

## Kids of All Ages

**Tuesday, March 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 yucky 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, March 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.

**March 10-31 – 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 15, 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.

**Saturday, March 10 – Lincoln Branch**  
Drop In: St. Patrick's Day Crafts-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Make something fun and green for St. Patrick's Day. While supplies last. Children of all ages.

**March 12-17 – Main Library**

St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt  
Come into the library during the week before St. Patrick's Day and play our special St. Patrick's Scavenger Hunt. If you find all the items on the list you can turn it in for a small sack of candy treasure. For ages 3 to 13. While supplies last.

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**March 12 -17 – North Branch**  
Science Week

Science in the library! Come celebrate a week of science-themed programs, culminating in a Pi recitation contest and egg drop competition on Saturday!

**Monday, March 12, 7:00-7:45 p.m.** – Lab Coat Storytime – Join us for a fun, science-themed storytime for all ages. Feel free to dress up as your favorite scientist or just come in your pajamas.

**Wednesday, March 14, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** – Cooking Science Demonstration – What makes baked goods rise? What is a protein and why would you want to denature it? What are starches and emulsifiers? Find out the answers to these questions and more, and take home some recipes.

**Thursday, March 15, 4:00-4:30 p.m.** – Slime Craft – Get your hands messy and discover the power of polymers as we make different kinds of slime!

**Friday, March 16, 4:00-5:45 p.m.** – Join us in the Beehive room to watch *Flubber*, starring Robin Williams. PG.  
**Saturday, March 17, 3:14-4:00 p.m.** – How many digits of Pi can you recite? The winner gets a pie!

**Saturday, March 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m.** – Dare to whisk it? Hatch a plan so your egg can survive a fall AND land on target. Building starts in the Beehive at 3:00 (materials provided), with drops starting outside at 4:00.

**Saturday, March 17 – McClure Branch**

**The Luck of the Irish Movie Showing – 3:00-4:30 p.m.**  
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by enjoying *The Luck of the Irish*, a 2001 Disney Channel Original Movie about a basketball star turned leprechaun, while snacking on green treats! All ages welcome.

**Wednesday, March 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. Children and adults of all ages. This month: Build your own board game.

**Saturday, March 31 – Lincoln Branch**  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt – 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Come help us find the eggs the Easter Bunny hid! Bags for collecting eggs will be provided! For children in preschool through middle school.

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## Storytimes

**Thursday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 – McClure Branch**  
Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.  
Ages 3 to 6.

**Thursday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 – 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, March 2 – McClure Branch**  
**Friday, March 9 – 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, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – North Branch**  
Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
Children of all ages.

**Saturday, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – North Branch**  
Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
Children of all ages.

**Monday, March 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. En la hora del cuento bilingüe habrá lectura de libros, juegos y canciones que le ayudarán a aumentar su vocabulario en Español e Inglés. Para todas las edades.

**March 5, 12 & 26 – North Branch - 10:30-11:00 a.m.**  
**March 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Lakeview Branch 10:15-10:45 am**  
Tiny Tots Storytime  
Ages 12 to 23 months.

**Tuesday, March 6, 13 & 20 – Lincoln Branch**  
Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.  
Ages 3 to 6.

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

**Wednesday, March 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 through one-on-one interactions, making reading time fun. Age 0-23 mo.

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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

### Monday, March 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, March 31 – 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.

## Early Learners

### March – 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.

### Thursday, March 1 – Lincoln Branch

**Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration – 10:00 am-12:00 pm**  
Come join us for a fun-filled day of Dr. Seuss stories, games, crafts and various “Seussical” treats! Ages 3 to 6.

### Friday, March 2 – Lakeview Branch Toddler Art – 10:15-11:00 a.m.

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. Dress for a mess.

### Thursday, March 15 – Lincoln Branch Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

“Leprechaun’s Gold.” Come help Leprechaun hide his gold. Ages 3 to 6.

### Friday, March 16 – McClure Branch Friday, March 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.

### Tuesday, March 27 – Lincoln Branch Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

“The Mysterious Egg.” Wait until you see what hatches out of this egg! Ages 3 to 6.

## Grade School

### March – 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.

### March 1 & 2 – Main Library Find That Cat Scavenger Hunt

To celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday we’ve hidden 10 Cat in the Hats around the Children’s Area. Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade can pick up an entry form at the front desk, then write down the special word that is on each Cat in the Hat. You should have ten different words on your form when you turn it back in for a special prize.

### Monday, March 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 wheels and inclined planes. Ages 5 to 8.

### Tuesday, March 6 – Lincoln Branch Front & Center: Youth Art Month Stamp Art – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Make beautiful circular stamp art designs using toilet paper rolls, paint and canvas. Ages 5 to 10.

### Sunday, March 11 – Lakeview Branch Sensory Friendly Family Film – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for this sensory friendly showing of *Minions*. 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

### Tuesday, March 13 – Lincoln Branch Front & Center: Youth Art Month Button Art – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Glue colorful buttons into shapes such as bowls, colorful eggs and so much more. While supplies last. Ages 5 to 10.

### Tuesday, March 20 – Lincoln Branch Front & Center: Youth Art Month Craft Sticks Art – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Show your creativity with unique designs using craft Pop-sicle sticks. Ages 5 to 10.

### Thursday, March 22 – North Branch I Spy Library – 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Celebrate 25 years of the I Spy books! Tell us what you can spy in the library, and make your own I Spy picture to take home and share with your friends. Ages 4 to 10.

### Tuesday, March 27 – Lincoln Branch Front & Center: Youth Art Month Henri Matisse Art – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Listen to *Henri’s Scissors* by Jeanette Winter and then create your own “Matisse-like” art using paper. Ages 5 to 10.

## Grade School

**Wednesday, March 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 deeper! This month we will be investigating paper airplanes. Ages 9-12.

**March 30 & 31 – Main Library  
Paper Egg Hunt**  
Children up to age 5 can search the Children’s Area for colorful paper eggs. The eggs will be placed in view so you won’t need to move any materials to find them. Gather 5 paper eggs and turn them in at the front desk for a chocolate prize. One prize per searcher, while supplies last.

**Saturday, March 31 – McClure Branch  
Drop-In: Flower Mobile Craft – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
Create a flower mobile to remind you of the bright colors of spring that are on the way! Ages 6 to 10.

## Middle School / High School

**March 5-10 – Main Library  
Create It! Lite-Brite Pixel Art**  
Teens, stop in the children’s storytime room to create a picture using our giant lite-brite for pixel art. Take a picture and share your creation with us at the Information Desk to receive a pair of earbuds for participating. For questions or ideas call us at 309-497-2000. Ages 12 to 18.

**March 5-10 – Main Library  
Create It! Stop Motion Animation**  
It’s Teen Tech Week! Teens - create a stop motion movie using your tablet or smart phone. Just install the app, gather a pile of craft supplies and/or toys to film and share it with us if you wish to receive a flash drive for participating. For questions or ideas call us at 309-497-2000. Ages 12-18.

**Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 – McClure Branch  
After School Chess Club – 3:00-4:00 p.m.**  
Whether you’re on your way to becoming a Chess Grandmaster or don’t know what a pawn is, all are welcome. Learn to play or grab a friend to test your skills. Ages 10-13.

**Saturday, March 10 – North Branch  
Kahoot! Trivia – 3:00-3:30 p.m.**  
Join us for a book-themed round of trivia, Kahoot! style. Bring your own device (with an internet browser) and join in the fun! Ages 11 to 18.

**Saturday, March 17 – North Branch  
Drop In: St. Patrick’s Day Jewelry – 3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
Capture some Irish spirit by making your own lucky charm jewelry! Thread, patterns, and silver charms are all provided – just stop by the information desk! Ages 10 to 16.

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**March – 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.

**March – 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.

**March – North Branch  
Illinois Bicentennial Scavenger Hunt and Trivia Walk**  
Celebrate 200 years of Illinois history with a state-themed scavenger hunt and trivia walk. Participants of all ages can walk the library, finding objects of interest and answering trivia questions to earn a small prize. Have some fun learning about your state and its exciting history! Open to all ages.

**March 2-17 – Lakeview Branch  
Leprechaun’s Pot ‘O Gold**  
How many gold coins does the leprechaun have? Stop by the Lakeview Branch to make your guess. One person with the correct guess will win a prize!

**March 2-30 – McClure Branch  
Read Across America**  
It’s a month-long celebration of diverse books! If you turn in a completed Read Across America challenge sheet, you’ll receive a small participation prize, and will be entered into the drawing for a \$10 Amazon or Barnes & Noble gift card (winner’s choice). Ages 0 to 12.

**Friday, March 2 – Bookmobile  
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Goldfish!**  
Help the Bookmobile celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday! Visit the Bookmobile anytime during normal operating hours to pick up a goldfish snack, Dr. Seuss bookmark or check out your favorite Dr. Seuss book!

**Friday, March 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.

**Monday, March 5 – Lakeview Branch  
PAWS to Read – 2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
Meet and read to therapy dog book buddies! Children ages 7 and up will partner with a special dog friend to read their favorite books out loud. Registration suggested. To register, please call Peoria Humane Society at 672-2447.