Saturday, August 12 – Lincoln Branch
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.

Monday, August 14 – Lakeview Branch
Book Time with Ronald McDonald! – 10:30-11:15 a.m.
We will have a special guest this morning – McDonald's very own Ronald McDonald! This fun show has a mix of magic, music, puppets, and stories! It is a great program for children of all ages. Thank you to Clark Management for loaning Ronald to us!

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.

Saturday, August 19 – North Branch
Family Fun Moon Party – 2:00-6:00 p.m.
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.

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 dark as it has fallen in midnight. 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 3 to 4 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 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.

Saturday, August 26 – 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, 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.

Friday, August 25 – North 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 – North Branch
Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, August 1, 8, 15 & 29 – Lakeview Branch
preschool Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

August 2, 16, 23 & 30 – Lakeview Branch– 10:15-10:45 a.m.
August 7, 14, 21 & 28 – North Branch – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Tiny Tots Storytime
Ages 12 to 23 months.

Wednesday, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – North Branch
Brainy Baby Storytime – 11:30-1:00 p.m.
Develop your baby’s pre-literacy skills with songs, rhymes and finger plays that will help them understand new concepts and enhance their love of learning. Age 0 to 23 months.

Thursday, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – McClure Branch
Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – North Branch
A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts. Ages 2 to 3.

Friday, August 4, 11, 18 & 25 – North Branch
Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Children of all ages.

Tuesday, August 1, 8, 15 & 22 – Lincoln Branch
Terrific Tactile Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 – Lakeview Branch
Preschool Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6.

Saturday, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 – Lincoln Branch
Buster Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Children of all ages.

Monday, August 14 – North Branch
Pajama Storytime – 7:00-7:45 p.m.
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.

Friday, August 11 – McClure Branch
Friday, August 25 – 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.

Monday, August 21 – North Branch
Storytime Lab – 1:30-2:00 p.m.
Stories about concepts in science, technology, engineering, art, and math followed by hands-on exploration! Ages 3-6.

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 6, but children of all abilities, families, and siblings are encouraged to attend.
**Early Learners**

- **August 1 - Main Library**
  - **Crafts to Go** - 3:00-4:00 p.m.
  - **Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the first floor Information Desk any time we’re open.**

- **August 2 - North Branch**
  - **STEAM Explorations** - 4:30-5:30 p.m.
  - **This month we will be exploring balance. Ages 5 to 9.**

- **August 4 - McClure Branch**
  - **Bee Kind to Bees, Please** - 4:30-5:00 p.m.
  - **Discover ways that you can help attract and sustain a healthy honey bee population in our 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 11 - 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 balance. Ages 9 to 12.**

- **August 17 - Lakeview 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? 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. Ages 8 to 12.**

- **August 24 - Lakeview Branch**
  - **Monarch Book Club** - 4:00-4:45 p.m.
  - **We’ll read books from the 2018 Monarch Award reading list. At our December meeting we’ll vote for the book we want to win the Monarch Award. This month: Don’t Throw It To Me! By David A. Adler, Red by Michael Hall, and I’m Trying to Love Spiders by Bethany Barton. Grades K to 3.**

- **August 25 - Lincoln 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.**

- **September 1 - North Branch**
  - **Teen STEM Challenge** - 3:00-4:00 p.m.
  - **It’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.**

- **September 11 - McClure Branch**
  - **National Aviation Week Paper Airplane Contest**
  - **Celebrate National Aviation Week by creating your own paper airplane to enter the contest. Visit the branch anytime from August 19 to 26 to learn about aerodynamics, and create and submit your paper airplane. Be sure to stop by the library on Saturday, August 26 at 3:30 pm for the flight test!**
  - **For more contest details, call (309) 497-2700 or stop into the McClure Branch.**

**Grade School**

- **August 7 - Lincoln Branch**
  - **Front & Center: Techexplorers** - 4:00-6:00 p.m.
  - **Participants are introduced to new technologies, programs and websites while also learning computer vocabulary and online safety. For grades K through 2.**

- **August 10 - Lakeview Branch**
  - **Drop In: Origami Bookmark** - 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
  - **Practice your paper-folding skills as you create one-of-a-kind origami bookmarks! For grade school ages.**

- **September 11 - South Branch**
  - **3D Printer: Making the Impossible Possible** - 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
  - **Students will research the Internet, keep track of their findings, and create a design from the 3D printer. 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.**

**Middle School / High School**

- **Tuesday, August 2 - Lakeview Branch**
  - **Attention Grade 10-12 Students** - 3:00-6:00 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 the opportunity to make a craft inspired by Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs and learn how to write their names in hieroglyphs!**

- **Wednesday, August 3 - North Branch**
  - **Project Next Generation: 5:00-7:00 p.m.**
  - **It’s All About the Kids! (3rd 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 printer. 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.**

- **Saturday, August 6 - Lincoln Branch**
  - **3D Printer: Making the Impossible Possible** - 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
  - **Students will research the Internet, keep track of their findings, and create a design from the 3D printer. 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.**

**Kids of All Ages**

- **August 6 – Main Library**
  - **Crafts to Go** - 3:00-4:00 p.m.
  - **Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the first floor Information Desk any time we’re open.**

- **Monday, August 7 – 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 towards students in grade 3 and up. Drop in any time.**

- **Saturday, August 12 – South Branch**
  - **It to Mo! I’m Gaiman’s, and enjoy a viewing of the 2009 stop-motion film of the same name. Ages 8 to 12.**

- **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 all of Illinois, 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 view it with Renae Kerrigan, Planetarium Curator at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.**

- **Monday, August 7 – Lakeview Branch**
  - **Super Hero Training** - 12:00-12:45 p.m.
  - **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).**