

2005-2006 Schedule for Batavia's Books Between Bites at



12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Third Thursday of the Month
Batavia Public Library, 10 South Batavia Avenue

Bring a sack lunch to enjoy during the book review — Coffee & soft drinks are available for sale

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Symmetry and the Beautiful Universe **Author & Presenter: Dr. Leon Lederman**

This Nobel Prize-winner and former director of Fermilab discusses the book he co-authored with Christopher T. Hill, which relates the importance of symmetry in art and architecture, and its crucial role in the laws of nature. He proposes that Einstein's greatest contribution was not $E=mc^2$, but the importance of symmetry.

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Old Ball Game by Frank DeFord **The Rivals by Johnette Howard**

Reviewer: Lester Munson This most knowledgeable Sports Illustrated editor and TV commentator returns to delight us with his annual discussion of sports-related books. In these, two of America's great sportswriters describe legendary feats in baseball by John McGraw, Christy Mathewson, and the New York Giants, and tennis with Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova.

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Heartstone

Author & Presenter: D. C. Brod

Arthurian legend figures into this contemporary thriller about a young woman's search for her missing father and the meaning behind the mysterious gemstone he left her. Debbie (D. C.) Brod is the author of six novels.

Thursday, December 15, 2005

Lake Journal

Author & Presenter: Tom Schlueter

This Kane County Chronicle writer returns to our program to tell about his second book, the story of family experiences during summers spent at his grandfather's cabin in northern Wisconsin.

Thursday, January 19, 2006

A Peek at the Literary Files of Bill Wood

Presenter: Jeff Schielke Batavia's Mayor makes his annual visit to the program to discuss the fascinating literary materials collected by his dear friend, the late educator and historian, Bill Wood.

Thursday, February 16, 2006

The Messenger **by Lois Lowry**

Reviewer: Rev. Michael Stoner This coming-of-age novel is set in a once-utopian village that has lost its way and is becoming closed to all outsiders. As with many of Lowry's writings, this celebrates our intertwined existence and shared calling to care for one another, speaking to young and old alike. Stoner is senior Pastor at Batavia United Methodist Church. Ten years ago he reviewed Lowry's book *The Giver*, the first in the trilogy that includes *Gathering Blue* and *The Messenger*.

Thursday, March 16, 2006

The Giver

Author & Presenter: Lois Lowry Author of over 30 books for children and teens, including 2 Newbery Medal winners, Lowry's Newbery Medal winner *The Giver* is this year's "One Book, One Batavia" selection. It is a futuristic novel that initially appears to depict an ideal society. At a special ceremony for twelve-year-olds, Jonas receives his life's assignment as the Receiver of Memory. His daily meetings with the Giver, who conveys memories of life before the establishment of their regimented society, prove disturbing and gradually lead Jonas to question their way of life.

Thursday, April 20, 2006

The Silver Queen **by Judy Dykman & Colleen Whitley** **Reviewer: Marilyn Robinson**

Batavia's resident historian tells of this intriguing story of a woman who amassed a fortune, was influential in Utah state politics, and became known in all the best homes in the United States, including one in Batavia.

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Billy Goat: **The Story of Chicago's Most Famous Saloon** **Author & Presenter: Rick Kogan**

The season isn't complete without an appearance by this most popular Chicago Tribune writer and WGN radio Sunday Papers host. He is writing a new book that should be finished just in time, which tells the fascinating story of this legendary establishment.

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