

Popular authors bring their stories to the Library



Jim Aylesworth

The Library is filled with books – a good thing. The Library is filled with authors – a wonderful thing.

Come to the Library during November to meet the nationally recognized author of a popular fiction series and an award-winning writer of children's books.

Jim Aylesworth, author of more than 30 picture books, including *The Tale of*

Tricky Fox, The Burger and the Hot Dog, and Naughty Little Monkeys, will speak at the Library on Sunday, November 11, at 2 pm. A first grade teacher for 25 years, Aylesworth now writes full-time and visits schools and libraries to read to children and to encourage them to read and write.

After his presentation, Aylesworth will sign copies of his most recent book, *Little Bitty Mousie*, which will be available for purchase that afternoon at the Library. Call the Youth Services Desk at (630) 879-4775, to register your family for this inspiring program.

Adult readers (and avid quilters) who enjoy novels about friendships, family, and perseverance, will enjoy a presentation by writer Jennifer Chiaverini on Monday, November 19, at 7 pm.

The author of the Elm Creek Quilts series, Chiaverini

includes a tale about a quilt, to some extent, in all of her books. The series "neatly stitches together social drama and the art of quilting" (*Library Journal*). *The New Year's Quilt*, due to be released in November, is the eleventh book in the series.

Chiaverini is also the author of two quilt pattern books and she, too, will sign her books following her presentation.

Chiaverini's visit is being co-sponsored by Prairie Shop Quilts in Batavia, which is owned by Bonita and Patrick Deering.

"I have been a fan of Jennifer Chiaverini since I first discovered her books several years ago," said Bonita Deering. "She is very popular with our customers and we are thrilled she is coming to Batavia."

Tickets (free) are required for this presentation and are now available at the Library Reference Desk and at Prairie Shop Quilts, 1911 West Wilson Street (next to Ace Hardware).



Jennifer Chiaverini

One Book, One Batavia 2008 author to visit

For the third year in a row, the author of the One Book, One Batavia selection will visit Batavia.

Connie Willis, author of the 2008 One Book selection, *Doomsday Book*, will be in Batavia on Thursday, March 20, and will speak at Books Between Bites at the Library at 12 noon, and at Batavia High School at 7 p.m.

Doomsday Book is part science fiction, part historical fiction, and all adventure. Willis' tale moves back and forth from 20th century England, where scholars and scientists at an unnamed university struggle to rescue a student who has time-traveled back to 14th century England, where the threat of bubonic plague is only one of the dangers that confront her.

Meanwhile, back in the 20th century, a modern day scourge impairs the efforts of those trying to rescue her.

Published in 1992, *Doomsday Book* was the winner of the Hugo and Nebula awards. Willis, who lives in Colorado, has written 15 books, including *To Say Nothing of the Dog* and three short story collections.

"This story has appeal even for those who don't usually read science fiction," explained Stacey Cisneros, head of Adult Services at the Library. "Willis has crafted a novel that has it all: warm, realistic characters, a riveting plot, and two vastly different settings that pull you into the story."

The Library has 25 copies of *Doomsday Book* available for check out.

One Book, One Batavia is a cooperative effort of the Library and Batavia High School. Willis' visit to Batavia is being sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.

Under the Cupola

"Every Book Its Reader," Part One

In my previous columns, I introduced *The Five Laws of Library Science* (1931), which outlined a set of principles that has become a guiding code among professional librarians, and described the First Law: Books Are for Use, and the Second Law: Every Reader His or Her Book; or, Books Are for All.

THIRD LAW: EVERY BOOK ITS READER

This law addresses the fundamental issue of removing barriers through the principle of Open Access, as well as such devices as shelf arrangement and catalog entries — plus reference work, the opening of popular departments, publicity methods, and extension work, which will be described in Part Two.

Open Access is the opportunity to see and examine the collection of books and other materials with as much freedom as in one's own private library. There was a day, not that long ago, when readers were not permitted to wander among the books, but rather were required to request books and other items from a service desk. There still are public libraries that keep such things as magazines or DVDs in a closed area, available only on demand, but such examples are increasingly uncommon.

However, we need more than Open Access to get Every Book Its Reader. In order to give books a reasonable chance to find their readers, there needs to be a structured, thoughtful classification scheme (like the Dewey Decimal Classification), which will ensure that various materials on similar topics will be kept together in close proximity. In other words, books should be arranged by subject (or, in the case of literature, by author), as opposed to size or color — two very real (but unsatisfactory) kinds of shelf-arrangement. Two specialized kinds of shelf arrangement will arrest a reader's attention: a separate section for new items, and small, strategically placed displays.

Another device, the catalog (once made of cards, now automated) can be of immense help in connecting books to readers. Two particular classes of analytic catalog entries, often quite transparent in an online public-access catalog (OPAC), are those for series and cross-references by subject and content. The extraordinary power of cross-references is found in catalog entries to individual essays, stories, poems, and chapters, which otherwise would be overlooked by most readers.

The Third Law led to the ground-breaking idea that, if a book is not being used, it often needs exposure to readers who will find it useful. To Be Continued...

George H. Scheetz, Director

The Library will be closed:

Wednesday, November 21 at 5pm
Thursday, November 22
Monday, December 24
Tuesday, December 25
Monday, December 31 at noon
Tuesday, January 1

Library Hours

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

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George H. Scheetz

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Batavia Artists' Guild Reception

Friday, November 16, 5:30–8 pm

Exhibit, Meet the Artists,
Refreshments
Library Meeting Room

Enjoy the exhibit
throughout the weekend
during Library hours

Programs and activities for youth

Storytimes

Baby Storytime

Tues., Dec. 4, 11am

Infants 7–23 months with a caregiver
This interactive program includes songs, rhymes, and games that will delight your baby. We ask that care arrangements be made outside of class for older siblings. Space is limited. Registration begins Nov. 17.

Lap Sit Storytime

Mon., Dec. 3, 10am

Tues., Dec. 4, 10am

Ages 2–3 with a caregiver
Enjoy stories, rhymes, and more. Classes last approximately 20 minutes. Registration begins Nov. 17.

Family Storytime

Mon., Nov. 12, 7pm

Mon., Dec. 3, 7pm

Families with children through age 7 are welcome. No registration required.

ABC Storytime

Wed., Dec. 5, 10am

Wed., Dec. 5, 1pm

Thurs., Dec. 6, 10am

Ages 3–6

Activities, Books, and Craft program for children 3 years old through kindergarten without a caregiver. Registration begins Nov. 17.

Babies & Tots Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Dec. 7, 10am

Babies and tots 0–35 months with a caregiver
Drop-in for songs, rhymes, and stories. No registration required.

Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Dec. 7, 1pm

Children ages 3–6; younger siblings welcome. An adult must accompany children under the age of 4 years. No registration required.

Book Character Visit

Sat., Nov. 10, 1pm

Barnes & Noble Booksellers will bring

Nicholas, 10, and Peter, 9, at the kiosk.



Registration Information

Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk at (630) 879-4775 to register and for more information. Unless otherwise noted, registration begins on the first of the month in which the program occurs. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration.

Clifford, The Big Red Dog, to the Library for stories and activities. No registration required.

For Students

Book Beat

Thurs., Nov. 15, 6pm

Coraline by Neil Gaiman
Grades 5–8

Tues., Dec. 11, 6pm

Worth by A. La Faye
Grades 4–8

Join us for book discussion, activities, and refreshments. Registration begins 4 weeks prior to class.

Book Worms

Tues., Nov. 13, 4:30pm

Tues., Nov. 27, 4:30pm

Tues., Dec. 11, 4:30pm

Grades K–1

Themed story and craft time for children in kindergarten and first grade. Registration required beginning on the first of each month.

Book Gems

Tues., Nov. 13, 6pm

Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship by Isabella Hatkoff

Tues., Dec. 18, 6pm

A Christmas Tale by Geronimo Stilton

Grades 2–3
Book club and activities for young readers. Registration begins the first of each month. Reserve a copy of the book when you register.

Mother/Daughter Book Chat

Thurs., Dec. 13, 7pm

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale
Grades 3–6

Girls and mom or another adult are invited to chat and enjoy activities. Registration begins 4 weeks prior to discussion.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course

Sat., Dec. 15, 9:30am–4:30pm

Ages 11–15
A 7-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 Dec. 1. Lottery drawing will be held Dec. 7. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders.



Sean, 11, practices first aid on a dummy during an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course at the Library.

Late Night at the Library

Fri., Nov. 9, 6–9pm

Grades 3–5

This after-hours program includes a scavenger hunt, games, pizza, and a guest performer. Parental permission slip and \$3 per participant required at registration. Register

in person at the Youth Services Desk beginning Oct. 29. Space is limited. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders and students.

For Families

Author Jim Aylesworth Visit

Sun., Nov. 11, 2pm

Jim Aylesworth is the author of more than

30 children's books.

Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of his newest book, *Little Bitty Mousie*. See Library feature story. Family registration requested.

Celebration of Lights

Sun., Nov. 25, 6:30-7:30pm

Holiday readings at the Batavia Depot Museum.

And Don't Miss...

Drop-In Crafts

Nov. 14, 16, & 17

Dec. 10, 14, 16, & 19

(call for times)

Movies at the Library

Tues., Nov. 20, 1pm

Fri., Dec. 28, 11am

Thurs., Jan. 3, 1:30pm

Please call the Library for movie title, length, and rating.

Children's Bingo

Wed., Nov. 21, 11am

Fri., Jan. 4, 11am

Ages 3–14

Children 5 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Board Game Challenge

Thurs., Dec. 27, 11am

Ages 7–14

Library Friends: growing and giving

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library has established a New Year's resolution and it's only November. According to Friends president Daniel Russo, a goal for 2008 is to reach a membership of 208.

"Membership in the Friends is very rewarding because members know they are supporting the Library and its programs," said Russo. "Volunteering with the Friends is also a great way to meet other people who love books and libraries."

The group recently held a book-sorting open house at the Library, which offered interested newcomers the opportunity to meet the Friends and to learn about the variety of ways its members contribute their talents in support of the group and, in turn, the Library.

Profits from the Friends' annual book sale in April, monthly on-going sales at the Library, book sales online, book bag sales, and special sales during the holidays, benefit the Library in many ways. One Book, One Batavia authors' visits and banners are funded by the Friends. The group is the sole sponsor of the Library's Winter Reading Club and one of the biggest sponsors of the Summer Reading Club. The Library's battery-operated mobility cart, the Alphabet Garden,

celebrations of National Library Week and for the Library's 125th birthday, and much more have been provided by the Friends.

The Friends recently approved money to purchase a new laminator, holiday decorations, new shelving for the Local History Room, and a Treasure Island Play Cube for Youth Services.

To join the Friends of the Batavia Public Library, pick up a Friends brochure and membership form at the Library, or go to www.BataviaPublicLibrary.org and click on "Library Friends." Individual annual memberships are \$10, family memberships are \$15, and senior (age 65 and older) memberships are \$5. There are additional levels of membership, as well. A gift membership to the Friends is another way to help the Friends support the Library.

In time for holiday gift giving, *The Book Lover's Calendar for 2008: 365 Days of Good Authors, Good Books & Good Reading* will again be sold at the Library's Check Out Desk for \$7 each. Proceeds from the calendars benefit the Friends and the Library.



Computer classes for adults

One-hour, hands-on computer classes. Registration is required; please call the Reference Desk, (630) 879-4777.



Computer Mouse Basics

Fri., Nov. 2, 9am

Tues., Dec. 4, 9am

This class is perfect for first-time computer users. Learn how to use a mouse, which is the first step in becoming computer literate.

Introduction to the Internet

Tues., Nov. 6, 9am

Wed., Dec. 5, 9am

Learn the basics of navigating the Internet, including typing a web address, linking from one web site to another, and conducting basic searches.

Searching the Internet

Wed., Nov. 7, 9am

Tues., Dec. 11, 9am

After you are comfortable with basic Internet use, learn how to use the Google search engine to find information. Covers general search tips, better search strategies, alternatives to search engines, and web site evaluation.

Shopping on the Internet

Tues., Nov. 20, 9am

Once you are comfortable with basic Internet use, learn to use Amazon and eBay. Amazon is a gigantic department store available only on the web. eBay is the largest online auction site in the world. Participants will learn how to search both sites to find what they need, and how to purchase it once they've found it.

Introduction to Email

Tues., Nov. 13, 9am

This is an introduction to free, web-based email. You will learn how to read, send, and manage email messages.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, Part 1

Thurs., Nov. 8, 9am

Learn how to create a document in Microsoft Word, including how to edit, change font style and size, underline, italicize, make bold, center text, and save. Participants should have an understanding of

keyboard basics and use of the mouse.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, Part 2

Thurs., Nov. 29, 9am

Going beyond the basics: How to change font or background colors; insert and format text boxes, clip art, and photographs; use bulleted or numbered lists; create tables; use lines, arrows, or autoshapes; and use page setup. Participants should have attended Part 1 or have equivalent experience.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007

Thurs., Nov. 15, 9am

Design and create an Excel spreadsheet, including summation, formulas, insertion and deletion of rows and cells, autofill, sort, and more.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007

Wed., Nov. 14, 9am

You will learn to create, print, and deliver a presentation, choosing a layout for your slides, adding and editing text, and saving your file.

Reference Databases at the Library

Fri., Nov. 9, 9am

The Library subscribes to over 20 online databases

that contain millions of full-text articles from authoritative reference works, periodicals, and newspapers. Search in databases in business, health, education, reading suggestions, and more. Some previous computer experience and mouse skills required.

Genealogy on the Internet, Part 1: Using HeritageQuest and Other Online Sources

Fri., Nov. 16, 9am

Learn the basics of using the Library's subscription database HeritageQuest and genealogy web sites such as FamilySearch.

Genealogy on the Internet, Part 2: Using Ancestry Library Edition

Fri., Nov. 23, 9am

Learn how to use the Library's subscription databases Ancestry Library Edition and America's Obituaries & Death Notices, as well as genealogy web sites.

Library Catalog Instruction

Tues., Nov. 27, 7pm

Learn to use iBistro, the library catalog, to look up books and other materials in this 20-minute hands-on class. Registration is required; please call the Reference Desk at (630) 879-4777 to register.

Programs for adults and teens

Registration is required; please call the Reference Desk, (630) 879-4777.

Writing Workshop: Creating a Sense of Place

Tues., Nov. 6, 7pm

Nancy Beckett, teacher and founder of Lakeside Writing Studio, Chicago, will offer advice for both beginning and experienced writers.

Author Jennifer Chiaverini Visit

Mon., Nov. 19, 7pm

Wisconsin author of the Elm Creek Quilts novels visits Batavia to discuss her novels. Tickets are required and are available at the Library Reference Desk and Prairie Shop Quilts, Batavia. See Library feature story.

Making a Gingerbread House

Thurs., Nov. 29, 7pm

Witness an edible gingerbread house constructed before your eyes. Receive step-by-step instructions and recipes, sip hot chocolate, take



home holiday treats, and win door prizes. Bring the whole family to this holiday program. Michael Niksic, a master chef who has appeared on TV and in national magazines, is the presenter.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Hear the story, learn about the composer, and listen to highlights from the operas of the 2007-2008 Lyric Opera season. All programs are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. No registration is required. Presented by the Tri-City Libraries Program Guild. **Nov. 13, Doctor Atomic** Geneva Public Library

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Wed., Nov. 14, 7pm

St. Charles Public Library Helping the World's Endangered Children Hundreds of millions of children are suffering from hunger, exploitation, poverty, war, disease,



and political apathy. Can increased foreign aid by the U.S. and involvement by NGOs and private agencies alleviate global poverty long term? Registration required.

Anime Club

Thurs., Nov. 8, 7pm

Wed., Nov. 28, 7pm

Thurs., Dec. 13, 7pm

Books Between Bites

Thurs., Nov. 15, 12 noon

The Congressman Who Got Away with Murder by Nat Brandt will be reviewed by local author and historian Marilyn Robinson. This fact-based novel of a murder committed in a jealous rage, takes place in pre-Civil War Washington, D.C.

Thurs., Dec. 13, 12 noon

The Power to Transform: Leadership that Brings Learning and Schooling to Life will be presented by its author, Stephanie Pace Marshall, Ph.D., founding president and president emerita of the Illinois

Mathematics and Science Academy.

Book Discussion

Tues., Nov. 13, 7:30pm

The Boys of Winter: The Untold Story of a Coach, a Dream, and the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team by Wayne Coffey Was this the "greatest sports moment of the twentieth century?" Coffey, a sportswriter for New York's *Daily News*, brings to life the players, the coach, and the game in Lake Placid that has been called "a miracle on ice."

January book discussion selection: *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder

