Main Library Construction Continues

Main Library closed the first and second floors on September 17 in order to install a new heating and air conditioning system. While those floors are closed until they reopen on Monday, December 3, the Gallery, Friendly Finds Bookstore and Local History and Genealogy remain open.

All other branches are open regular hours and books and other materials may be accessed there as well as public computers and wifi. There are no public computers available during construction at Main Library, or holds pickup. In addition to all other branches, patrons can download books and music, as well as do research, from the library website at www.peoriapubliclibrary.org.

At some point near the end of the project, all locations may be closed for a few days as the main electrical panel is replaced at Main Library. That electrical service interruption will disrupt the computer system, phones and catalog at all locations. The shutdown will be timed to cause the least disruption possible and will be announced on the library website. Please watch for cranes and other construction equipment in the alley and parking lot at Main Library.

The project is replacing the original 1960s system which is difficult to repair and inefficient. Funds did not allow for the system to replaced during the library's building project which was completed about seven years ago. The project was planned to coincide with more temperate weather as staff will continue to work in various departments in the building and there will be no heating or cooling. In addition to erasing the threat of a sudden, emergency closing during an HVAC failure, the new replacement system will be far more efficient, saving money and freeing space in mechanical rooms at Main Library.

New items that would normally be on the shelves at Main Library will be sent to branches during the closure of the first and second floors, so patrons can access them. Some groups that normally hold meetings at Main Library may be assigned to other branches, so please check with your group or call to confirm the meeting location. Phone assistance will be available as always by calling (309) 497-2000.

Conservationist and Author Thor Hanson Speaks October 3

"Bees have enabled medical advancement and agricultural revolution; they've given us sweetness and light and the beauty of flowers; and to this day, they are responsible for as much as a third of the foodstuffs we eat," according to Thor Hanson, author and conservation biologist. Hanson will be at North Branch on Wednesday, October 3 at 6 p.m. to talk about his latest book Buzz: The Nature and Necessity of Bees.

Reviewers have called it "a natural history book...packs surprise after surprise with every turn of the page" and said "Thor Hanson is a magician at making entomology and taxonomy exciting, highlighting the fascinating world of bees."

The adult program will be preceded by a program for children in the Beehive Storytime Room. Thor will read his popular children's book Bartholomew Quill: A Crow's Quest to Know Who's Who which teaches about the importance of biodiversity. Books will also be available for sale and signing.

At 6:00 p.m. join Thor in the McKenzie Room for a reception catered by Cracked Pepper, book talk and book sale and signing. His exploration of bees had roots in his study of the DNA of mature trees and seeds and needing to know how all that pollen was moving around. Along the way he discovers much about not only bees, but flowers and the men and women who study them. From the rainforest to the desert, bees are busy and in danger. This important work looks deep into what makes bees tick.

Both programs are free and open to the public.
**Visit the Senior Expo on Saturday, October 27!**

**BY BECKY KINNEY**

George Burns once said, “You can’t help getting older, but you don’t have to get old.” The Peoria Public Library Senior Expo will give seniors an opportunity to learn about services and business in Peoria that cater to them. Browse through various stations like Greater Peoria Honor Flight, Peoria Charter, the American Sewing Guild, Common Place, Organ/Tissue Donor Program, YMCA, Salvation Army, Grand View Alzheimer’s Special Care Center, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and Naturalist programs, and many others. Feel free to stop and visit with one of the “roaming” area celebrities as you learn about outreach services, clubs to join, volunteer opportunities, and much more. Interested in Genealogy? Learn more at the Peoria Public Library Genealogy table.

Attendees stand to gain a great deal more than awareness and knowledge of community resources and activities. For instance, everyone will be given a “goody bag” upon entering that includes a list of amazing senior discounts to be found in Peoria. Each attendee is also eligible for prize drawings that include a range of gift cards and an oil change package. You do not need to be present to win.

This fun and informative event will be held at the North Branch McKenzie Room on Saturday, October 27 from 1:00 -5:00 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy exploring what Peoria has to offer!

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**Author of Mr. Fuzzy Ears, Donna Roberts, to Visit Storytime**

Peoria children’s author and illustrator Donna Roberts will be the special guest reader at Busy Bees Storytime at North Branch on Friday, October 5 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Books will be available for sale and signing. All proceeds will go to support the Friends of Peoria Public Library and the Peoria Humane Society. The storytime is for all ages and those attending will hear the *The Adventures of Mr. Fuzzy Ears: Searching for a Furry Friend*, the story of Mr. Fuzzy Ears who has many adventures as he looks for a new friend. He finds them at the local Humane Society! The story is a message about the importance of loving and caring for pets and the importance of supporting the Humane Society. Donna Roberts is the Artist in Residence at Bradley University and her 24 beautiful watercolor illustrations fill the pages of the book with old fashioned charm. The book was written about her dogs, particularly Scamp who has the most amazing ears, hence the nickname “Mr. Fuzzy Ears”.

A symphony is being written about *The Adventures of Mr. Fuzzy Ears* and the world premiere will be performed by the Peoria Symphony Orchestra on January 20, 2019 when an actor will read the book while illustrations are shown on screen.

**See the Stamp Display at North Branch**

**BY DEBRA DUKES**

To celebrate National Stamp Month, the North Branch is hosting a display of stamps and philatelic collectibles on loan from the Peoria Philatelic Society. National Stamp Month was created in 1981 by the Council of Philatelic Organizations and the United States Post Office. If you aren’t familiar with the term, a philatelist is the term for a person who loves stamps.

The Peoria Philatelic Society began in 1933 with a group of 22 collectors. The club was soon chartered as a chapter of the American Philatelic Society. The group reorganized after World War II under the name of the Peoria Stamp Club. They continued hosting and attending many exhibitions even on state and national levels. The name changed again in the late 1940s to The Peoria Philatelic Society.

The Peoria Philatelic Society meets at the North Branch every fourth Thursday (except for November and December when they meet on the third Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend and all philatelists are welcome. The group will be happy to answer any questions you might have on the subject.

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**Coming in October 2018**

*The Dream Daughter* by Diane Chamberlain begins in 1970 when Carly Sears, a young widow, finds that the child she is carrying has a fatal heart defect. The doctors tell her there is nothing they can do. She moves in with her sister Patti and her brother-in-law Hunter, a physicist with a secret past. Hunter tells her that there might be a way to save her baby and reveals his secret, he is a time traveler. He arranges with the head of a time-travel research program for Carly to time travel to 2001 where her unborn child can have experimental fetal surgery and Carly can have her baby. Things go awry when the 9/11 attack on New York happens and Carly’s new born daughter becomes ill and has to remain hospitalized for four months. Carly is forced to return to 1970 without her daughter. Chamberlain pushes the boundaries of faith and science to bring you a novel you will not soon forget.

*The Little Shop of Found Things* by Paula Brackston is the first book in a new series. Xanthe Westlake and her mother, Flora, leave London and decide to make a new start by taking over a small antique shop in Marlborough. Xanthe has the gift of psychometry, which is when a person touches an inanimate object, and they become connected with the events or person, that owned that object. When Xanthe finds a 17th century silver key belt or chatelaine, it begins to sing to her and pulls her into a time traveling mission to save a mistakenly accused servant girl who has been charged with theft. Things heat up when the antique shop ghost, mother of the servant girl threatens to take Flora’s life if Xanthe fails. This is a blend of magic, adventure and romance that is sure to be an interesting read.
October 1-31
MAIN LIBRARY
Floors 1 and 2 closed for heating and air conditioning work. Friendly Finds Bookstore, Local History and Genealogy Room are open. Please visit another location to check out and return materials and use public computers.

October
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 August.

October
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 in advance for a one-hour session to help you write your resume.

October
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Passive Book Club
Stop by for a sheet with the current book selection and activities to do while you’re reading. If you really like the book, ask a parent to post a picture on social media with a photo of one of the activities or a comment about why you enjoyed the book. Use #PPLPassiveBookClub in your photos. Ages 6-8.

October
MCCLURE BRANCH
Haunted Peoria
Did you know that Peoria has several haunted locations? Stop by to guess where each week’s haunting story takes place for a chance to win a $10 gift card. Ages 13 and up.

October
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1
10:30-11:00 A.M.
NORTH BRANCH
Brainy Baby Storytime
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 to 23 months.

October
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2
1:30-2:30 P.M.
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 p.m.
This month: Mudbound by Hillary Jordan

October
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2
10:00-10:30 A.M.
LINCOLN BRANCH
Terrific Tattletale Storytime

October
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2
3:30-5:30 P.M.
LINCOLN BRANCH
Halloween in the 90s Movie Series – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Enjoy these films from the 90s to get in the Halloween mood!
October 2: The Addams Family (PG-13)
October 9: Hocus Pocus (PG)
October 16: Casper (PG)
October 23: Tower of Terror (G)
October 30: Halloweentown (G)

October
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2
1:30-2:30 P.M.
MCCLURE BRANCH
Halloween in the 90s Movie Series – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Enjoy these films from the 90s to get in the Halloween mood!
October 2: The Addams Family (PG-13)
October 9: Hocus Pocus (PG)
October 16: Casper (PG)
October 23: Tower of Terror (G)
October 30: Halloweentown (G)

October
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
10:15-10:45 A.M.
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Sensory Storytime – 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Books, activities, and music designed to engage the senses 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 to 23 months.

October
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
MCCLURE BRANCH
Monday Movie: Halloween Edition – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Enjoy a classic movie and popcorn!
October 1: House of Frankenstein
October 15: The Birds
October 22: The Mummy’s Curse
October 29: The Ghost and Mr. Chicken

November
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1
10:30-11:00 A.M.
NORTH BRANCH
Brainy Baby Storytime

November
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8
1:30-2:30 P.M.
MCCLURE BRANCH
Halloween in the 90s Movie Series – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Enjoy these films from the 90s to get in the Halloween mood!
November 8: The Addams Family (PG-13)
November 15: Hocus Pocus (PG)
November 22: Casper (PG)
November 29: Halloweentown (G)

November
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
10:00-10:30 A.M.
LINCOLN BRANCH
Terrific Tattletale Storytime

November
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
3:30-5:30 P.M.
LINCOLN BRANCH
Halloween in the 90s Movie Series – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Enjoy these films from the 90s to get in the Halloween mood!
November 9: The Addams Family (PG-13)
November 16: Hocus Pocus (PG)
November 23: Casper (PG)
November 30: Halloweentown (G)
**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, October 3**
**NORTH BRANCH**

**STEAM 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 spooky science experiments. Ages 6 to 11.

**Wednesday, October 3**
**NORTH BRANCH**

**Meet the Author: Conservationist Thor Hanson – 5:00-5:45 p.m.**
Children of all ages are invited to meet conservationist and author Thor Hanson. He will present a program on his book *Bartholomew Quill*, which uses the explorations of a quizzical young crow to explain biodiversity. The book is available for sale and signing at the event. A portion of sales will benefit the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

**Thursday, October 4, 11, 18 & 25**
**MCCLURE BRANCH**

**Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.**
Ages 3 to 6.

**Friday, October 5**
**MCCLURE 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.

**Friday, October 5**
**MCCLURE BRANCH**

**Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.**
Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts! Ages 2 to 3.

**Friday, October 5**
**MCCLURE BRANCH**

**DIY Halloween Costumes – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**
Stretch your creativity (and your budget) with these homemade Halloween costume ideas! No sewing skills necessary! Ages 13 and up.

**Saturday, October 6, 13, 20 & 27**
**NORTH BRANCH**

**Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.**
Children of all ages. On October 5, special guest author Donna Roberts will read her book *The Adventures of Mr. Fuzzy Ears: Searching for a Furry Friend*. Mrs. Roberts, a professional artist, wrote and illustrated the book. A portion of the profits from the book will go to the Peoria Humane Society. Mrs. Roberts will have books for sale at this event with a portion of proceeds going to the Friends of the Library.

**Saturday, October 6**
**MCCLURE BRANCH**

**DIY Halloween Costumes – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**
Create beautiful fall leaves and pumpkins using crayons, black paper and tempera paints. Children of all ages.

**Sunday, October 7**
**NORTH BRANCH**

**The Hero’s Adventure with Suzette Boulais – 2:00-3:30 p.m.**
Suzette Boulais, MS, is offering a free discussion session, “The Hero’s Adventure” as part of her *Joy Is The Journey* series aimed at enhancing personal growth and development. This section focuses on watching and discussing segments of *The Hero’s Adventure*, the first in a PBS *Power of Myth* documentary series with journalist Bill Moyers and mythologist Joseph Campbell.

**Monday, October 8**
**ALL LOCATIONS**

**Teen Read Week Scavenger Hunt**
Celebrate Teen Read Week by completing a scavenger hunt! Turn in a completed scavenger hunt for a prize, and for an entry in the drawing for a pair of movie ticket vouchers.

**Monday, October 8**
**CALVARY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sci Fi & Fantasy Book Club–6:30-7:30 pm**
This month: *Haven* by Tom Deady

**Tuesday, October 9**
**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Front & Center: Crayon Resist Watercolor Painting – 5:00-6:00 p.m.**
Create beautiful fall leaves and pumpkins using crayons, black paper and tempera paints. Children of all ages.
Thursday, October 11 & Tuesday, October 23
LINCOLN BRANCH
Puppet Show: Witch Gets Ready – 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Come help the Witch get ready for her favorite holiday, Halloween! Ages 3-6.

Saturday, October 13
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Autism Resource Group – 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Are you a parent with a child or teen with Autism Spectrum Disorder? Join us for resource sharing and support.

Saturday, October 13
NORTH BRANCH
Drop In: Giant Board Game – 3:00-4:00 pm
Come play a game where YOU are the game piece. This month we will be playing Snakes & Ladders.

Sunday, October 14
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Sensory Friendly Family Film – 2:00-4:00 pm
Join us for this sensory friendly showing of Monster House. 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

Sunday, October 14
NORTH BRANCH
Biography and Nonfiction Book Club – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
This month: The Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America From the Age of the Pullman Porters to the Age of Obama by Ethan Michaeli

October 15-29
BOOKMOBILE & LINCOLN BRANCH
Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin
Can you guess the weight of a pumpkin just by looking at it? Stop by Lincoln Branch or the Bookmobile to see our Pumpkin and make your guess. The winner will be contacted on Monday, October 29, and will get to take the pumpkin home just in time for Halloween. One guess per person.

Monday, October 15
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Storytime at Home – 10:15-10:45 a.m.
In this session we’ll make song props to use with your kids at home.

Monday, October 15
MCCLURE BRANCH
The Book Was First Movie Series – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join in a viewing of the 1963 Alfred Hitchcock film The Birds based on the short story of the same name by Daphne du Maurier. Read the book before you come or just enjoy a movie and refreshments on a Monday morning!

Monday, October 15
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, October 15
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Screen-Free Afternoon – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Give your family a break from technology. Spend your afternoon playing one of our educational board games that help with reading, spelling, and math, or working on one of our puzzles. We’ll also have a list of some recommended reading available to continue some screen-free time at home. Ages 6 to 9.

Tuesday, October 16
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Boo-Rific Stories – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Write your very own ghost story. Watch your story unfold as one person writes the introduction, and others write the conflict, action, climax and conclusion. We’ll tell a boo-rific tale! Ages 10 to 13.

Tuesday, October 16
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: The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives by Dashka Slater

Wednesday, October 17
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: Bring your own pumpkin to decorate.

Wednesday, October 17
NORTH BRANCH
The Great American Read: Heroes – 6:30-7:45 p.m.
Join us for a discussion led by Paul Resnick of Illinois Central College. Some literary heroes are not what people normally think of when they think “hero.” Instead of slaying the bad guy, they slay racism. Instead of making a million dollars, they see through the emptiness of the journey to make a million dollars. Instead of selling their soul to capitalism, they somehow escape the rat race to talk about the excesses of capitalism. In this heroic journey, we will explore some concepts unique to the literary hero.

Thursday, October 18
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: I, Frankenstein (2014)

Friday, Oct. 19 MCCLURE BRANCH
Friday, Oct. 26 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, October 20
MCCLURE BRANCH
Cheesecloth Ghost Decoration – 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Still in need of a spooky decoration for your house this Halloween? Come get a little messy as you construct a cheesecloth ghost! All ages welcome.
**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

**Saturday, October 20**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Trunk or Treat – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Trick-or-treat by walking car to car instead of house to house! Register for a trunk-or-treat spot and the chance to win Best Literary Trunk, Funniest/Punniest Trunk, Best Interactive Trunk, or Best Overall Trunk! Or just join in by trick-or-treating and voting on the best trunks! Treats must be store-bought and individually wrapped. Sign up your vehicle by emailing programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us or calling 309-497-2702 before October 15.

**Sunday, October 21**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Book’Em Mystery Book Club–2:00-3:30pm
This month: Dark Places by Gillian Flynn

**Sunday, October 21**
NORTH BRANCH
Music in the McKenzie Presents: Edward David Anderson – 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Edward David Anderson is an American songwriter and rock & roll veteran who spent his formative years fronting the revered Midwest band, Backyard Tire Fire. Known for infectious melodies and memorable messages, he penned 8 albums for the band and played countless shows across the US and Canada. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

**Monday, October 22**
NORTH BRANCH
PJ Masks Bedtime Storytime and Hero Course – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Are you an aspiring superhero? Join us for a special “PJ Masks” - themed storytime. Wear a costume or comfy pajamas, and join us for bedtime superhero stories, snacks and games. Design your own mask and play games in our “Hero” course. Ages 2 to 5.

**Tuesday, October 23**
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Spooky Jeopardy and Puzzles – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Join us for a game of Spooky Jeopardy and puzzles. Let’s see how many puzzles you can solve. Ages 10-13.

**Tuesday, October 23**
LINCOLN BRANCH
Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 p.m.
This month: The Darkest Child by Delores Phillips

**Wednesday, October 24**
NORTH BRANCH
Spooky Campfire Storytime–7:00-7:30pm
Come get ready for Halloween with some spooky stories told by the “campfire” at the North Branch. Tales will be family-friendly, but not for the faint of heart! Ages 6 to 11.

**Thursday, October 25**
NORTH BRANCH
The Great American Read: Other Worlds – 6:00-7:15 p.m.
Joe Chianakas, Illinois Central College, will lead a discussion on our favorite worlds from literature, from Middle Earth to Hogwarts. Participants will have an opportunity to share their favorites and discuss why we enjoy these worlds and what we can learn from them.

**Thursday, October 26**
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. Each month, we’ll tackle another short story. 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 Greek Interpreter.”

**Saturday, October 27**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Drop In: Sensory Art – 10:15-11:30 a.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.

**Saturday, October 27**
NORTH BRANCH
Senior Expo – 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Bring a friend, get a goody bag and explore a wide variety of activities for seniors from Greater Peoria Honor Flights to U of I Naturalists programs to Genealogy. Meet roaming local celebrities and enter to win a gift card or oil change package.

**Monday, October 29**
NORTH BRANCH
Halloween Party and Monster Bowling – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Dress up in your favorite costume and join us for a hauntingly fun evening featuring “spooky” stories, movies, treats and games for children ages 1-4.

**Monday, October 29**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Movies by Decade – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
This month: Our Halloween Special: The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)

**Tuesday, October 30**
LINCOLN BRANCH
Lincoln Branch Annual Haunted House – 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Wear your Halloween costume to really enjoy this event!

**Tuesday, October 30**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Board in the Library – 6:00-7:45 p.m.
Bring a friend or meet a new friend while playing a board or card game. Soft drinks will be available. Ages 18+

**Wednesday, October 31**
ALL LOCATIONS
Trick or Treat
Visit the library in your Halloween costume and get a Halloween treat!

**Wednesday, October 31**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Halloween Storytime Party–10:15-10:45 am
Stories, easy crafts, and snacks. Children are welcome to wear their costume for a costume parade!

**Wednesday, October 31**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Family Flicks – 12:30-2:30 p.m.
NOVEMBER 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, November 11 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss The Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero by Timothy Egan. In this exciting and illuminating work, National Book Award winner Timothy Egan delivers a story, both rollicking and haunting, of one of the most famous Irish Americans of all time. A dashing young orator during the Great Hunger of the 1840s, Thomas Francis Meagher led a failed uprising against British rule, for which he was banished to a Tasmanian prison colony for life. But two years later he was “back from the dead” and in New York, instantly the most famous Irishman in America. Meagher’s rebirth included his leading the newly formed Irish Brigade in many of the fiercest battles of the Civil War. Afterward, he tried to build a new Ireland in the wild west of Montana—a quixotic adventure that ended in the great mystery of his disappearance, which Egan resolves convincingly at last.

The Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss Agent X by Noah Boyd. Rogue former FBI agent Steve Vail races against time to track down a Russian intelligence officer who may have been caught trying to identify treasonous Americans. This is the sequel to The Bricklayer.

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, November 12 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Heroes Die (first in the Acts of Caine series) by Matthew Woodring Stover. Rife with magic and adventure, this extraordinarily ambitious fantasy chronicles the adventures of Hari Michaelson—merely a popular actor on Earth, but a renowned and deadly assassin known as Caine, the Blade of Tyshalle, on the planet Overworld.

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 13 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann. In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, they rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. Her relatives were shot and poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more members of the tribe began to die under mysterious circumstances. In this last remnant of the Wild West—where oilmen like J. P. Getty made their fortunes and where desperados like Al Spencer, the “Phantom Terror,” roamed—many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll climbed to more than twenty-four, the FBI took up the case. It was one of the organization’s first major homicide investigations and the bureau badly bungled the case. In desperation, the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including one of the only American Indian agents in the bureau. The agents infiltrated the region, struggling to adopt the latest techniques of detection. Together with the Osage they began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history. In Killers of the Flower Moon, Grann revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood. Based on years of research and startling new evidence, the book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets. More than that, it is a searing indictment of the prejudice toward American Indians that allowed the murderers to operate with impunity for so long.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden. At the edge of the Russian wilderness, winter lasts most of the year and the snowdrifts grow taller than houses. But Vasilisa doesn’t mind—she spends the winter nights huddled around the embers of a fire with her beloved siblings, listening to her nurse’s fairy tales. Above all, she loves the chilling story of Frost, the blue-eyed winter demon, who appears in the frigid night to claim unwary souls. Wise Russians fear him and honor the spirits of house and yard and forest that protect their homes from evil. After Vasilisa’s mother dies, her father goes to Moscow and brings home a new wife. Fiercely devout, city-bred, Vasilisa’s new stepmother forbids her family from honoring the household spirits. The family acquiesces, but Vasilisa is frightened, sensing that more hinges upon their rituals than anyone knows. And indeed, crops begin to fail, evil creatures of the forest creep nearer, and misfortune stalks the village. As danger circles, Vasilisa must defy even the people she loves and call on dangerous gifts she has long concealed—this, in order to protect her family from a threat that seems to have stepped from her nurse’s most frightening tales.

Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet at 1:00 p.m. on November 27 at Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland about Spill Simmer Falter Wither by Sara Baume. Two outcasts—a man ignored, even shunned by his village, and the one-eyed dog he takes into his quiet, tightly shuttered life—find each other, by accident or fate, and forge an unlikely connection. As their friendship grows, their small, seaside town falsely perceives menace where there is only mishap—and the duo must take to the road.

The Read on Book Club is on break in November and will meet in January.
**BOOK CLUBS**

The Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29 at North Branch to discuss “The Adventure of the Naval Treaty”. Dr. Watson receives a letter, which he then refers to Holmes, from an old schoolmate. The friend is now a Foreign Office employee from Woking who has had an important naval treaty stolen from his office. It disappeared while Mr. Percy Phelps had stepped out of his office momentarily late in the evening to see about some coffee that he had ordered. Phelps was driven to despair by the incident, and when he got back to Woking, he was immediately put to bed in his fiancée’s brother’s room. There he remained, sick with “brain fever” for more than two months, his reputation and honour apparently gone. Holmes is quite interested in this case, and makes a number of observations that others seem to have missed, including the fact that there has been no word of the treaty on the international scene. What does Holmes know and how did he discover it?

**Haunting for Records** by Amber Lowery

Perhaps one of the most famous “haunted” locations in the Peoria area is the Peoria State Hospital, usually called the “old state hospital” by locals. Although it was torn down a couple of years ago, almost every native Peorian has a story about the old asylum. One of the most well-known is the story of “Old Book.” If you have not heard that story, ask to read it here at the library. We have many books that cover not only that story, but also the history of the facility and the work of Dr. George Zeller, superintendent of the facility for many years and pioneer to mental health education and understanding.

But what does this have to do with genealogy?

Every month or so, I get a question regarding the residents of the old state hospital. Usually, a patron has done some research and discovered someone on their tree spent some time or died there. Their first question is always: “Where can I get those records?” Sadly, every time, my answer is one I dislike giving: “You cannot get them.” The follow up question is: “But why?” I know this frustration as a genealogist.

As such, here is what we know of the records regarding the residents of the Peoria State Hospital. After the Bartonville location closed, the records and patients were removed to Zeller Mental Health Center (now known as Illinois Central College’s North Peoria campus). In 2002, the facility was shut down permanently. We were informed that the records then went to a mental health center in Rockford. However, after a few years, that place, too, ceased. A couple of years ago, through some dedicated digging by a fellow Peoria Public Library staff member, it was discovered the records are now held in the Illinois State Archives in Springfield, but they are inaccessible. This lack of access is not a new thing, however. According to others who have tried, these records are heavily protected by privacy laws regarding health records.

That said, the Peoria Public Library’s Local History and Genealogy collection can provide some overall answers that may help. Stop in and see what we can help you discover about your family!

**Local Author Norm Kelly Donates Research to Peoria Public Library**

Norm Kelly, local author and lifelong Peorian is known for his tales of Peoria, including the murders and mayhem that made Peoria famous in days-gone-by. His three books and myriad short stories are all based on the tremendous amount of research he has done, much of it in the Peoria Public Library Local History and Genealogy Room.

Now officially retired, Norm, who previously retired from being a private detective, has donated all of his research and the articles he wrote with the research to Peoria Public Library. Because he is frequently contacted by people from all over the world for more information and the original research behind his stories, Norm felt it was important to have his work accessible to the public. He has been a long time contributor and author for many area publications, the Peoria Public Library TV show, now available on YouTube, and many of his stories are published on the library website under the Local History tab.

Library staff has been working to index and file the Norm Kelly Collection so that it is easy to use. To access the collection, visit the Local History and Genealogy Room on LL1 at Main Library.

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