

Kids of All Ages

Saturday, December 2 – McClure Branch

Christmas Around the World – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Each family has their own traditions to celebrate this festive time of year. Stop by to learn how families around the world are celebrating Christmas in their homes by creating crafts and eating snacks! All ages welcome.

Monday, December 4 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Holiday Movie Party – 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Enjoy the classic comedy holiday movie *Home Alone* at the library. Hot chocolate and other holiday treats will be served. All ages welcome.

Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20 & 27 – Main Library

Holiday Movie Time – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Come in from the cold and enjoy a holiday movie.

December 6: *White Christmas*

December 13: *It's a Wonderful Life*

December 20: *A Christmas Story*

December 27: *Polar Express*

Monday, December 11 – Lakeview Branch

Drop In: Make It! Take It! – 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Visit the Storytime Room to make a craft, or two, or three! While supplies last. All ages welcome.



December 12-19 – Multiple locations

Drop In: Eight Nights of Crafts

We're celebrating Hanukkah with a different craft at a different location each night!

December 12: 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch

December 13: 6:00-7:00 p.m. at North Branch

December 14: 5:00-6:00 p.m. at North Branch

December 15: all day at McClure Branch

December 16: all day at Main Library

December 17: 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch

December 18: all day at Main Library

December 19: all day McClure Branch

Wednesday, December 13 – North Branch

Star Wars: The Force Awakens – 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Brush up on Episode VII before Episode VIII arrives in the theaters. All ages are invited to join us for a showing of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. Light refreshments will be provided.

December 14 & 15 – McClure Branch

Stuffed Animal Sleepover and Party

Do you think it's time to let your stuffed animal or doll go to a sleepover on their own? Stop by anytime on December 14 to drop them off at the library. Return on December 15 between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. to pick up your animal or doll, make a holiday craft, and enjoy a snack before you head home! All ages welcome.

Saturday, December 16 – McClure Branch

Drop In: Holiday Crafts – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

December is full of different holidays! Stop in and pick up your choice of holiday crafts to celebrate Christmas, Kwanzaa, or Hanukkah! While supplies last.

Saturday, December 16 – Lincoln Branch

Gingerbread House Craft – 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Come make a fun Gingerbread House that you can take home and display! Space is limited, so register early! Call 309-497-2600 to register. All ages welcome.

Monday, December 18 – North Branch

Homeschool Meet-Up: Holiday Edition – 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Join your homeschooling friends for a little holiday "chillaxing." We will have a craft project (suitable for gifting), games, and snacks. All ages welcome.

December 20-22 – McClure Branch

Drop In: Winter Craft Closet Cleaning

We have an overflow of Winter and Christmas craft kits from past years! Come take your pick of crafts-to-go! Make them here or at home to decorate your house or give as gifts. While supplies last. All ages welcome.

December 26-30 – North Branch & Lakeview Branch

Reading Resolutions

What are your reading plans for next year? Fill out a New Year's resolution form to challenge yourself to read more books, different genres, and new authors in 2018. Then decorate and address an envelope, and we'll mail you a copy next December to see how you did! (Remember, the North Branch is closed on Tuesdays and Lakeview is closed on Thursdays!)

Friday, December 29 – Lakeview Branch

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

Join us at Lakeview Branch for our Lego Builders Club. Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

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KID EVENTS

DECEMBER 2017

Storytimes

Friday, December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 – North Branch

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

Children of all ages.

Saturday, December 2, 9, 16 & 30 – North Branch

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

Children of all ages.

Monday, December 4 / Lunes, Diciembre 4

Lakeview Branch

Bilingual Storytime / Hora del Cuento Bilingüe

10:15-10:45 a.m.

This Spanish/English storytime features books, games, and songs to help build vocabulary in both languages. All ages.

Está hora del cuento bilingüe tundra lectura de libros, juegos e canciones que ayudarán a construir vocabulario en Español e Inglés. Para todos las edades.

Monday, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 – North Branch – 10:30-11:00 am

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27 – Lakeview Branch – 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

Tuesday, December 5, 12 & 19 – Lincoln Branch

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

Ages 3 to 6.



Wednesday, December 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. Age 0 to 23 months.

Thursday, December 7, 14, 21 & 28 – McClure Branch

Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, December 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, December 8 – McClure Branch

Friday, December 15 – 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.

Monday, December 11 – 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!

Monday, December 18 – North Branch

Storytime Lab – 1:30-2:00 p.m.

Stories about science, technology, engineering, art, and math followed by hands-on exploration! Ages 3 to 6.

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Main Library
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

December – All locations

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The Peoria Public Library is proud to introduce this 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, December 1 – 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, December 8 – Lakeview 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. Please dress for a mess. For ages 2 to 4 with a caregiver.

Thursday, Dec. 14 & Tuesday, Dec. 19 – Lincoln Branch

Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

“Santa’s Reindeer.” Help Santa find an animal to pull his sleigh. Ages 3-6.



Grade School

December – 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.

December – Main Library

Puzzle Piece Activity Club

Participate in a variety of activities to receive a puzzle piece for your Puzzle Piece Activity Club chart. When you have all 6 puzzle pieces on your chart, you can turn it in for a yummy food coupon. One coupon for each club member. While supplies last. Ages 5 to 12.

December – Main Library

Winter Activity Booklet

Get rid of the winter blahs with a Winter Activity Booklet full of recipes, game and craft ideas, coloring pages, poems, and jokes centered around the December holidays. Kids ages 5 to 12 can pick one up in the Children's area and start some winter fun!

December 1-22 – Bookmobile

Baby It's Cold Outside

Help decorate the Peoria Public Library Bookmobile for winter! 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 for all to enjoy!

Monday, December 4 – 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 the moon. Ages 5 to 8.

Saturday, December 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. Drop in any time. While supplies last.

Saturday, December 9 – North Branch

Winter Olympic Games – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Do you wanna build a snowman? How about dress like one? Can you throw snowballs through a target? Or run a reindeer relay? Join us for an afternoon of crazy games – and dress to go outside, if the weather lets us! Ages 5 to 10.

Monday, December 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 the moon. Ages 9-12.

Tuesday, December 12 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Festive Ornaments – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Let's get creative designing clear ornaments with a variety of paints, snow, beads and other supplies. Great as a keepsake or holiday gift. Ages 7 to 9.

December 26-30 – McClure Branch

Drop In: Snowflake and Coloring Contest

Create a paper snowflake and/or show off your artistic ability on one of our winter coloring pages! You can make your creation at home or at the library, just be sure to turn it in by December 30! Voting will take place through the following week, and one winner will be chosen from each entry group (snowflakes and coloring) to receive a Winter gift basket. Winners will be announced on January 6!

Middle School / High School

December 4, 13, 21 & 29 – North Branch

Merry Maker Mayhem – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

We will be creating quick, inexpensive crafts each week that you can gift to family or friends or keep for yourself. Projects include bracelets, magnets, and paper star garland and are suitable for males or females. Bring a friend! Ages 11 to 18

Monday & Tuesday, December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19 – 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 who provide skills vital for lifelong 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, December 5 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Personalized Mugs

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Design a mug using your artistic creativity. Personalize it or design it for someone special for the holidays. For ages 10-13.



Saturday, December 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! Ages 12 to 18.

Tuesday, December 19 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Christmas Games – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Let's play! Try your hand at Christmas Pictionary, "Name that Song" and "Christmas Movies" Trivia. It's holiday fun for ages 10 to 18.

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December – Lakeview Branch & McClure Branch

Alphabet Soup Reading Challenge

Can you read a book for every letter of the alphabet? In this reading challenge, you'll have a reading log with all the letters of the alphabet. Read a book that starts with that letter and earn one entry into a prize drawing for each letter. Open to readers of all ages!

December – North Branch

Snowman Scavenger Hunt

Our poor snowman has lost all of his pieces, and he needs your help! Find his hat, scarf, buttons and everything else he dropped when he came in to get warm! Participants who locate all of the items can turn in their findings to be entered to win a winter "family movie night" package.

December – North Branch

Drop In: Cabin Fever Coloring

Winter blues got you down? Visit the Beehive room and color your cares away! We have coloring pages for all age groups, from pre-k to adult. Make a masterpiece and take it home! Open whenever the Beehive is available.

December – North Branch

Drop In: Intergenerational Craft

Are you interested in crafting, but our programs never match your schedule? Stop in with a friend any time to make something crafty for the holidays. Enjoy the atmosphere of the library and work at your own pace. Appropriate for all ages. When your project is complete, stop by the Information Desk for the finishing touch.



All locations of Peoria Public Library
will be closed

Saturday, December 23
through Monday, December 25
for the Christmas Holiday



Sunday, December 31
through Monday, January 1
for the New Year's Holiday

North Branch always closed Tuesday