

# Meet the Candidates for Library Trustee



**Jennifer Cascell** is a medical assistant who teaches paper crafting classes in her spare time. As an avid reader, she is often at the Richmond library exploring new titles and some old favorites -- and you might also find her teaching her paper craft class there! Jenn thinks that our library is a great place to explore new interests and make new friends. She is running for the Library Board because she loves our library, and truly wants to help it grow in an increasingly digital age.

**Jerome Beal** is a stay-at-home father of four children from 18 months to 10 years of age. He served in the Army for three years after graduating from high school. Upon leaving the Army, Jerome earned a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice from Empire State College. He and his family have lived in the City of Batavia for nearly a decade. All members of the family are card-carrying Friends of the Library who attend library events on a regular basis. Jerome views the library as the hub of any community. It provides books, electronic resources, computer access, and a variety of programs for everyone. Since living in Batavia, he has noticed that the library has changed with the times by providing access to e-books, music, and programs to teach patrons computer/internet skills. Jerome would like to contribute to his community by serving on the library board to help the library continue to be a thriving institution for Batavia and its surrounding communities.



Richmond Memorial Library

Mission Statement

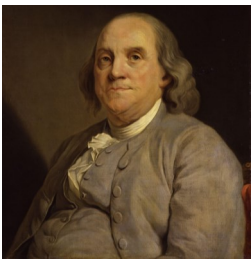
Richmond Memorial Library continually provides access to physical and virtual resources and services that meet the educational, informational and recreational needs of its diverse community in a safe and comfortable environment.

Richmond Memorial Library  
19 Ross St.  
Batavia, NY 14020

## Richmond Memorial Library 2016-2017 Budget Newsletter

### Free Public Libraries: An American Invention

Bob Conrad, Library Director



Benjamin Franklin,  
library innovator.  
(Portrait by Joseph Siffred Duplessis)

supported public library in the world open to every man, woman, and child, free of charge.

The Boston model spread fast across our young nation, all but replacing an earlier model of library service, the private subscription library, which Benjamin Franklin had helped pioneer when he founded The Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731. (George Washington made headlines in 2010, when a book that he borrowed from the private subscription New York Society Library was returned 221 years overdue.)

To understand the limits of subscription libraries, look no further than Batavia. We had two of our own: the Batavia Library, from 1804 to 1826, and the Batavia Library and Reading Room, from 1872 to 1884. Both shut their doors during hard times.

Or, look to Oswego, where the Oswego City Library operating today was founded in 1855 on the Boston model by the abolitionist Gerrit Smith, specifically to meet the educational and leisure needs of women, children, freedmen, and immigrants — the very people excluded from subscription libraries. Today, there are about 20 subscription libraries left in the United States, compared to 16,500 free public libraries supported by local taxes, together serving a population of 323 million people. Wow!



George Washington,  
library scofflaw.  
(Portrait by Gilbert Stuart)

Like free, compulsory education, free public libraries were invented in America by Yankees to solve a logistical problem of democratic government: how to build and maintain a widespread, informed electorate. 168 years later, representative democracy is one of America's leading exports, and global literacy rates are at an historic, all-time high.

As we enter our 128th year of operation, we at the Richmond Memorial Library want you to be aware of all that we now have to offer. In addition to the books, magazines, audiobooks, music CDs, and DVDs you have long enjoyed, more of our stories are being told online, in streaming and downloadable media. Our Hoopla, Zinio, Freegal, and Overdrive apps deliver free comics, music, movies, TV series, audiobooks, and eBooks right to your phone or computer, never creating lost or overdue fines. Drop in during our Checkout Challenge (April 11 - May 7, 2016) to learn about these services, and maybe win a prize. There is always more to check out at your local library!

### Library Use in 2015

Population chartered to serve .....	19,073
Library card holders .....	20,852
Visits to the library .....	180,110
Days open.....	301
Average daily attendance.....	598
Cataloged books.....	88,914
Estimated value (@\$20/each) .....	\$1,778,280
Other materials (music, movies, magazines, and more) .....	21,002
Estimated value (@\$15/item) .....	\$315,030
Estimated value of library collection .....	\$2,093,310
Items borrowed.....	204,632
Estimated value (@\$18/item).....	\$3,683,376

Reference transactions.....	16,217
Computer sessions .....	28,721
Visits to library website ( <a href="http://www.batavialibrary.org">www.batavialibrary.org</a> ) .....	68,944
Summer Reading participants .....	815
Summer Reading program sessions .....	83
Summer Reading program attendance .....	1,383
Other library programs offered.....	388
Other program attendance .....	5,817
Average program attendance.....	15
Non-library use of community rooms.....	355



ADULT PROGRAMS

Did you know?

- In 2015, the top-attended library programs for adults were:
- Adult Summer Reading Club
  - Tale for Three Counties' author visit, Laura McBride
  - No Blarney (Irish music)
  - Roula Alkhouri – A Jewish, Christian and Muslim Call for Peace
  - Book Sandwiched In review with Cathy Contant

**Reel Discussions**, our monthly movie screening, is now in its 9th year. Traditional comedies such as The Marx Brothers and true-life stories such as Argo and Fair Game have been the program's bill of fare, drawing as many as 84 people to a single screening. Sometimes, discussion leaders are available after the viewings to offer insight and provoke conversation. Reel Discussions are from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on every fourth Thursday.

COME VIEW THE MOVIE...Then join the group discussion afterward!

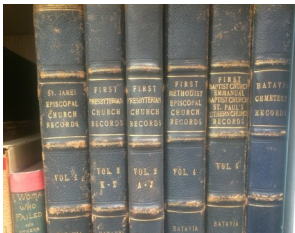
**Reel Discussions**  
at the  
Richmond Memorial Library

19 Ross Street, Batavia, NY 14020  
343-9550 [www.bataviailibrary.org](http://www.bataviailibrary.org)

What programs would YOU like to see hosted at the Richmond Memorial Library?

Local History  
Did you know?

Richmond Memorial Library has an extensive collection of local history and genealogy materials. The collection includes maps from the 19th and 20th centuries, histories of Genesee County and its towns and villages, historical city and telephone directories, microfilm copies of the *Daily News* from 1878 to the present, and earlier Genesee County newspapers dating back to 1826! There are census and cemetery records, photographs, family histories, and books by local authors. We provide access to Ancestry.com within the library, and home access to HeritageQuest -- both great sources for anyone researching their family. Additionally, the library's walls display the work of local artists. Wednesday afternoons feature "Genealogy by Appointment", a chance to work one-on-one with a library staff member on your family history. A five-week series of genealogy classes is being held during the month of April. So whether you are looking for a record from Ellis Island, an explanation of how Batavia received its name, or just wondering if your grandfather ever appeared in the *Daily News*, the library is your go-to source.



Uncover your family's roots in our one-of-a-kind local history collection



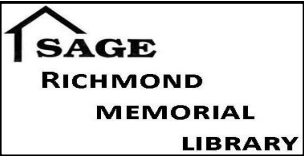
Library Services to the Aging and Homebound (SAGE)

Did you know?

The SAGE Program delivers library materials to up to 1,150 residents of 17 senior living facilities, and to more than 50 people directly in their homes. Last year, we circulated 16,572 books, audiobooks, movies, and music recordings to Genesee County's homebound and resident seniors.

Eligibility

Are you or a loved one in need of our services? You are eligible if you live in Genesee County, are at least 60 years old, and are confined to your home for short or extended periods of time for reasons such as illness, weather, or a lack of transportation. To register or volunteer, call 343-9550 ext. 6, or email us at [SAGE@nioga.org](mailto:SAGE@nioga.org).



**BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016**  
**9:00 am to 9:00 pm**  
**Gallery Room**

**PROPOSITION**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET**

*Shall the Board of Education of the City School District of Batavia be authorized to raise by tax \$23,945 to increase the annual appropriation from \$1,260,387 to \$1,284,332 for the benefit of the Richmond Memorial Library?*

**ELECTION OF CANDIDATE**  
**LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEMBER**  
For five year term: 2016-2021

*Vote for only one.*

☐ Jerome Beal

☐ Jennifer Cascell

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2016-2017 Proposed Budget		
Operating Income	2015-16	2016-17
Local Public Funds		
Batavia City School District	1260387	1284332
PILOT Funds	31558	41481
New York State Library Aid	4000	6000
Library Generated Income:		
Interest on Investments	1500	600
Fines/Printing/Photocopy	35000	28000
Gifts/Memorials	1500	3000
Rental space	1900	1950
Appropriated Fund Balance	84000	91966
	<b>\$1,419,845</b>	<b>\$1,457,329</b>
Genesee County Appropriation	25,636	unknown
	<b>\$1,445,481</b>	<b>\$1,457,329</b>
Operating Expenses	2015-2016	2016-2017
Library Materials:	118000	118000
Books	60000	55921
eBooks	6000	4993
Media	30000	29624
Periodicals	11000	9154
Microfilm	3000	2497
Online Resources	8000	15811
Imagination Library	2000	8000
Library Programs		13000
Supplies	32706	35206
Equipment	6000	6000
Computer/Technology Services & Support	37288	49288
Contractual Services & Support security system, printer/copiers	26672	38598
Other Services such as postage, legal fees, audit	16455	19455
Travel including mileage, staff training	10600	10600
Telecom	8799	7000
Utilities	42116	30000
Wages & Salaries	736103	764959
Social Security	56312	58520
Health Insurance + Fees	171344	175250
Retirement + Incentive	154200	122203
Worker's Compensation	1250	1250
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Add'l materials purchased with Genesee County Appropriations	25,636	unknown
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# Preparing for Fiscal Year 2016-17

By Elizabeth Stich, President, Richmond Memorial Library Board of Trustees

This year's budget has been prepared, once again, to balance the educational and recreational needs of the community against New York State's imperative to reduce its property tax burden. Therefore, the requested increase to the property tax levy falls under 2%.

With a modest 1.9% increase, we will be able to maintain all of the services, all of the hours of operation, and all of the collections which our usage statistics tell us have served this community so well. We'll be able to brighten up some interiors with fresh paint, offer more educational programs and family activities, and streamline our website experience, all for about \$67 a person, which is the average library tax in the state of New York.

Property taxes are further relieved through the generous services of library volunteers, The Friends of the Library's fundraising efforts, and the many generous gifts, memorial donations, and bequests left to the library and its new Foundation. For the many ways that Batavians and their Genesee neighbors support this remarkable library, we thank you!



Trustee President  
Elizabeth Stich

## 2015-2016 RML Board of Trustees:

Elizabeth Stich, *President* . Michael Rivers, *Vice President*  
Dana Warren . Jennifer Reardon . Norm Argulsky, *Trustees*

**The Friends of the Richmond Memorial Library** is an auxiliary support group established in 1974. A group of citizens dedicated to the library recognized the need, and welcomed the opportunity, to participate in, promote, and sustain the library's programs and activities. Today, the Friends continue to work closely with library staff to create and sustain programs which entertain and educate.



The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Richmond Memorial Library. Standing: Jim Lewis, Pat Becker, Peg Sanford, Karen Crupi, Debbie McAllister. Seated: Secretary Barb Matarazzo, President Kathy Zipkin, Treasurer Pam Meyer. Not pictured: Vice President Tina Schofield, Frances McNulty, Chris Fix, Cindy Zarcone.

Our primary method of fundraising is itself a popular program! A book sale is held the first Thursday of every month in the library's Wilber Room. Books donated by the public throughout the year are sold at these sales, with proceeds underwriting library programs, decorations, refreshments, and publicity.

All library patrons are welcome and encouraged to become a Friend. Enrollment forms are available at the circulation desk and throughout the library. No meetings are required, and individuals may choose to volunteer, or not, as opportunities arise.

Please visit our monthly book sale, attend a book discussion or other program, and consider joining us if you'd like to be the library's Friend. You can never have too many!

**The Richmond Memorial Library Foundation** was established in 2014 and formally separated from the Friends of the Library in 2015 to take on the challenge of building an endowment for the library's unseen, long-range needs. Cash reserves could one day benefit the library in a moment of crisis or of good fortune, while interest on a substantial endowment could underwrite the library's operations, reducing the tax burden annually. Our fundraising activities are curtailed until federal tax-exempt status is established, but at The Friends of the Richmond Memorial Library will accept donations and bequests earmarked for the library's endowment at this time.



The Board of Directors of the Richmond Memorial Library Foundation. Secretary Tracy Stokes, President Gregg McAllister, Vice President Peggy Lamb, Treasurer Samantha Schafer, Bill Kauffman, Tom Williams. Not pictured: Gretchen Bouchard, Nancy Mortellaro, Sandy Seyfried.

# ADULT SERVICES

## Online Content Did you know?

You can stream and download library content from the comfort of your home, and never pay another overdue fine! Check out the following through the library's website, [www.batavialibrary.org](http://www.batavialibrary.org); a library card is required for access:

**Freegal** Stream up to 3 hours of music per day, and download (to keep forever) up to 5 songs per week.

**Zinio** Check out (and keep forever) current or recent issues of hundreds of today's most popular magazines, in beautiful, full-content electronic editions.

**Overdrive** Download eBooks and eAudiobooks to your computer, notepad, phone, or dedicated reading device.

**Hoopla** One-stop stopping for books, audiobooks, comics, movies, TV shows, and more!



# Marshall Fund

## Did you know?

The library's SAGE program is one of many services underwritten by The Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging.

The Marshall Fund was established in 1998 to support services and programs which allow Genesee County's older residents to remain independent and involved.

The following is a list of programs and services available at no cost or low cost to residents of Genesee County who are 60 years of age and older:

- Financial Management—Lifespan
- Handyman Services—PathStone Corporation
- Home Visitation—Catholic Charities
- Library Services—Richmond Memorial Library
- Recreation mini-grants—Genesee Senior Foundation, Inc.
- Transportation—GC Office for the Aging
- Assisted Transportation
- Social Transportation



For more information call the  
Office for the Aging  
at 585-343-1611



# Youth Services at Richmond Memorial Library

Ages Birth to High School Graduation

You're Never Too Young (or too busy) to visit the Library!



## Why Join Summer Reading? (June 27 - August 5, 2016)

- Fun and interesting programs for Youth and Families
- Give kids a reading goal for the summer
- Prizes for reading!!
- Help prevent the "Summer Slide"

## KIDS WHO READ BEAT SUMMER SLIDE



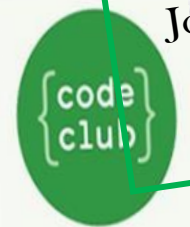
### DID YOU KNOW?

"Summer slide", the loss of reading skill over the summer break, accounts for 2/3 of the achievement gap between poor children and affluent children.



Galaxy Saving Heroes

We are More Than Just Books



Join our Code Club and learn about computer coding

## Go "Full STEAM Ahead"



and get hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math fun



Afterschool Crafternoons



The Ultimate Wizarding Family

You Never Know Who is Going to Show Up!!

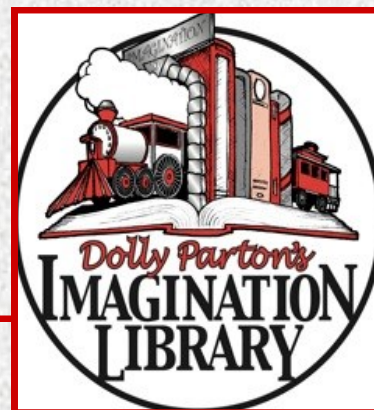
## April 26, 2016 Launch of Batavia Participation in Imagination Library

A national program from child reading advocate Dolly Parton

Children from birth to age 5 receive a book *every month* that they can keep and enjoy

Build an exciting home library

Come to our program at 6:30pm



## New Family Friendly Programming



The 2nd Saturday of each month offers a new way for families to learn and play together.

Building Bonanza      Agriculture Day with 4H

Day at the Beach

April 9th: An Exploration of Sound



Author James Kennedy



Even the Big Jolly Man Himself!

Oh, yeah, we have books too!