

Kids of All Ages

Thursday, May 4 – Lincoln Branch Coloring Craze-y – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

We'll provide the paper, crayons, coloring pencils, and coloring books. You provide the creativity! Color a calendar and a key chain so you can enjoy your coloring creations whenever and wherever you want.

Saturday, May 6, 13 & 20 – Lakeview Branch Saturday Morning at the Library – 10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

While visiting to check out books, stop by our storytime room for a different activity each week.

May 6: Join us for a screening of the movie *Zootopia*

May 13: Play a life size version of the game Word Winder. Compete with family members or other kids to see who can find the most words

May 20: Make a dragon boat out of modeling clay to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival on May 30

Saturday, May 6 – Lincoln Branch

Make It! Take It! Mother's Day Craft–12:00-5:00pm
Come make a special Mother's Day craft. While supplies last. Children of all ages welcome.

Saturday, May 6 – Main Library

Pinktastic Celebration Sensation! – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Join us for a yearlong celebration of *Pinkalicious*. We'll read a book from the series and have fun activities relating to each *Pinkalicious* story. This month: *Goldilicious*

May 8-13 – North Branch

Limerick Week

Known for his "literary nonsense," English artist, author, illustrator and poet, Edward Lear was born on this week in 1812. Enjoy the traditional rhythm and rhyme as you hunt for clues on a poetic scavenger hunt and belly laugh along the way. A small prize will be awarded to those who complete the hunt. Small prizes will also be awarded to any patron who submits a limerick of their own. Scavenger hunts will be available for all from our youngest readers to our most seasoned patrons. Visit the Information Desk for your first clue.

Tuesday, May 9, 16, 23 & 30 – Lakeview Branch

After School Stretching Hour – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us as we practice breathing techniques, simple poses, and movement games. Please wear flexible clothing. For ages 6 and up.

Saturday, May 13 – McClure Branch

Mother's Day Make It! Take It! – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Create a gift to share with Mom or Grandma (or any special lady) this Mother's day! While supplies last.

Saturday, May 13 – North Branch

Last Minute Mother's Day Gift – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Come make a last minute gift for Mother's Day. We'll be making homemade body scrubs and lotions, and wrapping them up to make the perfect gift to pamper someone with.

Sunday, May 14 – Lakeview Branch

Sunday Afternoon: Mother's Day – 12:00-5:00 p.m.

The storytime room will be open for families to relax and read books, color, and work on projects. A special Mother's Day craft will be provided. Parental supervision is required.

Sunday, May 21 – North Branch

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

Chuck Mahieu and Steve Fairbanks have been inspired their whole lives by the bands and the songs of the British invasion era, the psychedelic 60s and the folkie 70s. Their set list includes songs by The Beatles, Neil Young, The Kinks, Bob Dylan, Lovin' Spoonful and more. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Tuesday, May 23 – 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.

Friday, May 26 – McClure Branch

Make Memorial Day Creative – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Choose from several Memorial Day craft options for a range of ability and age levels, or unleash your own creativity using the materials provided. While supplies last.

Friday, May 26 – Lakeview Branch

LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 31 – McClure Branch

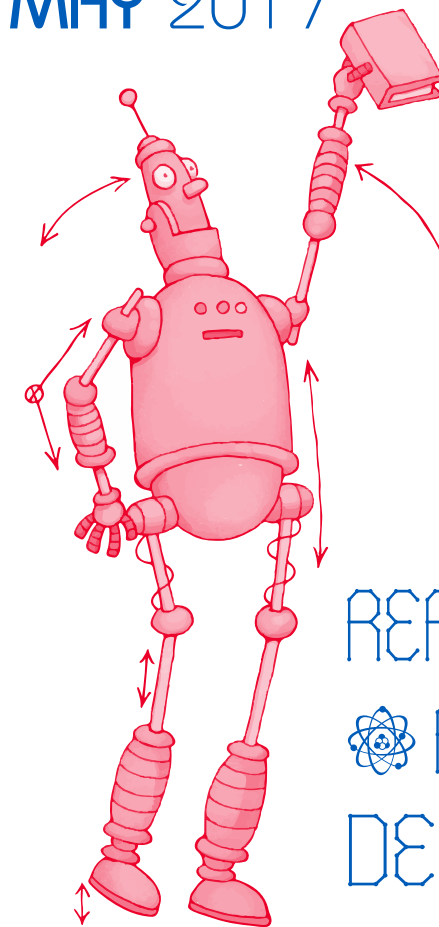
School's Out Movie – 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Celebrate the start of summer break with a showing of *Recess: School's Out!* Water and popcorn will be provided!

Peoria
Public
Library

KID EVENTS

MAY 2017



Summer Reading
Sign up starts **May 1** at all
Peoria Public Library locations
Free! Fun! for all ages!

Storytimes

Monday, May 1, 8, 15 & 22 – North Branch – 10:30-11:00 am
Wed. May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31–Lakeview Branch–10:15-10:45am
Tiny Tots Storytime
Ages 12 to 23 months.

Tuesday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – Lincoln Branch
Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – Lakeview Branch
Preschool Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Wednesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – 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. 0 to 23 months.

Thursday, May 4, 11, 18, & 25 – McClure Branch
Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 – 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 shapes of letters and the sounds they make! Ages 2-3

Friday, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 – North Branch
Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Children of all ages.

Saturday, May 6, 13 & 20 – North Branch
Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Children of all ages.

Monday, May 8 – 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; you'll be ready for bed when you head home!

Friday, May 12 – McClure Branch
Baby Signing 101 – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Learn how you can communicate with you baby long before they're physically capable of speech! Come away with some basic signs and resources for you and your child to continue learning.

Friday, May 12 – McClure Branch & May 26 – 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 9-24 months.

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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

Monday, May 1 – McClure Branch

May Day Basket Creations – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschoolers are invited to decorate a May Day basket. Fill it with treats to deliver to a friend or neighbor!

Friday, May 5 & Monday, May 15 – Lakeview Branch

Ready, Set, Move! – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Bring your wiggle worms to a program designed for early learners to get up, get moving, and exercise! Ages 3-5.

Thursday, May 11 & Tuesday, May 16 – Lincoln Branch

Puppet Show: “The Dog Who Forgot” – 10:00-10:30am
Come help the dog remember what to say! Ages 3-6.

Friday, May 12 – 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

May – 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 Floor Information Desk. Take it home & the fun begins.

Monday, May 1 & Tuesday, May 23 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Toothpick Painting – 5:00-6:00 pm
Make creative designs with paint, glue, wood, and toothpicks. May 1: Grades 3& 4, May 23: Grades K-4.

Saturday, May 6 – McClure Branch

Animal Toy Creations – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
The first week of May is Be Kind to Animals Week! Help create toys using recycled materials to share with your pets at home or donate to a local animal shelter.

Saturday, May 13 – 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 grade 3+. While supplies last.

Peoria Public Library and all locations
will be **CLOSED** in observance of

Memorial Day
weekend **Saturday, May 27**
through **Monday, May 29**

Reminder: North Branch is closed on Tuesdays.

Middle School / High School

Monday & Tuesday, May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23 – Lincoln Branch

Project Next Generation – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
It's All About the Kids! (5th through 12th grades) Participants work with project mentors and the library branch manager who provide technological experiences and life skills vital for lifelong success. Students will learn to use the 3-D Printer, as well as build their own models from shapes online to print from the Makerbot Replicator Mini 3D Printer. Students will research the Internet, keep track of their findings, and create a design from the 3D printers. This process will help 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, May 2 – Lakeview Branch

After School Art History – 4:00-6:30 p.m.
In honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, middle school students are invited to learn about Asian Pacific art, as well as work on a take-home craft inspired by Polynesian art while watching Disney's *Moana*!

Tuesday, May 2 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Read and Roll Dice Game – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Read short stories and answer the questions that correspond with the numbers on the dice you have rolled. Let's shake and roll to see how well you remember what you've read. Grades 7 and 8.

May 3-31 – McClure Branch

Fact or Fake Challenge
Learn the difference between factual and fake news in this month-long challenge! There will be a new topic or task to complete each week, so be sure to participate regularly so you can maximize your entries in the final prize drawing. Ages 10 and up.

Wednesday, May 3 – North Branch

Gilmore Girls Trivia Night – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Join us as we answer questions about our favorite Stars Hollow family and friends! Prizes will be awarded to the top scoring team! Please register your teams of 2-4 via email to programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us by May 1. Spectators welcome. For ages high school to adult.

Tuesday, May 9 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Bio Poems – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Introduce yourself through a Bio Poem. Share with others what you would like for them to know about you through poetry. Grades 5 and 6.

Middle School / High School

Wednesday, May 10, 17 & 24 – Lakeview Branch

Tween Coloring Club – 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Celebrate “Get Caught Reading” 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 Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (who celebrates a birthday this month), color, and eat snacks. Come back each week, as you won't want to miss what happens next. For middle school students.

Thursday, May 11 – Lincoln Branch

Super 8 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Ages 13 and up are welcome to join us for a snack and a movie up on the big screen! Super 8 is a sci-fi thriller that tells the story of a group of young teenagers who are filming their own movie when a train derailed, releasing a dangerous presence into their town. Super 8 is rated PG-13.

Saturday, May 13 – 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 “Tree-mendous Treehouses.” Space is limited, so please call 497-2600 to register.

Thursday, May 18 – Lincoln Branch

Discover Achaea MUD – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Achaea is a text-based online multiplayer role-playing game. Choose your character, name, gender and race (like elf, dwarf, human, troll, etc). Then you can explore the world of Achaea, adventure, quest, and interact with others who are doing the same. For ages 13 and up.

Tuesday, May 16 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Canvas and Tape Art – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Make fun and unique art pieces using canvas and tape. Hang these colorful masterpieces of art in your favorite spot at home or office. Grades 7 and 8.

Wednesday, May 17 – 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: Polymer Clay

Friday, May 19 – Lakeview Branch

DIY Bath Salts – 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Come pamper yourself with a fun evening of making bath salts and sipping on some tea. For ages 14 and up.

Saturday, May 20 – 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 please call 497-2150 to register.

Saturday, May 20 – 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.

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May – All locations

Summer Reading Signup
Come join us for a fun-filled summer of reading. Beginning May 1, readers from birth to seniors can sign up to be a participant in our Summer Reading Program. Read just three hours a week from June 4 to July 22 to win weekly prizes, enjoy fun-filled S.T.E.A.M. programs and more. Read six weeks and you will have earned a pass to the exciting Summer Reading Party on July 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Peoria Riverfront Museum and Caterpillar Visitor Center. You will have a chance to win big prizes and enjoy all the museums have to offer. For more information about this FREE program please call 497-2000.

May – 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 at any location and 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.

May – All locations

Coloring with Design
Start the summer with a bit of fun. Color a bookmark and submit to any Peoria Public Library location for display during the month of June. Pick up a bookmark at any location or print one from the library website.

May – Lakeview Branch

Tadpoles in the Library
Stop by in early May to mid August to watch the life cycle of our Leopard Frog tadpoles as they turn into frogs!

May – Lakeview Branch & McClure Branch

Emoji Reading Challenge
Stop by the information desk and pick up a reading challenge sheet for your desired age 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.

May 1-6 – All locations

Children's Book Choice Award Voting
Let your choice be heard! Come to any Peoria Public Library location, read the books, fill out the ballot and turn it in by May 6. We'll turn in your ballot on the official site at everychildareader.net/vote/, or go there yourself and vote for the book you think is best. The book winners will be announced May 31.

Thursday, May 4 – North Branch

Star Wars Day: DIY Droid Workshop – 4:00-5:30 pm
Behind every good Jedi is a faithful droid. Construct your new companion by using the Force to transform recycled materials. Children of all ages are welcome!