

## Kids of All Ages

### February 1-12 – North Branch Valentine Workshop

Come get ready for Valentine's Day - fill out a pre-made card, or make your own with our craft supplies. Available whenever the Beehive room is open! Children of all ages welcome.

### Friday, February 2 – 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.

### February 5-28 – North Branch

**Laura Ingalls Wilder Travelling Exhibit**  
Celebrate the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder by visiting this display. The traveling display contains photographs and information relating to Mrs. Wilder, her famous "Little House" books and America's westward expansion. This exhibit is provided courtesy of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home and Museum.

### Tuesday, February 6, 13, 20 & 27 – Lakeview Branch

**Bookin' It Walking Club – 10:00-11:30 a.m.**  
Need help starting a consistent fitness routine? Join the Bookin' It Walking Club and get a little support! The club will meet each Tuesday for a 30 minute (or longer if you're up for it!) walk at Lakeview Branch. We will walk inside on inclement days and outside in the nice weather. We will keep track of goals and milestones. Members who complete 24 weeks will be entered into a drawing for a prize! All ages welcome.

### Tuesday, February 6 – Lakeview Branch

**Drop In: Sensory Art – 6:15-7:30 p.m.**  
This non-structured art session allows you to choose the materials of your preference to create your own unique masterpiece. Lights will be dimmed, and ear muffs and fidgets are available if desired. Designed with our patrons with Autism Spectrum Disorder in mind, but inclusive to everyone.

### Wednesday, February 7 – North Branch

**Campfire Mystery Book Club – 7:00-7:45 p.m.**  
It's late night at the library, and there are mysteries to be solved! Bring your PJs, sleeping bags, flashlights, and listen to the first chapter of a book under the stars in the Beehive. Then take home a copy! Ages 8 to 12.

### Saturday, February 10 – Lincoln Branch

**Drop In: Crafts-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 p.m.**  
Come make a cute owl Valentine card holder.

### Tuesday, February 13 – McClure Branch

**Mardi Gras Celebration – 4:30-5:00 p.m.**  
Learn about the culture and history of this holiday, and enjoy some traditional food and fun. All ages welcome.

### Wednesday, February 21 – North Branch

**Family Activity Night – 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
Get some quality family bonding time. Every month, the library will host a different activity to engage parents and children of all ages to play a game or make a project. This month: Play chess or checkers.

### Thursday, February 22 - North Branch

**Laura Ingalls Wilder Historian Caroline Fraser – 6:00-7:30 p.m.**  
Author Caroline Fraser brings her book *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder* to Peoria. Ms. Fraser will discuss the mother-daughter relationship and surrounding events that led to the books. Books will be available for sale and signing. A portion of sales support the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

### Sunday, February 25 - North Branch

**Music in the McKenzie Presents: Flatland Harmony Experiment – 2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
Flatland Harmony Experiment is a high octane four piece vocally driven string band from Indianapolis, Indiana. The quartet trades lead vocal and instrumental responsibilities through a large and diverse original musical selection. The instrumental mix of mandolin, banjo, guitar and upright bass allows ample space for musical experimentation and expression. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

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## FEBRUARY 2018



## Storytimes

**Thursday, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 – McClure Branch**  
Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.  
Ages 3 to 6.

### Thursday, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 – North Branch

**A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.**  
We're learning the alphabet! Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts as we focus on learning the shapes of letters and the sounds they make! Ages 2 to 3.

### Friday, February 2 – McClure Branch

### Friday, February 9 – 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 9-24 months.

### Friday, February 2, 9, 16 & 23 – North Branch

**Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.**  
Children of all ages.

### Saturday, February 3, 10, 17 & 24 – North Branch

**Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.**  
Children of all ages.

### Monday, February 5 – 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. Children of all ages. Está hora del cuento bilingüe tendrá lectura de libros, juegos y canciones que ayudarán a construir vocabulario en Español e Inglés. Para todas las edades.

### Monday, February 5, 12 & 26 – North Branch – 10:30-11:00 am

### Wednesday, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Lakeview Branch – 10:15-10:45 a.m.

**Tiny Tots Storytime**  
Ages 12 to 23 months.

### Tuesday, February 6, 20 & 27 – Lincoln Branch

**Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.**  
Ages 3 to 6.

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# PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 19

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**Main Library**  
309-497-2000  
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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

## Storytimes

**Tuesday, February 6, 13, 20 & 27 – Lakeview Branch**  
Toddler Tales – 2:00-2:30 p.m.  
Ages 2 to 4.

**Wednesday, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 – North Branch**  
Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 p.m.  
Develop your baby's pre-literacy skills with this lapsit program, designed to introduce children and their caregivers to 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.

**Monday, February 12 – 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, February 24 – 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 younger children, but children of all abilities, families, and siblings are encouraged to attend. Fidgets and ear muffs are available.

## Grade School

**February – Main Library**  
Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
In a hurry? Can't stay and craft? Get your crafts to go. Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Floor Information Desk any time we're open.

**February 1-3 – Main Library**  
National Take Your Child to the Library Day  
Bring your child (grade school and younger) into the Main Library this week, visit the children's area, and stop at the Information Desk to pick up a book to keep. Happy reading! While supplies last.

**February 1-10 – McClure Branch**  
Invent a Better World  
National Inventors Day is on February 11! Celebrate by coming up with your own simple invention to solve a problem you experience or see others experience in your community. Draw a picture and write a paragraph about what your idea is and how it might work. One lucky inventor will win a book! Ages 5 to 10.

## Early Learners

**February – All locations**  
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten  
Read any 1,000 books to your child before they enter kindergarten and earn prizes for every 100 books they read. Sign up at any Peoria Public Library location. Details are given at the time of signup. Once your child reads 1,000 books, they will be invited to a graduation party in May.

**Friday, February 2 – Lakeview Branch**  
Toddler Art – 10:15-11:00 a.m.  
Come 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. Dress for a mess.

**February 8 & February 13 – Lincoln Branch**  
"Witch's Valentine" Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.  
Help Witch make friends on Valentine's Day. Ages 3-6.

**February 11-17 – Lakeview Branch**  
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Presents: Blind Date with a Picture Book  
Little ones can visit our Blind Date display to check out a mystery book, take it home, unwrap it, and enjoy reading a new story they can add to their list of 1000 books!

**Friday, February 16 – McClure Branch**  
**Friday, February 23 – 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.

**February 1-14 – Main Library**  
Book Best Friends  
How well do you know characters from old and new kids books who were best friends? Kids in grades K through 4 can test their knowledge by matching up these well-known best friends with each other. Pick up a game sheet at the Information Desk, match the best friends up, and turn it back in for a fun surprise. While supplies last.

**February 5-16 – Main Library**  
Chinese New Year Good Fortune Envelopes  
Chinese New Year is February 16 and this year is the Year of the Dog. Children in grades K through 4 can join in the celebration by picking up a red good fortune envelope filled with goodies at the Information Desk. While supplies last.

**Monday, February 5 – Lincoln Branch**  
Front & Center: If a Bus Could Talk – 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Listen to *If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks*. Instead of the school bus, a strange talking bus takes a girl on a ride through the life of Mrs. Parks. Ages 5-10.

## Grade School

**Monday, February 5 – 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 blood and the heart. Ages 5 to 8.

**Tuesday, February 6 – Lincoln Branch**  
Front & Center: Who Am I Bingo – 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Learn about many affluent African Americans. This historic bingo game will enlighten you and help you understand great moments in history. Ages 5 to 10.

**Saturday, February 10 – McClure Branch**  
Drop In: Valentine's Day Craft – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Pick up a Valentine's Day magnet craft kit! Ages 5 to 10.

**Sunday, February 11 – Lakeview Branch**  
Sensory Friendly Family Film – 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Join us for this sensory friendly showing of *Big Hero 6*. The room will be lighter, the volume will be lower, and audience members will be welcome to move around, talk, and sing. Noise canceling ear muffs and fidgets will be supplied. Rated PG

**Tuesday, February 13 – Lincoln Branch**  
Front & Center: History Makers Posters – 4:30-5:30 pm  
Celebrate the contributions to African American history by creating a collage of many famous inventors, musicians, athletes and more. Ages 5 to 10.

**Saturday, February 17 – 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 Kate DiCamillo's Newbery Honor Book *Because of Winn-Dixie*, and enjoy a viewing of the 2005 film of the same name. Library staff at any location can help you secure a copy. Ages 8 to 12.

**Tuesday, February 20 – Lincoln Branch**  
Front & Center: History is Fun Timeline – 4:30-5:30 pm  
Research and examine key historical events and people that involve the history of our country. Ages 5 to 10.

**Monday, February 26 – Lincoln Branch**  
Front & Center: Snowstorm in a Jar – 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Make a snowstorm in a jar. Join us for this fun educational activity for the little ones this winter. Ages 5 to 10.

**Tuesday, February 27 – Lincoln Branch**  
Front & Center: National Polar Bear Day – 4:30-5:30 pm  
Celebrate National Polar Bear Day with us! Learn about the world's largest carnivore and make some "Polar Bear" cups with cool goodies for a snack! Ages 5 to 10.

**Wednesday, February 28 – 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 investigate candy. Ages 9-12.

## Middle School / High School

**Thursday, February 8 – North Branch**  
Teen Craft: Friendship Bracelets – 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Whether you've never made a friendship bracelet or are an expert knitter, come join us for some crafty fun! Begin making bracelets with basic knots, learn a new pattern, or show off your masterpieces. Ages 11 to 18.

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**February – All locations**  
Winter Reading Treasures  
Unearth hidden gems this winter as you complete these winter reading challenges! Complete the number of challenges required for your age group and return your reading log to any branch to choose your prize from the box of treasures. By turning in your log you'll also be entered to win a \$10 gift card (one winner from each branch) and the library-wide grand prize: a Kindle Fire HD tablet.

**February – Lakeview Branch & McClure Branch**  
Around the Library Reading Challenge  
Pick up a challenge sheet at the Information Desk and read your way through the non-fiction side of the library! Read a book from each part of the Dewey Decimal System and be entered to win a \$10 gift card to Barnes and Noble! One winner from three different age ranges. Open to readers of all ages!

**February – Lakeview Branch & Lincoln Branch**  
Black History Month Display  
February is Black History Month. The Lakeview Branch will host a display that takes you on a journey to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. The Carnegie Room display cases in the Lincoln Branch will feature *Try Walking in Someone Else's Shoes* a walk down Peoria's Memory Lane. Each display case will have unique pieces about Peoria's African American trailblazers.

**February – North Branch**  
Puzzle Table  
Have a few extra minutes before you check out? Waiting for a program to start? Stop by the table next to the info desk and help us finish one of our jigsaw puzzles! All ages.

**February 1-4 – North Branch**  
Who Will Win the Super Bowl?  
Stop by the information desk and make your prediction – which team will win, and what will the score be? Submit your guesses up until kickoff on the big day! One child and one adult will win a book!