Explore More About The Vietnam War on November 11

On Saturday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Main Library Auditorium, Peoria Public Library will present a program with Randy Prunty, Vietnam War veteran who served aboard a PBR boat, as he speaks about his Vietnam War experience. Then Random Strangers, the musical group made up of Steve Fairbanks and Chuck Mahieu, also Vietnam Veterans, will play music of the era.

The program is intended to further the discussion of the documentary The Vietnam War by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick. The program will be held in the afternoon after the Veteran’s Day parade downtown and will provide an opportunity to continue honoring the sacrifices and understanding the experiences of Vietnam Veterans.

Peoria Public Library was selected by the American Library Association (ALA) and WETA Washington, DC, to receive a programming kit for “The Vietnam War,” a 10-part documentary film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick that began airing on PBS stations in September 17 and has been repeated.

In “The Vietnam War,” filmmakers Burns and Novick tell the epic story of the conflict as it has never before been told on film. The film features testimony from nearly 80 witnesses, including Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as Vietnamese combatants and civilians from both the winning and losing sides.

Peoria Public Library was one of 50 U.S. public libraries selected to receive the kit through a peer-reviewed competitive application process. The Peoria Public Library has received a copy of the 18-hour documentary series on DVD, with public performance rights; the companion book, The Vietnam War: An Intimate History by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns; a programming guide, promotional resources, partnership opportunities and more. The kit is designed to help libraries participate in a national conversation about one of the most consequential, divisive and controversial events in American history. Peoria Public Library has purchased additional copies of the DVD and book, available for checkout.

The project is offered by the ALA Public Programs Office in partnership with WETA Washington, DC.

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Lincoln Branch Hall of Fame Honorees Named

Margaret E. Cousin and Cynthia Smith were named to the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch Hall of Fame at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17 at Lincoln Branch, a restored Carnegie Library.

The Lincoln Branch Hall of Fame was established by the Peoria Public Library Board of Trustees in order to recognize individuals, families, corporations, foundations or organizations which have supported the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch through distinguished effort or substantial financial donation.

An individual, family, corporation, foundation or organization may be nominated in recognition of outstanding contributions to the establishment and support of the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch over the years, which resulted in its improvement, national recognition as an important historical structure and ability to continue providing library services to the people of Peoria.

Margaret E. Cousin became a champion for Lincoln Branch Library in 2007 when she began attending Peoria Public Library Board Building Committee meetings as a representative of the Central Illinois Landmarks Foundation (CILF), a group that was concerned about how the historic Carnegie building would fare during a massive library renovation project. Margaret and CILF wanted to safeguard the historical integrity and longevity of Lincoln Branch to the greatest extent possible, in part...
because they had been instrumental in getting the Library declared a Local Historic Landmark by the City of Peoria Historic Preservation Commission.

Margaret’s multi-year commitment to the Peoria Public Library Building Committee and their weekly meetings led to a long-standing seat on the Peoria Public Library Board of Trustees. Her continued interest and passion lead to her involvement in the successful application process to have the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She authored most of the application and participated in the formal presentation of the application to the State of Illinois Historic Preservation Agency Board of Directors. Through persistence and dedication, Margaret’s efforts led to Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Cynthia Smith was appointed Manager of Lincoln Branch in February 1999, after serving on the Lincoln Branch staff since 1996. She has played a key role in making the Lincoln Branch a true center of the Southside community. With energy, dynamism and hard work she has spear-headed efforts that have exceeded all expectations for this branch library since the decision was made to significantly expand the facility as part of the voter-approved capital improvement program for the entire Peoria Public Library system. Year after year, under her leadership, Lincoln Branch has received a Project Next Generation grant from the Illinois State Library, bringing advanced technological experiences, as well as life skills, to an underserved population. Events such as the fall Halloween and spring Egg Hunt parties entice broad sections of the community to experience what the library has to offer. As an extra incentive to encourage children to participate in Summer Reading, she has solicited and received donations of bicycles that are given away during drawings to children who read all summer. In 2017, over 60 donated bicycles and helmets were awarded. Organizer of the long-time book club, Read On Book Club, she helps this group find, read and discuss African-American literature and has planned many author events, hosting authors from the New York Times best-seller lists who are now eager to visit Peoria. Cynthia has hosted an annual Gala that raises funds for the Friends of Peoria Public Library featuring an elegant evening with an award-winning author, fine food and music, all held in the historic Carnegie Lincoln Branch. Cynthia Smith has helped to make Lincoln Branch a vital and unique part of Peoria.

**AMT Donates Automated External Defibrillators**

Peoria Public Library has received a generous and life-saving donation of six Automated External Defibrillator Devices (AEDs), as well as training for staff in use of the devices and in Hands-Only CPR from Medical Transport (AMT). There will be an AED device at each branch and two at Main Library. According to AMT, cardiac arrest is the number-one killer of Americans over age 40, but persons receiving bystander CPR and AED application are two to three times more likely to survive cardiac arrest. Eighty-six staff members have been trained to use the AEDs and to administer Hands-Only CPR. This gift to Peoria Public Library is valued at $8,500 and in an emergency, will help safeguard all who visit the library.

**The Most Wonderful Time of the Year**

by Amber Lowery

The holidays will be here before you know it. All the food, frivolity, and family gatherings are headed your way. That means there are just a few weeks left to sort and gather all of your research and get ready to do some hard and fast genealogy.

Check your rechargeable batteries for your camera or get that extra power bank for your smartphone. You will want to take pictures aplenty to document Great-Aunt Nan’s visit to Cousin Jim’s house at the venerable age of 103. Do not forget to get all the littlest invitees to gather around her to show who was there. Consider talking to the sister-in-law about coordinating your family’s outfits because that would be extra. Also, if you are researching in the Peoria area, check Peoria Public Library for possible pictures of old homes your family may have lived in or places your family members may have worked.

Grab two or three notebooks or download a note taking app. If you are going to see Grandpa Ed up in Michigan, you may want to have pen and paper ready when he starts talking about when he was a little boy and living on the family farm. Bring a couple of extra notebooks in case one or more get sacrificed to keep the kids happy while you frantically write down everything Grandpa says. Then come to the library and check out our databases to verify that Grandpa was living on a farm and not just pulling your leg.

Prepare your list of unanswered questions. Some questions are more important than others. “What time will dinner be ready” goes way to the bottom of the list when Uncle Reggie is telling the story of kidnapping of his Granny Annie when she was mistaken for the daughter of the local businessman. (By the way, she was rescued by a handsome rookie policeman, named Simon…who she married a year later.) Visit Peoria Public Library Main Library to see if the newspapers covered the kidnapping and learn how to use our microfilm machines.

Most importantly, come visit our Local History and Genealogy Department. Sometimes there are questions you do not know to ask because you do not know the information is already there. Check out the census records so you can ask Aunt Ginny why only part of her family moved from Ohio to Illinois…and what became of the rest of them. Look at our collection of cemetery records. Daniel (that cousin who you do not know how you are related, but he shows up for the holidays), may know where more family members are buried in the local cemetery than you expect. Talk to our staff members who may be able to find that missing piece of your family’s history in a little-known resource. You will never know if you do not ask.

Main Library is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Local History and Genealogy Department at the Main Library is waiting…
November

ALL LOCATIONS

1000 Books Before Kindergarten
This free program encourages and rewards your children for the books that are read to them. Stop by any location to pick up a reading log, or track your progress using the app in iTunes and the Google Play Store. Complete directions on the program will be given to you at the time you sign up. After each 100 books read, bring in completed logs or show us your progress on the app when you visit and we’ll give your child their reading reward. Once your child reads 1000 books before entering kindergarten, they’ll be invited to a graduation party!

November 1-12
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Family Reading Club
Family Reading Night is on November 16. Do you know what you’re reading? Send an e-mail to programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us with the ages of your children, some of their favorite books, TV shows, and movies, and if you prefer one longer book to read aloud together, or one book for each family member to read. We’ll put together a kit with books, snacks, stickers, bookmarks, and coloring sheets for your family to enjoy on Family Reading Night. Don’t have kids? E-mail us the number of adults, favorite genre or favorite titles or authors and let us know if you want one of their books to read together or one for each adult. All kits must be picked up at the Lakeview Branch on November 15.

November 1-15
LAKEVIEW BRANCH & MCCLURE BRANCH
What Book Am I?
Pick up a contest sheet at our Family Reading Night display and try to guess the children’s books based on the first line of the book. Choose from a picture book or chapter book contest sheet. One winner from each level will win a gift card to Barnes and Noble. Ages 3 to 14.

November 1-16
ALL LOCATIONS
Illinois Reads Contest
Each year the state of Illinois runs a statewide project to promote reading for by selecting six books in different age categories ranging from read-to books for infants to adult readers. Pick up a reading log and read any four books from your age group. Turn it in by Family Reading Night, November 16, to be entered to win our drawing for a $20 Barnes & Noble gift card. Drawing will be held on November 17. One winner per age group.

November 1-16
MAIN LIBRARY
Family Reading Night Packets
Participate in Family Reading Night by picking up a packet from the Children’s Room. Each packet includes books, games, recipes and ideas for making the night a reading success. Bring back the books, but keep the packet.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
NORTH BRANCH
Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 p.m.
Develop your baby’s pre-literacy skills with books, songs, rhymes and finger plays that will help them understand new concepts and enhance their love of learning. Caregivers will be encouraged to engage their child through one-on-one interactions, making reading time fun. Age 0 to 23 months.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
MCCLURE BRANCH
Come Write In – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Come Write In, NaNoWriMo participants! We have free wi-fi, snacks, and a quiet space to work. All you need to do is bring your preferred writing tool! High school students and adults welcome.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
MAIN LIBRARY
Walk-In E-reader Assistance–4:00-5:00pm
Need help learning to download ebooks from the library? Free help is available. Sessions are first come, first served.

Wednesday, November 1
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
From the Screen to the Stage – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Join us for a viewing of the film version of Rock of Ages (2012, PG-13). Arrive a little early to enter a drawing to win tickets to see the stage version at Peoria Players Theatre! The stage production opens on November 10th!
Calendar continued

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Fun Time Storytime** – 10:00-10:30 a.m.  
**Ages 3 to 6.**

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30**  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**A-Z Storytime** – 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
**Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts! Ages 2 to 3.**

**November 3-10**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**National Sandwich Day Drawing**  
The library staff loves sandwiches so much that we’re celebrating National Sandwich Day for a whole week! Vote for your favorite local sandwich shop and you could win a $10 gift card to use at that shop. We’ll share which deli earns the most votes and draw a winner from those who voted on November 10.

**November 3-28**  
**MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY**  
**Peoria Camera Club’s Best**  
The Peoria Camera Club, founded in 1954, will present a group exhibit of the finest work of their photographer members for the first time at Peoria Public Library. The club, open to anyone who wants to improve their photographic skills, will hold a reception, open to the public, on Saturday, November 4, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to view the exhibit and chat with photographers and members of the club.

**Friday, November 3**  
**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, November 3, 10 & 17**  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**Busy Bees Storytime** – 10:30-11:00 am  
**Children of all ages.**

**Friday, November 3, 10 & 17**  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**70s Flashback Movies** – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
**Flashback to the 1970s with these movies: November 3: Jaws  
November 10: Saturday Night Fever  
November 17: Star Wars: Episode IV**

**Saturday, November 4**  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**Busier Bees Storytime** – 10:30-11:00 am  
**Children of all ages.**

**Saturday, November 4**  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
**Drop In: Pinktastic Celebration Sensation!** – 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
**Pick up a packet celebrating the Pinkalicious series. This month: Aqualicious**

**Saturday, November 4**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Drop In: Scrumptious Science – 3:00-4:00 p.m.**  
**Celebrate Homemade Bread Day by whipping up a Friendship Bread starter! After ten days, each starter yields five or more additional starters that you can then share with friends, just in time for Thanksgiving! When they taste this deliciously sweet bread, they'll be thankful they have a friend like you!**

**Monday, November 6**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Bilingual Storytime** – 10:15-10:45 a.m.  
**This Spanish/English storytime features books, games, and songs to help build vocabulary in both languages. All ages.**

**Monday, Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27**  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**Tiny Tots Storytime** – 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
**Ages 12 to 23 months.**

**Monday, November 6**  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**STEAM Explorations** – 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
**Discover Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math! This month we will explore levers and pulleys. Ages 5-8.**

**Monday & Tuesday, November 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 & 28**  
**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 who provide technological experiences and life skills vital for success. Students will research the Internet, keep track of their findings, and create a design from the 3D printers. 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, Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**  
**Terrific Tattletale Storytime** – 10:00-10:30 a.m.  
**Ages 3 to 6.**

**Tuesday, November 7, 14 & 28**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Preschool Storytime** – 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
**Ages 3 to 6.**

**Tuesday, November 7**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Bibliophiles Book Club** – 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
**This month: Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of Culture and Family in Crisis by J.D. Vance**

**Tuesday, November 7**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**  
**Front & Center: Game Night** – 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
**Join us for board games, card games, Jenga and more! For middle school ages.**

**Monday, November 7 & 28**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**  
**Front & Center: Cupcake Wars** – 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
**Give your cupcake that wow effect by adding your favorite candy toppings. Grade school ages.**

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Thursday, November 9 & Tuesday, November 21
LINCOLN BRANCH
Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
“Turkey’s Thanksgiving Adventure.”
Come help Turkey have a delicious Thanksgiving. Ages 3 to 6.

Friday, November 10
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Toddler Art – 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Let your child explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills along the way. Please dress for a mess. For ages 2-4 with a caregiver.

Friday, November 10
MCCLURE BRANCH
Friday, November 17
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Baby Playground – 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Calling all babies! Join us for a special playgroup designed to help you explore your world through creative play. Ages 9 months to 24 months.

Saturday, November 11
NORTH BRANCH
DIY Coffee Cozy – 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
We will be making a fox cozy to keep your favorite warm beverage from burning your hands.

Saturday, November 11
NORTH BRANCH
Drop In: Math Challenge – 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Challenges will be geared toward students in grade three and up.

Saturday, November 11
LINCOLN BRANCH
Crafts-to-Go: Thanksgiving Craft – 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Come make a fun Thanksgiving craft to put on your holiday table.

Saturday, November 11
MAIN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
Vietnam War Program – 1:00 p.m.
Veteran Randy Prunty will speak about his Vietnam War experience. Featuring music by Random Strangers.

Saturday, November 11 & 25
MAIN LIBRARY
Tabletop Gaming – 2:00-5:30 p.m.
We will be exploring a variety of systems. Dice will be provided and beginners are welcome. Young adults to senior citizens.

Saturday, November 11
MCCLURE BRANCH
Electronic Publication Today – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Writers have never been so empowered to produce and distribute their own work as they are today. Participants will learn about converting a finalized composition into a printed book, as well as some compositions essentials, illustrations, layout, preparation of print-ready PDFs, printing and distribution.

Sunday, November 12
NORTH BRANCH
Music in the McKenzie Presents:
Roundstone Buskers – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
The Buskers are Tom Jones, Bruce Burton and Shannan Sullivan. Named for Roundstone, Ireland, the hometown of the great bodhran maker Malachy Kearns, The Buskers are an acoustic power trio claiming traditional and contemporary Celtic as part of their sound. They have been called “cheeky”, “punxy” and “on point” and they are fine with that. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Monday, November 13
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 Rube Goldberg machines. Ages 9 to 12.

Monday, November 13
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
SciFi & Fantasy Book Club–6:30-7:30pm
This month: The Beryl Coronet Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. This is it for all, all are welcome to experience The Holmes stories a million times or none at all.

Monday, November 13
NORTH BRANCH
Pillow Talk (1950)
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.

Tuesday, November 14
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: DIY Arts & Crafts – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Create and take home picture frames, pillows, pet rocks and more by visiting our “Stations of Stuff” with multiple things that you can design. Middle school ages.

Wednesday, November 15
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Beauty and the Beast – 4:00-6:30 p.m.
Come celebrate the season by watching the live-action Beauty and the Beast (2017). Open to all ages.

Wednesday, November 15
NORTH BRANCH
Genre Evolution Book Club–6:30-7:30pm
Call the North Branch at 309-497-2100 to get the book list for this month.

Thursday, November 16
NORTH BRANCH
Family Reading Night
Sponsored by Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White, and the Illinois Center for the Book, Family Reading Night is an annual statewide event to encourage families to spend quality time reading together. We encourage you all to pick out a book and spend the evening reading with your family! We would love to see pictures of your family reading together. Please send your pictures to: programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us

Thursday, November 16
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: Pillow Talk (1950)

Thursday, November 16
NORTH BRANCH
Gratitude Decoupage – 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Take a break from all the craziness in your life and stop for a few minutes to count your blessings. We will be using recycled magazines to create art for your bedroom wall or your locker at school. All supplies are provided, but feel free to bring a friend, something to munch on, and your favorite old magazine. Middle school and high school ages.

Thursday, November 16
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. This month: “The Beryl Coronet”
Calendar continued

Friday, November 17
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Drop In: Thanksgiving Craft – 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Come celebrate Thanksgiving by making your own Thanksgiving crown. While supplies last. Ages 3+ with a caregiver.

Saturday, November 18
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, November 18
MCCLURE BRANCH
Drop In: Thanksgiving Craft – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Stop by to make a Thanksgiving craft before they are all gobbled up.

Saturday, November 18
MCCLURE BRANCH
Native American Sampler Fest – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving dinner doesn’t always have to be turkey and pumpkin pie. Taste samples of more authentic Native American foods from around the United States. All ages welcome.

Saturday, November 18
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Afternoon Art History – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
To celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month, tweens are invited to learn about several of the different Native American tribes that resided in Illinois, as well as work on a craft inspired by the Peoria tribe to take home.

Saturday, November 18
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, November 19
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club – 2:00-3:30 p.m.
This month: The Bricklayer by Noah Boyd

November 20-25
NORTH BRANCH
Drop In: Jigsaw Jangle
Celebrate National Game & Puzzle Week with us. How many puzzles can we complete this week?

Monday, November 20
NORTH BRANCH
Homeschool Meet-up – 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Get out of the house and meet your homeschooling neighbors. Participants are encouraged to bring a project that they have been working on to either present or display for the other attendees. Everyone who brings something will be entered to win a prize. Feel free to bring your lunch and stick around to socialize.

Monday, November 20
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.

Tuesday, November 21
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Action! Bringing Books to Life – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Share your favorite author, character and storylines with others. Bring books to life by expressing yourself on video unleashing the actor in you! Middle school ages.

Tuesday, November 21
MCCLURE BRANCH
YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:30 pm
This month: American Street by Ibi Zoboi

Saturday, November 25
MCCLURE BRANCH
Homemade Holiday Gifts – 10:00-11:00am
Save some money by making some unique gifts this holiday season! You’ll get ideas and instructions for creating homemade presents, and you’ll even get to try one out for yourself. Call 309-497-2150 to register by November 11.

Saturday, November 25
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. Fidgets and ear muffs are available.

Saturday, November 25
NORTH BRANCH
Are You Art Smart? – 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Using library resources, identify the masterpiece, then create your own great work of art inspired by the classic. Creations will be displayed at the library and one master artist will win a special prize.

Saturday, November 25
MCCLURE BRANCH
Drop In: National Parfait Day Party – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Celebrate National Parfait Day by dropping in to make your perfect parfait. A variety of ingredients and suggested combinations will be provided, but feel free to bring your own unique toppings/ layers from home, if you like.

Sunday, November 26
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Silver Screen Sunday – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
This month: Raise in the Sun starring Sidney Poitier and directed by Daniel Petrie (NR)

Monday, November 27
MCCLURE BRANCH
Monday Morning Movie – 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Enjoy movie time with these timeless classics! This month: Midway

November 28-December 22
BOOKMOBILE
Baby It’s Cold Outside
Visit the Bookmobile and pick up a snowman coloring sheet. Cut, color, and decorate it however you wish, then return it to the Bookmobile to receive a candy cane. Returned snowmen will be displayed on the Bookmobile!

Tuesday, November 28
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Draw the Story – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Draw and describe your interpretation of characters from stories that are being read aloud. Middle school ages.

Tuesday, November 28
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 time together playing a game or putting together a puzzle. All families are invited.
December Book Clubs at Peoria Public Library

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

Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 28 at North Branch to discuss “The Copper Beeches.” First published in 1892, this Arthur Conan Doyle story recounts the story of Miss Violet Hunter who has been offered a position as a governess by Jephro Rucastle at his estate The Copper Beaches. Miss Hunter is suspicious of the large sum being offered and strange details such as having to cut her hair short, wear a particular dress and sit with her back to a window that faces the road. Strange characters, locked rooms, guard dogs and more compel Miss Hunter to summon Sherlock Holmes to untangle the web of mysteries and deceit.

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, December 11 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Sorcerer to the Crown by Zen Cho. England is losing its magic, and the Royal Society of Unnatural Philosophers normally turns for guidance to its Sorcerer Royal. However, Zacharias Wythe is nearly a pariah to the society. Not only is he the freed child of African slaves, but his adoptive father, Sir Stephen Wythe, died under mysterious circumstances, and everyone assumes that the blame lies with his successor. Suffering under the weight of social rejection, Zacharias attempts to discover the truth behind his nation’s dwindling magic. In the meantime, he meets Miss Prunella Gentleman, a young woman of unknown parentage and magical gifts who turns the idea that women must suppress their magical talents on its head. Prunella is suspicious of the large sum being offered and strange details such as having to cut her hair short, wear a particular dress and sit with her back to a window that faces the road. Strange characters, locked rooms, guard dogs and more compel Miss Hunter to summon Sherlock Holmes to untangle the web of mysteries and deceit.

The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson. Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn’t commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever. Just Mercy is an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer’s coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of justice.

The Bibliophilis Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 5 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss The Force of Things: A Marriage in War and Peace by Alexander Stille. Set in 1948, this is the story of the passionate and stormy union of Mikhail Kamenetzy, aka Ugo Stille, one of Italy’s most celebrated journalists, and Elizabeth Bogert, a beautiful and charming young woman from the Midwest. Their immediate attraction and tumultuous marriage is part of a much larger story: the mass migration of Jews from fascist-dominated Europe in the 1930s and in the shadow of World War II.

The Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss Hércule Poirot’s Christmas by Agatha Christie. 1938 – Hércule Poirot has been invited to join an English family coming home for Christmas. The elderly family patriarch has written his last Will; taunting his children and their spouses with its contents. When the patriarch is murdered, Hércule Poirot uses his little gray cells to make sure everyone, except the killer, has a very Merry Christmas.

The Genre Evolution Book Club will meet on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branch to discuss the evolution of the holiday genre. Selections include Hogfather by Terry Pratchett, a humorous tale of what happens when entities interfere with each other’s holidays. Or try A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg, a feel-good story of Christmas in the American South. Other selections include A Child’s Christmas in Wales by Dylan Thomas, A Christmas Memory by Truman Capote, and Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins by Eric A. Kimmel. Choose one from the list, or read them all!

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier. Jerry Renault ponders the question on the poster in his locker: Do I dare disturb the universe? Refusing to sell chocolates in the annual Trinity school fund-raiser may not seem like a radical thing to do. But when Jerry challenges a secret school society called The Vigils, his defiant act turns into an all-out war. Now the only question is: Who will survive? First published in 1974, Robert Cormier’s groundbreaking novel, an unflinching portrait of corruption and cruelty, has become a modern classic.

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The Noel Diary by Richard Paul Evans starts with a phone call right before Christmas in which Jacob Churcher learns that his estranged mother has died and left her house to him. It has been 20 years since he had been kicked out and when he returns to the house, he finds that his mother had become a hoarder. Not only does he have to deal with memories of his past but he has to make his way through two decades of clutter. As he digs through the accumulated items he finds a diary from someone named Noel, who evidently stayed with his family during her pregnancy. He also has a visitor named Rachel who shows up looking for the mother who put her up for adoption thirty years before. Jacob and Rachel begin a search for the mysterious Noel and along the way find the chance to re-write history and a chance at love.

The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg starts with Arthur Moses, a widower who for the past six months has had the same routine. He takes care of his rose garden, his cat Gordon and then rides the bus to the cemetery to visit his dearly loved late wife for lunch. On one of these visits, he meets eighteen-year-old Maddy Harris. The two develop a friendship and Maddy gives Arthur the nick name “Truluv” because of his kindheartedness and dedication. Lucille, Arthur’s neighbor another lonely person becomes a part of their group. The three form an unlikely trio that band together and help one other find their potential to start anew after losing the one they love most, to find a second chance at happiness and learn that friends have a way of turning into the family we chose.