library. Your unwanted books will find a home with our book sale customers. The money raised helps fund some of your favorite Library programs, including One Book, One Batavia; the Summer and Winter Reading Clubs; the Alphabet Garden; and more.

You can drop off a box or bag of books at the Check Out Desk whenever the Library is open. Please call ahead if you are donating multiple boxes of books (630-879-1393, ext. 100).

Looking to purchase books at bargain prices?

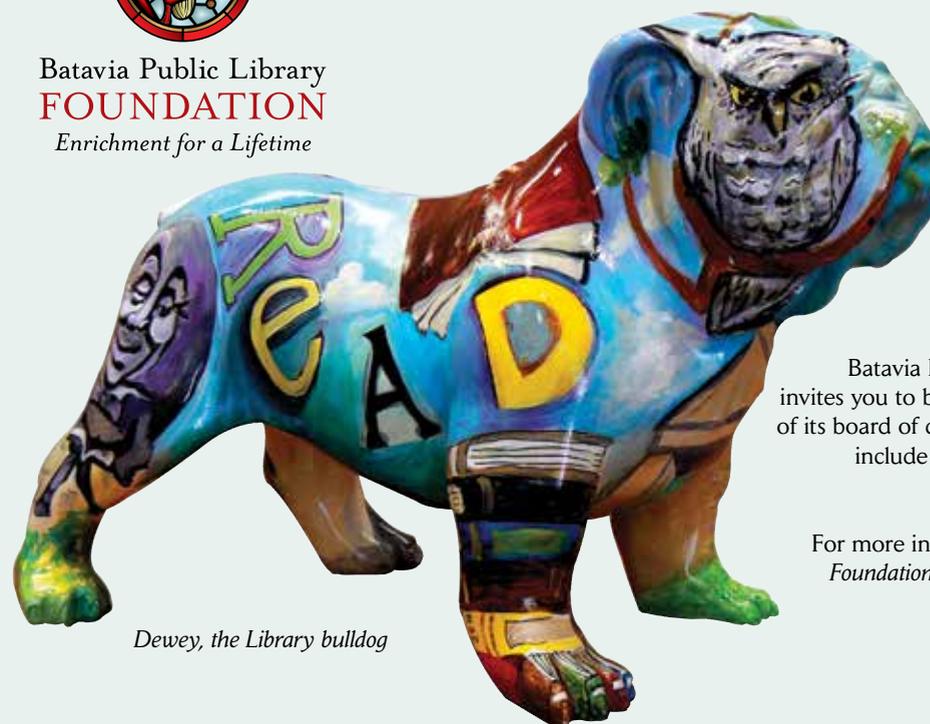
Visit the FriendSpace on
Saturday, May 12, 9:15am–4pm.

There is no Saturday book sale in June.



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Dewey, the Library bulldog

Batavia Public Library Foundation invites you to become an active member of its board of directors. Current projects include Bulldogs Unleashed 2018 and Save the Maps.

For more information, please write to
Foundation@BataviaPublicLibrary.org.