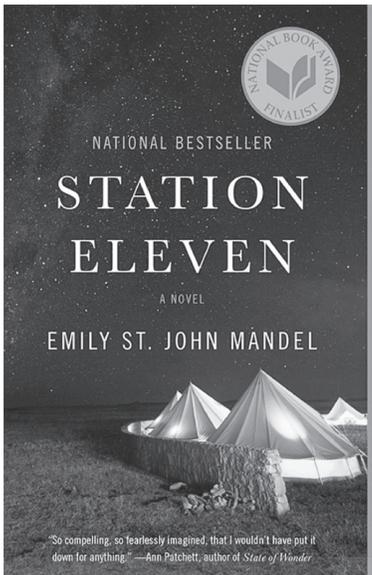


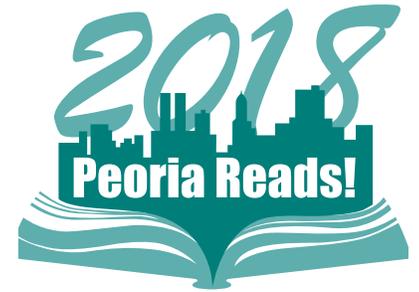
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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Peoria Reads! Features Events Based on *Station Eleven*, 2018 Book Choice



Peoria Reads! will offer a variety of programs and discussions in March and April to enhance and expand the discussions around *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, this year's one-city, one-book choice. The book examines a world that has fallen to a pandemic and what happens 20 years after most of the world's population is wiped out. No ordinary disaster story, this one is seen through the eyes of a troupe of actors and musicians who save Shakespeare and classical music. Complete information about Peoria Reads!, the book, the events and more is available at www.peoriareads.org and updates are found on the Peoria Reads! Facebook page as well.

The project launched with an exhibit The Museum of Civilization, in the Main Gallery at Peoria Public Library Main Library. It ends on Saturday, February 24, but is modeled after the museum in the book, that showcases items once highly used daily and now obsolete as civilization changes.

A variety of book discussions will be held at various locations, including on Sunday, March 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. A further discussion into plague literature will be lead by Dr. Lirim Neziroski on Thursday, April 19 at North Branch. Other discussion times are listed at peoriareads.org.

On Thursday, March 15 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., experience what it's like to face a pandemic like the one in *Station Eleven* with an evening at Methodist College, 7600 N. Academic Drive. See a live action simulation of the progression of an epidemic outbreak in a hospital and its effects on the population and health care providers. There will also be an interactive lab on transmission of diseases. Then attend the final "debriefing" discussion while enjoying refreshments. Registration is limited, so please contact (ckarn@methodistcol.edu) to reserve your spot.

Children in grades 3 through 5 are invited to take part as well with the American Red Cross Pillow Case project on April 2, 3 and 4 at various library branches, when they will learn to prepare for a disaster. Since a graphic novel is a key element in *Station Eleven*, a J.M. Hunter Cartoon Workshop will be offered on April 4 at North Branch from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration is required for these events. Please email programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us or call 497-2143.

The Peoria Reads! events wrap up with an examination of severe weather here in Illinois with Chris Miller, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, Lincoln, Illinois during which, in a fascinating presentation, he will present the facts about the history, and current statistics about, severe weather in Illinois. See the big picture in a way weather is seldom presented. It takes place on Thursday, April 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at North Branch

Peoria Reads! is entering its 16th year of asking Peorians to read and discuss the same great book. Peoria Reads is a joint project of Common Place and Peoria Public Library. While funds are not available this year to provide free copies of the book, many copies may be borrowed from Peoria Public Library as books, e-books and audio books.

FRIDAY
March
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50% off
total purchase



Main Library Lower Level 2 Hours: noon to 5 pm

BOOK SALE

SATURDAY
March
10

fill a bag
for \$3

Nationally Recognized Peoria Author to Present *Nuns, Nazis, and Notre Dame*

BY JAMIE JONES

Nationally recognized Peoria author Tim Pletkovich will speak at the Peoria Public Library McClure Branch Library at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, and at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, about his new book, *Nuns, Nazis, and Notre Dame: Stories of the Great Depression, World War II, and Fighting Irish*.

Pletkovich will examine the early life of decorated U.S. Army veteran Gerald A. O'Reilly. The son of a prominent Wall Street banker and grandson of a U.S. ambassador under three presidents, O'Reilly was raised in Brooklyn, New York, during the 1920s and '30s. His story takes us from the bleachers at Ebbets Field in trolley-car Brooklyn to the hallways of Notre Dame during legendary football coach Frank Leahy's national championship years, to the innermost

thoughts of an elite Tenth Mountain Division soldier thrust into the horrors of battle in Italy's harsh Apennine Mountains.

A brother-in-law of former United States Senator James L. Buckley and the late William F. Buckley, Jr., O'Reilly provides glimpses into the lives of one of the twentieth century's most revered political families. His nephew, novelist and humorist Christopher Buckley, recently described his uncle's narrative as "quietly heroic. His splendid soul is on full display...." Buckley said. "I have known [Gerry] for over half a century, and knew that he had served with valor in World War II in the fabled Tenth Mountain Division. But until I read this memoir, I had no idea what he went through. And why would I have? He was not the kind to talk about it.... To quote James Michener: 'Where do we find such men?'" O'Reilly is the last surviving member of his military company.

Pletkovich will be autographing copies of both *Nuns, Nazis, and Notre Dame* and his award-winning debut work, *Civil War Fathers*, at the March 15 and March 17 events.

Celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial with #PeoriaStoryChallenge

BY MARY SPENGLER AND PAT ENGLAND



Calling history lovers of all ages! Peoria Public Library is offering an exciting challenge to celebrate Illinois' 200th birthday. From April 1 to May 31, email "selfies" or other photos of yourself visiting five historical sites and monuments around Peoria from a list of the twenty we provide, and you will be entered into a drawing to win some amazing prizes.

Participants 18 and up have the opportunity to win one of two prizes. The first prize is an Ancestry DNA kit, perfect for exploring your roots and using alongside Ancestry Library Edition, free at all Peoria Public Library locations. The second prize is a Peoria Historical Society sponsored tour, for the winner and a friend, of two of Peoria's most famous homes, the Flanagan House Museum, constructed in 1837, and the Pettengill-Morrison house, once home to abolitionist Moses Pettengill who was close friends with Abraham Lincoln.

Teens or children 18 and under who take part will be entered into a drawing to win an Instax mini-camera.

Participants who provide photos of themselves visiting a minimum of five locations may also complete our local history trivia sheet to have two extra tickets entered into the prize drawing.

#PeoriaStoryChallenge is the perfect opportunity for children and adults to learn more about Peoria's rich history. Giant Oak Park, Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch and Richard Pryor's hometown statue are just a few of the fun destinations that will be listed. All photo entries and trivia answers must be submitted by email to programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us no later than 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, and may be posted to the Peoria Public Library website and social media to promote #PeoriaStoryChallenge. Be sure to check the website at peoriapubliclibrary.org for more information.

**HOT NEW
TITLES**
BY
ROBIN HELENTHAL

Coming in March 2018

As You Wish by Jude Deveraux begins with three very different women who meet by chance in Summerhill, Virginia and find they have much more in common than they could have ever

thought. Olivia is a 60-year-old newlywed whose first marriage was unhappy and long and she is excited to be starting a new life with a man she has always loved. Kathy is a 40-year-old woman, married to a handsome and successful businessman, who she finds out, is in love with someone else. The youngest of the trio is Elise at twenty plus who is married to a man her parents picked for her. She finds out he has a pregnant mistress and is willing to go to any lengths to get Elise out of the picture. Even though all three women are at the summerhouse for different reasons, they share their regrets, wishes and dreams. When they get a chance to fix the wrongs from their past, they find that dreams really can come true.

In *The Woman Left Behind: A Novel* by Linda Howard, Jina Modell works in communications for a paramilitary organization. She loves her job but when she shows a skill for spatial awareness she gets reassigned to a GO-team as an on-site drone operator. Levi, the team leader of the unit that Jina has been assigned to does not have a lot of confidence that she will make it through training because she is not especially athletic but she works hard and becomes an important part of the team. Behind the scenes, a Congresswoman with an agenda to destroy the GO-teams has set a trap to ambush the squad in Syria. When the base is attacked with explosives, the rest of the team is out on their mission, and Jina who had stayed behind to control the surveillance drone escapes to the desert. Somehow she has to make it to her crew before they are sent out of the country, and Levi not knowing whether she is alive or dead goes back to search because you never leave a soldier behind, especially one that you are in love with.



MARCH CALENDAR

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 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.

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. Open to readers of all ages!

March

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

One-on-One Resume Writing Assistance

Do you have a copy of your resume on hand and need someone to look over it? Or are you having a hard time writing your resume and you feel like you are not getting anywhere? The Lakeview Branch has a One-On-One Resume Writing Assistance Program for job seekers. Please call Fran at 309-497-2200 to schedule a one-hour session to help you write your resume.

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

March

NORTH BRANCH

Puzzle Table

Have a few extra minutes before you check out? 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 questions to earn a prize. Have fun learning about your state and its exciting history!

March 1 & 2

MAIN LIBRARY

Find That Cat Scavenger Hunt

To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday we've hidden 10 Cats in the Hat around the Children's Area. How many do you think you can find? Children in grades K-4 can pick up an entry form at the front desk, then write down the special word that is on each Cat in the Hat. Turn it in for a special prize. While supplies last.

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

LINCOLN BRANCH

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Come join us for a fun-filled day of Dr. Seuss stories, games, crafts and various "Seussical" treats! 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.

March 2-17

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Leprechaun's Pot 'O Gold

How many gold coins does the leprechaun have? Stop by to make your guess. One person with the correct guess will win a prize!

March 2-29

MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY

Seeking Light: Shedding Light

Art has always been a means for finding and expressing meaning, shedding light on the human experience. Four artists will address the theme of the exhibit through their individual mediums—oil painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, textiles and book arts. Visitors to the exhibit will be provided with an opportunity to share the experiences that bring Light into their lives by posting their inspirations on postcards that will be displayed on the wall. A public reception for the exhibit will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gallery.

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 prize, and will be entered into the drawing for a \$10 Amazon or Barnes & Noble gift card. Ages 0 to 12.

Friday, March 2

BOOKMOBILE

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Goldfish!

Help the Bookmobile celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday! Pick up a goldfish snack, Dr. Seuss bookmark or check out your favorite Dr. Seuss book!

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.

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 9-24 mo.



MARCH CALENDAR

Friday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

NORTH BRANCH

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

Children of all ages.

Friday, March 2

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

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

March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

NORTH BRANCH

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

Children of all ages.

Saturday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

MAIN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

Film Noir – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for the 16th annual Film Noir series, hosted by Steve Tarter. Free.

March 3: *The Big Sleep* (1946) Humphrey Bogart & Lauren Bacall

March 10: *Ministry of Fear* (1944) Ray Milland

March 17: *Vertigo* (1958) Jimmy Stewart

March 24: *Man Bait* (1952) George Brent

March 31: *The Big Steal* (1949) Robert Mitchum & Jane Greer

March 5-10

MAIN LIBRARY

Create It! Lite-Brite Pixel Art

Teens, stop in the children's storytime room anytime during Teen Tech Week, March 5-10, 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 to 18.

Monday, March 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. 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.

Monday, March 5, 12 & 26

NORTH BRANCH – 10:30-11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, March 7, 14, 21, 28

LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 10:15-10:45 A.M.

Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

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+ 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.

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: wheels and inclined planes. Ages 5 to 8.

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! 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!

Tuesday, March 6, 13 & 20

LINCOLN BRANCH

Terrific Tattletale Storytime–10:00-10:30am

Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Toddler Tales – 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Ages 2 to 4.

Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27

MCCLURE BRANCH

After School Chess Club – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Come learn how to play the game or grab a friend and test the skills you already have! Ages 10-13.

Tuesday, March 6

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Youth Art Month Stamp Art – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Make stamp art designs with toilet paper rolls, paint and canvas. Ages 5-10.

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.

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, making reading time fun. Age 0 to 23 months.

Thursday, March 8

NORTH BRANCH

Peoria Speaks: Crime and Policing in Peoria – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Peoria Speaks is a community discussion program which will focus on topics of interest to Peorians. Funding is provided by Illinois Humanities through their Illinois Speaks program. Illinois Speaks is aimed at strengthening the democratic process through community dialogues across the state of Illinois. Topics differ and are often related to current events, questions and issues arising in a community. *"Illinois Humanities (IH) is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Illinois General Assembly [through the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency], as well as by contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed by speakers, program participants, or audiences do not necessarily reflect those of the NEH, IH, our partnering organization or our funders."*

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. Read any four books from your age group. Turn it in by 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.

Saturday, March 10

MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY

Seeking Light: Shedding Light Art Reception - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Meet the artists at this public reception. Art has always been a means for finding and expressing meaning, shedding light on the human experience. Four artists will address the theme of the exhibit through their individual mediums—oil painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, textiles and book arts. Free and open to the public.

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 and join in the fun! Ages 11 to 18.

Saturday, March 10

NORTH BRANCH

Judgment Free Art Night - 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Have you always wanted to try making artwork, but never had the nerve? We're going to throw technique out the window and just have fun - celebrating the whimsical, the A-for-effort, and the just plain silly. This month: "Bad Art" - Come prepared to make the worst art imaginable...on purpose! Sculpt, paint, or decoupage, just make sure it's awful. The worst artist will win a crown...made by the group.

Sunday, March 11

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

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, although everyone is welcome to attend. Rated PG

Sunday, March 11

NORTH BRANCH

Music in the McKenzie Presents: Goodnight Gracie - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Goodnight Gracie plays eclectic and timeless tunes and originals from diverse genres including Indie, Americana, pop-rock, jazz and blues. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

March 12-17

MAIN LIBRARY

St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt

If you find all the items on the list you can turn it in for a sack of candy treasure. Ages 3-13. While supplies last.

March 12 -17

NORTH BRANCH

Science Week

Science in the library!

Monday, March 12, 7:00-7:45 p.m. - Lab

Coat Storytime - Dress up as your favorite scientist or come in your pajamas.

Wednesday, March 14, 4:00-5:00 p.m. -

Cooking Science Demonstration - What makes baked goods rise? What are starches and emulsifiers? Find out the answers to these questions and more, and take home some fun 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. -

Hatch a plan so your egg can survive a fall AND land on target. Building starts in the Beehive at 3:00, with drops starting outside at 4:00.

Monday, March 12

MCCLURE BRANCH

The Book Was First Movie Series - 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Join in a viewing of the 1994 film *The Client* based on the book of the same name by John Grisham.

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.

Monday, March 12

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

This month: *The Collapsing Empire* by John Scalzi

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.

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.

March 15 & 17

MCCLURE BRANCH

Meet Author Tim Pletkovich-1:30-2:30 pm

Nationally recognized Peoria author Tim Pletkovich will speak about his new book, *Nuns, Nazis, and Notre Dame: Stories of the Great Depression, World War II, and Fighting Irish*. Pletkovich will examine the early life of decorated U.S. Army veteran Gerald A. O'Reilly. Pletkovich will be autographing copies of both *Nuns, Nazis, and Notre Dame* and *Civil War Fathers*. A portion of sales will benefit the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Thursday, March 15

NORTH BRANCH

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

This month: *The Pursuit of Happyness* (2006)



MARCH CALENDAR

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.

Saturday, March 17

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Autism Resource Group–10:00am-1:00pm

Are you a parent with a tween or teen with Autism Spectrum Disorder? Join us for resource sharing and support.

Saturday, March 17

MCCLURE BRANCH

The Luck of the Irish Movie Showing – 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by snacking on green treats while enjoying *The Luck of the Irish*, a 2001 Disney Channel Original Movie about a basketball star turned leprechaun! All ages welcome.

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.

Sunday, March 18

NORTH BRANCH

Peoria Reads 2018: Discussion of Station Eleven – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of the Peoria Reads 2018 selection *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. This discussion will be facilitated by Colleen Karn, Instructor of English & Humanities at Methodist College.

Monday, March 19

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Introduction to Assistive Technology – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

What is Assistive Technology (AT)? Learn where you can find it and how it can help. You will also learn about the Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) and the services they offer.

Tuesday, March 20

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Youth Art Month Craft Sticks Art – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Show your creativity with designs using craft Popsicle sticks. Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, March 20

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Are you in your 20s or 30s and enjoy reading Young Adult books? Join this fun group to discuss the best in YA literature. As a bonus, there are always snacks! This month: *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green

Wednesday, March 21

NORTH BRANCH

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

Get some quality family bonding time. Children and adults of all ages. This month: Build your own board game.

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.

Thursday, March 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 none at all, all are welcome to experience *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* in this new reading discussion group. This month: "The Adventure of the Yellow Face"

Monday, March 26

MCCLURE BRANCH

Monday Morning Movie–10:30am-12:30pm

Enjoy a classic movie with popcorn! Let's return to yesteryear! We've found some timeless treasures that are at least fifty years old. This month: *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (1938)

Monday, March 26

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Movies by Decade – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This month: *The Big Sleep* (1946)

Thursday, March 27

LINCOLN BRANCH

Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

"The Mysterious Egg." Wait until you see what hatches! Ages 3 to 6.

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 create "Matisse-like" art using paper cut-outs. Ages 5-10.

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 a little deeper! This month we will be investigating paper airplanes. Ages 9 to 12.

March 30 & 31

MAIN LIBRARY

Paper Egg Hunt

Children up to age 5 can search the Children's Area for colorful paper eggs. Gather 5 eggs and turn them in at the front desk for a chocolate prize. One prize per searcher, while supplies last.

Saturday, March 31

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.

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.

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.

APRIL BOOK CLUBS

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

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *The House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende. The unforgettable first novel that established Isabel Allende as one of the world's most gifted and imaginative storytellers. *The House of the Spirits* brings to life the triumphs and tragedies of three generations of the Trueba family. The patriarch Esteban is a volatile, proud man whose voracious pursuit of political power is tempered only by his love for his delicate wife, Clara, a woman with a mystical connection to the spirit world. When their daughter Blanca embarks on a forbidden love affair in defiance of her implacable father, the result is an unexpected gift to Esteban: his adored granddaughter Alba, a beautiful and strong-willed child who will lead her family and her country into a revolutionary future. One of the most important novels of the twentieth century, *The House of the Spirits* is an enthralling epic that spans decades and lives, weaving the personal and the political into a universal story of love, magic, and fate.

The Read on Book Club will meet at Lincoln Branch on Tuesday, April 24 to discuss *Blonde Faith* by Walter Mosely. For more information please call (309) 497-2601. Easy Rawlins, L.A.'s most reluctant detective, comes home one day to find Easter, the daughter of his friend Christmas Black, left on his doorstep. Easy knows that this could only mean that the ex-marine Black is probably dead, or will be soon. Easter's appearance is only the beginning, as Easy is immersed in a sea of problems. The love of his life is marrying another man and his friend Mouse is wanted for the murder of a father of 12. As he's searching for a clue to Christmas Black's whereabouts, two suspicious MPs hire him to find his friend Black on behalf of the U.S. Army. Easy's inves-

tigation brings him to Faith Laneer, a blonde woman with a dark past. As Easy begins to put the pieces together, he realizes that Black's disappearance has its roots in Vietnam, and that Faith might be in a world of danger.

The Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 at North Branch to discuss "The Adventure of the Stockbroker's Clerk." A young clerk, Hall Pycroft, consults Holmes with his suspicions concerning a company that has offered him a very well-paid job. Pycroft explains that he was recently made redundant from a stockbrokinghouse. He eventually secured a new post with another stockbrokers, Mawson and Williams. Before taking up the job, he was approached by Arthur Pinner, who offered him a managership with a newly established hardware distribution company, to be based in France. Pycroft is sent to Birmingham to meet Pinner's brother and company co-founder, Harry Pinner. He is offered a very well-paid post with £100 in advance, and is asked not to send a letter of resignation to his would-be employers. He immediately commences his duties, but he is concerned about the unprofessional aspects of the business and their sparse offices, as well as the suspicious fact that the two Pinner's have a distinctive gold filling in their teeth in the same place, suggesting that they might be the same man. Why should Pycroft not resign from Mawson and Williams and why do brothers have the same gold filling? Holmes and Watson are on the case!

The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 8 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss *All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation* by Rebecca Traister. In 2009, award-winning journalist Rebecca Traister started *All the Single Ladies* about the twenty-first century phenomenon of the American single woman. It was the year the proportion of American

women who were married dropped below fifty percent; and the median age of first marriages, which had remained between twenty and twenty-two years old for nearly a century (1890-1980), had risen dramatically to twenty-seven. But over the course of her vast research, Traister discovered a startling truth: the phenomenon of the single woman in America is not a new one. And historically, when women were given options beyond early heterosexual marriage, the results were massive social change—temperance, abolition, secondary education, and more. Today, only twenty percent of Americans are married by age twenty-nine, compared to nearly sixty percent in 1960. "An informative and thought-provoking book for anyone—not just single ladies" (The New York Times Book Review), *All the Single Ladies* is a remarkable portrait of contemporary American life and how we got here, through the lens of the unmarried American woman.

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, April 9 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Every Heart a Doorway* by Seanan McGuire. An additional optional read is the second book in the series *Down Among the Sticks and Bones*. Children have always disappeared from Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children under the right conditions; slipping through the shadows under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes and into old wells, and emerging somewhere ... else. But magical lands have little need for used-up miracle children. Nancy tumbled once, but now she's back. The things she's experienced ... they change a person. The children under Miss West's care understand all too well. And each of them is seeking a way back to their own fantasy world. But Nancy's arrival marks a change at the Home. There's a darkness just around each corner, and when tragedy strikes, it's up to Nancy and her new-found schoolmates to get to the heart of the matter. No matter the cost.



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The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Genuine Fraud* by E. Lockhart. This is the story of a young woman whose diabolical smarts are her ticket into a charmed life. But how many times can someone reinvent themselves? You be the judge. Imogen is a runaway heiress, an orphan, a cook, and a cheat. Jule is a fighter, a social chameleon, and an athlete. An intense friendship. A disappearance. A murder, or maybe two. A bad romance, or maybe three. Blunt objects, disguises, blood, and chocolate. The American dream, superheroes, spies, and villains. A girl who refuses to give people what they want from her. A girl who refuses to be the person she once was.

The Book 'Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *And Then*

There Were None by Agatha Christie, one of the most famous and beloved mysteries from the queen of suspense. Ten people, each with something to hide and something to fear, are invited to a isolated mansion on Indian Island by a host who, surprisingly, fails to appear. On the island they are cut off from everything but each other and the inescapable shadows of their own past lives. One by one, the guests share the darkest secrets of their wicked pasts. And one by one, they die. Which among them is the killer and will any of them survive?

Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet at 1:00 p.m. on June 5 at Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland about *Days Without End* by Sebastian Barry. Moving from the plains of Wyoming to Tennessee, Sebastian

Barry's latest work is a masterpiece of atmosphere and language. An intensely poignant story of two men and the makeshift family they create with a young Sioux girl, Winona, *Days Without End* is a fresh and haunting portrait of the most fateful years in American history and is a novel never to be forgotten.



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The Luck of the Irish...DNA BY AMBER LOWERY

When it comes to St. Patrick's Day (March 17), suddenly everyone you know becomes Irish. I once read there are more people who claim to be descendants of Ireland in the United States than there are actually Irish people in Ireland. But nowadays that is easy to prove with DNA.

Ads for commercial DNA testing from some of the top companies in the United States spout beautiful commercials with picturesque scenery about discovering where your ancestors came from. But this is only the tip of the iceberg of what you can learn with DNA. For much like said iceberg, DNA goes deep.

A few weeks ago I used DNA matching results to break a reinforced brick wall in one of my Irish lines. Even with extensive research, all information stopped at my great-great-grandparents. As far as I knew, they left Ireland around the time of the Great Potato Famine, but HOW? Did they come alone? What part of the massive wave of Irish immigration were they? Did they know each other long before they married in 1863 and settled down in Peoria to start a family?

Recently a DNA match contacted me and using mutual matches provided with our DNA results it was quickly apparent which family lines matched and that the match was further back than my records went. I dove into research using AncestryLibrary edition and then, with all my gathered information, I laid out my evidence for my match, showed my work and drew my conclusion. My DNA match agreed with my conclusions. After six years of searching, my reinforced genealogical brick wall went down without a fight.

With access to AncestryLibrary at Peoria Public Library, I was then able to track down and find baptismal records for my great-great-grandmother, which included her parents' names, baptismal records for her older siblings, her parents' marriage record, and more.

Do you have questions about doing a DNA test or what to do with the results? Want to learn more of your Irish (or not-Irish) heritage? Come to the library. We are here to help you discover more about you. Perhaps the luck of the Irish will be with you, too.

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