

Kids of All Ages

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 music, magic, 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

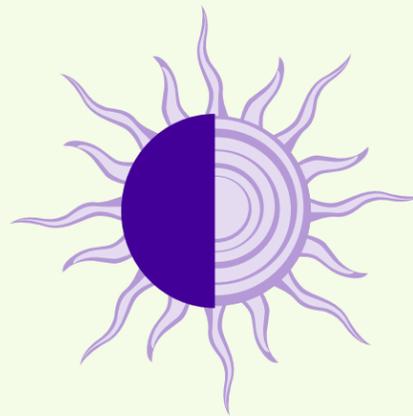
Family Fun Moon Party – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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 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 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 from the prairie at North Branch or the park areas at Lakeview Branch, Lincoln Branch, or McClure Branch!



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

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

Peoria
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KID
EVENTS

AUGUST 2017



Storytimes

Tuesday, August 1, 8, 15 & 22 – Lincoln Branch

Terrific Tattletale 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.

August 2, 16, 23 & 30 – Lakeview Branch – 10:15-10:45 am 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 – 1:30-2:00 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.

Saturday, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 – North Branch

Busier 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 8, but children of all abilities, families, and siblings are encouraged to attend.



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Lakeview Branch
309-497-2200
Closed on Thursday

Lincoln Branch
309-497-2600
Closed on Wednesday

McClure Branch
309-497-2700
Closed on Sunday

North Branch
309-497-2100
Closed on Tuesday

Early Learners

August – All locations

1,000 Books before Kindergarten

The Peoria Public Library is proud to introduce 1,000 Books before Kindergarten as an ongoing program at all locations to foster a love of reading in children before they start 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. After each 100 books read, bring in completed logs or show us your progress on the app and we'll give your child their reward. Once your child reads 1000 books before entering kindergarten, they'll be invited to a special graduation party!

Thursday, August 3 – North Branch – 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Wed. 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. 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! Simply stop by any location to sign your child up.

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.

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.

Thurs. August 10 & Tues. August 15 – Lincoln Branch

Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

"Back to School Blues." Ages 3 to 6.

Friday, August 11 – 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. Art projects might leave something to be desired but it's the process that really counts. For ages 2-4 with a caregiver.

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 to 7.

Grade School

August – Main Library

Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Floor Information Desk any time we're open.

Monday, August 7 – North Branch

STEAM Explorations – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

This month we will be exploring balance. Ages 5 to 8.

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.

Monday, August 14 – 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.

Friday, August 18 – 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 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).

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? 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.

Tuesday, August 22 – 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 Mo!* By David A. Adler, *Red* by Michael Hall, and *I'm Trying to Love Spiders* by Bethany Barton. 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 Geronimo Stilton books and creating a Geronimo comic page. Grades 3-6.

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.

Monday, August 28 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Techsplorers – 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.

Middle School / High School

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!

Monday & Tuesday, August 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29 – Lincoln Branch

Project Next Generation – 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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.

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.

Monday, August 14 – Lakeview 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.

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.

August 19-26 – 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 return 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.

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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 your 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 by October 31.

Tuesday, August 1 – Lincoln Branch

Front&Center: Movie Night at the Library–4:00-6:00pm

Enjoy a warm summer evening in the cool by joining us as we watch *The Boss Baby*. All ages are welcome.

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)

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.

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).