

Kids of All Ages

Saturday, April 1 – Lincoln Branch

Make It! Take It! Easter Craft – 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Make a “hoppy” fun Easter craft. While supplies last.

April 3-8 – North Branch

April Showers Craft-to-Go
Ask for a craft at the Information Desk, and take it home.

Monday, April 3 – Lakeview Branch

Word Winder: Sign Language Edition – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Brush up on your Manual Alphabet with this fun word game and make some new friends in the process. Recommended for those with a basic knowledge of spelling.

Tuesday & Friday, April 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28 – Lakeview Branch

After School Stretching Hour – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Join us for breathing techniques, simple poses, and movement games. Please wear flexible clothing. Ages 6 and up.

Sunday, April 9 & 30 – 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.

Saturday, April 8 – McClure Branch

Spring Make It! Take It! – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Drop by to make a spring craft to celebrate the new season! While supplies last.

Monday, April 10 – North Branch

National Library Week Edible Book Contest – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Individuals, families, and community groups are encouraged to create an edible entry based on a book. The public will be invited to view and vote on the creations. Contestants may use only edible materials to create an entry that is related to any book title. Entries should be dropped off at North Branch between 10am and 2pm on April 10. The winner will be announced at 4pm. After the announcement, prizes will be awarded and entries can be eaten. Visit peoriapubliclibrary.org for categories.

Tuesday, April 11 – Lakeview Branch

PAWS to Read – 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Celebrate National Library Week and National Pet Day by reading to a therapy dog. For children ages 7 and up. To register, call Peoria Humane Society at 672-2447.

Wednesday, April 12 – Lakeview Branch

Juggling Jeff – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Prepare to laugh and be wowed by Juggling Jeff during his comedic juggling show.

Thursday, April 13 – Lincoln Branch

Dress-Up Cinderella – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
All ages are welcome to dress-up in their finest and watch *Cinderella* (2015) on the big screen. Glass slippers, crowns, and tiaras are encouraged! *Cinderella* is rated PG.

Friday, April 21 – 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, April 22 – McClure Branch

Money Smart Week Kid's Read – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
We will have a special guest reader at McClure today for Money Smart Week! Stop in for a fun story, a gift bag, and a free book!

April 22-29 – McClure Branch

Money Smart Challenge
Test your Money Smarts with these challenges (one for children and one for older children/teens)! Turn in a completed challenge sheet to enter your name in the prize drawings, one for each age group.

Saturday, April 22 – 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, April 23 – North Branch

Music in the McKenzie Presents: Banjovi & Hawkins – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Join us each month for a new, interesting, and definitely entertaining musical performance! Jim Bonnett and Chris Hawkins make up Banjovi & Hawkins. They play a mix of traditional bluegrass, country, along with folk and rock favorites. They have played at The Red Barn, The Tartan Inn and participated in The Shoppes at Grand Prairie's "Performance on the Prairie" for summer 2016. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

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KID EVENTS

APRIL 2017



Storytimes

Saturday, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 – North Branch

Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
April 22 – Special event! Money Smart Week Kid's Read!
Children of all ages.

Monday, April 3, 10, 17, 24 – North Branch – 10:30-11:00am

Wed. April 5, 12, 19, 26 – Lakeview Branch – 10:15-10:45am
Tiny Tots Storytime
Ages 12 to 23 months.

Tuesday, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 – Lincoln Branch

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

Tuesday, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 – Lakeview Branch

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

Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 – North Branch

Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 p.m.
Develop your baby's pre-literacy skills with 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 0-23 months.

Thursday, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 – McClure Branch

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



Thursday, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 – North Branch

A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts as we focus on learning the letters and the sounds they make! Ages 2-3.

Friday, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 – North Branch

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

Monday, April 10 – 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 - you'll be ready for bed when you head home! Children of all ages.

Friday, April 14 – McClure Branch

Friday, April 28 – Lakeview Branch
Baby Playground – 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Join us for a special playgroup designed to help you explore your world through creative play. Ages 9 to 24 months.

Saturday, April 22 – Lakeview Branch

Sensory Storytime – 10:15-11:00 a.m.
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.

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309-497-2000
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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

Tuesday & Thursday, April 11 & 13 – Lincoln Branch
Puppet Show: “The Mysterious Egg” – 10:00-10:30am
Come find out what the mysterious egg is! Ages 3 to 6.

Friday, April 14 – 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. Ages 2-4 with a caregiver.

Grade School

April – 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. Ask for a Craft-to-Go, take it home and the fun begins.

Monday, April 3, 10, 17 & 24 – Lakeview Branch
Sensory Art – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
In celebration of Autism Awareness month, our patrons with autism are invited to attend an art workshop to explore their senses with art. We’ll have a variety of supplies for you to explore your creative style. Make a new project each time you’re here or work on one project during the four sessions. Let your creativity shine. Ages 5 to 14.

Monday, April 3 – Lincoln Branch
Front & Center: Code Cracker – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Crack the secret code to your special holiday, friendship, favorite game, library and school! Have fun finding the answers to these unique puzzles! Grades 3 and 4.

April 4-26 – Bookmobile
National Bookmobile Day Bookmark Contest
Help us celebrate National Bookmobile Day by creating your own bookmark! Grades K-4 may pick up a blank bookmark to decorate and be entered into a contest for a \$10 gift card to Barnes & Noble and have their bookmark printed. Winners will be notified on May 1.

Saturday, April 8 – 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 geared toward grade 3+. Drop in any time. While supplies last.

Monday, April 10 – Lakeview Branch
100th Day of the Year – 4:00-4:30 p.m.
We’ll build a 100 cup tower, see what 100 pennies looks like, enjoy a sucker from our 100 suckers ball, and more.



Tuesday, April 11 – McClure Branch
LEGO Movie Build-Along – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Watch *The LEGO Movie* (PG) while you enjoy a small snack and build with LEGO bricks to create your own masterpiece!

Thursday, April 13 – McClure Branch
Inside Out Color-Along – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Watch *Inside Out* (PG) while you enjoy a small snack and make a colorful creation to take home!

Saturday, April 15 – Lincoln Branch
Annual Easter Egg Hunt – 2:00-2:30 p.m.
Come help find the 2,000 Easter Eggs the Easter Bunny has hidden! We will provide the Easter bags for each participant to use! For Preschool through grade 6.

Saturday, April 15 – McClure Branch
Which Was Better Book Club – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Have you had one of your favorite books turned into a movie and it didn’t turn out the way you imagined? Did they miss something you thought was important to the story? Come discuss Eve Titus’ *Basil of Baker Street*, and enjoy the 1986 Disney film *The Great Mouse Detective*. Ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, April 20 – Lincoln Branch
Teen Titans Marathon – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Teen Titans is based on the Comic book series and is about a group of five young superheroes fighting crime while facing their own personal struggles. Teen Titans Go! Ages 8 and up.

Saturday, April 22 – McClure Branch
Going Green with a Green Thumb – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Learn how to reuse and recycle everyday materials to create your own garden. You’ll even have a chance to plant something and take it home to watch it grow!

Monday, April 24 – Lincoln Branch
Front&Center: Fairytales, Myths, & Fables – 5:00-6:00pm
From riddles, nursery rhymes, fantasy and myths enjoy these stories from the past. Grades K-2.

Middle School / High School

Saturday, April 1 – Lincoln Branch
Lincoln Branch Lock-In – 7:00-11:00 p.m.
You’ll get a virtual field trip program, play Super Hero Bingo, paint some pillowcases, play Escape Box/Room Challenge and many more activities. Register early by calling 497-2600.

Tuesday, April 4 – Lakeview Branch
Afternoon Art History – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Learn about the Paleolithic Era and cave paintings, as well as work on Stone Age-inspired art.

Tuesday, April 4 – Lincoln Branch
Front & Center: Fear Factor – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Join us for this stunt/dare game. Participants won’t know what they are eating or drinking... Grades 7 and 8.

Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 – Lakeview Branch
Tween Coloring Club – 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Each week we’ll listen to one disk in the audio book version of *Ramona the Pest* and *Ramona Forever* by Beverly Cleary (who has a birthday this month), color, and eat snacks.

Thursday, April 6 – Lincoln Branch
Disney Karaoke – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Join us for a night full of magical songs sung by you and your friends! For ages 10 to 18. Thursday Nights Are For Teens!

Saturday, April 8 – Lincoln Branch
Minecraft – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Our theme for this month is “Survival PVP.” Space is limited, so please call 497-2600 to register.

Saturday, April 15 – 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, April 15 – 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.

Monday & Tuesday, April 17, 18, 24, 25 – Lincoln Branch
Project Next Generation – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
It’s All About the Kids! (5th through 12th grades) Students will research the Internet, keep track of their findings, and create a design from the 3D printers. Students gain a broader understanding of computer modeling and basic mechanics of this newfound technology. *Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).* Sign-up is required. For more information, call 497-2600.

Tuesday, April 18 – Lincoln Branch
Front & Center: Cool Smoothies – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Learn nutrition information of different fruits and vegetables and we’ll demonstrate how to make fresh healthy smoothies. Grades 7 and 8. Call 309-497-2600 to register.

Wednesday, April 19 – North Branch
Creative Crafternoon – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Ages 12 and up. This month: Basketry

Tuesday, April 25 – Lincoln Branch
Front & Center: One Class, One Story – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Watch your story unfold as one person writes the introduction and others write the conflict, action, climax and conclusion. We’ll tell a terrific tale! Grades 5 and 6.

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April – All locations
Illinois Reads Contest
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. Pick up a reading log to participate. Read any four books from your age group. Turn it in by Family Reading Night, November 16, to be entered to win our drawing for a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card. Drawing will be held on November 17. One winner per age group.

April – Lakeview Branch
Book Spine Poetry Contest
Celebrate National Poetry Month by picking up a book spine poetry contest sheet. Hand it in before the end of April to be entered into a drawing to win a \$10 Target Gift Card.

April – McClure Branch
National Poetry Month
Celebrate by checking out a poetry collection, or by submitting a work of original poetry. All participants will be entered into a drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card.

April 1-June 30 – Lakeview Branch & McClure Branch
Emoji Reading Challenge
Pick up a reading challenge sheet for your desired aged group. Read at least one book represented by each emoji and turn in your challenge sheet to be entered to win an emoji prize pack.

April 1-15 – Lakeview Branch
Deaf History Month Display
Learn about some important dates in Deaf Culture and its history by checking out some items from our display.