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Peoria Public Schools Honor Peoria Public Library

On February 6, Peoria Public Library was presented with a Community Contribution Award from Peoria Public Schools for their collaboration with the school district during the 2016-2017 school year at their regular School Board meeting.

Peoria Public Library supports the students and schools in a wide variety of ways. Students at 13 Peoria Public Schools have the opportunity to check out books from the Bookmobile, apply for library cards and request materials at regular stops.

The “One City, One Book” project, Peoria Reads! led by Peoria Public Library and Common Place will bring the *Silver Sparrow* author, Tayari Jones, to Peoria High School on February 24. Funding from the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program provided 100 copies of the book *Silver Sparrow* to the students and paid for the author visit.

Peoria Public Library and Hines Primary School are collaborating on “Barbers Love Books,” a project to support area barbers in serving as reading mentors to children in grades Kindergarten through 8th grades. Participants may read while they wait or in the chair while getting a haircut. The barbershop will give a discount of \$1 or \$2 to each child who reads while in the shop.

One of the latest support efforts is taking Sensory Story Time to Thomas Jefferson, Franklin, Northmoor Schools. Sensory Storytime features books, activities, and music designed to engage the senses, with part of each session reserved for sensory play and socialization for children with Autism or other special needs.

This March, Peoria Public Library will host the “Budding Artists” of Peoria Public Schools in an art show in the Gallery at Main Library, offering talented youth the opportunity to experience participating in a professional art show. The highlight will be the evening of March 16 when Parent University is held at Main Library and dancers, singers, musicians and artists all show their talents to parents, students and Peoria Public School staff.

Peoria Public Library staff always attend Parent University, school registration hubs and other special events in order to sign students up for library cards and to answer questions about library services and programs. All students, whether they live in the city of Peoria or not, are eligible for free library cards through an intergovernmental agreement with Peoria Public Schools, enabling those without library service to obtain the same benefits as other students.

March is Irish Heritage Month at Peoria Public Library

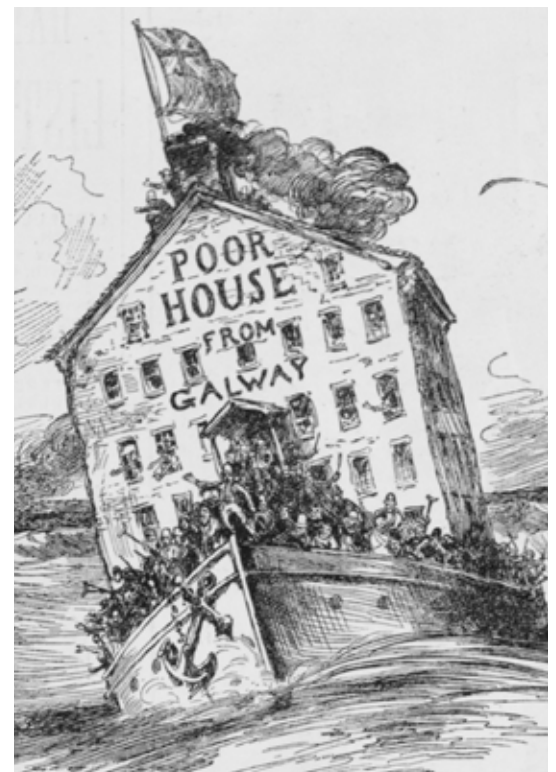
In addition to being a prime viewing spot for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Main Library will have a display on the infamous Famine Ships on Lower Level Two during March. Peoria became home to many from the Emerald Isle before, during and after the Irish Potato Famine years. A few short stories are offered as well as an explanation for why the south side of Peoria was once known as Little Kilkenny.

There are two chances to hear Irish music. On Saturday, March 4 Barry Cloyd will present “An Irish Immigrant’s Song” at North Branch at 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m. Turas will play a wide variety of Irish and Celtic music for Music in the McKenzie at North Branch.

The kids can have fun making crafts for St. Patrick’s Day at Lakeview Branch and North Branch while McClure Branch is offering St. Patrick’s Day science experiments.

Every Monday afternoon in March catch a movie about Ireland’s past. All shows start at 2:00 p.m. at North Branch and are free. Enjoy ’71, *In the Name of the Father*, *Angela’s Ashes* and *Quiet Man*.

Research your Irish ancestors in the Local History and Genealogy Department at Main Library or use Ancestry or Heritage Quest at any branch. Be sure to check the calendar in this newsletter for more details on these programs and all the other great things happening at Peoria Public Library this month.





March 16-30

Any way you slice it, you're going to **love** *Art of the Pie*.



Peoria Public Library to Participate in World's Largest Global eBook Club

No baking class needed, just a library card. Take part in the Big Library Read program, the world's largest global eBook reading club through libraries that connects millions of readers around the world with the same eBook at the same time. There will be unlimited copies of the eBook, *Art of the Pie*: one of 2016's best cookbooks from pie-guru Kate McDermott, starting Thursday, March 16 and concluding on Thursday, March 30 available at the ADML/Overdrive link, <http://www.peoriapubliclibrary.org/e-books>. Big Library Read is facilitated by OverDrive, the leading platform for eBooks and audiobooks from the library.

Kate McDermott has taught the time-honored craft of pie-making to thousands of people. In the *Art of the Pie* she shares her secrets to great crusts, fabulous fillings, and to living a good life. Kate provides dozens of recipes and stories for all the pie combinations you can dream up with hints and tricks helpful to even the most experienced pie baker.

"If you are a first time pie maker, the words in the book are the very same ones I share in the pie making workshops and I hope they will give you the confidence to dip your hands into the baking bowl," said author, Kate McDermott. It was a labor of love to write it for you."

Art of the Pie can be read on all major computers and devices, including iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets, Chromebook™ and Kindle® without wait lists or holds. The eBook cookbook will automatically expire at the end of the lending period, and there are no late fees. The Big Library Read program is made possible through a partnership between Peoria Public Library, OverDrive and Countryman Press, publisher of *Art of the Pie*.

Save the Date for Genealogy Day! by Amber Lowery

National Genealogy Day is coming and Peoria Public Library will hold a local Genealogy Day at the Main Library starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8. Session on tips and tricks with some of the databases the library has for patron use and a DNA round table opportunity as well as help from the Peoria County Genealogy Society offer an opportunity to discuss your questions and stories as well as find answers using DNA to find your family!

We will also be hosting a poster session for you to take part in! Sign up with our Programming Department to bring in a poster about your family tree, your greatest puzzle or your most impressive brick wall bashing! You can bring a laptop with a power point or slides or even family artifacts! Space will be limited, so email the Peoria Public Library Programming Department (programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us) or call them at (309)497-2143 to reserve your spot.

Bring a sack lunch to round off the morning with a gab session with other genealogy enthusiasts. Water, coffee, and tea will be available. Stick around in the afternoon! The Local History and Genealogy room will be open to continue your research and the Peoria County Genealogy Society will have members on hand to help. We have free wi-fi so feel free to bring your laptop or device along! We'd love to see you there! Stay tuned to our website for more! www.peoriapubliclibrary.org.

Illinois Reads! A Reading State of Mind

Each year the state of Illinois runs a statewide project to promote reading for Illinois citizens by selecting six books in each of six different age categories ranging from read-to books for infants to adult readers. A variety of topics and themes are chosen for each age group, with an emphasis on selections written by authors with ties to Illinois.

The 2017 Illinois Reads campaign will officially launch on March 11 at a ceremony in Wilmington with all 36 chosen authors. The project continues through the summer, officially ending on Family Reads night on the third Thursday in November.

March Children's Book Review by Madison Gailus

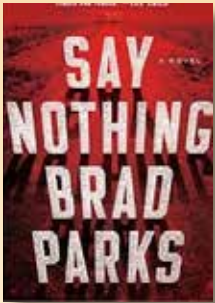
Don't Push The Button! By Bill Cotter

Larry is a purple monster. He has just one rule about reading this book, "Don't push the button!" He's very adamant about this rule. Except, the button starts to look pretty nice to Larry and he can't help but wonder what would happen if we just pushed it once. Upon doing so, Larry turns yellow! In his panic he has you push the button multiple times as you read through the book. More things start to happen to Larry; he develops spots and even multiplies. In order to fix his predicament, he entrusts the help of a book called, "So, you've pushed the button..." All is well in the end, or so it seems. In this interactive book, kids are overjoyed when asked to come up and push the button on the page. They just have to touch the red dot and are curious as to what will happen when they do. Will this have them touching other buttons they shouldn't? Maybe. At least there is a lesson to be learned here. (Picture Book, PreS-Gr2)



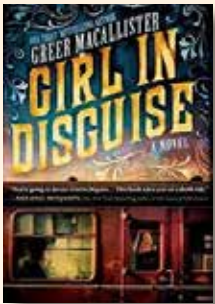
March

by Robin Helenthal



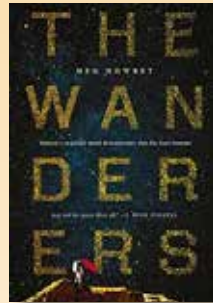
In *Say Nothing* by Brad Parks, Judge Scott Sampson and his wife Alison and two children are living what seems to be the perfect life, when everything changes. On a normal Wednesday, Scott picks up his children from school and takes them swimming. On this day though he receives a text from his wife saying that she will get the kids from school, but when she arrives home without the children and says she never sent a text, the

nightmare for this family begins. When the phone rings, it is the person who has taken the twins, Sam and Emma, and he makes his demands. The judge is to follow his instructions on how to rule on a drug case that the judge is trying. If the judge fails to do so, the children will die. This story is a legal thriller that includes blackmail, deceit, marital conflict and mistrust. There are a lot of twists and turns and maybe even some tears at the end.



Girl in Disguise by Greer Macallister is a historical novel based on the real life story of private investigator Kate Warne, who convinced Allan Pinkerton to hire her as a detective in Chicago in the 1850's. Kate is a widow and needs a job, she convinces Pinkerton that she can go places and do things that his male detectives cannot. She learns how to pick locks and do shadowing but her best skill is disguises. She can play the role of a

rich matron, Southern belle or doting sister. Kate eventually is put in charge of her own department of lady detectives. There is an author's note that will give details that explain the differences between the fiction story and Kate's true history.



The Wanderers by Meg Howrey is the story of three astronauts training for the first mission to Mars. Helen Kane, Yoshihiro Tanaka, and Sergei Kuznetsov must prove they are able to manage the trip by spending 17 months in a realistic simulation under the constant observation of the Prime Space team called the "Observers". Helen, Yoshi and Sergei must appear to be in control even when the line between real and unreal begin to blur.

They each must deal with their relationships with each other, their own thoughts and fears and the stress of worrying about their families at home. *The Wanderers* explores the difference those with the desire to discover and those that stay behind.



The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane is the latest book by Lisa See. In this book, we meet Li-yan and her family in a remote Yunnan village. They are tea farmers and a stranger comes to their village to find the rare tea he has been looking for and to meet the Akha people who grow the tea. Li-yan is one of the few educated girls in the village and she translates for the stranger. When she has a baby out of wedlock, she ignores tradition and swaddles her baby with a tea cake hidden in her blanket and abandons her in the city. The story follows the story of both Li-yan as she leave China and explores modern life and her daughter Haley, who was adopted and grew up as a privileged and loved California girl. Even though they were separated by situations, culture and distance, they search and find one another. The story celebrates a little know region of the world and the bond between a mother and daughter.

SATURDAY
March
11

everything in the store
and conference room
is half price



BOOK SALE

Main Library Lower Level 2 Hours: noon to 5 pm

MONDAY
March
13

fill a bag for \$3 from
bookstore and
conference room



CALENDAR

of programs and events

February 21 to March 3

BOOKMOBILE

Guess the Goldfish

Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss! Visit the Bookmobile (during normal Bookmobile hours) to guess how many goldfish are in the bowl. The winner will receive the goldfish and a Dr. Seuss book bag!

March

LAKEVIEW BRANCH & MCCLURE BRANCH
1 to 1 Tech Help

Have you ever wished you had your own personal technology guru to help you? Schedule a "1 to 1 Tech Help" session at the library! You pick a time slot that works with your schedule and provide some information about the computer or device you would like help with. At the meeting, a librarian will be ready to help and focus on you. Drop in or call to schedule your session in advance.

March

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

One-on-One Resume Writing Assistance

Do you have a copy of your resume on hand and need someone to look over it? Or are you having a hard time writing your resume and feel like you're not getting anywhere? Job seekers can call Fran at (309)497-2200 to schedule a one-hour session to help you write your resume.

March

NORTH BRANCH

Women's History Month "Answer of the Week"

You already know the answer...but what's the question? Each Wednesday a new Women's History Month topic will be posted – write an accompanying question and add it to our display board!

March

MAIN LIBRARY

Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Kids ages 5-12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Information Desk any time we're open. Ask for a Craft-to-Go, take it home and the fun begins.

Wed. March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 10:15-10:45 A.M.

Monday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27

NORTH BRANCH – 10:30-11:00 A.M.

Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

Wed. March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

MCCLURE BRANCH

Women's History Movie Wednesdays – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Celebrate strong, trailblazing women and moments in women's history. Popcorn and water provided! Audience members are welcome to bring drinks and snacks.

March 1: *Funny Girl*

March 8: *Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight*

March 15: *A League of Their Own*

March 22: *Secretariat*

March 29: *Erin Brockovich*

Wednesday, March 1

NORTH BRANCH

School's Out Early! – 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Peoria Public Schools are out early today, so stop by the North branch for a fun activity for grade school-aged children. It may be a craft, a puzzle, or a game – visit us on your afternoon off to find out more!

Wed. March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

NORTH BRANCH

Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 p.m.

Develop your baby's pre-literacy skills with this lapsit program, designed to introduce children and their caregivers to books, songs, rhymes and finger plays that will help them understand new concepts and enhance their love of learning. Caregivers will be encouraged to engage their child through one-on-one interactions, making reading time fun. Age 0 to 23 months.

Wed. March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

MAIN LIBRARY

Walk-In E-reader Assistance-4:00-5:00pm

Need some help learning how to download ebooks from the library? Free one-on-one help is available. Sessions are first come, first served.

Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15 & 22

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Tween Coloring Club – 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Youth Art Month with us by joining in on a special relaxation evening. Each week we'll listen to one disk in the audio book version of *The Giver* by Lois Lowry (who celebrates a birthday this month), color, and eat snacks. Come back each week, as you won't want to miss what happens next in this utopian/dystopian novel.

March 2-30

MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY

Peoria Public Schools Budding Artists

Peoria Public Schools will display artwork by the "budding artists" of the district. Come and see the talent represented across our school district.

Thurs. March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

MCCLURE BRANCH

Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 to 6.

Thurs. March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

NORTH BRANCH

A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.

We're learning the alphabet! Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts as we focus on learning the shapes of letters and the sounds they make! Ages 2 to 3.

Thursday, March 2

LINCOLN BRANCH

Online Game Swap and Play – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

For Tweens and Teens ages 10-18. Stop by the computer lab to play, share, and recommend your favorite free online games. Thursday Nights Are For Teens!

Friday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

NORTH BRANCH

Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Children of all ages.

Saturday, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

North Branch

Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am

Children of all ages.

Saturday, March 4

NORTH BRANCH

An Irish Immigrant's Song with Barry Cloyd – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

In the mid 1800's, at the time of the "Great Hunger", sometimes known as the Irish Potato Famine, the Mid-West was the western frontier of America. The influx of Celtic/Irish people in those times literally changed the face of America as they arrived seeking freedom and work on the great construction projects of the era. Their presence and stories still have an impact on our lives today. Through ancient myth and song as well as some original pieces, Cloyd presents the history and heart of the Celtic people who came to the Mid-West in search of liberty and opportunity.

Saturday, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

MAIN LIBRARY

Film Noir – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for our film noir series, hosted by Steve Tarter of the Peoria Journal Star.
March 4: *The Lady Vanishes* (1938)
March 11: *North By Northwest* (1959)
March 18: *Shadow of a Doubt* (1943)
March 25: *Strangers on a Train* (1951)

March 5-11

LINCOLN BRANCH

Teen Tech Week Bingo

Tweens and Teens can pick up a Bingo sheet at the checkout desk. Completed Bingo sheets can be returned for a small prize and a chance to win an Amazon Fire 7" Tablet!

Sunday, March 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. Crafting supplies provided. Parental supervision is required.

Monday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Tadpoles Storytime – 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Ages 2 to 3.

Monday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27

NORTH BRANCH

Irish Heritage Month Movies – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us during Irish Heritage Month to watch movies about Ireland's history.
March 6: '71 (R)
March 13: *In the Name of the Father* (R)
March 20: *Angela's Ashes* (R)
March 27: *Quiet Man* (not rated)

Monday, March 6

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Beautiful Biographies – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Read and learn more about a famous person you admire. Write a short book report on who they are and the great things they have done. Ages 8 to 10.

Monday, March 6

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Book Character Game – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

See if you can identify well-known book characters. Challenge your knowledge even more and see if you can identify the author's name. Ages 10 to 12.

Tuesday, March 7, 14, 21 & 28

LINCOLN BRANCH

Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, March 7, 14, 21 & 28

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Preschool Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, March 7

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 p.m.

This month: *What We Talk About When We Talk About Love* by Raymond Carver

Tuesday, March 7

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Librarian in a Box – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

What is a biography? Can you name three types of book genres? Want to be a librarian for a day? Join us to test your skills as a librarian. Ages 12 to 14.

Wednesday, March 8

PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY NORTH BRANCH

Lincoln Center Local: Free Screenings: Artist to Artist with Audra McDonald and Shanice Williams–10:30am-12:00pm

Lincoln Center Local brings exciting, and masterful performances to audiences. Audra McDonald is one of the most highly esteemed stage performers of all time. Tonight, she joins us to talk about the intricacies of her creative process and craft with Shanice Williams, who burst onto the scene as Dorothy in NBC's *The Wiz Live!* Major funding is provided by the Oak Foundation. Additional support is provided by the Altman Foundation and the Booth Ferris Foundation. For more information, call 309-497-2143.

Wednesday, March 8

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Beauty and the Beast Premiere Party – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Be our guest as we celebrate the release of Disney's live action remake of the classic fairytale about a beauty and a beast. Enjoy music, crafts, games, and other surprises!

Thursday, March 9

LINCOLN BRANCH

Alzheimer's Association Presentation – 10:00-11:00 a.m. & 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Early detection matters. The warning signs of Alzheimer's disease are often dismissed as side effects of normal aging. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. This program is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter.

Friday, March 10

MCCLURE BRANCH

Friday, March 24

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Baby Playground – 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Calling all babies! Join us for a special playgroup designed to help you explore your world through creative play. Ages 9 months to 24 months.

Friday, March 10

MCCLURE BRANCH

Baby Signing 101 –

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn how you can communicate with you baby long before they're physically capable of speech! Come away with some basic signs to get you started, and resources for you and your child to continue learning together. For parents and caregivers with infant children.

Friday, March 10

MCCLURE BRANCH

St. Patrick's Day Science – 4:00-5:00 pm

Take part in some special St. Patrick's Day science experiments to prepare for the holiday! For grade school ages. While supplies last.

Saturday, March 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 "Cities in the Sky." Space is limited, so please call 497-2600 to register.

Saturday, March 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.

March 11 & 13

MAIN LIBRARY

Friends of the Library Book Sale – 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Shop a half-price sale on March 11, or take advantage of a \$3 bag sale on March 13.

Sunday, March 12

NORTH BRANCH

Music in the McKenzie Presents: Turas – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

This group of friends is on a journey to share songs, stories, and good times (what the Irish call craic) with their audience. Playing a wide variety of Irish/Celtic music, Turas never fails to deliver on good music and good times. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Sunday, March 12

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Join us for a book club designed for reluctant readers. We will focus on a specific genre each month. This month we will be reading horror books. Choose one of your favorites or visit for a suggested reading list. Ages 13 to 17.

March 13-April 15

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Deaf History Month Display

Come learn and read up about some important dates in Deaf Culture and its history by checking out some items from our display.

Monday & Wednesday, March 13 & 15

MCCLURE BRANCH

Beauty and the Beast Movie Showings – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Prepare for the release of the live action Beauty and the Beast starring Emma Watson by catching up on two different adaptations of the film.
March 13 – *Beauty and the Beast* starring Rebecca De Mornay (1987)
March 15 – *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (1991)

Monday, March 13

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

SciFi & Fantasy Book Club–6:30-7:30pm

This month: Classics month! *Magic, Inc.* by Robert Heinlein and *Neuromancer* by William Gibson

Monday, March 13

NORTH BRANCH

Pajama Storytime – 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Join us for a picture book party! We'll enjoy stories, songs, and a craft! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket or stuffed friend-you'll be ready for bed when you head home! Children of all ages.

Tuesday, March 14

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Pi Day Celebration! – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Come Celebrate Pi Day (3.14) and Albert Einstein's Birthday with us by watching the movie *Pi* (rated R – for the adults), playing Pie Face, calculating Pi, reading stories and eating pie!

Tuesday, March 14

MCCLURE BRANCH

National Pi(e) Day – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Pi Day by sampling and voting for your favorite pie flavors! We will use the votes to create a pie graph of our answers, because what's better than a pie graph to visualize the mathematical meaning of "pi"?

Wednesday, March 15

NORTH BRANCH

Creative Crafternoon – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us 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: Crochet

Wednesday, March 15

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

St. Patrick's Day Craft – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us by making a shamrock craft to take home. While supplies last.

Wednesday, March 15

NORTH BRANCH

Genre Evolution Book Club – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This month, we're discussing early works in the adventure genre. Please read any of the following books: *The Pirate* by Sir Walter Scott, *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas, *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson, *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy. Any of the "Richard Sharpe" novels by Bernard Cornwell

Early Closing

Thursday, March 16

Main Library will close at 4:00 p.m.

The closing is in order to host Peoria Public Schools Parent University. All other locations close at the usual time.

Thursday, March 16

NORTH BRANCH

Third Thursday Film Fest – 2:00-5:00pm

Join us on the third Thursday of each month for a different film released in the 1950s. Bring a snack and enjoy an oldie but goodie on the big screen. This month: *Roman Holiday* (1951)

Thursday, March 16

LINCOLN BRANCH

Hour of Code Workshop – 6:30-7:30 pm

We'll be learning code using drag and drop blocks with code.org. Space is limited, so call 497-2600 to register today!

Friday, March 17

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Toddler Art – 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Come join us once a month for a fun artful activity geared towards toddlers. Let your child explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills along the way. Art projects might leave something to be desired but it's the process that really counts. Please dress for a mess. For ages 2 to 4 years old with a caregiver.

Saturday, March 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, March 18

MAIN LIBRARY

Autism Resource Group – 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Are you a parent with a tween or teen with Autism Spectrum Disorder? Join us for resource sharing and support. Minecraft is available in the computer lab during the same time if your child is interested. Please contact 497-2150 to reserve a spot for Minecraft.

Saturday, March 18

NORTH BRANCH

St. Patrick's Day Make It! Take It! – 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Wearin' of the Green isn't over yet! Join us in the Beehive to make a St. Pad-dy's Day craft! While supplies last.

Saturday, March 18

MAIN LIBRARY

Tabletop Gaming – 2:00-5:30 p.m.

We will be exploring a variety of systems through the year. Dice will be provided and beginners are welcome. For young adults to senior citizens.

Saturday, March 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.

Saturday, March 18

MCCLURE BRANCH

Audism Unveiled Showing–3:00-5:00pm

Join us to honor Deaf History Month with a showing of Audism Unveiled, a stirring documentary about the history and experiences of America's deaf and hard of hearing population (in American Sign Language with English subtitles).

Tuesday, March 21

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Color Craze Bookmarks – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Join the coloring craze. Get creative, and color beautiful and vibrant bookmarks for your personal bookmark collection. Ages 12 to 14.

Tuesday, March 21

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:30 pm

This month: *The Wrath and the Dawn* by Renee Ahdieh

Wednesday, March 22

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Club Read – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This month: *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones (2017 Peoria Reads pick)

Thursday, March 23

LINCOLN BRANCH

Celebrate National Chip and Dip Day! – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Who doesn't love chips & dip? Come and learn about chips and dips from all around the world, and enjoy a taste test or two! For tweens and teens ages 10 to 18. Thursday Nights Are For Teens!

Thursday, March 23

NORTH BRANCH

Sherlock Holmes Story Society – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Whether you've read the classic Sherlock Holmes stories a million times or none at all, all are welcome to experience *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* in this new reading discussion group. Each month, we'll tackle another short story. Like our hero bid his loyal companion over one hundred years ago, we invite you to "Come at once if convenient – if inconvenient come all the same"! This month: "A Case of Identity"

Friday, March 24

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Calling all LEGO fans! Join us at Lakeview Branch for our Lego Builders Club. Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

Saturday, March 25

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Sensory Storytime – 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Sensory Storytime features books, activities, and music designed to engage the senses, with part of each session reserved for sensory play and socialization for children with Autism or other special needs. Geared for ages 4 to 8, but children of all abilities, families, and siblings are encouraged to attend. Fidgets and ear muffs are available.

Saturday, March 25

NORTH BRANCH

Are You Art Smart? – 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Drop in for a fun introduction to the world's great art. Using library resources, identify the masterpiece, then create your own great work of art inspired by the classic. Participants' creations will be displayed at the library and one master artist will win a special prize.

Sunday, March 26

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Silver Screen Sundays – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

This month: *Bye Bye Birdie* starring Dick Van Dyke, directed by George Sidney.

Monday, March 27

MCCLURE BRANCH

Monday Morning Movie – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Enjoy movie time with these timeless classics! We'll provide the popcorn! This month: *The Maltese Falcon*

Monday, March 27

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: A Book Is Just Like You – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us as we read *A Book Is Just Like You* to find out how much you have in common with books. Ages 5 to 8.

Tuesday, March 28

LINCOLN BRANCH

Puppet Show: "Dragon Draws a Picture" – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Help the green dragon draw a beautiful picture! Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, March 28

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Book Buzz Bingo – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Play Bingo using characters and phrases from children's books. Ages 10 to 12.

Tuesday, March 28

LINCOLN BRANCH

Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 p.m.

This month: *Man on the Run* by Carl Weber

Tuesday, March 28

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Family Game and Puzzle Night – 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Unplug your family from all the screens and gadgets in your life, and spend some time together playing a game or putting together a puzzle. Choose from our large collection of board games and puzzles with a wide variety of age ranges. All families are invited.

Thursday, March 30

LINCOLN BRANCH

TNT Movie of the Month: The 5th Wave – 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tweens and teens ages 10 to 18, join us for a movie! In *The Fifth Wave*, aliens invade Earth and wreak havoc. Two teenagers try to stop the aliens, but is that even possible? PG-13.

READING BY DESIGN

Peoria Public Library Summer Reading 2017: Sign up starts May 1. Report your reading starting June 1

April

Book Clubs

At Peoria Public Library

Join a book club at Peoria Public Library this month. New members are always welcome!



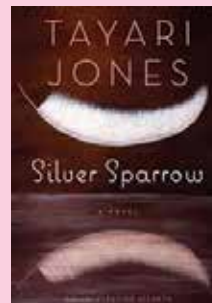
Club Read will meet on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton. It's a pleasure to discover an author who wields language in striking ways, and Burton's setting and story line are equally singular. In her enticing debut, set in 1680s Amsterdam, she counterbalances her mischievous premise with stark commentary

on greed, hypocrisy, and prejudice. Already puzzled by the indifference of her new husband, merchant-trader Johannes Brandt, 18-year-old Nella feels insulted by his seemingly childish wedding gift: a pricey dollhouse whose tiny rooms replicate the decor and layout of their home. However, she grows intrigued when the furnishings she commissions from a miniaturist reveal uncannily prescient insight into their household. Full of surprises and layers of secrets, the plot gathers suspense as Nella seeks answers from the enigmatic miniaturist and tension heightens between Johannes and a business associate over unsold sugar. While Nella's determination and colorful observations are appealing, the inscrutability of her chilly sister-in-law, Marin, deepens the sense of mystery. The interactions between these strong characters and their spirited maid, Cornelia, make this refreshingly different historical novel a standout portrayal of women's ingenuity.



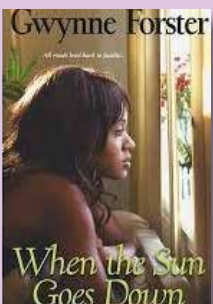
Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27 at North Branch to discuss "The Boscombe Valley Mystery." Whilst having breakfast with his wife one morning, Dr Watson receives a telegram from Sherlock Holmes, who wishes Watson to accompany him to Boscombe Valley for an investigation. On the journey,

Holmes informs Watson that the case concerns the death of Mr. Charles McCarthy. McCarthy was a tenant of Mr. John Turner, the largest landed proprietor in the area. Holmes makes an investigation of the crime scene and finds a stone which he informs Lestrade is the murder weapon. He also describes the boots, clothes and choice of cigar of the murderer. It isn't long until Holmes and Watson close the case.



The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss the Big Read Peoria Reads! 2017 selection, *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones. Set in a middle-class neighborhood in Atlanta in the 1980s, this novel revolves around James Witherspoon's two families—the public one and the secret one. When the daughters

from each family meet and form a friendship, only one of them knows they are sisters. It is a relationship destined to explode.



The Read on Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Branch to discuss *When the Sun Goes Down* by Gwynne Foster. When self-made millionaire and widower Leon Farrell dies, he leaves behind a legacy of family dysfunction - and a missing will. The possible loss of a fortune only increases the existing tension between his three

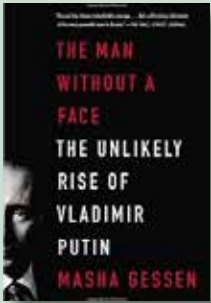
grown children. While handsome slacker Edgar kicks back in anticipation of his windfall, middle child Gunther struggles to save his software business and fiercely independent Shirley unsuccessfully tries to stay out of the fray. But things soon take an explosive turn and the siblings find themselves battling each other to protect their own interests.



The Book 'Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Black Robe Killings* by local author Jim Conover. When a third Chicago judge, in a three week time period, dies of flu-like symptoms, private detective Deuce Ryker is called in by the latest judge's widow to investigate the judge's death. He soon finds himself

caught between mob gangs, dirty cops, and murder.



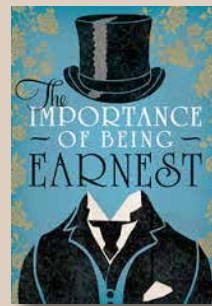


The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 9 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss *The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin*. *The Man Without a Face* is the chilling account of how a low-level, small-minded KGB operative ascended to the Russian presidency and, in an astonishingly short time, destroyed years

of progress and made his country once more a threat to her own people and to the world. Handpicked as a successor by the “family” surrounding an ailing and increasingly unpopular Boris Yeltsin, Vladimir Putin seemed like a perfect choice for the oligarchy to shape according to its own designs. Suddenly the boy who had stood in the shadows, dreaming of ruling the world, was a public figure, and his popularity soared. Russia and an infatuated West were determined to see the progressive leader of their dreams, even as he seized control of media, sent political rivals and critics into exile or to the grave, and smashed the country’s fragile electoral system, concentrating power in the hands of his cronies. As a journalist living in Moscow, Masha Gessen experienced this history firsthand, and for *The Man Without a Face* she has drawn on information and sources no other writer has tapped. Her account of how a “faceless” man maneuvered his way into absolute and absolutely corrupt power has the makings of a classic of narrative nonfiction.



The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, April 10 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *A Borrowed Man* by Gene Wolfe. It is perhaps a hundred years in the future, our civilization is gone, and another is in place in North America, but it retains many familiar things and structures. Although the population is now small, there is advanced technology, there are robots, and there are clones. E. A. Smithe is a borrowed person. He is a clone who lives on a third-tier shelf in a public library, and his personality is an uploaded recording of a deceased mystery writer. Smithe is a piece of property, not a legal human.



The Genre Evolution Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branch to discuss the evolution of the humor genre. Selections include *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde, a classic “mistaken identity” farce. Or try *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams, the modern classic that spoofed science fiction and philosophy and inspired several dramatizations. Other selections include *Candide* by Voltaire, any “Jeeves” story by P.G. Wodehouse, and *Breakfast of Champions* by Kurt Vonnegut. Choose one from the list, or read them all!



The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon. Natasha: I’m a girl who believes in science and facts. Not fate. Not destiny. Or dreams that will never come true. I’m definitely not the kind of girl who meets a cute boy on a crowded New York City street and falls in love with him. Not

when my family is twelve hours away from being deported to Jamaica. Falling in love with him won’t be my story. Daniel: I’ve always been the good son, the good student, living up to my parents’ high expectations. Never the poet. Or the dreamer. But when I see her, I forget about all that. Something about Natasha makes me think that fate has something much more extraordinary in store—for both of us.

The Universe: Every moment in our lives has brought us to this single moment. A million futures lie before us. Which one will come true?



Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet Tuesday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland about *Miss Emily* by Nuala O’Connor. Emily Dickinson’s life is reimagined in her own voice and through eyes of a young Irish maid—an enchanting novel in the spirit of *Long-*

bourne and *Mrs. Poe*. Ada Concannon’s first day in America is a success. She’s the new maid for the respected but eccentric Dickinson family of Amherst, Massachusetts. Despite the differences in age and class, eighteen-year-old Ada, “a neat little Irish person, fresh off the boat,” strikes up a deep friendship with Miss Emily, the gifted elder daughter living a spinster’s life at home. Emily is a bastion of support as Ada struggles to find her place in this new world, while Ada’s toil gives Emily the freedom she needs to write.



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