

## Kids of All Ages

### September – All locations

#### Illinois Reads Contest

Pick up a reading log and read any four books from your age group. Turn it in by 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.

### September – All locations

#### Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Come in and sign up for a new card or renew your expired card and you can enter to win an iPad! Do you have fines you need to take care of? We will clear \$5 off your record and renew your card. Library materials must have been returned. If an item is lost or damaged, costs and fees will still apply, however you may have \$5 credit toward the overdue fine portion of your bill. When you sign up for your new card, make sure you look for the Library Card Sign-Up Month Selfie Station, take your picture, and post it on Instagram or Facebook with the hashtags #librarycardsignupmonth and #peoriapubliclibrary. Also, look for special book displays in all locations.

### September – Lakeview Branch & McClure Branch

#### Get Caught 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.

### September – Lakeview

#### Butterflies in the Library

Come watch the life cycle of the Painted Lady Butterfly. A butterfly habitat will be on display with informational sheets and coloring pages. When the time comes, we will announce a butterfly release and send them on their way!

### Friday, September 1 – McClure Branch

#### Drop In: What Is Labor Day? – 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Stop in anytime to learn about the history of this holiday honoring America's workers, and to make a thank you card for a laborer that makes a difference in your life.

### Saturday, September 9 – McClure Branch

#### Drop In: The Kindness Rocks Project – 10:00am-12:00pm

Join The Kindness Rocks Project by stopping in to create your own inspirational rock to hide in the community! Be ready to learn about the project and why it was created, then create your own rocks to hide! For children of all ages.

### Saturday, September 9 – Lincoln Branch

#### Drop In: Crafts-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Make a Fall Fun craft. Children of all ages.

### Saturday, September 9 – Main Library

#### Pinktastic Celebration Sensation! – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

We'll read a book from the series and have activities relating to each Pinkalicious story. This month: *Emeraldalicious*

### Sunday, September 10 & 24 – Lakeview Branch

#### Sunday Crafternoon – 12:00-5:00 p.m.

The storytime room will be open for families to relax and read books, color, and work on projects.

### Saturday, September 16 – McClure Branch

#### Guacamole Taste Testing – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

It's Guacamole Day and there's no better way to celebrate than testing out different kinds of guacamole!

### Friday, September 22 – Lakeview Branch

#### Drop In: LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

### Saturday, September 23 – North Branch

#### Are You Art Smart? – 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Using library resources, identify the masterpiece, then create your own great work of art inspired by the classic. One master artist will win a special prize.

### September 25-30 – McClure Branch

#### Banned Books Week Shredded Books

Can you guess which book has been shredded in the jar? Take your guess and enter for a chance to win a gift card so you can buy your own copy of a banned book (or any book)!

### Tuesday, September 26 – Lakeview Branch

#### Family Game and Puzzle Night – 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Unplug your family and spend some time together playing a game or putting together a puzzle.

### Wednesday, September 27 – North Branch

#### Drop In: DIY Day for Peoria Students – 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Peoria schools are out early today! Come by for some DIY craft activities, including jewelry making and origami!

### Saturday, September 30 – Main Library

#### Picnic with the Poky Little Puppy – 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Little Golden Books by joining us for a picnic with the Poky Little Puppy. Includes stories, snacks, pictures with Poky Little Puppy, and prizes.

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# KID EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2017

### Storytimes

#### Tuesday, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 – Lakeview Branch

##### Preschool Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Ages 3 to 6.

#### Wednesday, September 6, 13, 20 & 27 –

##### Lakeview Branch – 10:15-10:45 a.m.

#### Monday, Sept. 11, 18 & 25 – North Branch – 10:30-11:00 am

##### Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

#### Wednesday, September 6, 13, 20 & 27 – 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. Age 0-23 mo.

#### Thursday, September 7, 14, 21 & 28 – McClure Branch

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

Ages 3 to 6.

#### Thursday, September 7, 14, 21 & 28 – North Branch

##### A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.

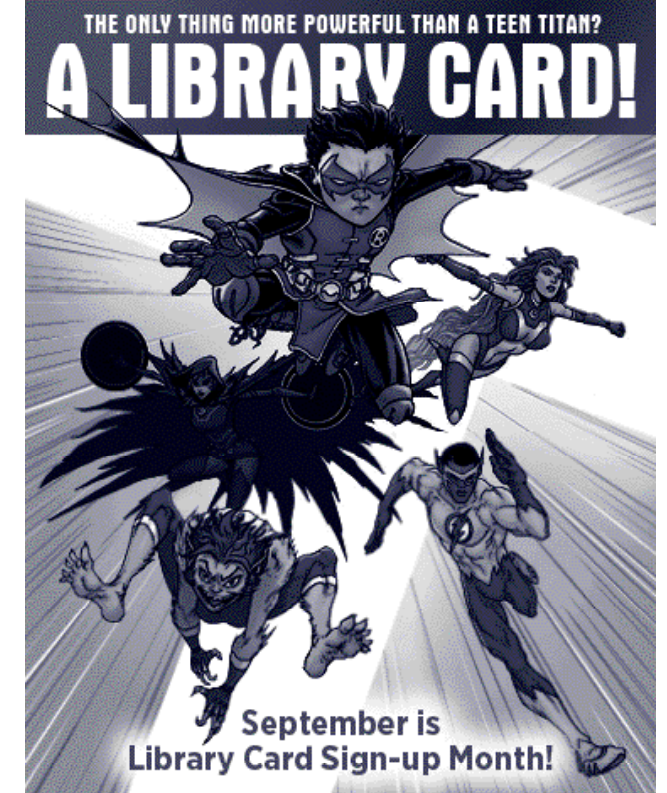
Join us for stories, songs, and crafts as we focus on learning the shapes of letters and the sounds they make! Ages 2 to 3.

#### Friday, September 8 – McClure Branch

#### Friday, September 22 – Lakeview Branch

##### Baby Playground – 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Join us for a special playgroup designed to help you explore your world through creative play. Ages 9 to 24 months.



#### Friday, September 8, 15, 22 & 29 – North Branch

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

Children of all ages.

#### Saturday, September 9, 16, 23 & 30 – North Branch

##### Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Children of all ages.

#### Monday, September 11 – North Branch

##### Pajama Storytime – 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Join us for a picture book party! We'll enjoy stories, songs, and a craft! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket or stuffed friend to snuggle --- you'll be ready for bed when you head home! Children of all ages.

#### Tuesday, September 12, 19 & 26 – Lincoln Branch

##### Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 to 6.

#### Monday, September 18 – 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.

#### Saturday, September 23 – 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.

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309-497-2000  
Closed on Sunday

**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

### September – All locations

#### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

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. This free program encourages and rewards your children for the books that are read to them. Stop by any Peoria Public Library location to sign up for the program and 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 special graduation party!

### Friday, September 8 – 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.

### Thursday, September 14 & Tuesday, September 19 – Lincoln Branch

#### Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

“Elephant’s Sneeze.” Come help Elephant get rid of his sneeze. Ages 3 to 6.

### Friday, September 15 – 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 to 4 years old with a caregiver.

### Wednesday, September 13 – McClure Branch

#### Bully Busters – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

The Girl Scouts of Central Illinois want you to join in on this combination of song, story, and fun activities to help you learn how the words you say can have a lasting impact on the people around you! Bring your friends and learn what you can do to help solve the problem of bullying!

### Monday, September 18 – North Branch

#### STEAM Explorations – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Discover the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math topics that are all around us! This month we will be exploring rocks and earth science. Ages 5 to 8.

### Monday, September 18 – McClure Branch

#### Rosh Hashanah Celebration – 4:00-4:30 p.m.

The Jewish New Year is nearly here! Enjoy a snack and create a craft as you learn about this holiday and ways it is celebrated in the Jewish Community.

### Tuesday, September 19 – Lakeview Branch

#### Monarch Book Club – 4:00-4:45 p.m.

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: *Glow* by W.H. Beck, *Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins, and *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campoy. If you'd like to read these titles prior to the meeting, call us to request a copy. Grades K to 3.

### Monday, September 25 – Lincoln Branch

#### Front & Center: Apple-cano Experiment – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Do this quick and easy erupting apple-cano experiment with simple household items. Ages 5 to 7.

## Middle School / High School

### September 1-October 15 –

#### Lakeview Branch & Main Library

#### Banned Book Bingo

In Celebration of Banned Books Week and Teen Read Week, you can pick up a Banned Book Bingo sheet anytime from our display and read banned books to complete a BINGO. Once completed, turn your sheet in to be entered to win a \$10 gift card. For ages 13 and up.

### Tuesday, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 – McClure Branch

#### Pirates of the Caribbean Movie Series – 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Prepare for Talk Like a Pirate Day (Sept 19) – or simply enjoy some swashbuckling action – with the Pirates of the Caribbean movie series! Popcorn and water provided, or feel free to bring your own snacks (just remember that eating is only allowed in the viewing room).

September 5: *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* (PG 13); September 12: *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* (PG 13); September 19 (Pirate Day!): *Pirates of the Caribbean: At the World's End* (PG 13); September 26: *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* (PG 13)

### Tuesday, September 5 – Lincoln Branch

#### Front & Center: Toothpick Sculptures – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Use your imagination and build geometric shapes with toothpicks, marshmallows and gumdrops. Design 2D and 3D models of domes, triangles and more. Grades 7 and 8.

### Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26 – Lincoln Branch

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

(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, September 9 – McClure Branch

#### Grandparents' Day Gift Making – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us to make some adorable homemade gifts for Grandparents Day! We'll be making personalized wall art and oven mitts (while supplies last). Card-making supplies will also be available.

### Tuesday, September 12 – Lincoln Branch

#### Front & Center: A Mystery in the Library – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us to piece together the mystery of the missing books from the library. Gather all your clues to figure out who the sneaky culprit is. Ages 10 to 12.

### Saturday, September 16 – Lakeview Branch

#### Afternoon Art History – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

To celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15), tweens are invited to learn about famous Hispanic artists such as Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and José Guadalupe Posada, as well as work on a project inspired by Mexican folk art.

### Saturday, September 16 – 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 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.

### Tuesday, September 19 – Lincoln Branch

#### Front & Center: Magnetic Slime Experiment – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Do you love all things ooey and gooey? Learn how to make your very Magnetic Slime by joining us here at the library. Ages 10 to 12.

### Tuesday, September 26 – Lincoln Branch

#### Front & Center: Marble Run STEM Challenge – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Explore engineering by building a Marble Run. Create the perfect run using cardboard tubes, plastic bottles, hoses and more. Ages 10 to 12.

## Grade School

### September – 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. Ask for a Craft-to-Go, take it home and the fun begins.

### September – Main Library

#### It's in the Jar Contest – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Are you a good guesser? Guess how many school supplies are in our jar, and you could win it all (except the jar) plus a backpack to put it in. Kindergarteners through 4th grade are invited to take a guess. Visit the 1st Floor Information Desk to make a guess and fill out the entry form. Contest ends September 30, 2017. Winner will be notified October 2.

### September 5-29 – Bookmobile

#### Do You Know the Answers?

Visit the Bookmobile to pick up a worksheet. Answer all the questions to see if you know the basic facts about your library and how to get the most out of it. Return the completed sheet to the Bookmobile no later than September 29 and receive a prize! Grades K through 4.

### Saturday, September 9 – 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. While supplies last.

### Monday, September 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 geology. Ages 9 to 12.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2,  
THROUGH MONDAY, SEPT. 5

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NORTH BRANCH ALWAYS CLOSED TUESDAY