Sign Up for Reading Takes You Everywhere Summer Reading!

Reading Takes You Everywhere: Summer Reading 2018 is right around the corner. Plan your summer by signing up in May at the library branch you use most often. Reporting your reading to earn your rewards begins June 3 and continues through July 21. Summer Reading is for all ages and families have a great time reading together and earning weekly prizes as well as the opportunity to attend a fabulous party at Peoria Riverfront Museum.

This year’s theme is all about the mythical places books take us and the magical creatures we meet. Encounter fairies, griffons, mermaids, dragons, unicorns and the magical lands they live in at the library and in the books you read.

The U.S. Department of Education encourages daily reading by all students over the summer break to prevent “summer slide.” Having parents and other role models read sets the tone for students to not only do better when they return to school in the fall, but develops skills and habits that will help them succeed over their lifetime.

The U.S. Department of Education suggests parents offer incentives to young students to get them to read daily over the summer and says that one great encouragement is to let them choose the books they want to read.

Peoria Public Library helps families meet both these needs by offering Reading Takes You Everywhere Summer Reading. Not only will every summer reader receive a prize each week when they report their reading, but by reading six of seven weeks will earn a pass to the Summer Reading Party on Tuesday, July 24. In addition, readers of all ages have access to an enormous collection of books and even downloadable books. Tools found on the website at “What to Read Next” or by asking library staff can help anyone find books that will interest them if browsing the shelves is not producing what you want.

All it takes to be a Summer Reader is to stop in at your favorite branch and sign your Summer Reading contract. Then each week from June 3 through July 21, stop back and report that you read for three hours that week. You will get a prize and after six weeks will have earned your Summer Reading Party Pass. Going on vacation? Never fear, you can still claim your reading while out of town, just ask at the desk where you sign up.

The Summer Reading Party will be on Tuesday, July 24 at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. See a Planetarium show and a movie on the Giant Screen Theater. Enjoy the entertainment and see the fascinating new “Mythic Creatures” exhibit – it is all included with your Party Pass. Then finish the night when Grand Prize winners are announced!

Come in and sign up during May and be ready for Reading Takes You Everywhere!

Check Out a Pass to Peoria Riverfront Museum with your Library Card

Thanks to sponsorship from the Peoria Riverfront Museum’s Visionary Society, Peoria Public Library cardholders can now borrow a pass to the Peoria Riverfront Museum!

Each branch of Peoria Public Library has one pass which is available to be checked out on a first-come, first-served basis to patrons with a valid Peoria Public Library library card. The pass can be used on the day of checkout or the following day. The pass includes general admission to all exhibits, galleries, and daytime planetarium shows for two adults and their children or grandchildren. The pass covers admission to the galleries and planetarium. Additional charges for special exhibits or giant screen theater shows may apply. Children and grandchildren must be under age 18.

Passes cannot be reserved or checked out online or over the phone. Passes must be checked out in person at the Information Desk at any of our locations. Please visit Peoria Public Library to find out current pass availability. Library staff will be able to check if it is available and also check out the pass.

Please note that passes are non-transferable. Borrowing patrons will be asked for photo identification and their library card to gain admission to the museum.
Peoria Public Library Receives National Award for Opiates Awareness Work

The Public Library Association (PLA) has announced that Peoria Public Library is the winner of The Singer Group Helping Communities Come Together Award. This award recognizes a public library's ability to identify community needs specifically in times of crisis and division, and respond in creative and exemplary ways. “The inaugural winner of this $1,000 award is the Peoria Public Library for its courageous and creative response to the opioid crisis,” said the American Library Association. The award letter went on to say, “On behalf of the award juries, PLA President 2017-2018 Pam Sandlian Smith, and the PLA Board of Directors, congratulations again and thank you for sharing your important work with PLA and its members.”

Criteria for the award was a public library’s ability to identify community needs specifically in times of crisis and division, and respond in creative and exemplary ways. Challenges may be community specific, or the result of national events that strain communities.

Peoria Public Library was invited by Mayor Jim Ardis in 2016 to assist in combating a new epidemic of opiate abuse. Steps included encouraging Peorians to read the book Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic and coordinate a visit by author Sam Quinones. Subsequently, the library worked with Peoria Notre Dame High School and presented a set of the books and arranged a visit with Dr. Mike Cruz, President of OSF St. Francis Medical Center and an emergency room physician, Peoria Mayor Jim Ardis and State Attorney Jerry Brady for two discussions with students about the epidemic.

After receiving funding from Illinois Humanities, Peoria Public Library presented a series of four community discussions in November and December 2016 on the heroin and opiate epidemic, which resulted in an article in InterBusiness Issues Magazine by Mike Kennedy of the Human Service Center in February 2017. At the same time the Bradley University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute held a six-week study program on Peoria’s Opiate Crisis.

Working with a local nurse educator, the library trained 25 library staff members to recognize overdose and administer Narcan. Pekin and Chillicothe Libraries learned of the efforts and offered various trainings to staff and public sessions. Later Peoria Public Library staff shared information with libraries across the state at the Illinois Library Association Conference.

By creating a web page, the Peoria Public Library was able to collect a variety of highly useful information for the public and make it available to anyone with internet access. Then, Roberta Koscielski, Deputy Director had the opportunity to provide information to the Illinois Governor’s Opioid Prevention and Intervention Task Force, led by Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti, as the State of Illinois Opioid Action Plan was being formed.

New Libby App Replaces Overdrive For Alliance Digital Media Library

There is a great new app to download to phones and tablets for use with books borrowed from Peoria Public Library through the Alliance Digital Media/Overdrive Collection. Libby is designed to be easy and quick and from your first sign in you will be reading or listening with just a few taps.

The app can be downloaded from the App Store, Google Play or Microsoft for your Windows 10 computer. Then Libby quickly guides you through finding your library and entering your library card. You are then able to download your item or stream it to save room on your device. All your loans and holds are consolidated on a single “shelf.” You can also use the Activity tab to keep track of your reading activity. If you would rather read on your Kindle, Libby can send your library book there for you.

If you read on multiple devices, Libby will keep track of your bookmarks, notes and positions on all of them for seamless reading and listening. Once you get set up, you will be reading quickly and easily with one tap, wherever you are and whatever device you are using.

If you are traveling, use Libby from wherever you are. If you happen to reside somewhere else for part of the year and have a card from another library, you can enter both your Peoria Public Library card and your vacation or business home location library in the same app on your devices. No need to switch when you reside away from Peoria.

If you need help installing or using Libby, ask at the Information Desk at any location. Read with one tap with Libby!

Coming in May 2018

Love and Ruin: A Novel is the latest historical fiction story by author Paula McLain. Martha Gelhorn, is a determined young woman looking for adventure when she travels to Madrid as a journalist in 1937 to cover the Spanish Civil War. As she is proving herself to be a worthy member of the press, she meets and falls in love with the author Ernest Hemingway. As World War II is about to begin, both their careers take off. Hemingway publishes his book, For Whom the Bell Tolls and Gelhorn is becoming known as a great war correspondent. Gelhorn has a tough decision to make. Will she give up her career to become a famous man’s wife or will she take the chance of losing Hemingway as she continues to move forward as writer herself and break both of their hearts?

The Favorite Sister is a new thriller by Jessica Knoll. Five women agree to appear on the reality series, Goal Diggers, two of the women are sisters and only one will make it out alive. Brett is the fan favorite, she is 27, tattooed, owns her own spin studio and just got engaged to her girlfriend. Her older sister Kelly is her business partner and the most recent recruit for the show and has been described as a hanger-on. Stephanie is the first black cast member and also the oldest of the five women. She is a well known author of bestselling erotic novels whose is married to an out of work actor-husband with a roving eye. She and Brett used to be best friends but a rift has developed and that is the focus of the show this season. The show ends with a murder, but who did it and why?
May

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.

May

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.

May

ALL LOCATIONS

#PeoriaStoryChallenge
Explore the rich history of Peoria by visiting five sites and monuments from a list of twenty provided. Share “selfies” or photos of yourself posing at those sites on social media to promote #PeoriaStoryChallenge. Enter to win a great prize by submitting your photos and answers to fun trivia questions by emailing them to programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us no later than 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 31. Adults 18 and up will have the opportunity to win a grand prize of an Ancestry DNA test, and participants 17 and under will have their name entered into a drawing to win an Instax mini-camera. The entry form containing challenge rules, locations and trivia questions is available on the Peoria Public Library website.

May

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Blind Date with an Audiobook
Discover your next great book in audio format! A wide selection of genres for all age groups will be wrapped up in newsprint for you to take home for a blind date. Audiobook selections are appropriate for listeners ages 8 to adult.

May

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? Please call Fran at 309-497-2200 to schedule in advance for a one-hour session to help you write your resume.

May

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.

May

MAIN LIBRARY

Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
In a hurry? Can’t stay and craft? Get your crafts to go. Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Floor Information Desk any time we’re open. Ask for a Craft-to-Go, take it home and the fun begins.

May 1-6

MAIN LIBRARY

Children’s Book Week I Spy Books – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Check out the display case by the library entrance for some “I Spy” challenges. Can you find all the objects listed on the Children’s Book Week I Spy Books form? Everyone is welcome to play but children kindergarten through grade 6 can turn their form in for a surprise gift.

May 1-6

NORTH BRANCH

Drop In: Children’s Book Week Craft
Celebrate Children’s Book Week by stopping at the Information Desk for the supplies to make your own version of a favorite book character—Mo Willems’ Pigeon!

Tuesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

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, May 1

LINCOLN BRANCH

Terrific Tattletale Storytime–10:00-10:30am
Ages 3 to 6.

May 1-6

ALL LOCATIONS

Children’s Choice Book Award Voting
Voice your choice! Come to any branch of Peoria Public Library location, read the books, fill out the ballot, and turn it in by May 6. We’ll turn in your ballot on the official website, or go there yourself and vote for the book you think is best. The book winners will be announced May 30.

Tuesday, May 1

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 p.m.
This month: The Best of It by Kay Ryan

Tuesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Toddler Tales – 2:00-2:30 p.m.
Ages 2 to 4.
**MAY CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, May 1**
**LINCOLUMN BRANCH**
Front & Center: Mother's Day Craft Project – 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Celebrate mom this year with a beautifully-crafted picture frame designed by you! While supplies last. Ages 5-12.

**Tuesday, May 1**
**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 & fidgets are available.

**Wednesday, May 2**
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**
Storybook Lanterns – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Make a special lantern featuring a picture from a classic children’s book to celebrate Children’s Book Week. You can keep your lantern by your side while you read. While supplies last.

**Wednesday, May 2**
**NORTH BRANCH**
Campfire Mystery Book Club – 7:00-7:45 p.m.
It’s late night at the library, and there are mysteries to be solved! Bring your pajamas, sleeping bags, and flashlight, 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, May 3**
**LAKEVIEW 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.

**Thursday, May 3**
**NORTH BRANCH**
Star Wars Day – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Celebrate Star Wars Day with us! Decorate a tote bag with your favorite Star Wars characters or symbols while watching Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi. All ages welcome. While supplies last.

**Friday, May 4**
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**
Drop In: LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Calling LEGO fans! Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

**Friday, May 4**
**MCCLURE BRANCH**
DIY Comic Book Page – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade can pick up a comic book page in the Children’s Area. We provide the characters and empty speech bubbles, and you add the story and words. If you want to share, send us a picture of your creation to programdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us and we might share it on Instagram and Facebook!

**Friday, May 4**
**NORTH BRANCH**
Star Wars Storytime – 4:00-4:30 p.m.
May the fourth be with you! Celebrate Star Wars Day with a storytime that’s out of this world! Costumes welcome. Fun for the whole family, but aimed at padawans ages 3-8.

**Friday, May 4**
**NORTH BRANCH**
Bookworms for Bookworms
Write the title of your favorite book on our Bookworms display board and take home a bag of Bookworms (gummy worms) to enjoy. Children of all ages.

**Friday, May 4**
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**
Toddler Art – 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Let your child explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills along the way. Dress for a mess.

**Saturday, May 5**
**MAIN LIBRARY**
DIY Comic Book Page – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade can pick up a comic book page in the Children’s Area. We provide the characters and empty speech bubbles, and you add the story and words. If you want to share, send us a picture of your creation to programdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us and we might share it on Instagram and Facebook!
Saturday, May 5, 12 & 19
NORTH BRANCH
Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Children of all ages.

Saturday, May 5
MCCLURE BRANCH
Macramé for Mom – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Still looking for a gift for Mother’s day? Come alone to create a gift or bring your Mom and work together to make a Macramé masterpiece. Ages 14+

Monday, May 7
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.

Monday, May 7
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 bubbles. Ages 5 to 8.

Monday, May 7
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Peter Pan the Movie – 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Celebrate the birthday J. M. Barrie, the creator of Peter Pan, as we watch Disney’s version of this beloved movie full of pixie dust and magic.

Monday, May 7
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Getting and Keeping Your First Job – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Join us as Family Matters Parent Training and Resource Center leads a workshop about how to find and keep employment. This workshop will give individuals with special needs the tools to prepare for interviews, request accommodations, and offer alternatives to traditional employment. This workshop is free but Family Matters does require 15 people to register for the event. To register please call Elise at 309-497-2200.

Tuesday, May 8 & Thursday, May 10
LINCOLN BRANCH
Puppet Show – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
“Monster Reads.” Now that monster can read he needs books! Come help him find some at the library! Ages 3 to 6.

Wednesday, May 9
NORTH BRANCH
STEAM Adventures – 4:30-5:30 p.m.
If you enjoy Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics, then this is your chance to dig a little deeper! This month we will be investigating the scientific method. Ages 9 to 12.

Saturday, May 12
MCCLURE BRANCH
Drop In: Mother’s Day Craft – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Celebrate your mom, grandma, aunt, or any other woman who helps you grow by creating a gift for her. While supplies last. Children of all ages.

Saturday, May 12
MCCLURE BRANCH
Pizza Garden – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Create your own pizza herb and vegetable container garden! Enjoy fresh ingredients on your future pizzas straight from your own backyard. All supplies provided. For adults.

Saturday, May 12
MCCLURE BRANCH
Drop In: Mother’s Day Crafts-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Come make a special Mother’s Day craft! While supplies last. Children of all ages.

Monday, May 14
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Floor Puzzle Mania – 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun filled time doing floor-sized jigsaw puzzles. Ages 5 to 12.

Monday, May 14
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
The Book Was First Movie Series – 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Join in a viewing of the 2012 film Cloud Atlas based on the book of the same name by David Mitchell. Read the book before you come to see how the film measures up or just come to enjoy a movie and light refreshments on a Monday morning!

Monday, May 14
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, May 14
LINCOLN BRANCH
Sci F & Fantasy Book Club – 6:30-7:30 pm
This month: The Space Between the Stars by Anne Corlett

Tuesday, May 15
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Floor Puzzle Mania – 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun filled time doing floor-sized jigsaw puzzles. Ages 5 to 12.

Tuesday, May 15
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:45 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: Winterfolk by Janel Kolby

Wednesday, May 16
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: Learn some yo-yo tricks.
**MAY CALENDAR**

Thursday, May 17
NORTH BRANCH
Third Thursday Film Fest: Books into Movies – 2:00-4:30 p.m.
Join us on the third Thursday of each month for movies based on books! Which was better — the movie or the book? It’s your decision to make! Bring a snack and enjoy a movie on the big screen. Free and open to all ages. This month: Of Mice and Men (1992)

Friday, May 18 – MCCLURE BRANCH
Friday, May 25 – 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, May 19
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. We will provide a movie showing each month for children whose parents are attending the meeting.

Saturday, May 19
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.

Saturday, May 19
NORTH BRANCH
Teen Craft: Shrink Plastic – 2:00-2:45 p.m.
Trace or draw your favorite characters, team logos, and other designs onto special plastic, and watch it shrink to less than half its original size as it bakes! Learn how to do it at home with recycled material. Ages 11-18.

Saturday, May 19
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? Did you love the changes they made to the story when it went to the big screen? Did they miss something you thought was important to the story? Come join us as we discuss these questions in relation to Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang: The Magical Car by Ian Fleming, and enjoy a viewing of the 1968 musical film, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Be sure to check out and read a copy of the book before that date! Library staff at any location can help you secure a copy. Ages 8 to 12.

Sunday, May 20
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Book’Em Mystery Book Club – 2:00-3:30pm
This month: A Dark and Stormy Murder by Julia Buckley

Sunday, May 20
NORTH BRANCH
Music in the McKenzie Presents: P-Town Bluegrass Allstars – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
This group features a collection of musicians from a variety of musical backgrounds. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Sunday, May 20
NORTH BRANCH
Biography and Nonfiction Book Club – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
This month: A River Runs Again: India’s Natural World in Crisis, from the Barren Cliffs of Rajasthan to the Farmlands of Karnataka by Meera Subramanian

Monday, May 21
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: Jungle Jim with Johnny Weissmuller (1948)

Monday, May 21
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Movies by Decade – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Each month we will screen a movie from a different decade. This month: Easy Rider (1969)

Tuesday, May 22
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Sidewalk Chalk Games – 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Play games such as Tic-Tac-Toe or Hangman, or have a sidewalk chalk art contest. Ages 5 to 12.

Tuesday, May 22
LINCOLN BRANCH
Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 p.m.
This month: One House Over, the Neighbors by Mary Monroe

Thursday, May 24
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. Like our hero bid his loyal companion over one hundred years ago, we invite you to “Come at once if convenient – if inconvenient come all the same!” This month: “The Adventure of the Gloria Scott”

Peoria Public Library and all locations will be CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day weekend

Saturday, May 26 through Monday, May 28
North Branch always closed Tuesdays
Holmes and Watson are on the case. as one. Whether one mystery or three, heard from again. Holmes looked upon Howells also disappears and is never whereabouts, repeating over and over that he was gone. The hysterical Rachel was Brunton's former lover, had a hysterical fit when asked about Brunton's whereabouts, repeating over and over that he was gone. The hysterical Rachel Howells also disappears and is never heard from again. Holmes looked upon the case not as three mysteries, but as one. Whether one mystery or three, Holmes and Watson are on the case.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Chaotic Good* by Whitney Gardner. Cameron's cosplay—dressing like a fictional character—is finally starting to earn her attention—attention she hopes to use to get into the CalTech costume department for college. But when she wins a major competition, she inadvertently sets off a firestorm of angry comments from male fans. When Cameron's family moves the summer before her senior year, she hopes to complete her costume portfolio in peace and quiet away from the abuse. Unfortunately, the only comic shop in town—her main destination for character reference—is staffed by a dudebro owner who challenges every woman who comes into the shop. At her twin brother's suggestion, Cameron borrows a set of his clothes and uses her costume expertise to waltz into the shop as Boy Cameron, where she's shocked at how easily she's accepted into the nerd inner sanctum. Soon, Cameron finds herself drafted into a D&D campaign alongside the jerky shop-owner Brody, friendly (almost flirtatiously so) clerk Wyatt, handsome Lincoln, and her bro Cooper, dragged along for good measure. But as her "secret identity" gets more and more entrenched, Cameron's portfolio falls by the wayside—and her feelings for Lincoln threaten to make a complicated situation even more precarious.

**Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers** will meet 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 never to be forgotten.
I Do Genealogy: Finding the Bride’s Family
BY AMBER LOWERY

Having sisters who are wedding photographers means I find myself thinking about marriages quite often. It’s also in my nature, as a genealogist, to think about marriages, current and historical. I imagine my ancestors married for a number of reasons; arranged, wealth, desperation, social status, and love. One marriage was actually a case of revenge and spite! But that is a story for another time.

When doing family research, seeking out marriage records is key for getting that one next step back in our history. Historically, brides have changed their last name upon getting married. Sometimes the journey to discover who her parents were is fraught with misinformation, misunderstanding, and misidentification. We can look to obituaries sometimes for clues to a name, but the further we go back, the less likely they are to report a woman’s history, unless her parents were well-known or connected to society. So we have to look to the marriage records to see what information we can extract on the women in these documents.

Some states and counties provide a wealth of family information for researchers, including the maiden names of the mothers of the parties who married. Others only required a name and that person’s word that they were who they claimed to be. Then there are the cases where records have been lost or destroyed over the years due to one natural disaster or another.

Now, if you have some known German ancestors, you may be in luck. Using Ancestry Library Edition at the Peoria Public Library, you might find ancestors who you can trace through the German birth and marriage records available.

Irish baptismal records found in Ancestry Library Edition can also help you trace your elusive female ancestors. That is not to say that if you have families that came from other countries that you will not be able to find records. Tomorrow may be the day you discover Canadian, Slovakian, Hungarian, English, Swedish, Mexican, or a number of other records that will take you further back in your research.

Remember next time you attend a family wedding, to ask the relatives you rarely see for what they know about the marriages in your own family. A new hint and library resources can take you far!

Chinese Language Collection Added at North Branch

Thank you to the Peoria Chinese Association for their donation of 121 new Chinese language items that have been added to the North Branch collection and are now available for checkout. The collection of all Chinese text items include Juvenile, young adult and adult fiction and non-fiction; traditional Chinese folktales and China’s history as well as modern works on psychology and science. All books are exclusively in Chinese language materials.”

Those with an interest in learning Chinese will find lessons in both Cantonese and Mandarin in the Mango Language program under the Research tab at www.peoriapubliclibrary.org