Summer Reading Sign Up Now Open!

Reading By Design: Summer Reading 2017 is coming your way and sign up is open at all locations starting May 1. Reporting reading to earn your rewards begins June 4 and continues through July 22. Summer Reading is for all ages and families have a great time reading together and earning that Summer Reading pass.

The U.S. Department of Education encourages daily reading by all students over the summer break to prevent “summer slide.” Having parents and other role models read sets the tone for students to not only do better when they return to school in the fall, but develops skills and habits that will help them succeed over their lifetime.

The U.S. Department of Education suggests parents offer incentives to young students to get them to read daily over the summer and says that one great encouragement is to let them choose the books they want to read.

Peoria Public Library helps families meet both these needs. By offering Reading By Design Summer Reading, not only will every summer reader receive a prize each week when they report their reading, but by reading six of seven weeks will earn a pass to the Summer Reading Party on Tuesday, July 25.

In addition readers of all ages have access to an enormous collection of books and even downloadable books. Tools found on the website at “What to Read Next” or by asking library staff can help anyone find books that will interest them if browsing the shelves is not producing what you want.

All it takes to be a Summer Reader is to stop in at your favorite branch and sign your Summer Reading contract. Then each week from June 4 through July 22, stop back and report that you read for three hours that week. You will get a price and after six weeks will have earned your Summer Reading Party Pass. Going on vacation? Never fear, you can still claim your reading while out of town, just ask how at the desk when you sign up.

The Summer Reading Party will be on Tuesday, July 25 at the Peoria Riverfront Museum and Caterpillar Visitor Center. Climb into the cab of giant machinery, see a Planetarium show, be entertained by Troy Roark and see the fascinating new “Playing With Light” exhibit – it is all included with your Party Pass. Then finish the night when Grand Prize winners are announced!

Come in and sign up during May and be ready to start Reading By Design!

Area Seniors Win Honors at Spelling Bee

Brenda Niedermeier is Peoria’s Senior Spelling Champion after the Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee competition was held at Peoria Public Library Lakeview Branch on Saturday, April 1. Runner-Up was Gerry Thornton and Sharon Trussler earned the Alternate spot after Ms. Niedermeirer won with the word “gibberish.”

Local adults age 50 and older were invited to participate in a local Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee competition hosted by Peoria Public Library. The Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee competition is an exciting statewide program that provides Illinois senior citizens the opportunity to showcase a lifetime of knowledge and to celebrate years of experience through their spelling abilities.

This effort is coordinated by the Association of Illinois Senior Centers, the Illinois Department on Aging, and local senior organizations throughout Illinois.

Local winners and runners up will advance to regional semi-finals. The State Finals will be held at the Illinois Building at the 2017 Illinois State Fair on Senior Day, Monday, August 14, 2017.

Genealogy Day Recap

by Amber Lowery

On Saturday, April 8, the Peoria Public Library, with the help of the Peoria County Genealogical Society, hosted a Genealogy Day at the Main Library. Peoria Public Staff and volunteers from the genealogical society held lectures and worked one on one with attendees to get just a little bit further on their family history. The program was open to the public and about 35 people attended. More than 10 people also participated in the following Poster Session where they could bring a poster board filled with information on their family history or how they broke through a brick wall in their family history. A local representative of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) was able to help one woman discover her patriot ancestor! A marvelous time was had by all. Are you interested in discovering what lies in your family tree? Get started today on your family history at Peoria Public Library with our databases, information for beginners and recommendations.
**Coloring by Kathleen Roberts**

Bookmarks for coloring will soon arrive at each of the library’s branch locations. Take one home to color and return it to share in special displays at each branch during the month of June. Submissions from all ages will be welcome.

It is a trending entertainment fulfilling a variety of expectations. It is relaxing, meditative, inspiring, creative, challenging, therapeutic, stress relieving and just plain fun. These are views held by a variety of people from professionals of the American Art Therapy Association, hospice chaplains, teachers, and even amateurs that include teens, seniors, executives, students, librarians, stay at home mothers and fathers, and more.

The tools are easily obtained: crayons, colored pencils, markers, gel pens, watercolor pencils, paint pens, watercolor paint, with additional specialized tools for blending colors for more advance techniques. Coloring is simple, take a coloring tool and apply to the chosen design in a manner that pleases the colorist. For those who want to expand their experience, books may be found on the library’s shelves at 741.24 from a basic *The Colored Pencil* by Bet Borgeson, to the advance coloring subject like *Creating Textures in Colored Pencil* by Gary Greene. Of course self-published videos abound on the Internet of colorists sharing their knowledge.

Inspiration can be drawn from visual images of photographs, illustrations and images found in travel, nature, and art books and children’s picture books. Also take advantage of examining finished art work on the Internet or special displays for ideas in colors, techniques, and presentation.

**May Children’s Book Review by Madison Gailus**

*Oh No, George* by Chris Haughton

George does what dogs do best: he eats cake, chases the cat, and digs up the flowers. When Harry his owner comes home to see the mess he is upset but not for long and suggests going for a nice walk. On this walk, George encounters all previous temptations and manages to behave. That is until he smells a garbage can and is once again faced with decision to go with his instincts or be a good dog. With each temptation the reader is asked, “What will George do?” and answered with “Oh no, George!” as they see the result on the next page. With brightly colored spreads and a break in the conventional rules for colors, readers follow a vivid pink and fuchsia George throughout the book. A great read-aloud book for home or storytime, it’s sure to delight its readers. (PreS- Grade 1)

**Hot New Titles Coming in May by Robin Helenthal**

*The Best of Adam Sharp: A Novel* is a romantic comedy by Graeme Simision. Twenty years ago, Adam Sharp was a talented piano player in a relationship with Angelina Brown who was a talented actress. They had the chance that it could have turned into something long term but Adam did not go after it. Adam is now on the edge of turning 50 and having a midlife crisis. He likes his life, he is happy with his partner Clare, he enjoys music trivia quiz night at the local pub, he helps his mother and he does some IT consulting work. But he is having moments where he contemplates on what might have been. When out of the blue, Angelina contacts him, Adam wonders if having a second chance is worth the risk.

*Into the Water* is a psychological thriller by Paula Hawkins. In the small British town of Beckford, there is a spot in the river that the locals call the Drowning Pool. This novel begins after a single mother and a teenage girl are found dead at the bottom of the river. Danielle Abbott had been working on a story about the river and its dark secrets at the time. Left behind were her teenage daughter and a pile of typewritten pages. Her sister Jules, who had vowed never to return to the town after an incident with her sister when they were teens, has come back to identify her sister and care for her niece Lena. There are many twists to the story and secrets and lies that Jules must muddle through before the mystery of the Dead Pool deaths will be revealed.

*The Broken Road: A Novel* is the first book in The Broken Roads Trilogy written by Richard Paul Evans that asks the question: “What if you could start over?” Charles James is a Chicago celebrity who has everything he has ever wanted but who struggles with nightmares that wake him every night. His childhood was one of poverty and pain but now he lives a life in which he can afford whatever he wants. He has earned his wealth legally, although he has persuaded people out of their hard earned money using the power of his personality. When one of his customers commits suicide because of financial ruin, he is shaken and he begins to question the type of man he has become. When by a twist of fate, he is declared dead, he gets the opportunity of a second chance to start over. What will he do with it?

*Come Sundown* by Nora Roberts is a novel about the Bodine ranch, home to the four generations of the Bodine family and Bodine Longbow keeps it running with a large staff which includes a new hire, Callen Skinner. One member of the family, Alice, ran off long before Bodine was born and the family figured she was dead but she is very much alive. Alice is part of a new family that she did not choose and her mind has been traumatized from what she has endured. When a bartender is found murdered after leaving the resort late one night, the police suspect Cal. When another woman is murdered and Alice suddenly reappears the family is shocked. The story that Alice tells is about to put the family is shocked. The story that Alice tells is about to put the family on the edge of turning 50 and having a midlifecrisis. He likes his life, he is happy with his partner Clare, he enjoys music trivia quiz night at the local pub, he helps his mother and he does some IT consulting work. But he is having moments where he contemplates on what might have been. When out of the blue, Angelina contacts him, Adam wonders if having a second chance is worth the risk.

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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 Peoria Public Library location 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.

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 Peoria Public Library location or print one from the library website. For all ages.

May
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 the Lakeview Branch or McClure Branch to schedule your session in advance.

May
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 you feel like you are not getting anywhere? Job seekers can call Fran at (309) 497-2200 to schedule a session to help you write your resume.

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. Readers of all ages.

May
MAIN LIBRARY
**Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**
Get your crafts to go. Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Floor Information Desk any time we’re open. Ask for a Craft-to-Go, take it home and the fun begins.

May
MAINE BRANCH
**Children’s Book Choice Award Voting**
Let your choice be heard! Kids of all ages can fill out a ballot and decide which of the books listed they think are the greatest. 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. Check with us to see if your favorite was the winner.

Monday, May 1
MCCLURE BRANCH
**May Day Basket Creations – 10:00-10:30 a.m.**
Preschoolers are invited to celebrate May Day by decorating a May Day basket. Fill it with treats to secretly deliver to a friend or neighbor to celebrate the arrival of spring!

Monday, May 1, 8, 15 & 22 – NORTH BRANCH – 10:30-11:00 A.M.
**Wed. May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 10:15-10:45 A.M.**
**Tiny Tots Storytime**
Ages 12 to 23 months.

Monday, May 1 & Tuesday, May 23
LINCOLN BRANCH
**Front & Center: Toothpick Painting – 5:00-6:00 p.m.**
Monday & Tuesday, May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23
LINCOLN BRANCH

**Project Next Generation – 5:00-7:00 pm**
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 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, 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.

**Tuesday, May 2**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

**Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 pm**
This month: All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

**Tuesday, May 2**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

**After School Art History – 4:00-6:30 pm**
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 3-30**
MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY

**53rd Annual Rennick Juried Art Show**
The 53rd annual Rennick Juried Art Show is hosted by the Peoria Historical Society in conjunction with Peoria Public Library and features local artists. Artists may choose to submit pieces in a wide variety of media that depict a scene within 100 miles of the tri-county area. A reception will be held in the Main Library Gallery on Saturday, May 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours. Those wishing to submit artwork may do so on Monday, May 1 in the Main Library Gallery.

**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 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**
MCCLURE BRANCH

**Fake News: A Community Conversation – 10:30-11:30 a.m.**
Join the McClure neighborhood and branch library staff in discussing the topic of “fake news.” What is it? How can you recognize it? Learn the answers to these questions and more! Light refreshments provided.

**Wednesday, May 3**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

**Star Wars Day: DIY Droid Workshop – 4:00-5:30 p.m.**
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!

**Thursday, May 4**
MCCLURE BRANCH

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

**Thursday, May 4, 11, 18 & 25**
MCCLURE BRANCH

**Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 p.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, May 4**
NORTH BRANCH

**Summer Reading Program**
Children of all ages.

**Friday, May 5, 12, 19 & 26**
NORTH BRANCH

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

**Thursday, May 4**
MAIN LIBRARY

**Walk-In E-reader Assistance – 4:00-5:00 p.m.**
Have a smartphone, tablet, or e-reader but 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, May 3**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

**From the Screen to the Stage – 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
Join us this month for a viewing of the film version of Billy Elliot (2000, rated R). Arrive a little early to enter your name into a drawing to win a free pair of tickets to see the stage version at Peoria Players Theatre! Drawing will take place promptly at 6:00 p.m. The show opens at Peoria Players on May 5!

**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.

**Thursday, May 4, 11, 18, & 25**
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.

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LINCOLN BRANCH

**Coloring Craze-y – 5:00-6:00 p.m.**
Join the coloring craze that is sweeping the nation. 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. All ages welcome!
**Friday, May 5**

**NORTH BRANCH**

**Mobile Scrapbooking – 10:30-11:30 am**

Grab your smart phone and come learn how to preserve all of those vacation memories! We will be looking at popular apps you can use to photo document your adventures before you even return home. We will also discuss options for printing out those creations and have a time for you to share your tried and true tips.

**Friday, May 5**

**McClure Branch**

**Crafty Senior Moments: Kentucky Derby Kickoff – 10:30-11:30 am.**

Who said only kids craft at the library? Join us to make some Kentucky Derby-themed creations, including centerpieces for a Derby party and an iconic hat, all while reliving some of this historic race’s greatest moments.

**Friday, May 5 & Monday, May 15**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Ready, Set, Move! – 11:00 am-12:00 pm**

Bring your wiggle worms to a program designed just for early learners to get up, get moving, and exercise while learning through play! Ages 3 to 5.

**Saturday, May 6, 13 & 20**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Saturday Morning at the Library – 10:15 am-12:00 pm**

Saturday mornings are for kids! While visiting to check out books, stop by our storytime room for an activity each week. May 6: 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, 13 & 20**

**NORTH BRANCH**

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

Children of all ages.

**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! Grade schoolers can help create toys using recycled materials to share with your pets at home or donate to a local animal shelter.

**Saturday, May 6**

**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Make It! Take It! Mother’s Day Craft – 12:00-5:00 p.m.**

Come make a special Mother’s Day craft. While supplies last. Children of all ages welcome.

**Saturday, May 6**

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Pinkalicious 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**

Come join us as we celebrate 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 North Branch Information Desk for your first clue.

**Monday, May 8**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**SciFi & Fantasy Book Club-6:30-7:30pm**

This month: *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker

**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 and bring a blanket or stuffed friend to snuggle --- you’ll be ready for bed when you head home! Children of all ages.

**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.

**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.

**Wednesday, May 10**

**PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY NORTH BRANCH**

**Lincoln Center Local: Free Screenings – 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Lincoln Center Local: Free Screenings brings intimate, exciting, and masterful performances from the New York Philharmonic, American Songbook, Great Performers, Out of Doors and more to audiences ... right here in your community! Join us each month as we view an exciting and entertaining FREE cultural event. Most screenings last approximately an hour. Major funding is provided by the Oak Foundation. Additional support is provided by the Altman Foundation and the Booth Ferris Foundation. For more information, please call 309-497-2143. This month: *Curtain Up - Go behind the scenes for the first time ever to experience the intensive training of ballet’s brightest future stars as they prepare for their vital end-of-year performances. An all-Balanchine program features Serenade, and excerpts from Swan Lake, and Western Symphony.*

**Wednesday, May 10, 17 & 24**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Twee 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 & Tuesday, May 16**

**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Puppet Show: "The Dog Who Forgot" – 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

Come help the dog remember what he’s supposed to say! Ages 3 to 6.
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 derails, releasing a dangerous presence into their town. Super 8 is rated PG-13.

Thursday, May 11
MAIN LIBRARY
Story of the McDonald’s Founders with Author Lisa Napoli–6:00-8:00pm
The movie The Founder, starring Michael Keaton, focuses the spotlight on Ray Kroc, the man who amassed a fortune as the chairman of McDonalds. But what about his wife, Joan, the woman who became famous for giving away his fortune? What’s fact and fiction in the film? Lisa Napoli tells the fascinating story behind the historic couple and the true story of the making of this iconic, controversial corporation. Copies of her book, Ray & Joan: The Man Who Made the McDonald’s Fortune and the Woman Who Gave It All Away, will be available for sale.

Friday, May 12
MCCLURE BRANCH
Baby Signing 101 – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Learn how you can communicate with your 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, May 12
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.

Friday, May 12 –MCCLURE BRANCH
Friday, 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 months to 24 months.

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 this month is “Tree-mendous Treehouses.” Space is limited, so call 497-2600 to register.

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 who cares for you) 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. All Ages.

Saturday, May 13
MAIN LIBRARY
Tabletop Gaming – 2:00-5:30 p.m.
Join us in the Monroe Room for Tabletop RPG gaming. 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.

Sunday, May 14
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Sunday Crafternoon: Mother’s Day Edition – 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.

Monday, May 15
NORTH BRANCH
Crime Fiction with Author Ed Traylor – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Retired Illinois State Police captain Ed Traylor tells us about his police thriller, The Crossing. Books will be available for sale and signing. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

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.

Tuesday, May 16
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:30pm
This month: A Fierce and Subtle Poison by Samantha Mabry

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

Wednesday, May 17
NORTH BRANCH
Genre Evolution Book Club – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
This month, we’re discussing early works in the mystery genre. Please read any of the books below! The Murders in the Rue Morgue by Edgar Allen Poe, The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins, And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie, ‘A’ is for Alibi by Sue Grafton, Faceless Killers by Henning Mankell

Thursday, May 18
NORTH BRANCH
Third Thursday Film Fest – 2:00-5:00 p.m.
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: Rebel Without a Cause (1955)
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.

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.

Friday, May 19  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**  
**Mocktails, Monet, & Me Paint Night Fundraiser – 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Uncork the artist in you and enjoy Paint Night After Hours. This event will allow participants of any skill level to recreate a beautiful painting by following step by step instructions. For a registration fee of $25 each, you receive your painting, appetizers, and fun mocktail drinks. Payment is due at the time of registration. This event is limited to space, so hurry in and register at the Information Desk.

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  
**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, 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.

Sunday, May 21  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club – 2:00-3:30 p.m.**  
This month: Love You More by Lisa Gardner

Sunday, May 21  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**Music in the McKenzie Presents: Random Strangers – 2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
Random Strangers returns to Music in the McKenzie! 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 many more. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Sunday, May 21  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Silver Screen Sundays – 2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
This month: 2001: A Space Odyssey, starring Keir Dullea and Gary Lockwood; directed by Stanley Kubrick

Sunday, May 21  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**  
**Meet the Author: Terrion Williamson – 3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
Meet author Terrion Williamson for a discussion and signing of her first book, Scandalize My Name. She is a native of Peoria’s south side and a Manual High School alumn. Copies of her book will be available to purchase, and a portion of the proceeds from book sales will benefit the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Monday, May 22  
**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! Sit back and be mesmerized with a different movie each month. This month: National Lampoon’s European Vacation

Tuesday, May 23  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Make Memorial Day Creative – 3:00-5:00 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: “The Five Orange Pips”

Friday, May 26  
**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.

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.

Wednesday, May 31  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Schools Out Movie – 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
Celebrate the start of summer break by coming to a showing of Recess: School’s Out! Water and popcorn will be provided!
Join a book club at Peoria Public Library this month. New members are always welcome!

**Club Read** will meet on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald. Broken Wheel, Iowa, has never seen anyone like Sara, who traveled all the way from Sweden just to meet her pen pal, Amy. When she arrives, however, she finds that Amy’s funeral has just ended. Luckily, the townspeople are happy to look after their bewildered tourist—even if they don’t understand her peculiar need for books. Marooned in a farm town that’s almost beyond repair, Sara starts a bookstore in honor of Broken Wheel and to convince them that reading is one of the great joys of life. But she makes some unconventional choices that could force a lot of secrets into the open and change things for everyone in town. Reminiscent of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, this is a warm, witty book about friendship, stories, and love.

**The Read on Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Branch to discuss *A Sinful Calling* by Kimberla Lawson Roby. Two years ago, to everyone’s surprise, Dillon Whitfield Black, the secret son of Reverend Curtis Black, boldly moved back home, married a woman named Raven, decided he was going to become a minister, and then founded a church right in the center of his living room. Today he’s pastor of a 1,000-plus-member congregation, and new members are joining weekly. Sadly, behind closed doors, Dillon is far from being a saint. Dillon has become more like the man his father was thirty years ago—consumed with money, power, and lots of women. His family may have let bygones be bygones, but they continue to keep their distance. In the end, no one will be able to trust anyone... and for very good reason.

**Sherlock Holmes Story Society** will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 22 at North Branch to discuss “The Man With the Twisted Lip,” one of the 56 short Sherlock Holmes stories written by British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Dr Watson is called upon late at night by a female friend of his wife. Her husband has been absent for several days. Frantic with worry, she seeks Dr. Watson’s help in fetching him home from an opium den. Watson does this, but he also finds his friend Sherlock Holmes in the den, disguised as an old man, trying to extract information about a new case from the addicts therein. The missing man, Mr. Neville St. Clair, is a respectable and punctual man who makes his family’s home in the country but regularly visits London on business matters. Making the matter more mysterious is that Mrs. St. Clair is sure that she saw her husband at a second-floor window of the opium den, in Upper Swandam Lane, a rough part of town near the docks. He withdrew into the window immediately, and Mrs. St. Clair is sure that there is something wrong. Holmes, of course, is on the case!

**The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club** will meet on Sunday, June 11 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss *The Rabbit Proof Fence* by Doris Pilkington Garimara. This extraordinary story of courage and faith is based on the actual experiences of three girls who fled from the repressive life of Moore River Native Settlement, following along the rabbit-proof fence back to their homelands. Assimilationist policy dictated that these girls be taken from their kin and their homes in order to be made white. Settlement life was unbearable with its chains and padlocks, barred windows, hard cold beds, and horrible food. Solitary confinement was doled out as regular punishment. The girls were not even allowed to speak their language. Of all the journeys made since white people set foot on Australian soil, the journey made by these girls born of Aboriginal mothers and white fathers speaks something to everyone.
The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 6 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *The Grass Is Singing* by Doris Lessing. Set in Southern Rhodesia under white rule, Doris Lessing’s first novel tells the story of Mary Turner, a self-confident, independent young woman who becomes the depressed, frustrated wife of an ineffectual, unsuccessful farmer. Little by little the ennui of years on the farm works its slow poison. Mary’s despair progresses until the fateful arrival of Moses, an enigmatic, virile black servant.

The Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, June 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Cutter* by local author Thomas Laird. A tersely written crime novel that sets Jimmy Parisi, of Chicago Homicide, after a serial killer called ‘The Farmer’ who deals in the business of supplying fresh organs to the medical black markets. In the criminal underbelly of Chicago, ‘The Farmer’ turns his murderous rage on Parisi who is desperately trying to catch him before The Farmer kills again.

The Genre Evolution Book Club will meet on June 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branch to discuss the evolution of the fantasy genre. Selections include *The Fellowship of the Ring*, arguably one of the most famous fantasy books of all time. Or try *Mistborn: The Final Empire*, an early work by contemporary fantasy writer Brandon Sanderson. Other selections include *Lud-in-the-Mist* by Hope Mirriees, *Mythago Wood* by Robert Holdstock, and any of the “Kull of Atlantis” stories by Robert E. Howard. Choose one from the list, or read them all!

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, June 12 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Frontier Earth* by Bruce Boxleitner. An alien is sent to warn Earth of an invasion lands in Tombstone, Arizona, in 1881—right in the middle of the OK Corral gunfight—with two bounty hunters on his tail and war about to break out in this frontier town.

Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet Tuesday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland about *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. The author of *Bird in Hand* and *The Way Life Should Be* delivers her most ambitious and powerful novel to date: a captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask. Rich in detail and epic in scope, *Orphan Train* is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of second chances, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt. Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he’ll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.

What’s Trending? At Peoria Public Library

To find out what’s trending, visit: peoriapubliclibrary.org/whats-trending
Mark your calendar!
Reading by Design
Summer Reading signup opens May 1.

Be a summer reader!

Read and report your three hours of reading a week from June 4 through July 22.

Earn your pass to the Summer Reading Party at the Peoria Riverfront Museum and Caterpillar Visitor Center on Tuesday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m.

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Saturday, May 27 through Monday, May 29
North Branch always closed Tuesdays.