Celebrate 75 Years of Little Golden Books

Peoria Public Library will join in the nationwide celebration of the 75th year of Little Golden Books with September displays by collector Rick Everetts and on Saturday, September 30, an event starring Leonard S. Marcus, author of *Golden Legacy: The Story of Golden Books*, and Diane Muldrow, editorial director at Golden Books and author of *Everything I Need to Know I Learned From a Little Golden Book*.

The free program will take place at Main Library in the Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. The Poky Little Puppy himself will be in attendance! Now is the time to start looking for your well-loved and most read Little Golden Books along with photos you may have of your family enjoying Little Golden Books to bring and share at our afternoon program. You will be entered into a prize drawing if you do.

Leonard S. Marcus is one of the world’s most respected historians of children’s books and the people who create them. A frequent contributor to the *New York Times Book Review* and the Horn Book Magazine, Marcus has been featured on NPR’s *All Things Considered*, ABC's *Good Morning America*, and BBC Radio 4.

He is a founding trustee of the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art and is the curator of landmark exhibitions at the New York Public Library and elsewhere.


Both authors will have books for sale and signing. Mark your calendar now and watch for more information about this grand Little Golden Books celebration at Peoria Public Library.

Coming to the Gallery

This August the Gallery will be closed for painting, but the rest of the 2017 is filled with interesting exhibits to enjoy. In September, celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Cabbage Patch Doll with the extensive collection of Amber Lowery. All month stop by and see the “kids” that have been enchanting children and adults alike since 1982.

In October see a combined photography exhibit. Views Removed by Dana Fritz, Professor in the School of Art, Art History & Design at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, renders trees, stones and other natural materials in ways that their scale and perspective become ambiguous and explore the inherent tension between real and ideal. In addition the *Midwest Society For Photographic Education Juried Student Exhibition* will share student work that addresses the issue of water.

November will bring an exhibit by the members of the Peoria Camera Club and in December veteran artists will exhibit their own work, during 22VA.

The Gallery is open during regular library hours, Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Come and enjoy the exhibits!
Congratulations to Reading by Design Summer Readers

Those participating in Summer Reading: Reading by Design through June and July each read three hours per week for seven weeks, got prizes and earned their way to the big celebration party on July 28 at the Peoria Riverfront Museum and Caterpillar Visitor Center. Readers enjoyed museum exhibits, the planetarium, performances by Julie K and Robot Casserole and had a chance to win Grand Prizes. The program helped students keep skills sharp while on summer break and provided an enjoyable way for families to spend time together as they read to younger members of the family.

Census Record Seek and Find
by Amber Lowery

One of the most frustrating, yet rewarding, genealogy tools is the U.S. Federal Census records. Every ten years, like clockwork, the census helps us find our ancestors and their ancestors. Parents, children, aunts, grandfathers, families all answered questions regarding ages, marital status, occupations, and more. You may find that your great-great grandfather was a cigarmaker or a distillery employee. Perhaps you will find the grandmother you knew as Granny Marie was actually named Bernice. Maybe you discover that your family lived right down the street from that one person… you know, the famous one.

But like everything else with genealogy, there may be census records that make you wish to gnash your teeth, pull your hair, and roar to the sky. Some parts of the census are barely legible, riddled with mistakes, and rife with issues. For example, the 1890 census? GONE. Yes, sadly, the only copy of the 1890 census burned in a fire many years ago, losing all the information in it. But what do you do when you lose someone in the records? You know they were alive, but they do not show up in searches. How do you find them?

Sometimes, you get lucky and you change one detail in your search and the missing ancestor pops up. Maybe the last name was Moyer, but you find them under a search for Meyer? Other times it is harder. Fortunately, there are a few tricks. Did you know in some census records, the census-taker listed the street names along the far left side and the addresses in the column? You can check a city directory for this same time (if one is available), and see if you can find the ancestor listed at an address. Then using that information, find the right district and hopefully locate the family you seek…probably with their name mangled beyond comprehension.

Remember, just because your search terms do not trace your ancestors the first time, it does not mean they are not there. So, come down to the library and learn more about finding your ancestors in the federal census!

The program would not have been possible without the following generous donors. Please patronize them and thank them for supporting Summer Reading.
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The Clockwork Dynasty: A Novel is the new thriller by Daniel H. Wilson that starts in the present day with the discovery of a 300-year-old mechanical doll by June Stefanov, a young anthropologist who specializes in ancient technology. The doll hides a terrible secret. When June partners with a time traveler, she is thrown into a hidden world that is just under the surface of our own and begins a journey that will take her around the world and expose her to a reality she never thought possible. In Russia, 1725, the tsar’s loyal mechanician brings to life two humanlike mechanical beings. Peter and Elena, a brother and sister out of time, possessing mysterious powers and meant to serve the Kremlin empire. As they struggle to blend into pre-Victorian society, they are dragged into a war that has lasted centuries. As June delves deeper into their world, the choices that she makes will decide whether they survive or are destroyed. Wilson seamlessly links the past and present by exploring a race of beings that were designed to live by strong principles but were constantly searching for meaning. He uses his background in robotics and science to create interesting characters and fascinating exploits.

In Young Jane Young by Gabrielle Zevin, Alviva Grossman is an overly ambitious congressional intern who has an affair with her boss and blogs about it. When the affair becomes public, the congressman, who is a favorite among his constituents, does not take the blame. Alviva takes the fall and becomes disgraced in the political scene. With her political career in shambles, she changes her name and moves with her daughter Ruby to a secluded town in Maine and starts life over. She tries to make better choices and tries to raise Ruby to be strong and confident. Alviva is urged to run for a public office in town and her past mistakes come back to haunt her via the Internet, where the past is never truly past. When Ruby finds out about her mother’s past, she has to reconcile that with the person she knows and what her mother has had to overcome.
August
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.

August
MCCLURE BRANCH
Library Scavenger Hunt
Do you know your Dewey Decimal System? Stop into the McClure Branch and use the Dewey Decimal hints to help find your favorite storybook characters hiding in the children’s department. Return your finished clue cards to receive a prize!

August
LAKEVIEW BRANCH & MCCLURE BRANCH
Get Caught Reading Challenge
Are you ready for a new reading challenge? Pick up a challenge sheet that lists different people to read to and places to read. For each challenge item you complete, you will receive an entry into a prize drawing. Challenge sheets need to be returned to the Lakeview Branch or McClure Branch by October 31.

August
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.

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

Tuesday, August 1
LINCOLN BRANCH
Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, August 1
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Preschool Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, August 1
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 p.m.
This month: Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

Tuesday, August 1
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Afternoon Art History – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Students are invited to take a virtual tour through the pyramids of Giza and learn about Ancient Egyptian art. They will also have to opportunity to make a craft inspired by Ancient Egyptian sarcophagi and learn how to write their names in hieroglyphs!

Tuesday, August 1
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Movie Night at the Library – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Enjoy a warm summer evening in the cool by joining us as we watch The Boss Baby. All ages are welcome.
**Monday & Tuesday, August 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29**

**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, August 1**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Discover the Planets – 6:15-7:00 p.m.**

Little ones will look at slides on a projector of planets while learning some basic facts about each planet. At the end we’ll make an easy craft to help kids remember the order of the planets. Ages 4 and up.

**Wednesday, Aug. 2, 16, 23, 30**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 10:15-10:45 A.M.**

**Tuesday, August 7, 14, 21 & 28**

**NORTH BRANCH – 10:30-11:00 A.M.**

**Tiny Tots Storytime**

Ages 12 to 23 months.

**Wed. August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

**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.

**Wed. August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Walk-In E-reader Assistance–4:00-5:00pm**

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, August 2, 9 & 16**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Back to School Movie Marathon – 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the return of school by watching some awesome movies about going to school and graduation.

August 2 – *School of Rock* (PG -13)
August 9 – *High School Musical 3* (G)
August 16 – *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* (PG)

**Wednesday, August 2**

**NORTH BRANCH**

**90s Trivia Night – 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Did you love the 90s? Test your 90s TV knowledge with Peoria Public Library’s newest Trivia Night! Prizes will be awarded to the top scoring team! Please register your teams of 2 to 4 via email to programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us by August 1. Spectators welcome. For ages high school to adult.

**Thurs. August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**MCCLURE BRANCH – 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

**Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

Ages 3 to 6.

**Thurs. August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**NORTH BRANCH – 10:30-11:00 a.m.**

**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.

**Thursday, August 3**

**LINCOLN BRANCH – 5:00-6:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday, August 8**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 6:00-7:00 P.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 with Renae Kerrigan, Planetarium Curator at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

**Thursday, August 3**

**NORTH BRANCH – 6:00-7:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday, August 9**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 10:30-11:30 A.M.**

**1,000 Books before Kindergarten Kickoff**

According to the National Education Association, reading frequently to children is one of the crucial components of becoming a good reader. Young readers need to become practiced at recognizing letters and sounds. The best way to make your child a reader is to read to them. The Peoria Public Library is proud to introduce 1000 Books before Kindergarten as an ongoing program at all locations to foster a love of reading in children before they start kindergarten. Guest speakers Susan Johnson and Melissa Ruby, both teachers at Valeska Hinton in Peoria, will be at both kickoffs to discuss the importance of nurturing literacy in children at a very early age. We’ll also have healthy snacks, easy crafts and games, and of course, read a story to give the kids their very first book on their reading logs! Can’t make it to one of our kickoffs? No problem! Sign up for this program is ongoing, so simply stop by any Peoria Public Library location to sign your child up for the program.

**Friday, August 4**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Toddler Play Zone – 10:15-11:15 a.m.**

Join us for a special playgroup for toddlers to interact with other kids, play with educational toys, and read books with their parents. Ages 2 to 4.

**Friday, August 4, 11, 18 & 25**

**NORTH BRANCH**

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

Children of all ages.

**Saturday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26**

**NORTH BRANCH**

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

Children of all ages.

**Monday, August 7**

**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Super Hero Training – 12:00-12:45 pm**

Do you have what it takes to be a super hero? Test your strength, endurance, and memory, and fine tune your super hero skills through games at our training session. You’ll also be able to make your own masks and take pictures with some famous heroes (and villains).
Tuesday, August 8
MCCLURE BRANCH
Crafty Senior Moments: Picnic Time – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Who said only kids make crafts at the library? Join us in creating some unique picnic-themed crafts to use at your next meal al fresco. For mature (not necessarily skilled) crafters.

Thursday, August 10 & Tuesday, August 15
LINCOLN BRANCH
Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
“Back to School Blues.” Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, August 10
Lincoln Center Cancels Screening Program
NORTH BRANCH
Peoria Public Library has received notice that Lincoln Center is placing the Lincoln Center Live On Screen Program on hiatus until further notice. Peoria Public Library regrets this loss of programming and hopes patrons will take advantage of the many other opportunities offered to enjoy the arts at the library.

Friday, August 11
MCCLURE 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.

Saturday, August 12
LINCOLN BRANCH
Minecraft – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Ages 8 to 14 can join us for Minecraft in the computer lab. Our theme for this month is “Anything Goes.” Space is limited, so please call 497-2600 to register.

Saturday, August 12
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.

Saturday, August 12
LINCOLN BRANCH
Drop In: Back to School Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Get the supplies to make your own craft to celebrate the start of a new school year. All ages welcome.

Saturday, August 12 & 26
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.

Monday, August 14
MCCLURE BRANCH
Last Chance for Fun in the Sun – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Don’t miss your last chance to have some fun in the sun before you head back to school. Play games in the grass outside the library, enjoy summertime treats, and enter for a chance to win one of several school-themed giveaways. Grades K through 12.

Monday, August 14
MCCLURE BRANCH
Friendship Bracelets – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Learn some simple braids and knots to make your own friendship bracelets to give out just before school.

Monday, August 14
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!

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Tuesday, August 15
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Last Chance for Fun in the Sun – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, August 16
MCCLURE BRANCH
STEAMY Summer Book Club – 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Get your mind out of the gutter and learn more about STEAM! Participants are welcome to provide feedback on a permanent book club. This month: Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel
Wednesday, August 16
NORTH BRANCH
Genre Evolution Book Club–6:30-7:30pm
This month, we’re discussing early works in the science fiction genre. Please read any of the books below!
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
The Time Machine by H.G. Wells
Dune by Frank Herbert
I, Robot by Isaac Asimov
Contact by Carl Sagan

Thursday, August 17
NORTH BRANCH
Third Thursday Film Fest–2:00-4:00 pm
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: To Catch a Thief (1955)

Friday, August 18
MCCLURE BRANCH
Bee Kind to Bees, Please–4:30-5:00 pm
Discover ways that you can help attract and sustain a healthy honey bee population in your community. We will make bee condos and send home a free pack of nectar-producing flower seeds for everyone to plant on World Honey Bee Day (Saturday, August 19).

August 19-26
MCCLURE BRANCH
National Aviation Week Paper Airplane Contest
Celebrate National Aviation Week by creating your own paper airplane to enter the McClure Branch contest. Visit the branch anytime from August 19 to 26 to learn about aerodynamics, and create and submit your paper airplane. Be sure to return on Saturday, August 26 at 3:30 pm for the flight test! For more details, call (309) 497-2700 or visit McClure Branch. For middle school students.

Saturday, August 19
NORTH BRANCH
Family Fun Moon Party – 2:00-4:00 pm
It’s Family Fun Month! Come gear up for the eclipse with the staff at North Branch! We will have a moon movie and a glow-in-the-dark art project suitable for the whole family. Feel free to bring snacks to enjoy while you watch the movie.

Saturday, August 19
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.

Saturday, August 19
MCCLURE BRANCH
Which Was Better Book Club – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Have you ever had one of your favorite books turned into a movie and it didn’t turn out the way you imagined it? Did you love the changes they made to the story when it went to the big screen? Did they miss something you thought was important to the story? Come join us as we discuss these questions in relation to Neil Gaiman’s Coraline, and enjoy a viewing of the 2009 stop-motion film of the same name. Be sure to check out and read a copy of the book before that date! Library staff at any location can help you secure a copy. Ages 8 to 12.

Sunday, August 20
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club – 2:00-3:30 p.m.
This month: Finders Keepers by Stephen King

Sunday, August 20
NORTH BRANCH
Music in the McKenzie Presents: The Rainmakers – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Join us each month for a new, interesting, and definitely entertaining musical performance! The Rainmakers, from Woodford County, specialize in playing new and old country, classic rock, and alternative music.

Monday, August 21
ALL LOCATIONS
Eclipse Viewing – 12:00-2:00 p.m.
On August 21, 2017, there will be a total solar eclipse visible across the United States. For about three minutes, the Moon will entirely block the light of the Sun. As the Moon passes in front of the Sun, it will be as if dusk has fallen in midday. Stars will appear and it will be quite dark. This event is very rare – there hasn’t been a total solar eclipse visible across the United States since 1979! If you would like to see the total solar eclipse, you will need to travel three to four hours to St Louis or southern Illinois. Can’t make the trip? We will live stream the total eclipse at each of the library buildings. If the weather is nice, feel free to check out the partial eclipse from the prairie at North Branch or the park areas at Lakeview, Lincoln, or McClure Branches!

Monday, August 21
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Puppet Workshop – 10:00-11:00 a.m.
We will provide supplies to make your own puppets and give you ideas for inspiration. Then, those who choose may perform a puppet show for us. Ages 4-7.

Monday, August 21
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, August 21
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Eclipse Movie Showing – 4:00-6:00 pm
After the eclipse, watch The Twilight Saga: Eclipse! Come have a “sparkly” good time! (Rated PG-13)
Tuesday, August 22
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: Don’t Throw It to Me! By David A. Adler, Red by Michael Hall, and I’m Trying to Love Spiders by Bethany Barton. 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, August 22
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Geronimo Stilton – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Join us for a cheese-tastic afternoon reading excerpts of Geronimo Stilton books. Find the detective hidden in you by creating your own Geronimo comic page. For grades 3 through 6.

Tuesday, August 22
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
1,001 Movies You Must See Before You Die Film Showing – 6:00-7:45 p.m.
Our lineup will feature different titles spanning various genres and decades that we haven’t watched in past years. Join us this month for a favorite film noir, Kiss Me Deadly (1955, NR).

Wednesday, August 23
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Club Read – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
This month: My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry by Frederick Backman

Thursday, August 24
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. We invite you to “Come at once if convenient – if inconvenient come all the same”!
This month: “The Speckled Band”

Friday, August 25
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Not Back to School Homeschool Gathering – 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Come connect with other homeschooling families in the area. Both newbies and veterans are welcome. Learn about library resources that can help you along your journey, weigh in about potential future programs aimed at homeschoolers, and socialize! We’ll have something for everybody – preschoolers to teens AND their parents!

Friday, August 25
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, August 26
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Sensory Storytime – 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Sensory Storytime features 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, August 26
MCCLURE BRANCH
Drop In: Origami Bookmark – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Practice your paper-folding skills as you create these one-of-a-kind origami bookmarks! For grade school ages.

Saturday, August 26
NORTH BRANCH
Are You Art Smart? – 11:00 am-3:00 pm
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, August 27
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Sensory Friendly Family Film: Matilda – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Welcome to our sensory friendly film series. For this showing of Matilda 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. Rated PG

Monday, August 28
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: The Music Man

Monday, August 28
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Techsplorers – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
A tech class for early elementary students. Participants are introduced to new technologies, programs and websites while also learning computer vocabulary and online safety. For grades K through 2.

Tuesday, August 29
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Security Awareness Workshop: Preventing Identity Theft Online – 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Gary Chatham, President of Intelisec in Peoria, will present: Keeping your Family Safe Online from Ransomware and Identity Theft. For more information, please call Fran at 309-497-2200.

Wednesday, August 30
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
From the Screen to the Stage – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Join us this month for a viewing of the film version of The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1996, rated G). 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 once the film is finished. You can start seeing the stage production at Peoria Players on September 8!
Club Read will meet on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich. Erdrich’s most recent novel (after the National Book Award winner *The Round House*) acquaints us once again with members of the Peace family, though a different branch from the one in *A Plague of Doves*. The wives in two households, Nola and Emmaline, are half-sisters, daughters of retired schoolteacher LaRose Peace. LaRose is an old family name that originally belonged to the family progenitor, a native girl who married a fur trader’s young assistant. Nola and Peter have two children, Dusty and Maggie. Emmaline and husband Landreaux Iron have four, including their youngest son, LaRose, plus a foster son. In the book’s first pages, the two families become inextricably conjoined when Landreaux kills Dusty in a hunting accident, and Emmaline and Landreaux make the agonizing decision to right this accidental wrong with an old form of justice: giving LaRose to the grieving family. The decision reverberates through the two sets of parents and siblings, and the community beyond.

Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 28 at North Branch to discuss “The Engineer’s Thumb.” The story, set in 1889, mainly consists of a young London consultant hydraulic engineer, Mr. Victor Hatherley, recounting strange happenings of the night before, first to Dr. Watson, who dresses the stump where Mr. Hatherley’s thumb has been cut off, and then to Sherlock Holmes himself. Mr. Hatherley was offered an enormous sum to come with Colonel Lysander Stark to examine a hydraulic press. Taken in a closed carriage a long distance, Hatherley ignores the warning signs of danger and is caught in the plot of a group of counterfeiters. While Sherlock Holmes discovers the criminals, he is unable to bring them to justice this time.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Perez. New London, Texas. 1937. Naomi Vargas and Wash Fuller know about the lines in East Texas as well as anyone. They know the signs that mark them.”No Negros, Mexicans, or dogs.” They know the people who enforce them.“They all decided they’d ride out in their sheets and pay Blue a visit.” But sometimes the attraction between two people is so powerful it breaks through even the most entrenched color lines. And the consequences can be explosive. “More than grief, more than anger, there is a need. Someone to blame. Someone to make pay.” Ashley Hope Perez takes the facts of the 1937 New London school explosion—the worst school disaster in American history—as a backdrop for a riveting novel about segregation, love, family, and the forces that destroy people.

The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, September 10 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss *The Lost Landscape: A Writer’s Coming of Age* by Joyce Carol Oates. *The Lost Landscape* is Joyce Carol Oates’ vivid chronicle of her hardscrabble childhood in rural western New York State. From memories of her relatives, to those of a charming bond with a special red hen on her family farm; from her first friendships to her earliest experiences with death, *The Lost Landscape* is a powerful evocation of the romance of childhood, and its indelible influence on the woman and the writer she would become. In this exceptionally candid, moving, and richly reflective account, Oates explores the world through the eyes of her younger self, an imaginative girl eager to tell stories about the world and the people she meets. While reading *Alice in Wonderland* changed a young Joyce forever and inspired her to view life as a series of endless adventures, growing up on a farm taught her harsh lessons about sacrifice, hard work, and loss. With searing detail and an acutely perceptive eye, Oates renders her memories and emotions with exquisite precision, transporting us to a forgotten place and time—the lost landscape of her youth, reminding us of the forgotten landscapes of our own earliest lives.
The Genre Evolution Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branch to discuss the evolution of the Western genre. Selections include Hondo, by Louis L’Amour, which he wrote based on the screenplay of the film of the same name…which was itself based on one of his short stories. Or try True Grit, by Charles Portis, the story of a teenage girl’s revenge on her father’s murderer. Other selections include Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry, No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy, and any novel by Zane Grey. Choose from the list, or read them all!

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, September 11 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss The Family Trade by Charles Stross. Reporter Miriam Beckstein uncovers a money-laundering scheme but instead of acquiring the scoop, she finds her job terminated and her life threatened. When Miriam receives a locket belonging to her murdered birth mother, she stumbles into a strange “other world” of mounted knights armed with automatic weapons and noblemen who are also merchants in a highly competitive and lethal reality, one to which she was born. Blending the surreal hip fantasy of Roger Zelazny’s “Amber” series with the modern drama of The Sopranos, Stross’s (Singularity Sky ) latest novel features a determined, independent heroine ready to make the best of a whole new life.

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.

The Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss Death Angel by Linda Fairstein. 2013 – New York City Central Park - For one killer, it’s the perfect hunting ground. Assistant DA Alexandra Cooper follows a twisting trail of clues that takes her deep into the city’s dark history – and deeper into the mind of a killer whose terrifying work has only just begun.

The Read on Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 26th at 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Branch to discuss I Almost Forgot About You by Terry McMillan. Feeling stuck and restless in spite of her great friends, family and career, Dr. Georgia Young confronts long-standing fears to embark on a wild journey that may or may not give her a second chance at love. By the best-selling author of Waiting to Exhale.

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 5 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss Delights and Shadows by Ted Kooser. Ted Kooser, who served as United States Poet Laureate (2004–2006), is a poet who works toward clarity and accessibility, so that each distinctive poem appears to be as fresh and bright and spontaneous as a good watercolor painting. Delights and Shadows raises the voice of the poet above everything else. Each short, vivid poem reads as if it were being spoken aloud. Details about cemeteries, dictionaries, a doctor’s waiting room, and a jar of buttons bristle with sound and awareness.

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