

Kids of All Ages

Saturday, February 4 – Lincoln Branch

Valentine's Make It! Take It! – 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Drop in to make a Valentine's Day craft for your "special someone." While supplies last.

Saturday, February 4 – North Branch

Laura Ingalls Wilder 150th Birthday Celebration – 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The girl who wrote about growing up in *Little House on the Prairie* would have been 150 years old on February 7. Celebrate her birthday by participating in crafts and games that Laura and her sisters would have enjoyed.

Saturday, February 4 – McClure Branch

Harry Potter Wand Make It! Take It! – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
It may not be Ollivanders, but you can stop by and create your own wand to practice your spells! While supplies last.

Sunday, February 5 & 19 – Lakeview Branch

Sunday Crafternoon – 12:00-5:00 p.m.
The storytime room will be open for families to relax and read books, color, and work on projects. Some crafting supplies will be provided. Parental supervision is required.

Tuesday, February 7 – Lincoln Branch

100th Day of School Celebration – various times
Join us for fun activities, including: 100 second Exercise dance challenges; Stories and Songs about the number; 100; Making a number 100 cookie snack; Various STEM activities of all ages of children.
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Preschool Activities
4:00-6:00 p.m. – Grade School Activities
6:00-8:00 p.m. – High School Activities

Thursday, February 9 – Lincoln Branch

Author Visit: Matt de la Peña – 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Newbery Medal-winning author Matt de la Peña is coming to Peoria! Learn about his award-winning book, *Last Stop on Market Street*, and purchase a signed copy. Parents and children will love this story about a little boy's adventure riding the city bus with his grandmother. A portion of book sales will benefit the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Saturday, February 11 – McClure Branch

Valentine's Make It! Take It! – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Drop by to make a special craft for someone you love! While supplies last.

Sunday, February 12 – North Branch

Music in the McKenzie Presents: The Brother Brothers – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
The Brother Brothers are a fiddle, cello, guitar harmony duo out of Brooklyn, NY but born and raised in Peoria. Get a preview at thebrotherbrothersmusic.com. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Monday, February 13 – Lakeview Branch

Valentine's Drop-in – 12:00-7:00 p.m.
Come make some valentines for your friends in celebration of February 14th. We'll have all the supplies you'll need.

Friday, February 17 – Lakeview Branch

Random Acts of Kindness Jar
Celebrate "Random Acts of Kindness Day" with us by choosing a random act of kindness from our jar and then do it. If you're looking for inspiration, we've got you covered.

Saturday, February 18 – North Branch

Black History Month Movie – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Bring the whole family to the North Branch as we watch *The Wiz Live!* (2015, G). This retelling of *The Wizard of Oz* has celebrated the achievements of black singers and actors since its Broadway debut in 1975!

Tuesday, February 21 – McClure Branch

Presidents' Birthday Party – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Enjoy cupcakes and ice cream as you do a craft or color a picture while we celebrate some of our country's most famous presidents with a birthday party! While supplies last.

Friday, February 24 – Lakeview Branch

LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

Saturday, February 25 – McClure Branch

Bird Feeder Creations – 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Join us as we learn a bit about what types of food attract different types of birds and create a bird feeder to hang at home for all the birds returning to Central Illinois during National Wild Bird Feeder Month.

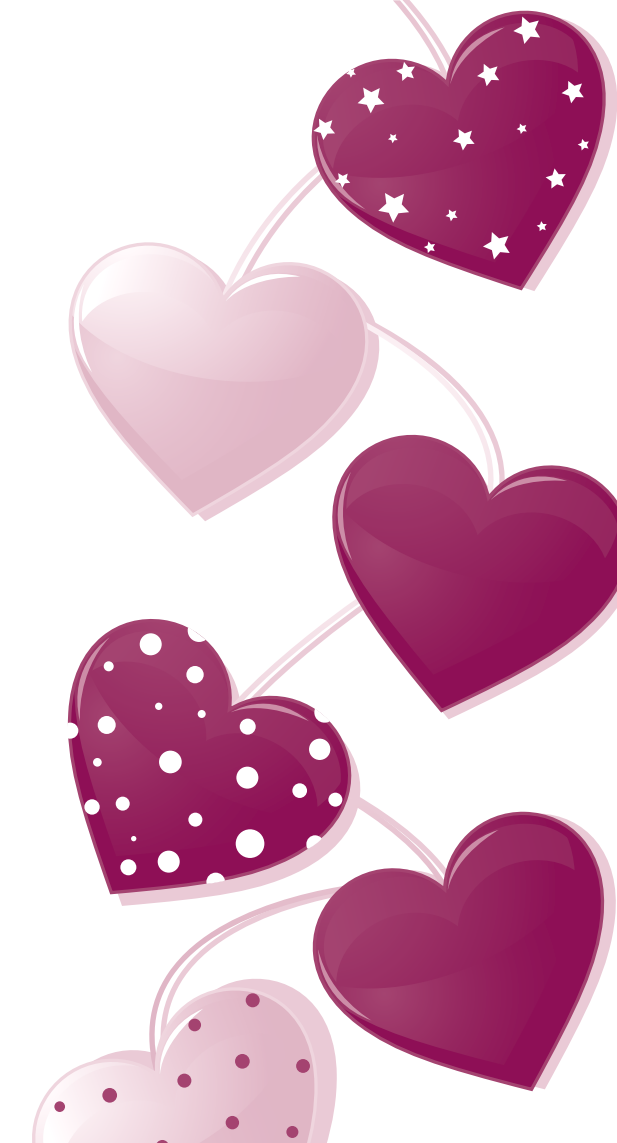
Tuesday, February 28 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Structure Building STEM Project – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Simple yet fun engineering projects for kids of all ages. Build structures and unique designs using plastic cups and popsicle sticks.

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KID EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2017



Storytimes

Wed. February 1, 8, 15, 22 – Lakeview Branch – 10:15-10:45 am
Mon. February 6, 13, 27 – North Branch – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Tiny Tots Storytime
Ages 12 to 23 months.

Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 – North Branch

Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 p.m.
Develop your baby's pre-literacy skills with this lapsit program, designed to help them understand new concepts and enhance their love of learning. Age 0 to 23 months.

Thursday, February 2, 9, 16 & 23 – McClure Branch

Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, February 2, 9, 16 & 23 – North Branch

A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts! Ages 2-3.

Friday, February 3, 10, 17 & 24 – North Branch

Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Children of all ages.

Saturday, February 4, 11, 18 & 25 – North Branch

Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Children of all ages.

Monday, February 6, 13 & 27 – Lakeview Branch

Tadpoles Storytime – 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Ages 2 to 3.

Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Lincoln Branch

Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Lakeview Branch

Preschool Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Friday, Feb. 10 – McClure Branch & Feb. 24 – Lakeview Branch

Baby Playground – 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Join us for a special playgroup designed to help explore the world through creative play. Ages 9 months to 24 months.

Monday, February 13 – North Branch

Pajama Storytime – 7:00-7:45 p.m.
Join us for a picture book party! Children of all ages.

Saturday, February 25 – Lakeview Branch

Sensory Storytime – 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Books, activities, and music designed to engage the senses, with sensory play and socialization for children with special needs.

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Main Library
309-497-2000
Closed on Sunday

Lakeview Branch
309-497-2200
Closed on Thursday

Lincoln Branch
309-497-2600
Closed on Wednesday

McClure Branch
309-497-2700
Closed on Sunday

North Branch
309-497-2100
Closed on Tuesday

Early Learners

February 9 & 14 – Lincoln Branch

Puppet Show: “Witch’s Valentine” – 10:00-10:30 am
Ages 3 to 6.

Friday, February 10 – Lakeview Branch

Toddler Art – 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Let your child explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills along the way. Please dress for a mess. For ages 2-4 years old with a caregiver.

Grade School

February

28 Days of Black History

Visit the Youth Services page of the Peoria Public Library website to explore the people and events that make up our Black Heritage and History.

February – Main Library

Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Information Desk any time we’re open. Pick up a special Groundhog Day craft from February 1 to 9.

February – Main Library

Valentine Seek and Find – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

You can earn a piece of candy if you can find one of the paper hearts hidden all over the Children’s Room. If you find a hidden heart turn it into the 1st Floor Information Desk for a candy treat. Ages 3-10.

Friday, February 3, 10, 17 & 24 – McClure Branch

Friday Fun Game Night – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us on Friday afternoons in February to play video, board, or card games, and more! Light snacks and drinks provided. Grade school and middle school ages.

Monday, February 6 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: DIY Snowman Tote Bag – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Decorate your own snowman tote bag. Paint or draw to personalize your bag. While supplies last. Ages 8 to 10.

Saturday, February 11 – North Branch

Math Challenge – 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Experience the joy of math by visiting the Beehive for a fun self-guided math challenge. Challenges will be geared toward students in grade three and up. Drop in any time. While supplies last.

Monday, February 27 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: STEM Tales – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us for a hands-on STEM twist on “Goldilocks and the Three Bears”. Design a new bed for Goldilocks through an engineering design process. Ages 5 to 8.

Middle School / High School

Wednesday, February 1, 8 & 15 – Main Library

A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture–3:00-5:00pm
Join us for a celebration through films and display tables that will feature important contributions by African Americans to art, literature, sports and pop culture.

February 1: *In the Heat of the Night*; February 8: *12 Years a Slave*; February 15: *The Color Purple*

Thursday, February 2 – Lincoln Branch

Punxsutawney Party – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

For Tweens and Teens ages 10-18. It’s Groundhog Day, again! In celebration, we’ll watch the classic movie *Groundhog Day* (PG), learn to draw zentangles, try some trivia, and have a snack. Thursday Nights Are For Teens!

Saturday, February 4, 11, 18 & 25 – McClure Branch

Black History Month Movie Series – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us to learn about important black history events and figures with these stirring movies and a themed book display in the McClure Room. February 4: *Selma*; February 11: *Malcolm X*; February 18: *Race*; February 25: *Red Tails*

Sunday, February 5 – Lakeview Branch

Between the Lines Genre Book Club – 2:30-3:30 p.m.

This month we will be reading mysteries. Choose one of your favorites or visit the Lakeview Branch for a suggested reading list. Ages 13 to 17.

Saturday, February 11 – Lincoln Branch

Minecraft – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Ages 8 to 14 can join us for Minecraft in the computer lab. Our theme for this month is “Let’s Build a Business.” Space is limited, so please call 497-2600 to register.

Monday, February 13 – Lakeview Branch

“Gal-entine’s” Day – 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Come celebrate everything girlfriends by decorating your own journal to take home. Snacks will be provided. While supplies last. For ages 11 to 17.

Tuesday, February 14 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: DIY Photo Pillow Cover – 5:00-6:00pm

Give mom the perfect Valentine’s Day gift by drawing and painting a pillow cover. While supplies last. Ages 10 to 12.

Wednesday, February 15 – North Branch

Creative Crafternoon – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us each month for an exploration of a different crafting medium. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Ages 12 and up. This month: Weaving

Thursday, February 16 – Lincoln Branch

TNT Movie of the Month: *The Lego Movie*–5:00-7:00pm

Tweens and teens ages 10 to 18, join us for a movie up on the big screen! In *The Lego Movie*, Emmet, an ordinary Lego construction worker, is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the Lego universe into eternal stasis. *The Lego Movie* is rated PG. Thursday Night is for Teens!

Middle School / High School

Saturday, February 18 – Main Library

Minecraft – 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Ages 8 to 14 are invited to join us for three hours of uninterrupted play. Space is limited, so call 497-2150 to register.

Saturday, February 18 – North Branch

Teen STEM Challenge – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

There’s a puzzle in the library, and all you have to solve it is your brain and a box of scraps. The most successful team will get a prize! Grades 6 to 12.

Thursday, February 21 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Black History Bingo – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun game of Black History Bingo, an interactive game that will introduce you to influential African American athletes, scientists, educators, and inventors. Ages 12-14.

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January 29 to February 1 – Lakeview Branch

Will He See His Shadow?

Stop by and make one of our DIY groundhog and shadow crafts. On the back write if you think he’ll see his shadow or not on Groundhog Day. Correct guesses will be entered into a drawing to win a gift certificate to Peoria Playhouse!

February – Lakeview Branch

Mardi Gras Display

Stop by our Mardi Gras display to learn more and check out a book, movie or CD inspired by this fun holiday. Make-it Take-it masks will also be available while supplies last.

February – McClure Branch

African-American Past, Present, and Future Reading Challenge

Each week, you’ll be challenged to learn about an African-American individual or event. There will be a display of books you can choose from, or library staff members are always happy to assist you in finding materials that interest you. Each week that you participate, you’ll receive a small prize and be entered into a drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card. For grade school and older.

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February – North Branch

Black History Month Coloring Pages

Stop by the information desk to pick up a coloring page and learn some history! Each page will teach about a different inventor, athlete, scientist, politician, or other special person who made a difference in the world!

February 1-13 – North Branch

Don’t Judge a Book By Its Cover!

Not sure what to read? Take a chance this month and maybe you’ll fall in love with one of our books!

February 1-7 – Main Library

Find the Wizard and Snap a Picture

Harry Potter is out in the Main Library just waiting for you to find him! Show your selfie to a staff member at the Information Desk to get an entry slip for a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift card! Don’t forget to share your picture with the Peoria Public Library Facebook page as well!

Wednesday, February 1 – North Branch

Harry Potter Trivia Night – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We’re calling wizards and muggles of all ages to test your knowledge on the world of Harry Potter! Prizes will be awarded to the top scoring team! Please register your teams of 4 via email to programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us by January 29. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by at least one adult on their team. Spectators are welcome and costumes are encouraged!

February 2-7 – Lincoln Branch

Find the Fantastic Beasts

Pick up your journal when you arrive, log your finds, and turn it in to the information desk to collect your reward for helping Newt track down his Fantastic Beasts!

Thursday, February 2 – Lakeview Branch

Harry Potter Book Read Night – 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Harry Potter books with discussions, crafts, and more! Please register by calling 309-497-2150 or emailing programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us.

February 4 & 5 – North Branch

Valentine Cards for Seniors

Stop by our crafting table and put together a special card for somebody who will appreciate the love. All cards will be delivered to local nursing homes.

All locations of ★ Peoria Public Library ★ will be closed for

PRESIDENTS’ DAY

Monday, February 20

★ North Branch always closed Tuesday ★