Summer Reading is Here!

Reading By Design Summer Reading 2017 is waiting for you! The first day to sign your reading contract is Sunday, June 4 and you can sign up that day or before hand. Just make sure to sign for at least six weeks between June 4 and July 22 so you earn your Summer Reading pass.

Summer reading is for all ages. Everyone who participates will earn weekly prizes each week when you sign your contract. Sign up your entire family, or even your neighborhood and you can all attend the big Summer Reading Party together on Tuesday, July 25. The party takes place at Peoria Riverfront Museum and the Caterpillar Visitor Center. Roam back and forth across the plaza as you take in all the wonders they have to offer from giant machines to the exciting “Playing With Light” display, the planetarium and a special show just for Summer Readers.

For a family of four, Summer Reading Party Passes represent a value of $54. In addition, those attending have a chance to win one of the Grand Prizes, drawn at 8:00 p.m. Summer Reading is rewarding in more ways than one!

Set a great example for your children or grandchildren by reading with them. Whether you read to them or everyone reads their own book, they develop a lifelong skill that will help them for the rest of their lives. As an adult, summer readers have the opportunity to challenge themselves by reading something new and making sure your mind stays active with new ideas and dreams. Whatever age you are, summer reading is the program that helps you get ahead while you earn rewards.

The summer reading page is already live at www.peoriapubliclibrary.org and loaded with activities kids can do at home. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) are well-represented in these easy and fun activities. Take a look and take the challenge!

If you haven’t already, sign up for Reading By Design Summer Reading at your favorite Peoria Public Library location today!

Gala Event to Feature NY Times Bestselling Author Kimberla Lawson Roby

Kimberla Lawson Roby, author of 25 books and a frequent member of the NY Times and USA Today Bestseller lists, is the headliner for the third annual Read to the Rhythm Gala at Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch to be held on Friday, June 23 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Ms. Roby’s latest book, Sin of a Woman, will be released in June and copies will be available for sale and signing, along with copies of some of her other books. Her books have sold more than 2.8 million copies and she has been featured in the news across the country.

The event, which benefits The Friends of Peoria Public Library, will feature music by Change Up, food stations by Tongue & Cheek Catering and a Silent Auction. Dress is semi-formal. Tickets are $25 and are available at Lincoln Branch or by calling (309) 497-2600.

For more information about Kimberla Lawson Roby visit kimroby.com
Lincoln Center Local to Move to 2:30 p.m.
New Shows Announced

Starting on Thursday, July 13, Lincoln Center Local Free Screenings will move to a 2:30 p.m. time slot at North Branch. The series, which started in January, brings world class performances to our town. The shows are on the second Thursday of the month and from July through December will begin at 2:30 p.m. The June 14th show, Rosanne Cash, The Lone Bellow, Buddy Miller and Jim Lauderdale; will begin at 10:30 a.m. All shows are free and are in the McKenzie Room with digital projection and sound.

July 13 come for the Watkins Family Hour & Highway 61 Revisited. The album that changed the way we hear rock, folk, and blues and became the defining soundtrack for a generation, bursts into new life as Dylan's masterpiece is covered track-by-track by a house band made up of some of the various artists it inspired.

On August 10 see a screening of Heritage Blues Trio. When not performing with their nine-member, Grammy-nominated Heritage Blues Orchestra, guitarist and harmonica player Bill Sims Jr, vocalist and percussionist Chaey Simes, and guitarist and coalclist Junior Mack moonlight as the intimate Heritage Blues Trio. Just as the blues is full of joy and sorrow, the program will range from upbeat to reflective.

On September 14, see a screened performance of the Harlem Renaissance Orchestra and then on October 12 it's Sinatra: A Voice for a Century.

November 9 Lincoln Center Local Screenings brings Norm Lewis “Who Am I?” and December 14 see a program of the Danish String Quartet: A Little Night Music. All screenings are free and open to the public.

Genetic Genealogy At the Library by Amber Lowery

Have you seen the commercials for Ancestry.com, 23andme, and other genetic testing services? Maybe you've wondered about taking one yourself or had someone in your family ask you to test. Genetic genealogy is a field that's rapidly gaining ground and becoming quite commonplace as a tool amongst genealogists. But what IS it? Genetic genealogy is the use of DNA along with traditional genealogy methods to determine one's heritage. In fact, as testing becomes more affordable to the average consumer, more people are asking themselves who they really are. Here's a little background into today's use of DNA for genealogical purposes.

The most basic DNA kit from the major genealogical websites is usually an autosomal test. For $60 to $100, you can do a saliva or swab test (depending on the company) and about 6-8 weeks later, you receive a report about your specific genetic makeup. Some may be shocked by what they learn about themselves. Other more expensive and extensive tests exist, such as Y-DNA (for males only) and mitochondrial testing, but the overwhelming majority start with the autosomal kit.

Results can be truly fascinating and confusing. It’s not a “magic” pill. And it won’t determine your history back to the origins of man, despite the commercials offered by testing companies. What it can do is work with the tree you have documented on paper to clarify and give new leads. So what can the Peoria Public Library do to help you determine if DNA testing is your next step in your research for your family history?

Since genetic genealogy is still pretty new, there are not many books out about it yet, but there are a few full of good information for beginners. There are also independent websites that teach people what to look for in their results. Of course we have abundant resources for you to work on documenting your tree and databases like Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest and Historic Maps.

So if you are ready to take that next step in your genealogical research, come down to the library! We've got free wi-fi in all of our locations, as well as internet computers, a rich collection of genealogy resources and a growing collection of genetic genealogy resources for your use.

Meet Author Reyna Grande
June 15

Reyna Grande, award-winning author, brings her unique perspective to the immigration debate at North Branch on Thursday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. when she will talk about her book The Distance Between Us.

This moving memoir is a motivating coming-of-age story about the pursuit of a better life. Reyna was two when her father left Mexico to find work in the U.S. and she later followed him as an undocumented immigrant at age 10. Reyna went on to become the first person in her family to graduate from college. Her memoir offers an unprecedented perspective of what millions face on a daily basis.

The Distance Between Us will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds going to the Friends of the Library. The event is free and open to the public. For more information about Reyna, please visit www.ReynaGrande.com

Patron Requests Add to Library Collection

Libraries buy books to reflect the interests of their community as well as providing the materials that are generally regarded as important and popular across the country. Peoria Public Library patrons who can not find the book they are interested in through the catalog are invited to submit a request to purchase the item. Just speak to anyone at the information desk at your branch, or send an email or even call (309)497-2000 and someone will help you. The varied interests of the community are reflected in recently purchased titles:

- Dark Age America: Climate Change, Cultural Collapse, and the Hard Future Ahead by John Michael Greer
- Police at the Station and They Don’t Look Friendly: a Detective Sean Duffy Novel by Adrian McKinty
- The Housekeeper: a Novel by Suellen Dainty
- The Woman Next Door by Yewande Omotoso
- Grief is the Thing with Feathers: a Novel by Max Porter
- Yesternight by Cat Winters
- The Woman on the Orient Express: a novel by Lindsay Jayne Ashford
- A Separation by Katie Kitamura
- The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement by The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
- Carl Weber’s Kingpins: Cleveland by Brandi Johnson
When *The Sunshine Sisters* by Jane Green begins, Ronni Sunshine a former star of the silver screen learns that she has a serious disease and asks her three estranged daughters to come home to help her end her life. Ronni was a popular star but behind the scenes she was a disinterested mother who alienated her three daughters. Nell her oldest was a tomboy who left to work on a farm and is a single mother. Meredith the middle was the target of her mother’s criticism. She went to London and is with a man she may not love. Lizzy the youngest was the most like her mom and built a culinary career that rivaled her mother’s film fame as her marriage is falling apart. Now the three sisters are called together to fulfill Ronni’s final wishes and as they deal with all the old jealousies and fears that have kept them apart, they find that their family bonds are stronger than they realized.

Camino Island: A Novel by John Grisham starts with a daring theft of priceless items in a secure vault under the Princeton University Firestone Library. Bruce Cable is a book store owner in Santa Rosa, a resort town on the Camino Island in Florida which is very popular. He is also a well-known seller of rare books which is where he makes his real money. Only a select group of people know that he also dips into the black market of stolen books and manuscripts. Mercer Mann is a writer with a bad case of writer’s block that has been laid off from her teaching job. She is approached by a well-dressed woman and is offered a large sum of money to go undercover and infiltrate Bruce Cable’s group of literary friends and learn his secrets for a mysterious company. Mercer accepts the job but trouble begins when she learns too much.

In *Dangerous Minds: A Knight and Moon* Novel by Janet Evanovich, the duo of Emerson Knight and Riley Moon are teamed up in their second book, this time to solve the mystery of a missing island. Wayan Bagus, a Buddhist monk, has lost his island of solitude and wants it back. It has just vanished without a trace. What seems like an unsolvable mystery is just the type that Emerson revels in, so he puts together his team of Riley and his cousin Vernon and they begin an investigation that will take them around the world and will expose a conspiracy by the National Park Service that has been a hundred years in the making.

The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O.: A Novel by Neal Stephenson and Nicole Galland is a thriller that joins history, science, magic, mystery, intrigue and adventure. Melisande Stokes is an expert in linguistics and languages and when she “accidently” meets Tristan Lyons, a military intelligence operator, in the hallway at Harvard University. He offers her an enormous amount of money to translate some very old documents. If these documents are genuine, they will prove that magic actually existed and was practiced for centuries. Magic stopped working in 1851 and there is something about the modern world that blocks the “frequencies” used by magic. The Department of Diachronic Operations or D.O.D.O. for short wants to develop a device that will bring magic alive but while they are mastering this science and building the technology, they ignore the cunning and unpredictable nature of the human heart.

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**HOT New Titles**

**June**

by Robin Helenthal

*The Sunshine Sisters* by Jane Green

Camino Island: A Novel by John Grisham

Dangerous Minds: A Knight and Moon Novel by Janet Evanovich

The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O.: A Novel by Neal Stephenson and Nicole Galland

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**May Children’s Book Review**

by Madison Gailus

*Every Friday* by Dan Yaccarino

Every Friday a young boy and his dad share in a weekly ritual of getting pancakes at a diner together. They make sure to leave the house early for their walk, no matter what the weather has in store. On the way, they see buildings being built, shops opening up, and they wave to friendly faces. Everyone seems to be rushing but they take their time and enjoy each other's company. At the diner, a waitress recognizes them and puts in their order for pancakes. While they eat, they talk about many things. Soon it’s time to go and already the young boy cannot wait until next Friday. The images are done in gouache over watercolor. Clean lines and bold colors adorn each page, while time period items like milk bottles give it a 1950’s feel. This makes a great book for parents to share with children and an opportunity to start some traditions or rituals of their own. (Picture Book, (PrS- Grade1)
June
ALL LOCATIONS
Summer Reading
Come join us for a fun-filled summer of reading. Readers from birth to senior citizens can sign up to be a participant in our Summer Reading Program. Read just three hours per 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.

June
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.

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

June
One-on-One Resume 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.

June
NORTH BRANCH
Recommend a Great Book
Kids and teens, do you have a favorite book that you think others should read? Fill out a “Recommend a Great Book” bookmark! We’ll display recommendations so that other patrons can enjoy your favorites. Feel free to come check out others’ recommendations – maybe you’ll find a new favorite!

June
MAIN LIBRARY
Summer Storytime Kits
Parents and daycare providers! Do you need something to do with your kids this summer? Try one of our storytime kits. We’ve put together several books, songs, fingerplays and craft ideas into a theme-based bundle for you to check out. Do the storytime, return the books, keep the idea sheets as your own, and repeat with another theme bundle.

June
MAIN LIBRARY
Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
In a hurry? Can’t stay and craft? 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.

Thursday, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
MCCLURE BRANCH
Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
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.

Friday, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
MCCLURE BRANCH
STEAM Movie Series–10:30am-12:30pm
Enjoy some time out of the heat with these STEAM movies each Friday morning! For high school ages and up.
June 2: Science- Gattaca (PG-13)
June 9: Technology- Eagle Eye (PG-13)
June 16: Engineering- October Sky (PG)
June 23: Art- Frida (R)
June 30: Math- Good Will Hunting (R)

Friday, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
NORTH BRANCH
Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.
June 2 & June 19
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Ready, Set, Move! – 11:00am-12:00pm
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, June 3, 10, 17 & 24
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Drop In: Saturday Morning at the Library – 10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Saturday mornings are for kids! While visiting to check out books, stop by our storytime room for an activity.
June 3: Make a fairy tale craft and complete a fairy tale quiz to win a prize.
June 10: A screening of Inside Out.
June 17: Celebrate Juneteenth, the day that all slaves finally gained their independence. Make a Juneteenth flag craft and browse a display of books.
June 24: Choose from a variety of supplies to make your own puppets.

Saturday, June 3 & 24
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. Fidgets and ear muffs are available.

Saturday, June 3, 10, 17 & 24
NORTH BRANCH
Busier Bees Storytime -10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

Saturday, June 3 & 17
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.

June 4-July 22
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Blind Date with a Book
Looking to find your next favorite book or love a little mystery in your life? Grab one of our wrapped up books, check it out at the self check out, open it at home and reveal your Blind Date! Love it or hate it? Let us know on the feedback card. Books wrapped will be for grades 3 and up through adult!

Sunday, June 4
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Drop In: 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.

June 5-30
BOOKMOBILE
Identify Parts of a Book
Learn the parts of a book and get creative while doing it! Visit the Bookmobile during normal Bookmobile hours to pick up an “Identify Parts of a Book” worksheet. Follow the instructions on the sheet and return it to the Bookmobile to receive a prize! For Bookmobile hours, visit any library location or go to peoria-publiclibrary.org.

June 5-30
MAIN LIBRARY
Build a Tower Contest
Do you think you can build the highest structure with just simple materials? Children in grades 3 to 8 can choose their materials and build! It could be wooden blocks, old books, plastic cups, straws or other materials that can be piled on top of each other without too much toppling. Build your structure as high as you can before it topples then snap a picture of it. Bring it in to the Main Library or email it to programming-dept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us for a chance to win an Amazon gift card for $25.

Monday, June 5
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Treeview Puppet Show-10:15-10:45 am
Welcome to the Treeview Treehouse!
This month we’re proud to present “The Tortoise and the Hare” as well as some silly songs.

Monday, June 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27
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 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, June 6
LINCOLN BRANCH – 10:00-11:00 A.M.
LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 2:00-3:00 P.M.
Ben’s Bubble Show
Delight in a creative bubble show as Ben Jimenez uses critical thinking skills and the scientific method to perform bubble tricks and special effects, including his “Bubble Window”.

Tuesday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27
MCCLURE BRANCH
STEAM Challenges – 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Stop in this summer to complete a STEAM challenge! The task may be in any of the 5 STEAM areas: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math. Are you ready for the challenge?

Tuesday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27
LINCOLN BRANCH
Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.
UnityPoint Health

Tues. June 6 – LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Thurs. June 15 – NORTH BRANCH
Wed. June 28 – MCCLURE BRANCH

UnityPoint Wellmobile – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
The Unity Point Wellmobile will provide the following FREE screenings: blood pressure, blood glucose (8-12 hour fast), cholesterol (8-12 hour fast), and spirometry. No appointment is necessary. For more information, please visit https://www.unitypoint.org/peoria/services-methodist-wellmobile.aspx or call UnityPoint at 309-495-4727.

Tuesday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Preschool Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday & Thursday, June 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 & 29
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Math Appeal Tutoring – 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Basic Math tutoring will be provided for students in grades 1 through 6. This six-week program will provide resources to enhance basic concepts of Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division and Fractions. The program is designed to help students who struggle with the basics of math.

Tuesday, June 6
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 p.m.
This month: The Grass is Singing by Doris Lessing

Tuesday, June 6
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
After School Art History – 4:00-5:00 pm
Middle school students are invited to learn about Japanese art, as well as work on a take-home craft related to the Edo era of Japanese art.

Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21 & 28
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Welcome the Sun – 11:30 am-12:00 pm
Join us as we go through the traditional Sun Salutations each morning to get ourselves ready for the day. Ages 6+

Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21 & 28
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 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. Age 0-23 mo.

Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21 & 28
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Design a Dollhouse – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Ages 6 to 12 are invited to help as we build a dollhouse this summer. Participants may get to sand and paint walls, build furniture, vote on colors for the house, pick out flooring, and more! Each week, participants will get to enter their name for a chance to take the finished dollhouse home.

Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21 & 28
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, June 7
MCCLURE BRANCH
Adult LEGO Afternoon – 4:30-5:30 p.m.
You’re never too old to play, especially with some of the newer series of LEGOs. Try our FIRST LEGO simple machine sets, which include motors, gears, and more! Ages 18 and up.

Wednesday, June 7, 14 & 21
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 The Demigod Files by Rick Riordan (who celebrates a birthday this month), color, and eat snacks. Come back each week to hear interviews, short stories, and everything Percy Jackson. For middle school students.

Thursday, June 8, 15, 22 & 29
LINCOLN BRANCH
Summer STEAM Movie Series – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
All ages are welcome to join us for a snack and a movie up on the big screen! June 8: Big Hero 6 (PG); June 15: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG); June 22: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG) June 29: Mr. Peabody and Sherman (PG)

Friday, June 9
LINCOLN BRANCH
Spaghetti Tower Challenge – 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Come and test your engineering skills! See if you can build a spaghetti tower strong enough to support a marshmallow at its apex before your time runs out! For ages 5 to 18.

Friday, June 9 & 30
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, June 9 – MCCLURE BRANCH
Friday, June 23 – 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.

June 10-30
MAIN LIBRARY
GALLERY
CIAO: It’s All About the Art
The Central Illinois Artist Organization (CIAO) presents a group show in the Gallery. CIAO has over 50 member artists and is well known for its First Friday events at member galleries. The exhibit presents a rare opportunity to see the work of CIAO members together. The group was newly formed when it exhibited at Peoria Public Library six years ago. An Artist’s Reception will be held on Saturday, June 10 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to see the exhibit and meet the artists. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 10
LINCOLN BRANCH
Minecraft – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Ages 8-14 can join us for Minecraft in the computer lab. Our theme is “Gizmos, Gadgets, and Contraptions.” Space is limited, so call 497-2600 to register.
Saturday, June 10  
NORTH BRANCH  
Drop In: 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.

June 11-17  
LAKEVIEW BRANCH  
Shark Week Craft  
It’s Shark Week! Stop by the information desk for a kit with all the supplies you need to make your very own shark craft.

June 11-17  
LAKEVIEW BRANCH  
Shark Week Selfie Display  
It’s Shark Week! Brush up your knowledge of sharks by checking out one of our informational books about sharks. While looking at our display, take your picture with our shark prop and share it on social media using #PPLSharkWeek.

Music in the McKenzie  
Sunday, June 11  
NORTH BRANCH  
Music in the McKenzie Presents: SMD and the Underground – 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
SMD & the Underground is a soulfolk trio based out of Peoria, Illinois, featuring vocalist Sarah Marie Dillard, upright bassist Brandon Mooreberry and drummer/percussionist Nick “The Kid” Fairley. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Monday, June 12  
LAKEVIEW BRANCH  
Three Little Pigs By Design – 12:00-12:45 p.m.  
Join us as we read the classic tale The Three Little Pigs. We will use what we learned from the story to build shelters and see what can and can’t blow them down. Ages 3 to 6.

Monday, June 12  
NORTH BRANCH  
STEAM Adventures – 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
If you enjoy Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics, then this is your chance to dig a little deeper! This month we will be investigating paper tricks and topology. Ages 9 to 12.

Monday, June 12  
LAKEVIEW BRANCH  
SciFi & Fantasy Book Club–6:30-7:30pm  
This month: Frontier Earth by Bruce Boxleitner

Monday, June 12  
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!

Tuesday, June 13 & 27  
LAKEVIEW BRANCH  
Full STEAM Ahead – 4:30-5:00 p.m.  
It’s STEAM for preschoolers. Join us as we explore the world of static electricity and acid-base reactions this month.

Wednesday, June 14  
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! 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, call 309-497-2143. This month: Rosanne Cash, The Lone Bellow, Buddy Miller & Jim Lauderdale

Wednesday, June 14  
LAKEVIEW BRANCH  
Shark Week Book Discussion – 5:00-5:45 p.m.  
Shark Week isn’t just for the screen! Join us for a discussion of Steve Alten’s Meg.

Thursday, June 15  
MCCLURE BRANCH  
Fly a Kite Day – 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Come design, build, and decorate your very own kite as you learn about their history. After you finish your creation, head outside for a chance to fly kites at the park next door (weather permitting). While supplies last.

Thursday, June 15  
NORTH BRANCH  
Author Visit: Reyna Grande–6:00-8:00pm  
Join us for what promises to be an exciting and inspiring discussion with author Reyna Grande. This moving memoir is a motivating coming-of-age story about the pursuit of a better life. Reyna was 2 when her father left Mexico to find work in the U.S., and she later followed him as an undocumented immigrant at age 10. Reyna went on to become the first person in her family to graduate from college. Her memoir offers an unprecedented perspective of what millions face on a daily basis. The Distance Between Us will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds going to the Friends of the Library. For more information about Reyna, please visit www.ReynaGrande.com

Friday, June 16  
LINCOLN BRANCH  
DIY Circuits – 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
We’ll experiment with creating our own circuits using, paper, graphite, copper tape, pipe cleaners, batteries, LED lights and more! For ages 8 to 18.

Saturday, June 17  
MCCLURE BRANCH  
Drop In: Father’s Day Craft  
Create a gift to share with Dad or Grandpa (or any special guy who cares for you) this Father’s Day! While supplies last.

Saturday, June 17  
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.
Saturday, June 17
NORTH BRANCH
Author Visit: Dr. Victoria Loberg – 2:00-3:00 p.m.
An Indiana native, Dr. Vicky Loberg, received her undergraduate degree from Purdue University, her medical degree from Indiana University, and her subspecialty training from Mayo Clinic. The family moved to Peoria when her husband, Dr. Douglas J. Loberg, joined an anesthesiology group here. The who, what, why, and how of the Peoria medical community intrigued Dr. Loberg after spending years surrounded by the history of the Mayo Clinic. This curiosity led to three books about the medical history of Peoria. Dr. Anna Swain Adams 1840-1887 is the third and final book relating the early medical history of Peoria. This book follows Anna Swain Adams’ journey from a small Quaker community in Pennsylvania to eventually practicing medicine in Peoria. In 1875, Anna became the first female member and officer of the Peoria Medical Society which had been founded in 1848. Books will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to the Friends of the Library.

Sunday, June 18
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Drop in: Sunday Crafternoon Father’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. Some crafting supplies will be provided. Parental supervision is required. On this Special Father’s Day edition, we’ll have a father’s day themed craft and donuts on hand to enjoy.

Sunday, June 18
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club – 2:00-3:30 p.m.
This month: The Martian by Andy Weir
Friday, June 23
LINCOLN BRANCH
Jump Rope Challenge –10:00-11:00 am
Can you make a jump rope out of just duct tape and garbage bags? Can you make it the perfect size for you? How many consecutive times can you jump with a jump rope? Join us to find out! For children of all ages.

Friday, June 23
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Drop In: 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, June 24
MCCLURE BRANCH
PAWs to Read – 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Come read to a therapy dog from the Peoria Humane Society. For children ages 7 and up. Call 309-672-2447 to register. More information can be found at www.peoriashs.org

Saturday, June 24
NORTH BRANCH
Mobile Scrapbooking – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Scrapbooking has gone mobile! Grab your smart phone and come learn how to preserve all of those vacation memories! We will be looking at popular apps and how you can use them 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. For high school and older.

Wednesday, June 28
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Library Microbes – 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Learn about bacteria and microbes and then put your knowledge to use as we discover the microbes found in the library. Ages 7 to 10.

Thursday, June 29
NORTH BRANCH
Paul Bunyan Day – 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Put on your plaid and break out your beanie...Come celebrate Paul Bunyan Day with us! We will be painting perspective portraits of the towering lumberjack and enjoying Disney’s American Legends as we finish up our art. Feel free to bring snacks to enjoy while we watch our movie. We will supply the materials for a DIY beard to complete your look.

What’s Trending?
At Peoria Public Library
To find out what’s trending, visit: peoriapubliclibrary.org/whats-trending
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The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, July 17 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Wake of Vultures by Lila Bowen. Bowen’s debut, a fantastical coming-of-age Western, introduces half-Native American, half-African American teenager Nettie Lonesome. Raised by foster parents who treat her like a slave, Nettie learned early on how to take care of herself, and she isn’t too surprised when she can suddenly see monsters no one else seems to notice. Nettie dresses and lives as a man, while working as a ranch hand, and has interests in both men and women, one of many elements that makes this first novel stand far above the usual fantasy crowd. Incorporating Native American and Western myths, plus Nettie’s multicultural heritage and characters from a wide range of backgrounds, this is a must-read.

Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 27 at North Branch to discuss “The Blue Carbuncle.” First published in Strand Magazine in January 1982, and gives Holmes and Watson the problem of determining how a priceless jewel ends up in a goose. The wild goose chase is on as the intrepid pair trace the tracks of the goose and the people who had it in their possession across London.

The Read on Book Club will meet on Tuesday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Branch to discuss Taffy by Suzette D. Harrison. Welcome to the sleepy, all-Black southern town of Bledsoe, where colored residents proudly declare “ain’t nothing white here ’cept milk and teeth.” It’s 1935. Meet Taffy Bledsoe Freeman. She doesn’t need her gift of second sight to know her “mockery of a marriage” to a man twice her age is far from good. Then Taffy stumbles into Roam Ellis: her long-lost love and the man she was meant to marry. Old wounds are exposed. But when pain subsides, passion rises, thrusting Taffy and Roam into a hurricane of buried secrets, betrayal, family secrets and lies.

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World by Linda Hirshman. This is the story of the intertwined lives of Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the first and second women to serve as Supreme Court justices. The relationship between them—Republican and Democrat, Christian and Jew, western rancher’s daughter and Brooklyn girl transcends party, religion, region, and culture.
The Book 'Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, July 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *The Perfect Witness* by Iris Johansen. She had the perfect life. She had the perfect cover. She was the perfect witness. A woman with the strange gift of reading people’s memories has been living in the Witness Protection Program - now they have found her. But this time she will use her gift that began with her family's betrayal. She is ready to take on her past, even if it kills her.

The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, July 9 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss *Kick: The True Story of JFK’s Sister and the Heir to Chatsworth* by Paula Byrne. Encouraged to be “winners” from a young age, Rose and Joe Kennedy’s children were the embodiment of ambitious, wholesome Americanism. Yet even within this ebullient group of overachievers, the fourth Kennedy child, the irrepressible Kathleen, stood out. Lively, charismatic, extremely clever, and blessed with graceful athleticism and a sunny disposition, the alluring socialite fondly known as Kick was a firecracker who effortlessly made friends and stole hearts. Moving across the Atlantic when her father was appointed as the ambassador to Great Britain in 1938, Kick—the “nicest Kennedy”—quickly became the family’s star. Despite making little effort to fit into British high society, she charmed everyone from the beau monde to Fleet Street with her unconventional attitude and easygoing humor. Growing increasingly independent, Kick would also shock and alienate her devout family by falling in love and marrying the scion of a virulently anti-Catholic family—William Cavendish, the heir apparent of the Duke of Devonshire and Chatsworth. But the marriage would last only a few months; Billy was killed in combat in 1944, just four years before Kick’s own unexpected death in an airplane crash at twenty-eight. Paula Byrne recounts this remarkable young woman’s life in detail as never before, from her work at the Washington Times-Herald and volunteerism for the Red Cross in wartime England; to her love of politics and astute, opinionated observations; to her decision to renounce her faith for the man she loved. Sympathetic and compelling, *Kick* shines a spotlight on this feisty and unique Kennedy long relegated to the shadows of her legendary family’s history.

The Genre Evolution Book Club will meet on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branch to discuss the evolution of the romance genre. Selections include *Pamela, or Virtue Rewarded*, by Samuel Richardson, which caused a sensation at its original publication in 1740. Or try *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks, a bestselling example of a modern romance. Other selections include *The Black Moth* by Georgette Heyer, *P.S. I Love You* by Cecelia Ahern, or any novels by Jane Austen. Choose from the list, or read them all!

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, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *March: Book One*, *March: Book Two*, & *March: Book Three* by John Lewis (read any or all) *March* is a vivid firsthand account of John Lewis’ lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis’ personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.