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## **Lake Villa District Library Welcomes Olympian Jesse Owens' Daughter Beverly Prather**

Lake Villa District Library welcomes **Beverly Prather, daughter of Olympic great, Jesse Owens**, on **Sunday, August 14 at 2pm**. Prather will discuss the famous **1936 Berlin Olympics** and how her father became the first American in Olympic Track and Field history to win four Gold Medals while breaking barriers in the process.

2016 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berlin Olympics where Owens not only discredited Hitler's master race theory, but affirmed that individual excellence, rather than race or origin, distinguishes one man from another.

Lake Villa District **Library's One Book, One Community selection, *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown**, tells another story from the 1936 games; that of the nine Americans from the University of Washington and their quest for Olympic Gold. Copies of the book, including the Young Reader Adaptation, are available for checkout.

The library's 2016 summer reading theme, **LVDL 2016: Read. Do. Win.** combines reading and doing for more chances at winning. Nearly 1700 people have signed up to participate and all are welcome at the **closing ceremony on Saturday, August 20 at 2pm**.

Lake Villa District Library enriches life in our community by connecting people with resources, services and each other. For more information, visit [www.lvdl.org](http://www.lvdl.org).

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