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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Peoria Speaks Discussions Launched at Peoria Public Library

Peoria Speaks is a new monthly community discussion program meeting on the second Thursday of each month at North Branch at 6:00 p.m., which will focus on topics of interest to Peorians. Funding for Peoria Speaks is being provided by Illinois Humanities through their Illinois Speaks program. Illinois Speaks is a small group discussion program founded in November 2015 aimed at strengthening the democratic process through community dialogues across the state of Illinois.

Discussion topics differ from month to month and across regions and are often related to current events, questions and issues arising in a community. At each of the Peoria Speaks monthly discussions, a community "expert" will provide a 10 to 15 minute overview of the topic and then the group will further discuss the topic. The first two topics are about Crime and Policing in Peoria and Human Trafficking.

On Thursday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m., the discussion will center on Human Trafficking. Human trafficking has 24.9 million victims globally who are trapped in modern day slavery. There were 202 cases of human trafficking in Illinois in 2016. What is Human Trafficking and is it happening in Peoria? Carol Merna, Executive Director at the Center for Prevention of Abuse, will explain the types and indications of human trafficking and describe some human trafficking victims' stories. After her presentation, we will discuss what participants can do about human trafficking, the second largest crime in the world.

On Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. the discussion will center on Crime and Policing in Peoria. Last fall, the Peoria Police Department, along with the University of Illinois at Chicago, conducted a survey regarding crime and policing in Peoria. The survey would be used to improve policing and develop strategies to reduce violent crime in Peoria. Kathleen Kelly, Management Analyst with the Peoria Police Department, will provide us with information about the survey and the results. After her presentation, we will discuss whether the survey results match the participants' responses to the survey questions and make suggestions on improving police-community relations in Peoria.

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Celebrate the Life and Works of Laura Ingalls Wilder BY KARLA WILKINSON

The entire month of February at Peoria Public Library is dedicated to celebrating the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder. The beloved author of the Little House on the Prairie series was born in Pepin, Wisconsin on February 7, 1867, and became famous for the fictionalized account of her family's role in settling the West. The North Branch will host a display from the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum in Mansfield, Missouri February 5 to 28. This panel display contains photographs and information relating to Mrs. Wilder, her famous "Little House" books and America's westward expansion.

In addition, Peoria Public Library will welcome Laura Ingalls Wilder historian Caroline Fraser for a program about her new book *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*. Ms. Fraser's book uses historical records to fill in the gaps in Wilder's biography to reveal the truth behind the woman who wrote the famous autobiographical novels. The visit by Ms. Fraser to the North Branch on February 22 at

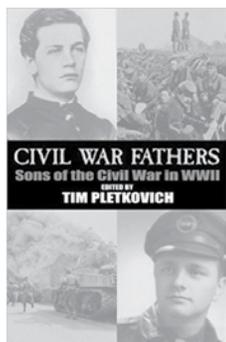
6:00 p.m. will include a talk about the relationship between Laura and her daughter, Rose Wilder Lane. An author herself, Rose encouraged and influenced her mother's writing, while her own works were of a wildly different nature. Rose's most famous work was probably *Let the Hurricane Roar*, but she is also known for writing controversial and fraudulent biographies of famous people. Guests at Ms. Fraser's program will learn about Laura, Rose, and the role of Yellow Journalism. Copies of *Prairie Fires* will be available for sale and signing, with proceeds benefitting the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Join us in celebrating the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder by visiting the North Branch in February.

February 5-28: Laura Ingalls Wilder Travelling Exhibit

February 22, 6:00 pm: "Laura Ingalls Wilder, Rose Wilder Lane, and the Creation of the Little House Books" with author Caroline Fraser

Local Author Event: Tim Pletkovich Talks About *Civil War Fathers: Sons of the Civil War in World War II* BY JAMIE JONES



Nationally recognized Peoria author Tim Pletkovich will speak at the Peoria Public Library McClure Branch at 1:30 pm on Saturday, February 10, and at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 12, about his book, *Civil War Fathers: Sons of the Civil War in World War II*. The book is composed of narratives of World War II veterans whose fathers fought eighty years earlier in the American Civil War. In *Civil War Fathers*, the World War II sons talk about their lives growing

up with their elderly Civil War fathers during the 1920s and '30s, and how the difficult years of the Great Depression did much to prepare them for their own military service. Pletkovich's presentation will focus on the father-son combination of Wisconsin Governor William H. Upham and his son Fred. Currently a resident of Fort Collins, Colorado, Fred was featured three years ago in a National Geographic video concerning his father's first meeting with President Lincoln during the Civil War. The meeting between Upham and Lincoln led to the former's appointment to West Point in 1862.

New York Newsday columnist William F.B. O'Reilly has called *Civil War Fathers* "an American treasure" and a "must-read because of Pletkovich's extraordinary eye for human details." Pletkovich was also recognized for *Civil War Fathers* at the 2017 Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival in Marshfield, Missouri, with the Ella A. Dickey Award. Past award recipients have included former First Lady Laura Bush, former Texas First Lady, the late Nellie Connally, and 1972 Democratic Party presidential candidate and former United States Senator, the late George McGovern. Pletkovich will be selling (\$25) and signing copies of his book at the February 10 and February 12 events. Part of the proceeds from the book sale will benefit the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Desperate for something new to read? You can download an e-book or audiobook from several different sources on our website with your library card and PIN. You can also stream music from Freegal or find books for bored kids with or without sound and some even have games! Put your time indoors to good use and do some genealogy research with Heritage Quest or start learning a new language with Mango.

While Peoria Public Library rarely closes, it is important to remember that books can be renewed and returned when the blizzard is over and there are plenty of library resources available to you on your computer or mobile device. Keep the number handy - (309) 497-2000 and bookmark the website www.peoriapubliclibrary.org.

Mark Your Calendar for Film Noir!

The Film Noir Festival returns to Peoria Public Library for the 16th year in March! Every Saturday in March at Main Library enjoy some of the best of Film Noir with host Steve Tarter. See gems of the genre on the big screen with digital projection and sound each Saturday at 2:00 p.m. All showings are free.

This year Film Noir focuses on bookstores! Each of these films has a bookstore scene. Right outside the Auditorium you will discover the Friendly Finds Used Bookstore run by the Friends of Peoria Public Library. All proceeds support library programming, so come early and pick up a gently used book to take home. Then settle in for a great Film Noir experience.

March 3: *The Big Sleep* starring Bogart and Bacall

March 10: *Ministry of Fear* with Ray Milland

March 17: *Vertigo* starring Jimmy Stewart

March 24: *Man Bait* featuring George Brent

March 31: *The Big Steal* starring Mitchum and Greer

HOT NEW TITLES
BY
ROBIN HELENTHAL

Coming in February 2018

At the beginning of *The Undertaker's Daughter* by Sara Blaedel, Danish school portrait photographer Ilka Nichols gets unexpected news; she has inherited a funeral home in Racine, Wisconsin from her father who walked out on the family over thirty years before. Wanting to make a connection with the father she barely knew, she takes a vacation to visit the funeral home and go through her father's things and then prepare the business for sale. When she gets to the states, she finds that she is the sole owner of the funeral home, meets her father's American family and becomes involved in a murder of a young man that may be connected to an earlier homicide. Ilka decides to stay in Wisconsin and get the business out of debt, come to terms with her father's American family, find out why he left Denmark and help find a killer still on the loose.

Mrs.: A Novel by Caitlin Macy is the story of Philippa Lye, a woman with a mysterious past that has taken on the New York's Upper East Side society by marrying the son of the last family-held investment bank in the city. Even though her riches and connections put her in the middle of this world, she refuses to conform to its gossip-fueled way of life. Then two women come into her life: Gwen Hogan, who knows a secret from Philippa's single days, and Minnie Curtis, whose wealth and revelations of growing up in Spanish Harlem puts them all on the alert. When Gwen's husband finds a link between Philippa's past and a criminal investigation he is working on, this sheltered society has to confront issues of love, betrayal, fate and chance in the new millennium.



Support the Library!

Shop Friendly Finds
Used Bookstore

Peoria Public Library
Main Library LL2
107 NE Monroe
Monday-Wednesday
& Saturday
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February

ALL LOCATIONS

1000 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.

February

ALL LOCATIONS

Winter Reading Treasures

Complete the number of challenges 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 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 a book from each part of the Dewey Decimal System and be entered to win a \$10 gift card to Barnes & Noble! One winner from three different age ranges.

February

LAKEVIEW BRANCH & LINCOLN BRANCH

Black History Month Display

February is Black History Month. 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 at 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

MAIN LIBRARY

Crafts-to-Go - 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Kids ages 5-12 can pick up a craft at the 1st Floor Information Desk.

February

NORTH BRANCH

Puzzle Table

Stop by the table next to the info desk and help us finish one of our puzzles!

February 1-3

MAIN LIBRARY

National Take Your Child to the Library Day

Bring your child into the Main Library this week, visit the children's area, and stop at the Information Desk to pick up a free book for you and your child to enjoy together. While supplies last.

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 prize!

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 see. Draw a picture and write a paragraph about what your invention idea is and how it might work. One lucky inventor will win a prize to inspire future inventions! Ages 5 to 10.

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.

February 1-14

MAIN LIBRARY

Book 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.

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.

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.

Thursday, February 1

NORTH BRANCH

Harry Potter Escape Room - 3:00-7:00 pm

In celebration of Harry Potter Book Night, test your skills in our escape room! Can your team solve all the riddles before time runs out? Register your group of up to six people for a 30-minute time slot by calling 309-497-2150. Space is limited, and participants must register.

Friday, February 2

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Toddler Art - 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Come for a fun artful activity geared toward toddlers. Let your child explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills along the way.

Friday, February 2

MCCLURE BRANCH

Friday, February 9

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Join us for a special playgroup designed to help explore the world through creative play. Ages 9-24 mo.

Friday, February 2, 9, 16 & 23

NORTH BRANCH

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

Children of all ages.

Friday, February 2

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Drop In: LEGO Builders Club-3:00-5:00pm

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



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 3-24

MAIN LIBRARY

Peoria Reads! Museum of Civilization

Peoria Reads! presents the Museum of Civilization, modeled after the Museum of Civilization described in this year's selected book *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. The book takes place 20 years after a devastating flu pandemic destroys civilization as we know it. One survivor begins collecting items, once common and now puzzling and foreign, for The Museum of Civilization, housed in a portion of a former airport. Come see objects that would have been familiar just a short time ago but as civilization changes, so do we. Read the book and get involved! Free and open to the public during regular library hours.

Saturday, February 3, 10, 17, 24

NORTH BRANCH

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

Children of all ages.

Saturday, February 3

LINCOLN BRANCH

Black History Month Film - 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Ease on down the road for the showing of *The Wiz* starring Diana Ross and Michael Jackson.

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.

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

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Bilingual Storytime - 10:15-10:45 a.m.

This Spanish/English storytime features books, games, and songs to 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 todos las edades.

Monday, February 5, 12 & 26

NORTH BRANCH - 10:30-11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28

LAKEVIEW BRANCH - 10:15-10:45 A.M.

Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

Monday, February 5 & 12

NORTH BRANCH

Winter Olympic Movie Series -

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Celebrate the return of the Winter Olympics. Each film features a sport to get you ready for the games!

February 5: *Downhill Racer* (1969, PG)

February 12: *Miracle* (2004, PG)

Monday, February 5

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: If a Bus Could Talk - 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Listen to stories such as *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 to 10.

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 explore blood and the heart. Ages 5-8.

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 for a 30 minute (or longer if you're up for it!) walk. We will keep track of goals and milestones. Members who complete 24 weeks will be entered into a drawing for a prize!

Tuesday, February 6, 20 & 27

LINCOLN BRANCH

Terrific Tattletale Storytime -

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, February 6, 13, 20, 27

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Toddler Tales - 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Ages 2 to 4.

Tuesday, February 6

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Bibliophiles Book Club - 1:30-2:30 p.m.

This month: *The Plague* by Albert Camus

Tuesday, February 6

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Who Am I Bingo - 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Learn about many influential African Americans. This historic bingo game will help you understand great moments in history. Ages 5 to 10.

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, Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28

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. Caregivers will be encouraged to engage their child, making reading time fun. Age 0 to 23 months.

Wednesday, February 7

NORTH BRANCH

Campfire Mystery Book Club-7:00-7:45pm

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 to finish on your own! Ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, February 8 & Tuesday, February 13

LINCOLN BRANCH

Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

“Witch’s Valentine.” Help Witch make friends on Valentine’s Day. Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, February 8

NORTH BRANCH

Teen Craft: Friendship Bracelets – 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Begin making bracelets with basic knots, learn a new pattern, or show off your masterpieces. Ages 11 to 18.

Thursday, February 8

LINCOLN BRANCH

Black History Month Film – 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month with the movie *The Pursuit of Happyness*, a true story of a salesman struggling to build a future for himself and his son.

Thursday, February 8

NORTH BRANCH

Peoria Speaks: Human Trafficking – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, February 10

MCCLURE BRANCH

Drop In: Valentine’s Day Craft – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Stop in to pick up a Valentine’s Day magnet craft kit! Ages 5 to 10.

Saturday, February 10

LINCOLN BRANCH

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

Come make a cute owl Valentine card holder. Children of all ages.

Saturday, February 10 &

Monday, February 12

MCCLURE BRANCH

Meet the Author: Civil War Fathers – 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Nationally recognized Peoria author Tim Pletkovich will speak about his book, *Civil War Fathers: Sons of the Civil War in World War II*. The book is composed of narratives of World War II veterans whose fathers fought eighty years earlier in the American Civil War. Books will be available for sale and signing. A portion of sales will support the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

February 11-17

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

1000 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 1,000 books!

Sunday, February 11

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Sensory Friendly Family Film–2:00-4:00pm

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

Sunday, February 11

NORTH BRANCH

Biography & Non-fiction Book Club – 3:00-4:30 p.m.

This month: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

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.

Monday, February 12

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Sci Fi & Fantasy Book Club – 6:30-7:30 pm

This month: *Red Sister* by Mark Lawrence

Tuesday, February 13

MCCLURE BRANCH

Mardi Gras Celebration – 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Join us for a family-friendly Mardi Gras celebration! Learn about the culture and history of this holiday, and enjoy some traditional food and fun. All ages.

Tuesday, February 13

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: History Makers Posters – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the contributions to African American history by creating a collage of many famous inventors, musicians, athletes and more. Ages 5 to 10.

Thursday, February 15

NORTH BRANCH

Third Thursday Film Fest: Books into Movies – 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Which was better — the movie or the book? Bring a snack and enjoy a movie on the big screen. Free and open to all ages. This month: *Me Before You* (2016)

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.

Saturday, February 17

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Autism Resource Group–10:00 am-1:00 pm

Are you a parent with a tween or teen with Autism Spectrum Disorder? Join us for resource sharing and support. We will show a movie for children whose parents are attending.

Saturday, February 17

LINCOLN BRANCH

Black History Month Film – 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month with the movie *Dreamgirls*. Beyonce Knowles, Jennifer Hudson, and Anika Noni Rose star as a musical group who face the challenges of fame.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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? 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. Be sure to check out and read a copy of the book before that date! Ages 8-12.

Sunday, February 18

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Book 'Em Mystery Book Club – 2:00-3:30pm
This month: *Deep Dark* by Laura Griffin

In honor of

PRESIDENTS' DAY

All locations will be closed

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

North Branch always
closed Tuesday

Tuesday, February 20

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: History is Fun Timeline – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Research and examine key historical events and people throughout the history of our country. Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, February 20

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join this fun group to discuss the best in YA literature. This month: *The Darkest Minds* by Alexandra Bracken

Wednesday, February 21

NORTH BRANCH

Family Activity Night – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Get some quality family bonding time. This month: Play chess or checkers.

Thursday, February 22

LINCOLN BRANCH

Black History Month Film – 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month with the movie *The Secret Life of Bees*. Lily Owens, haunted by memories of her late mother and abused by her father, runs away to South Carolina where Lily finds out about her mother's past.

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 so many people love. Books will be available for sale and signing. A portion of the sales will support the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Thursday, February 22

NORTH BRANCH

Sherlock Holmes Story Society – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Whether you've read the classic Sherlock Holmes stories a million times or not at all, all are welcome to experience *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* in this new reading discussion group. This month: "The Adventure of the Cardboard Box"

Saturday, February 24

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.

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 lead 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.

Monday, February 26

MCCLURE BRANCH

Monday Morning Movie – 10:30am-12:30pm

This month: *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* (1954)

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.

Monday, February 26

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Movies by Decade – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This month: *The Women* (1939)

Tuesday, February 27

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: National Polar Bear Day – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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.

Tuesday, February 27

LINCOLN BRANCH

Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 p.m.

This month: *The Devil You Know* by Mary Monroe

Wednesday, February 28

MAIN LIBRARY

Black History Month Film – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month with the movie *Hidden Figures*, the untold story of three brilliant African American women mathematicians who helped win the space race.

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 be investigating candy. Ages 9 to 12.

MARCH BOOK CLUBS

Join a book club at Peoria Public Library this month. New members are always welcome!

The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 11 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss *Surviving Survival: The Art and Science of Resiliency* by Laurence Gonzales. Gonzales looks deeply into the mental processes that enable us to cope with the trauma that often sets in during and after a challenge to our survival. Gonzales narrates plenty of grim and gruesome tales, not all of them elective; his survivors are those who have suffered war and terrorism as well as falls off mountains and into choppy surf. The best parts are not those harrowing stories, though, but instead the author's contemplative explanations of the science behind, for instance, how the amygdala works, a blend of inheritance and hard-won education. Those who adapt well to the post-traumatic stress share points in common. One characteristic of success, writes Gonzales, is the ability to step outside oneself to help others, which is "one of the most therapeutic steps you can take." Survivors of traumatic events often do not recover without help from others, and Gonzales' book is an education for those wishing to be of use in a stressful, often frightening world. Drawing on gripping cases across a wide range of life-threatening experiences, Laurence Gonzales fashions a compelling argument about fear, courage, and the adaptability of the human spirit.

Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet at 1:00 p.m. on March 6 at Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland about *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. *Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss the Peoria Reads! 2018 selection, *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. *Station Eleven*, Emily St. John Mandel's fourth novel, won the Arthur C. Clarke Award, was a finalist for the National Book Award and PEN/Faulkner Award, was an Amazon Best Book of the Month, and was named one of the best books of the year by more than a dozen publications. It's been translated into 27 languages. "Equal parts page-turner and poem" (Entertainment Weekly), the novel is set 20 years after a devastating flu pandemic destroys civilization as we know it. A woman moves between the settlements of the altered world with a small troupe of actors and musicians until they encounter a violent prophet who threatens the tiny band's existence. "Possibly the most captivating and thought-provoking post-apocalyptic novel you will ever read" (The Independent London). "It's hard to imagine a novel more perfectly suited, in both form and content, to this literary moment" (The New Yorker).

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, March 12 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Collapsing Empire* by John Scalzi. Faster than light travel is impossible—until the discovery of The Flow, an extradimensional field available at certain points in space-time, which can take us to other planets around other stars. Riding The Flow, humanity spreads to innumerable other worlds. Earth is forgotten. A new empire arises, the Interdependency, based on the doctrine that no one human outpost can survive without the others. It's a hedge against interstellar war—and, for the empire's rulers, a system of control. But when it's discovered that the entire Flow is moving, possibly separating all human worlds from one another forever, a scientist, a starship captain, and the emperox of the Interdependency must race to find out what can be salvaged from an empire on the brink of collapse.

The Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 at North Branch to discuss "The Adventure of the Yellow Face." Mr. Grant Munro tells Holmes and Watson the story of Munro's deception by his wife Effie. She had been previously married in America, but her husband and child had died of yellow fever, whereupon she returned to England and met and married Munro. Their marriage had been blissful—until she asked for a hundred pounds and begged him not to ask why. Two months later, Effie Munro was caught conducting secret liaisons with the occupants of a cottage near the Munro house in Norbury. Grant Munro has seen a mysterious yellow-faced person in this cottage. Overcome with jealousy, he breaks in and finds the place empty. However, the room where he saw the mysterious figure is very comfortable and well furnished, with a portrait of his wife on the mantelpiece. Holmes, after sending Munro home with instructions to wire for him if the cottage was reoccupied, confides in Watson his belief that the mysterious figure is Effie Munro's first husband. He postulates that the husband, having been left in America, has come to England to blackmail her. Is it the husband or not? Sherlock is on the case.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green. Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis. Aza is trying. She is trying to be a good daughter, a good friend, a good student, and maybe even a good detective, while also living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts.

BOOK CLUBS

The Book 'Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Night Life* by David Taylor. New York City, 1954. Police officer Michael Cassidy is plagued by dreams that sometimes come true. When a Broadway chorus dancer is found tortured and killed in his apartment in Hell's Kitchen, Cassidy is assigned to the case. As the murder count grows, other groups take notice. Soon the FBI, the CIA, and the Mafia are involved. Cassidy learns that the dancer may have possessed compromising photographs of someone very important—photographs that would give the owner unparalleled leverage in the corridors of power. But the case isn't the only puzzle Cassidy faces. He's dreaming of his own murder.

The Read on Book Club will meet at Lincoln Branch on Tuesday, March 27 to discuss *The Family Business 4: A Family Business Novel* by Carl Weber. LC Duncan, patriarch and leader of the Duncan clan, is alive and well after being shot by a mysterious gunman. His near death experience has caused him and his wife Chippy to reflect on both the past and present, and together they decide that it's time to return to Waycross, Georgia for a long overdue family reunion. Wherever the Duncans go, trouble is never too far behind, and this time it comes in the form of longtime Duncan enemy Vinnie Dash and Orlando Duncan's baby momma, Ruby. Vinnie and Ruby are back to seek revenge on the Duncan family, and they continue to deny Orlando the opportunity to meet

his only child, who has been named after his family's sworn enemy. Orlando takes things into his own hands and sets out to Jamaica to get his son. For more information please call (309) 497-2601.



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Genealogy: A Love Story BY AMBER LOWERY

Working on genealogy is a lot like being in a relationship.

When you first start working on your family's history, everything is beautiful and bright and golden. Names and dates come to you with ease. You spend all your time with genealogy and when you have to do other things, such as eat, sleep, or go to work, you resent that you cannot ignore them to continue working on your tree. You collect pictures and obituaries and records of your family's history from a number of websites. You go to the Peoria Public Library every day. Everything is GREAT. Genealogy is EASY!

Then you have your first argument. Were Poppa Joe and Nana Marie married in 1919 as you were always told? Or... were they married in 1920 according to the family bible? You wail as you dig through your brand new binders, frantically delving into the pile of papers you have accumulated in the last three weeks. Then, while on Ancestry Library Edition at the library, you discover a new record that states Nana and Poppa were married in 1919, just like you were told. Just like that, hearts and flowers all over again.

Then your relationship becomes more committed. You only participate in conversations if you can weave in your latest family history discovery. Days off are spent in

courthouses and vacations are planned around visiting a place your ancestors once lived. You call and email distant cousins to talk about what they may have heard about genealogy. You have long conversations with the librarians, learning about blogs, societies, and brick walls. You have to work a little harder, but it is worth it. You are being tested... DNA tested.

After a while, there is a rough patch. Times are hard, records are few and/or missing. You and genealogy fight more than you get along...and you start wondering if the magic is gone. Maybe you break up for a little bit and spend some time apart. Maybe you question why you ever took up with a scoundrel like genealogy. Then one day an obscure little notation will catch your eye. You will long for the days that you hung out all day at the Peoria Public Library researching. Tentatively, you will reach out...and genealogy will be waiting for you. You take up anew and are glad you did.

So if you have hit your rough patch and are not sure if you are ready to start again, come down to the Main Library. We would be happy to help you try to get over your rough patch and fall in love with genealogy all over again. If you are wary of getting into a relationship with genealogy, stop by the Peoria Public Library and let us show you how your family history is worth falling for.

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