As July rolls around, there are three weeks of Reading By Design Summer Reading left. Be sure to continue to read and sign in at your favorite branch, get your weekly prize and qualify for your Party Pass!

As soon as you have read for six weeks, you will get your Party Pass and you have until Saturday, July 22 to report your reading. If you are going on vacation, never fear, just let the staff member at the desk know or email summer@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us and you can count your vacation reading.

If you still have not signed up, never fear, you still qualify for prizes. Just sign up at your favorite location and you can collect your weekly prize each time you sign in for the remaining weeks.

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Understanding “Fake News” with News Literacy Discussion Series

Peoria Public Library will host four community discussions, moderated by Dennis Anderson, Executive Editor of the Peoria Journal Star, on how we discern whether a news item is legitimate and how “fake news” influences society in June and July.

These free discussions will take place Wednesday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Peoria Public Library Lakeview Branch; Monday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch; Monday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Peoria Public Library North Branch; and Saturday, July 22 at 1:00 p.m. at Peoria Public Library Main Library. All are open to the public.

The discussions, which are supported by a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council will also encourage participants to talk about how fake news influences civility and democracy in our society and how we can avoid being influenced by it.

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Try the Peoria City Directory for Family Clues

by Amber Lowery

Have you ever been researching your family history and you lose them in the census? You know they were living in the city, but they do not show up on the census records. What happened? Were they missed by the census taker? Did they leave the city for a while? Or are they there, but misidentified in the census? How do you find out? One suggestion: try the city directories.

Peoria Public Library has a collection of city directories going back to 1861 in their local history and genealogy department. The early ones are on microfilm, but there are numerous volumes on the shelf in local history.

City directories provide a wealth of information in their pages. One can look up old addresses, company listings, phone numbers, neighbors, and sometimes even employment of the people within the pages. The family that cannot be located in the census may be found in the city directory and using that address, may lead to a search of that district to find the family. In one case, while researching, a patron found not only a family they were looking for, but several other related families on the same street. More than once, a city directory was used to prove a couple had married within a certain year. During some years, the directory will even tell how many children were at that address. Another use is to determine old street names and any address changes. Not all uses are historical.

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The most current city directory is also available in local history and genealogy. Perhaps a memory of a building or home comes to mind, but the address escapes you. Come check the current city directory for the address.

City directories are a vital source of information to the patrons of Peoria Public Library. Have you used one lately?
Secrets of the Tulip Sisters by Susan Mallery is the story of family secrets and the love and strong bond between sisters. Kelly Murphy is a tulip farmer and that is her life but her routine is about to change significantly. Griffith Burnett, the prodigal son of Tulpen Crossing has come home and is setting his sights on Kelly. Her sister Olivia has returned after being sent away ten years ago by their dad to get her away from the bad boy she loved. Now she is home to get her guy back and take her rightful place in the family. Kelly is tempted by Griffith, but is also weighed down by the secrets that were easy to keep when she was by herself. Now as Kelly and Olivia butt heads, the secrets come out and the truths that they reveal will change everything they thought they knew.

Two Nights is a standalone thriller written by Kathy Reichs with a new heroine, Sunday Night, a tough-talking woman with a killer instinct who has spent years running away from her past, burying secrets and building a life where she needs no one and feels nothing. When a girl goes missing after a bomb explosion, the family needs Sunnie's help to find the girl but there are a lot of unanswered questions: Is she dead? Was she taken by someone? If she is still out there, why doesn't she want to be found?

The Late Show by Michael Connelly introduces a new young detective Renee Ballard, trying to prove herself on the LAPD's toughest beat, the Late Show. Every night she works the night shift in Hollywood, starting investigations but never finishing one because each morning she turns everything over to the day shift. Renee was an up and coming detective until she brought a sexual harassment suit against a supervisor and that landed her on the night shift as a punishment. One night, she gets two assignments that she decides to finish; the beating of a prostitute and a young woman shot in a nightclub. She goes against orders and her partner's wishes to work both cases by day and still do her night shift. She is going to prove herself no matter what the department throws at her.
**July 1-22**
**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 23 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.

**July 1-31**
**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.

**July**
**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.

**July**
**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.

**July**
**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.

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

**July**
**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!

**July**
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**
**Tadpole Naming Contest**
Help us name our Summer Reading tadpoles. Winning names will be announced August 1. The winner will receive a frog toy.

**July**
**MAIN LIBRARY**
**Art Collage Contest**
Make a collage at home using materials such as old photos, pictures from magazines, bits of colored paper and other found pieces around the house (ask your parent first!), along with 3D objects from nature or even pasta shapes (uncooked!). Find your objects, use your imagination and come up with a creative collage that is all your own. Bring it in to show it off or take a picture and email it to programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us to be entered into a drawing to win an Amazon gift card for $25. All kids Kindergarten through 8th grade are welcome to enter.

**July**
**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.

**July 1-22**
**MCCLURE BRANCH**
**Design Your Dream Library Contest**
Design your idea of the perfect library! Draw and color what your dream library would look like. Write up a few sentences telling others about your ideas. Turn in your drawing and summary to the McClure Branch by July 15th and return the following week to vote for your favorite design! The winner from each age group will be awarded a Barnes & Noble gift card to start building their own library at home. Children and adults are welcome to enter their designs.
July 1-22
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!

Saturday, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Drop In: 4th of July Craft – 12:00-5:00pm
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.

Saturday, July 1
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 story. This month: Silverlilicious

Saturday, July 1
MAIN LIBRARY
Marry in Haste
Mystery writer Susan Van Kirk and young adult writer James V. “Jim” Jacobs team up as they talk about their most recent books, Marry in Haste by Van Kirk and Jacobs’ No Ordinary Season. Van Kirk and Jacobs present their views of the writing process, and they explain how to navigate the maze that is publishing. The authors crisscross the borders of genre as they discuss each other’s novels and methods of writing. They invite questions about their experiences with writing and publishing. Van Kirk and Jacobs will also be selling their novels, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Saturday, July 1
MCCLURE BRANCH
Drop In: 4th of July Craft – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Stop by to create a patriotic decoration for your house this 4th of July! While supplies last.

Monday, July 3
NORTH BRANCH
STEAM Explorations – 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Discover the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math topics that are all around us! This month we will be exploring light and color. Ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, July 5, 12, 19 & 26
NORTH BRANCH
Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 p.m.
Develop your baby’s pre-literacy skills with this lapsit program, designed to introduce children and their caregivers to books, songs, rhymes and finger plays that will help them understand new concepts and enhance their love of learning. Caregivers will be encouraged to engage their child through one-on-one interactions, making reading time fun. Age 0 to 23 months.

Wednesday, July 5, 12 & 19
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. Come each week to assist in a different part of the project. 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 at the end of the summer.

Wednesday, July 5, 12, 19 & 26
MAIN LIBRARY
Walk-In E-reader Assistance – 4:00-5:00 pm
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.
**ILLINOIS ART LEAGUE MEMBER SHOW**

Members of the Illinois Art League share their work in a wide variety of subjects and media with the public during this month-long all member show. The show is free and open to the public Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A reception will be held on Friday, July 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gallery for the artists and public.

**Friday, July 7, 14, 21 & 28**

**NORTH BRANCH**

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

Children of all ages.

**Friday, July 7 & Monday, July 10**

**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, July 8**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Make a Miniature Chair** – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m.

As part of our “Design a Dollhouse” program, come learn how to make a miniature chair with expert Kris Compass. Children ages 6 to 12 can register to participate in this guided program. Call 309-497-2150 or email programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us to register.

**Sunday, July 9 & 23**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Drop In: Sunday Afternoon** – 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.

**Monday, July 10**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Teen Trail Mix Bar** – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Come create a yummy trail mix treat from our trail mix bar and then go for a stroll through our park. Ages 13 and up.

**MONDAY, JULY 10**

**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 light and color. Ages 9 to 12.

**Monday & Tuesday, July 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 & 31**

**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.
Monday, July 10
NORTH BRANCH
Pajama Storytime – 7:00-7:45 p.m.
Join us for a picture book party! We’ll enjoy stories, songs, and a craft! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket or stuffed friend to snuggle — you’ll be ready for bed when you head home! Children of all ages.

Tuesday, July 11
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, July 11 & 18
MCCLURE BRANCH
STEAM Challenges – 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Stop in each Tuesday morning 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? July 18, we welcome special guest Renae Kerrigan from the Riverfront Museum will talk about the total eclipse taking place on August 21!

Tuesday, July 11
LINCOLN BRANCH
Magician Chris McBrien–10:00-11:00am
Chris McBrien brings his fabulous, magical show full of puppets and exciting tricks to the library. It’s fun for the whole family!

Tuesday, July 11 & 18
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Preschool Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, July 11
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 p.m.
This month: Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World by Linda Hirshman

Tuesday, July 11
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
STEAM: Marshmallow Shooter – 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Build a working marshmallow shooter and learn other cool science tricks to do with marshmallows. For grades 3 to 5.

Wednesday, July 12
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Geocaching – 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Geocaching is the recreational activity of hunting for and finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates posted on a website. Join us as we hunt for geocaches in Lakeview Park. At the end, we’ll put together our own geocache to leave for others to find. Ages 11 to 17. Weather permitting. Feel free to call 497-2200 about weather and a possible rain date.

Wednesday, July 12
MCCLURE BRANCH
Natures Architects with Forest Park Nature Center – 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Join a Forest Park Nature Center’s Naturalist at this fun and interactive program about the amazing structures created by native Illinois animals. Try some hands-on activities and more! You won’t want to miss this opportunity to see the work of these master builders! All ages welcome.

Wednesday, July 12
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
DIY Totes – 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Decorate a free tote with fruit stamps, tape, and fabric markers to use daily. For ages 12 and up. While supplies last.

Thursday, July 13
LINCOLN BRANCH
Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 13
NORTH BRANCH
DIY Totes – 10:00-1:00 p.m.
Decorate a free tote with fruit stamps, tape, and fabric markers to use daily. For ages 12 and up. While supplies last.

Friday, July 14
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Build a Solar Oven – 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Use the dog days of summer to your advantage! The surface of the sun is approximately 9,941°F... harness some of that power to cook your food! We will be constructing pizza box solar ovens which you can take home and work your culinary magic through the hottest part of the summer! Recipes and ideas for delectable goodies will also be provided. For middle school and high school ages.

Saturday, July 15
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. Note: Minecraft will not be available this month.

Saturday, July 15
NORTH BRANCH
Teen STEM Challenge – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
There’s a puzzle in the library, and all you have to solve it is your brain and a box of scraps. The most successful team will get a prize! Grades 6 to 12.

Sunday, July 16
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Book ’Em Mystery Book Club – 2:00-3:30 p.m.
This month: The Perfect Witness by Iris Johansen
Monday, July 17
NORTH BRANCH
Storytime Lab – 1:30-2:00 p.m.
Join us for stories about early concepts in science, technology, engineering, art, and math followed by hands-on exploration! Ages 3 to 6.

Monday, July 17
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Daniel Tiger Party – 2:00-3:00 p.m.
All tigers are invited to our grrrific Daniel Tiger Party! Make your own Daniel inspired watch, pose for photos in our trolley photo booth, make a mask of your favorite character, and browse our display of Daniel Tiger books and movies. Space is limited so registration is required. Ugga mugga! All ages. Call 309-497-2200 to register.

Monday, July 17, 24 & 31
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Monday Night Math Movies – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Put the M in STEAM and come watch these exciting math related movies.
July 17 – Moneyball (PG13)
July 24 – Interstellar (PG 13)
July 31 – The Imitation Game (PG 13)

Monday, July 17
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
SciFi & Fantasy Book Club – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
This month: Wake of Vultures by Lila Bowen

Tuesday, July 18
MCCLURE BRANCH – 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Friday, July 28
NORTH BRANCH – 10:30-11:30 a.m.
All About the Total Solar Eclipse
This August 21, there will be a Total Solar Eclipse visible in a narrow path across the entire United States, and a partial eclipse visible from Peoria. Don’t miss this rare astronomical event, when the moon blocks out the light of the Sun. Learn all about the eclipse and how to safely watch from Renae Kerrigan, Planetarium Curator at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

Tuesday, July 18
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Monarch Book Club – 4:00-4:45 p.m.
In Monarch Book Club we’ll read a few books each month from the 2018 Monarch Award reading list. At our December meeting we’ll each vote for the book we want to win the Monarch Award. This month we’ll read and discuss: Sam and Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett, Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina, and Lion Lessons by Jon Agee. If you’d like to read these titles prior to the meeting feel free to call us to request a copy. Grades K to 3.

Tuesday, July 18
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
This month: March: Book One, March: Book Two, & March: Book Three by John Lewis (read any or all)

Wednesday, July 19
MCCLURE BRANCH
STEAMY Summer Book Club – 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Get your mind out of the gutter and learn more about STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) with these titles (both fiction and nonfiction)! Participants are welcome to provide feedback on a more permanent book club at the McClure Branch. This month: Hedy’s Folly: The Life and Breakthrough Inventions of Hedy Lamarr, the Most Beautiful Woman in the World by Richard Rhodes

Wednesday, July 19
NORTH BRANCH
Genre Evolution Book Club – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
This month, we’re discussing early works in the romance genre. Please read any of the books below!
*Pamela*, or Virtue Rewarded by Samuel Richardson
Any novel by Jane Austen
*The Black Moth* by Georgette Heyer
*The Notebook* by Jodi Picoult
*P.S. I Love You* by Cecelia Ahern

Thursday, July 20
NORTH BRANCH
Third Thursday Film Fest – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Join us on the third Thursday of each month for some of the most popular films from the 1950s. Bring a snack and enjoy an oldie, but goodie on the big screen. Free and open to all ages. This month: *Shaggy Dog* (1959)

Saturday, July 22
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Sensory Storytime – 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Books, activities, and music designed to engage the senses, with part of each session reserved for sensory play and socialization for children with Autism or other special needs. Geared for ages 4 to 8, but children of all abilities, families, and siblings are encouraged to attend. Fidgets and ear muffs are available.

Saturday, July 22
NORTH BRANCH
Are You Art Smart? – 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Join us for a fun introduction to the world’s great art. Using library resources, identify the masterpiece, then create your own great work of art inspired by the classic. Participants’ creations will be displayed at the library and one master artist will win a special prize.

Sunday, July 23
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Silver Screen Sunday – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
This month: High Noon starring Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly

Monday, July 24
MCCLURE BRANCH
Monday Morning Movie – 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Enjoy movie time with these timeless classics! We’ll provide the popcorn! Sit back and be mesmerized with a different classic each month. This month: *An American in Paris*

Tuesday, July 25
LINCOLN BRANCH
Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 p.m.
This month: *Taffy* by Suzette D. Harrison

Tuesday, July 25
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.

Wednesday, July 26
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Club Read – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
This month: *Flu: The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus That Caused It* by Gina Kolata
**Thursday, July 27**

**NORTH BRANCH**

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

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

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**Friday, July 28**

**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 anytime to play. Parental supervision is required.

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**Saturday, July 29**

**MCCLOURE BRANCH**

*International Day of Friendship Bracelet Craft – 2:00-3:00 p.m.*

Give your friend the perfect gift for International Day of Friendship on July 30. Learn about some different friendship bracelet making techniques and then take home these awesome creations to share with your friends and show them how much you care! Ages 8 to 12.

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**Saturday, July 29**

**NORTHMOOR OBSERVATORY**

*International Moon Night-6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Join us for the 7th year of collaboration with the Peoria Astronomical Society as we celebrate International Moon Night at Northmoor Observatory. We will have a Moon Storytime, and you will have a chance to look through the big telescope! Peoria Astronomical Society members will be on hand to let us know exactly what we are seeing in the night sky. Sunset is estimated for 8:15pm with a first quarter moon – should be a great night for viewing! Northmoor Observatory is located in the Donovan Park on North Knoxville in Peoria. Park in the main parking lot and walk approximately 500 feet south to the dome. Flashlights come in handy for the walk across the grass. This event is free and all ages are welcome! **Weather permitting**

Please call 497-2143 with any questions.

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**Sunday, July 30**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

*Sensory Friendly Family Film: Pokemon: The First Movie – 2:00-4:00 p.m.*

Welcome to our sensory friendly film series. For this showing of Pokemon the room will be lighter, the volume will be lower, and audience members will be welcome to move around, talk, and sing. The intended audience is children with special needs accompanied by siblings and caregivers, although everyone is welcome to attend. Noise canceling ear muffs and fidgets will be supplied.

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**What's Trending?**

**At Peoria Public Library**

**FICTION BOOKS**

Against All Odds: a Novel by Danielle Steel
All By Myself, Alone: a Novel by Mary Higgins Clark
Almost Missed You: a Novel by Jessica Strawser
Any Day Now by Robyn Carr
Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout
Assassin’s Fate by Robin Hoob
The Banks Sisters 3 by Nikki Turner
Bearerton by Fredrik Backman

**YOUNG ADULT BOOKS**

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time India: (a Novel) by Sherman Alexie
The Alchemist: the Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott
Always and Forever, Lara Jean by Jenny Han
The Battle for Skandia by John Flanagan
The Battlemage by Taran Matharu
Brian's Hunt by Gary Paulsen
Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins
Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
Cinder by Marissa Meyer

**NON-FICTION BOOKS**

The American Spirit by David McCullough
Astrophysics for People in a Hurry by Neil deGrasse Tyson
Between Heaven & the Real World: My Story by Steven Curtis Chapman
Big Agenda: President Trump’s Plan to Save America by David Horowitz
Black Privilege by Charlamagne Tha God
The Blood of Emmett Till by Timothy B. Tyson
The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

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

Club Read will meet on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Frederick Backman. Elsa is seven years old; her grandmother is seventy-seven years old. She is Elsa’s best, and only, friend. At night Elsa takes refuge in her grandmother’s stories, in the Land of Almost-Awake and the Kingdom of Miamas where everybody is different and nobody needs to be normal. When Elsa’s grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, the letters lead her to an apartment building full of drunks, monsters, attack dogs, and totally ordinary old crones... but also to the truth about fairytales and kingdoms and a grandmother like no other.

The Read on Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Branch to discuss *Loving Donovan* by Bernice L. McFadden. Campbell clings to her ideals about love despite the unhappy example set by her parents, while Donovan dreams of having a family and playing for the NBA in the face of difficult personal challenges.

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 1 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. On May 1, 1915, with WWI entering its tenth month, a luxury ocean liner sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool. For months, German U-boats had brought terror to the North Atlantic. But the Lusitania was one of the era’s great transatlantic “Greyhounds”—the fastest liner then in service and supposedly safe from attack. Germany, however, was determined to change the rules of the game. The result was one of the greatest disasters in maritime history.

Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 24 at North Branch to discuss “The Speckled Band.” Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson rise unusually early one morning to meet a young woman named Helen Stoner. Helen fears that her life is being threatened by her stepfather, Dr. Grimesby Roylott, a doctor who practiced in India and was married to Helen’s late mother who was a widow living in India. Helen’s twin sister had died almost two years earlier, shortly before she was to be married. Helen heard her sister’s dying words, “The speckled band!” but was unable to decode their meaning. Helen herself is now engaged, and she has begun to hear strange noises and observe strange activities around Stoke Moran, the impoverished and heavily mortgaged estate where she and her stepfather live. Dr. Roylott also keeps strange company at the estate: He is best friends with a band of Gypsies on the property, and has a cheetah and a baboon as pets. Holmes listens carefully to Helen’s story and agrees to take the case.

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, August 14 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Saturn Run* by John Sandford. The year is 2066. A Caltech intern inadvertently notices an anomaly from a space telescope—something is approaching Saturn, and decelerating. Space objects don’t decelerate. Spaceships do. A flurry of top-level government meetings produces the inescapable conclusion: Whatever built that ship is at least one hundred years ahead in technology, and whoever can get their hands on it exclusively and bring it back will have an advantage so large, no other nation can compete. A conclusion the Chinese definitely agree with when they find out. The race is on, and an remarkable adventure begins—an epic tale of courage, treachery, resourcefulness, secrets, surprises, and astonishing human and technological discovery, as the members of a hastily thrown-together crew find their strength and wits tested against adversaries both of this earth and beyond. What happens is nothing like you expect—and everything you could want from one of the world’s greatest masters of suspense.
The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 13 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss The Lives of Margaret Fuller: A Biography by John Matteson. A brilliant writer and a fiery social critic, Margaret Fuller (1810–1850) was perhaps the most famous American woman of her generation. Outspoken and quick-witted, idealistic and adventurous, she became the leading female figure in the transcendentalist movement, wrote a celebrated column of literary and social commentary for Horace Greeley’s newspaper, and served as the first foreign correspondent for an American newspaper. While living in Europe she fell in love with an Italian nobleman, with whom she became pregnant out of wedlock. In 1848 she joined the fight for Italian independence and, the following year, reported on the struggle while nursing the wounded within range of enemy cannons. Amid all these strivings and achievements, she authored the first great work of American feminism: Woman in the Nineteenth Century. Despite her brilliance, however, Fuller suffered from self-doubt and was plagued by ill health. John Matteson captures Fuller’s longing to become ever better, reflected by the changing lives she led.

The Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss Finders Keepers by Stephen King. Morris Bellamy kills author John Rothstein, hiding a collection of Rothstein’s unfinished works. Bellamy is arrested and jailed for another crime. Thirty-five years later he is released, but finds some teenager has stolen his collection. A police detective and his associates are the only ones who stand in the way of Bellamy’s revenge.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss Allegedly by Tiffany D. Jackson. Mary B. Addison killed a baby. Allegedly. She didn’t say much in that first interview with detectives, and the media filled in the only blanks that mattered: A white baby had died while under the care of a churchgoing black woman and her nine-year-old daughter. The public convicted Mary and the jury made it official. But did she do it? She wouldn’t say. Mary survived six years in baby jail before being dumped in a group home. The house isn’t really “home”—no place where you fear for your life can be considered a home. Home is Ted, who she meets on assignment at a nursing home. There wasn’t a point to setting the record straight before, but now she’s got Ted—and their unborn child—to think about. When the state threatens to take her baby, Mary must find the voice to fight her past. And her fate lies in the hands of the one person she distrusts the most: her Momma. No one knows the real Momma. But who really knows the real Mary?

The Genre Evolution Book Club will meet on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branch to discuss the evolution of the science fiction genre. Selections include The Time Machine by H.G. Wells, one of the early classics that inspired generations. Or try Contact by Carl Sagan, a contemporary look at Earth’s relationship with her neighbors. Other selections include Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne, Dune by Frank Herbert, and I, Robot by Isaac Asimov. Choose one from the list, or read them all!

Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland about The Spinning Heart by Donal Ryan. In the aftermath of Ireland’s financial collapse, dangerous tensions surface in an Irish town. As violence flares, the characters face a battle between public persona and inner desires. Through a chorus of unique voices, each struggling to tell their own kind of truth, a single authentic tale unfolds. The Spinning Heart speaks for contemporary Ireland like no other novel. Wry, vulnerable, all-too human, it captures the language and spirit of rural Ireland and with uncanny perception articulates the words and thoughts of a generation. Technically daring and evocative of Patrick McCabe and J.M. Synge, this novel of small-town life is witty, dark and sweetly poignant.