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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Most of Main Library HVAC Project On Track

The installation of the new heating and cooling system at Main Library is well underway and still projected to finish in time to reopen all of the Main Library in early December. The very last portion of the project, installing a new main electrical panel, may be delayed as contractors wait for a part.

This delay will possibly affect library operations. We had previously shared that the library would close over the Thanksgiving weekend in order to install the new panel, but we may now have to close at a later date. The library's phone and electrical systems are based at our Main Library so any shutdown will necessitate closing all our locations for two days while the new system is installed.

It is unknown at this time when the closure that will affect all locations for two days will take place. Please watch the library website at www.ppl.peoria.lib.il.us or social media for information. Call (309) 497-2000 anytime for library hours and availability.

On October 11, the original library boilers and water coolers were lifted out through hatches that were built for that

purpose when the library was constructed. Cranes hoisted the boilers, weighing almost 2,300 pounds each, from Lower Level Two straight up and over the top of the building to waiting flatbed trucks. The bright orange boilers flying sky high had the full attention of passersby. The giant tanks will be replaced by small, very efficient heating and cooling units, offering level temperatures and cost savings on utility bills and repairs.

Duct work on the main floors of the library continues through the month of November, however the Gallery, Local History and Genealogy and Friendly Finds Bookstore remain open.



Lincoln Branch Hall of Fame Honorees Named

Edward J. Barry, Jr. and Linda E. Daley were named to the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch Hall of Fame at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16 at Lincoln Branch, a restored Carnegie Library.

The Lincoln Branch Hall of Fame was established by the Peoria Public Library Board of Trustees in order to recognize individuals, families, corporations, foundations or organizations which have supported the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch through distinguished effort or substantial financial donation.

An individual, family, corporation, foundation or organization may be nominated in recognition of outstanding contributions to the establishment and support of the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch over the years, which resulted in its improvement, national recognition as an important historical structure or ability to continue providing library services to the people of Peoria.



Edward J. Barry, Jr. was a member of the architectural team that was working on bringing the dream of a reimagined Peoria Public Library system to life when in 2010, Mr. Barry proposed to the Library Board of Trustees that they apply for a National Register of Historic Places designation for Lincoln Branch. The building was one of the few remaining original Carnegie Libraries that has continued to function as a public library throughout its existence and, as such, is an architecturally-significant gem in the heart of Peoria. The plan for Lincoln Branch was to restore the original building while expanding the footprint with a thoroughly modern addition that could provide twenty-first century library service. On October 20, 2010 a request, with a Statement of Integrity written by Ed Barry, was submitted to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. In January of 2011 the Peoria Public Library was invited to apply for National Register of Historic Places designation. Ed recruited members of Farnsworth Group, River

City Construction, and Roeckers to complete sections of the complicated reports, working on many pieces himself as well as directing work on the slide presentation to the final hearing and accompanying Trustees to the presentation in Springfield. The Lincoln Branch application faced significant hurdles throughout the restoration process. Through the multi-year, often frustrating and discouraging battle to meet the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency requests, Ed Barry provided passionate, capable, committed support to the project. His inspiration for and continued dedication to pursuit of the historic designation

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were the driving force behind achieving the ultimate goal of placing Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch on the National Register of Historic Places, thus preserving it for generations to come.



Linda E. Daley served as a Trustee of the Peoria Public Library governing board during the “Close the Gaps: Libraries for All” Peoria Public Library capital improvement project which began in 2006. The newly created strategic plan called for offering facilities capable of providing cutting edge library service. One of the guiding lights of this capital improvement program was the equitable distribution of public library services to all neighborhoods and sections of the City of Peoria. Thus, when the decision was made to add the new North Branch to the far northwest corner of the City, Linda “closed the gaps” and made sure that the older, south side part of our community received the same attention by advocating for the expansion of the Lincoln Branch. She also served as the Chairwoman of the Library Board of Trustees Building Committee at this same time, managing the entire design and construction phases of that process during committee meetings conducted weekly for a multi-year period. In spite of several major challenges, such as the \$500,000 in additional expense at the Lincoln Park site required to relocate historic grave features in order to accommodate the Lincoln addition, Linda successfully guided the Building Committee, Board and Community to the completion of the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch which stands as both a recognized historic monument and a beacon for literacy and community service in Peoria’s south side.

Peoria Public Library to Host “Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American WWII Experience”

National GFBNEC Exhibition Unveils Little-Known History of Peoria, Bradley University

Bradley University, in partnership with the Peoria Public Library, will host “Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience” from November 9 to December 13, 2018. The national exhibit, sponsored by Go For Broke National Education Center in Los Angeles, highlights little-known acts of conscience and community by local Peoria residents, Bradley University and other organizations during the turbulent days of World War II.

Funded in part by a grant from the National Park Service, “Courage and Compassion” covers events from the attack on Pearl Harbor to the fateful decision to incarcerate Japanese Americans in wartime camps to the postwar fight for redress. Visitors will learn about the Nisei (second-generation Japanese American) WWII experience and its legacy, engage with questions about what courage looks like during a time of crisis and consider the relevance to today’s society.

During World War II, more than 25,000 Japanese Americans resettled in the Midwest after being forcibly removed from their homes and incarcerated in concentration camps far from the West Coast. The majority settled in the Chicago area, but a sizeable number found their way to smaller Midwestern cities like Peoria. From 1943 to 1946, more than 130 Japanese Americans moved to Peoria where they found employment, new homes, and a welcoming local population.

College-aged Japanese Americans found a rare opportunity to continue their education at Bradley University (then known as the Bradley Polytechnic Institute) and the Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing. Although many resettlers left the Peoria area after the war, several families chose to make it their permanent home. The exhibition follows the stories of the Yamada and Kataoka families as they adapt to the harsh Midwestern winters, navigate their new communities, and find acceptance in central Illinois.

The exhibit will be on display November 9 to December 13, 2018 at the Peoria Public Library, 107 NE Monroe, Peoria, IL, 61602, Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery on Lower Level 1. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.peoriapubliclibrary.org.

**HOT NEW
TITLES**

BY
ROBIN HELENTHAL

Coming in November 2018

Master of His Fate by
Barbara Taylor Bradford is
the first book in the House
of Falconer series set in

Victorian England. James Falconer is the son of a struggling merchant and has ambitions to rise above his station in life and become a “merchant prince.” Alexis Malvern is the daughter of one of London’s most successful businessmen and known for her business insight and charitable work after setting up a safe house for battered women. Despite years of vowing that she would never marry, she falls in love with a well-to-do banker, Sebastian Trevelyan. They have a whirlwind courtship and engagement and then are separated by tragedy. James and Alexis meet late in the novel when he is hired by Alexis’s father. They are united by single-minded interest in the Malvern family business, so their meeting sets the groundwork for future books in the series.

Night of Miracles by Elizabeth Berg, the author of *The Story of Arthur Truluv*, is the story of Lucille Howard who teaches baking classes out of her home to fill her days now that her friend Arthur has passed away. There are many characters in the story who come and go through her kitchen: Maddy and Nola, Arthur’s daughter and granddaughter; Iris Winters who is new in town and trying to move on from her divorce; Abby Summers whose cancer diagnosis is a challenge that is affecting her family and Tiny Dawson who visits the local diner each day but can’t get the courage to ask out the waitress, Monica Mayhew who in turn, wishes that he would. Lucille’s kitchen is the center point of the town and highlights the joy that comes from the little things in life.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November

MAIN LIBRARY

Due to heating and air conditioning work, floors 1 and 2 are closed. Friendly Finds Bookstore and Local History and Genealogy Room are open. Please visit another location to check out and return materials and to use public computers.

November

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.

November

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

One-on-One Resume Writing Assistance

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

November

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Passive Book Club

Stop by for a sheet with the current book selection and activities. If you really like the book, ask a parent to post a picture on social media of one of the activities or a comment about why you enjoyed the book. Use #PPLPassive-BookClub in your photos. Ages 6 to 8.

November

North Branch

Puzzle Table

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

November 1-15

ALL LOCATIONS

Illinois Reads Contest

Each year Illinois runs a statewide project to promote reading for Illinois citizens. Pick up a reading log and read any four books from your age group. Turn it in by Family Reading Night, November 15, to be entered to our drawing for a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card. Drawing will be held on November 17.

November 1-15

MCCLURE BRANCH

When will it Snow in Peoria?

Guess the date of the first measurable snowfall, a minimum of 0.1 inches, according to the National Weather Service. The winner with the closest date will be awarded a cozy throw blanket and snowman building kit perfect for the snowy season! All ages.

Thursday, November 1, 8, 15, 29

MCCLURE BRANCH

Fun Time Storytime - 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, November 1, 8, 15, 29

NORTH BRANCH

A-Z Storytime - 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts as we focus on learning the shapes of letters and the sounds they make! Ages 2 to 3.

Friday, November 2

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. Dress for a mess.

Friday, Nov. 2

MCCLURE BRANCH

Friday, Nov. 9

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Calling all babies! Join us for a special playgroup to help explore your world through creative play. Ages 9-24 mo.

Friday, November 2, 9, 16 & 30

NORTH BRANCH

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

Children of all ages.

Friday, November 2

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Calling all LEGO fans! Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

Friday, November 2

MCCLURE BRANCH - 3:30-5:30 P.M.

NORTH BRANCH - 4:00-5:50 P.M.

Dia de los Muertos Movie

Celebrate the Mexican holiday, el Dia de los Muertos, with a viewing of the 2017 Disney/Pixar film *Coco* (PG).

Saturday, November 3, 10 & 17

NORTH BRANCH

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

Children of all ages.

Saturday, November 3

NORTH BRANCH

Local Author Fair - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Meet local authors and get some holiday shopping done. View and buy books, chat with the authors, and have your purchases autographed. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Saturday, November 3

G.A.R. MEMORIAL HALL

Illinois Turns 200 - 3:00 p.m.

Be part of a live recording of a podcast that looks at the past, present, and future of Peoria! This episode is part of a series celebrating the Illinois Bicentennial presented by Illinois Humanities in collaboration with Peoria Public Library and the Journal Star. It will include live music, dramatic performances, and interviews. The G.A.R. Hall is located at 416 Hamilton Boulevard in Peoria.

Monday, November 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Wednesday, November 7, 14, 28

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

Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

November 5-10

MCCLURE BRANCH

International Games Week

Celebrate International Games Week by stopping in to "check out" a board or card game for an hour or two. Each afternoon from 4:00-5:00 p.m. visit the McClure Room to play games and meet some fellow game enthusiasts!



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, November 5

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Screen-Free Afternoon – 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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, November 6, 20 & 27

LINCOLN BRANCH

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

Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, November 6

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Celebrate Our Veterans – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Design a Veterans Day card to honor and celebrate the men and women who served and protected our country.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28

MCCLURE BRANCH

Falling for Fall Movies –10:30 am-12:30 pm

Fall in love with fall with these autumn-based movies! Popcorn provided.

November 7: *Stepmom* (PG-13)

November 14: *Fly Away Home* (PG)

November 21: *Good Will Hunting* (R)

November 28: *You've Got Mail* (PG)

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28

NORTH BRANCH

Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 p.m.

Develop your baby's pre-literacy skills with books, songs, rhymes and finger plays that will help them understand new concepts and enhance their love of learning. Caregivers will be encouraged to engage their child through one-on-one interactions, making reading time fun. Age 0-23 mo.

Wednesday, November 7

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Sensory Storytime – 4:00-4:45 p.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 Spectrum Disorder or other special needs. Geared for patrons ages 4 to 8 with special needs.

Wednesday, November 7

NORTH BRANCH

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

Bring your pajamas, sleeping bags, and flashlights, and listen to the first chapter of a book under the stars in the Beehive. Then take home a copy to finish on your own! Ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, November 8 &

Tuesday, November 13

LINCOLN BRANCH

Puppet Show: Turkey's Thanksgiving Adventure – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Come help Turkey celebrate Thanksgiving! Ages 3 to 6.

November 9-15

ALL LOCATIONS

Family Reading Night: Blind Date with a Book

Celebrate Family Reading Night (November 15) by having a blind date with a book! Check out a mystery book, take it home, unwrap it, and enjoy reading a new story as a family!

November 9-December 13

MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY

Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience

The American government incarcerated Japanese Americans in concentration camps not long after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. "Loyal" incarcerates were allowed to "resettle" away from the West Coast provided they had employment opportunities. Peoria was one such destination that welcomed Japanese Americans into the community, offered employment, and provided educational resources. Through images, audio and interactive elements, *Courage and Compassion* provides a 360-degree perspective of the WWII experience of Americans of Japanese ancestry while exploring its relevance today. The exhibition honors everyday people across America who rose above the wartime hysteria to recognize Japanese Americans as friends, neighbors and fellow citizens. *Courage and Compassion* is made possible through a collaboration between Go For Broke National Education Center and select communities across the country.

Saturday, November 10

MCCLURE BRANCH

Drop In: Fall Crafts – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Autumn is here! Stop in to make a mosaic scarecrow or pumpkin wreath to bring that Fall feeling into your home! While supplies last.

Saturday, November 10 &

Sunday, November 11

LINCOLN BRANCH

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

Make a festive holiday craft.

Sunday, November 11

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Sensory Friendly Family Film – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for this showing of *The Spongebob Squarepants Movie: Sponge Out of Water*. 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.

Sunday, November 11

NORTH BRANCH

Music in the McKenzie Presents: Still Shine – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Enjoy this group of seasoned musicians blending acoustic roots and bluegrass. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Sunday, November 11

NORTH BRANCH

Biography and Nonfiction Book Club – 3:00-4:30 p.m.

This month: *The Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero* by Timothy Egan

Monday, November 12

MCCLURE BRANCH

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

Join in a viewing of the 2007 film *P.S. I Love You* based on the book of the same name by Cecilia Ahern. Read the book to see how the film measures up or just enjoy a movie and light refreshments!

Monday, November 12

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Family Flicks – 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of *A Wrinkle in Time* (PG, 2018). Bring your own snack.

Monday, November 12

NORTH BRANCH

Storytime Lab – 1:30-2:00 p.m.

Stories about concepts in science, technology, engineering, art, and math with hands-on exploration! Ages 3 to 6.

Monday, November 12

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

This month: *Heroes Die* by Matthew Woodring Stover

Tuesday, November 13

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 13

LINCOLN BRANCH

Balloon Towers – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Build a balloon tower using just balloons and tape. Ages 10 to 13.

Tuesday, November 13

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Table Talk – 5:00-6:00 pm

Gather around the table, tweens and teens, for discussions on school, peer pressure and much more! Ages 10 to 13.

Wednesday, November 14

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 weather. Ages 6 to 11.

Thursday, November 15

NORTH BRANCH

Family Reading Night Read-a-thon – 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Let's read all day to celebrate Family Reading Night! Librarians will share some favorite children's books, but we'll need some help. Bring your family to the library, pick a book, and read! To reserve your 15 minute time slot, please call 497-2100.

Thursday, November 15

NORTH BRANCH

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

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: *The Zookeeper's Wife* (2017)

Thursday, November 15

NORTH BRANCH

Peoria Speaks: A Day in the Life of Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Peoria Speaks is a monthly community discussion program which focuses on topics of interest to Peorians. Funding for Peoria Speaks is being provided by Illinois Humanities through their Illinois Speaks program which is aimed at strengthening the democratic process through community dialogues across the state of Illinois. This month, Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood will describe a day in the life of the Coroner. He will provide information about the Coroner's Office and his duties. Free and open to the public.

Friday, November 16

MCCLURE 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, November 17

MCCLURE BRANCH

The Quick and the Bread: Fast, Budget-friendly Homemade Bread – 10:00-11:00 am

Breadmaking may be an art and a science, but it doesn't have to require much time, skill, or expensive ingredients! Celebrate National Homemade Bread Day while learning about a variety of simple quick breads that you can make in minutes. Everyone will take home recipes, ideas, and inspiration! Adults only.

Saturday, November 17

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, November 17

LINCOLN BRANCH

National Princess Day Celebration – 2:30-4:30 p.m.

This day was created by the Swan Princess to recognize the princess in each girl, of every age, who deserves to be treated as royalty! Dress in your gowns and tiaras for the Princess Parade and receive a royal introduction upon your arrival. Snacks, crafts, movies, music, and more have been planned just for YOU.

Saturday, November 17

NORTH BRANCH

Drop In: Giant Board Game – 3:00-4:00 pm

Come play a game where YOU are the game piece. Stay the whole time, or join a game in progress. This month we will be playing Giant Word Winder.

Saturday, November 17

MCCLURE BRANCH

Scrumptious Science of Breadmaking:

Friendship Bread Starters – 3:00-4:00 pm

Celebrate National Homemade Bread Day and the scrumptious science behind breadmaking! Everyone will make a Friendship Bread starter to take home. In ten days, it will be ready to bake (and share additional starters with your friends)! Children of all ages.

Sunday, November 18

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Book'Em Mystery Book Club-2:00-3:30pm

This month: *Agent X* by Noah Boyd

Greater Peoria Dining Tour Books

\$30

Available at:

LAKEVIEW BRANCH, NORTH BRANCH,
MAIN LIBRARY & FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

\$10 of each book sold goes to
**The Friends of
Peoria Public Library.**



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, November 19

NORTH BRANCH

Why You Are Not Different From Us!: Japanese American Resettlement in Peoria During World War II – 6:30-7:30 pm

This talk examines the experience of Japanese American resettlers to Peoria during World War II.

Tuesday, November 20

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Thanksgiving Craft – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

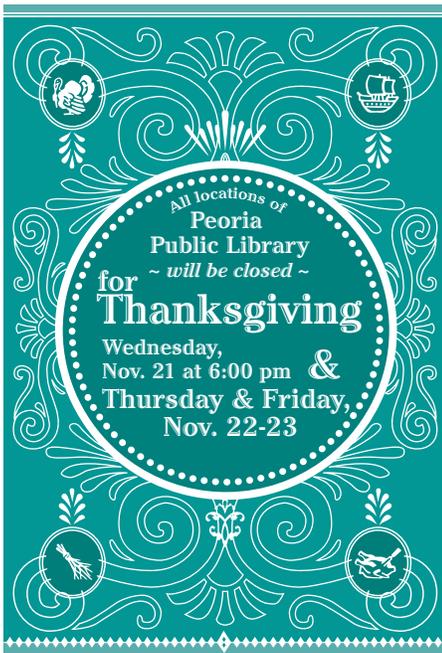
Make your own placemat or turkey. Children of all ages.

Tuesday, November 20

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 Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arde



Monday, November 26

MCCLURE BRANCH

Monday Morning Movie – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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 week: *Mr. Roberts* with Henry Fonda (1955)

Monday, November 26

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Movies by Decade – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Each month we will screen a movie from a different decade. Our Holiday Special: *Home for the Holidays* (1995)

Tuesday, November 27

MCCLURE BRANCH

Ameren Storm Preparedness and Energy-Saving Tips – 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Learn how Ameren restores services in the event of storm-related outages, and how the organization is making system improvements to increase reliability for its customers. Attendees will also learn how to lower their bill by receiving cash incentives and rebates on lighting, heating, cooling, and more. Door prizes available!

Tuesday, November 27

MAIN LIBRARY

Intercontinental Readers – 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Join members of the Friends of Clonmel as they engage in a book discussion with friends from the library in Clonmel, Ireland. The discussion is conducted via video call. All are welcome to attend. This month's book is *Spill Simmer Falter Withier* by Sarah Baume.

Tuesday, November 27

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Yarn Monsters – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us as we create colorful yarn monsters and creatures. Ages 6 to 10.

Tuesday, November 27

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. Select one from our collection or feel free to bring one of your own. Soft drinks will be available. Ages 18 and up.

Wednesday, November 28

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. This month: Write and illustrate a story together.

Thursday, November 29

MCCLURE BRANCH

DIY Holiday Gifts: Get Inspired! Get Started! – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

These DIY gifts are unique and budget-friendly! At this event, you'll get ideas and instructions for creating homemade presents, and you'll even get to try one out for yourself. Please call 309-497-2150 to register by November 20. Only those who register will be guaranteed supplies for the crafting portion of this program. All are welcome to attend for the gift ideas and instructions! Ages 13 and up.

Thursday, November 29

NORTH BRANCH

Get Your Kicks on Route 66 – 6:30-7:30 pm

Come join us for an evening of traveling the Mother Road. John Wille, curator of the Route 66 Hall of Fame Museum will be presenting an overview of the history of this famous route and what is being done to preserve this iconic highway. Once again you can "Get Your Kicks on Route 66."

Thursday, November 29

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 Naval Treaty."

Friday, November 30

MCCLURE BRANCH

Advent Calendar Creations – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Starting out as a German tradition from the 19th Century, the Advent Calendar has now evolved into something known around the world! Come create your own Advent Calendar to start your countdown to the holiday! Ages 6 to 11.

DECEMBER BOOK CLUBS

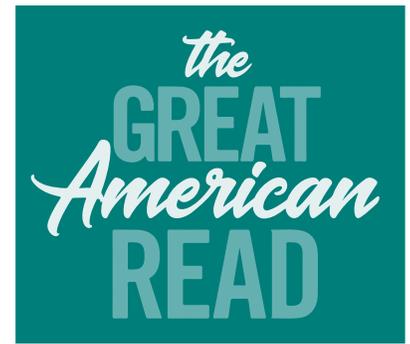
Join a book club at Peoria Public Library this month. New members are always welcome!

The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss *Drift: The Unmooring of American Military Power* by Rachel Maddow. Written with bracing wit and intelligence, Rachel Maddow's *Drift* argues that we've drifted away from America's original ideals and become a nation weirdly at peace with perpetual war. To understand how we've arrived at such a dangerous place, Maddow takes us from the Vietnam War to today's war in Afghanistan, along the way exploring Reagan's radical presidency, the disturbing rise of executive authority, the gradual outsourcing of our war-making capabilities to private companies, the plummeting percentage of American families whose children fight our constant wars for us, and even the changing fortunes of G.I. Joe. Ultimately, she shows us just how much we stand to lose by allowing the scope of American military power to overpower our political discourse. Sensible yet provocative, dead serious yet seriously funny, *Drift* will reinvigorate a "loud and jangly" political debate about our vast and confounding national security state.'

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Weetzie Bat* by Francesca Lia Block. This could be a book about cheap cheese and bean burritos, slinkster dogs, lanky lizards and rubber chickens ...Or strawberry sundaes with marshmallow toppings, surfing, stage-diving and sleeping on the beach ...It could even be a book about magic. But what it's definitely about is Weetzie Bat, her best friend Dirk and their search across L.A. for the most dangerous angel of all ...true love.

The Book 'Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Merry Christmas Alex Cross* by James Patterson. It's Christmas Eve and Detective Alex Cross has been called out to catch someone who's robbing his church's poor box. That mission behind him, Alex returns home to celebrate with Bree, Nana, and his children. The tree decorating is barely underway before his phone rings again - a horrific hostage situation is quickly spiraling out of control. Away from his own family on the most precious of days, Alex calls upon every ounce of his training, creativity, and daring to save another family. Alex risks everything, and he may not make it back alive on this most sacred of family days. Alex Cross is a hero for our time, and never more so than in this story of family, action, and the deepest moral choices.

The Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 27 at North Branch to discuss "The Final Problem." Holmes arrives at Dr. John Watson's residence one evening in a somewhat agitated state and with grazed and bleeding knuckles. Much to Watson's surprise, he had apparently escaped three separate murder attempts that day after a visit from Professor Moriarty, who warned Holmes to withdraw from his pursuit of justice against him to avoid any regrettable outcome. Holmes has been tracking Moriarty and his agents for months and is on the brink of snaring them all and delivering them to the dock. Moriarty is the criminal genius behind a highly organized and extremely secret criminal force and Holmes will consider it the crowning achievement of his career if only he can defeat Moriarty. Holmes and Watson play a game of cat and mouse with Moriarty across the continent, finally falling into the villain's clutches at Reichenbach Falls. With Holmes and Watson pitted against Moriarty, anything can happen.



How Well Do You Know The Great American Read Books?

Test your knowledge of the books on the Great American Read list. Cut this quiz out, write in your responses, and drop it off at any Peoria Public Library location during the month of November. One winner will be drawn from all the submissions with the correct answers to receive a copy of *The Great American Read: The Book of Books*.

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1. What is the full name of author C.S. Lewis?
2. The film adaptation of this book is number 2 on the American Film Institute's List of the 100 Greatest Movies of All Time.

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The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 4 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte. Set against the stark beauty of the English moor, the mysterious gypsy boy Heathcliff, who has been adopted by the Earnshaw family, discovers his soul mate in his stepsister Cathy. As a man unable to have the love of his life, he seeks vengeance against anyone who comes between them.

3. What is Albus Dumbledore's full name?

4. In *Dune*, what color does heavy spice use turn the user's eyes?

5. Who is the author of the poem highlighted in *The Outsiders*?

6. Where does the red fern grow?

7. Who is the protagonist in Dan Brown's popular book about cryptic messages hidden in artwork?

8. "Reader, I married him" is a famous line from which novel?

9. *A Prayer for Owen Meany* was loosely adapted into what film?

10. The characters in *Americanah* are from which African country?



BOOK CLUBS

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, December 10 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Brotherhood of the Wheel* by R. S. Belcher. In 1119 A.D., a group of nine crusaders became known as the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon—a militant monastic order charged with protecting pilgrims and caravans traveling on the roads to and from the Holy Land. In time, the Knights Templar would grow in power and, ultimately, be laid low. But a small offshoot of the Templars endure and have returned to the order's original mission: to defend the roads of the

world and guard those who travel on them. Theirs is a secret line of knights: truckers, bikers, state troopers, bus drivers, RV gypsies—any of the folks who live and work on the asphalt arteries of America. They call themselves the Brotherhood of the Wheel.

The Read on Book Club is on break in November and will meet again in January.

Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet at 1:00 p.m. in March at Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland. Watch for the book title and date to be announced.

Traditions BY AMBER LOWERY

A couple of years ago, while in the depths of researching genealogy, I got to thinking about family traditions. As the season of family gatherings approaches, it's no wonder the topic of family traditions circles back to my mind of late. Oddly enough, I could not identify any traditions that we had. I considered the fact that perhaps what we did was so...normal to me, I didn't consider it a tradition. But then, I thought about other families who talk about their traditions and the more I thought on it, the more I came to the conclusion that I needed more information. So I did what everyone does in this situation. I talked to my mom.

When even she had trouble naming specific things, we went further afield and called my aunt. As it turns out, we have a couple of unique traditions. But how does this relate to genealogy? Simple, traditions are ways we have of doing things, celebrating events, or preparing a meal together that were passed down in our families. Perhaps it is using Aunt Mabel's recipe for stuffing, spending Thanksgiving sorting out the Christmas decorations, or reading a family classic with everyone together. (Taking bets on whether or not Uncle Charlie needs the fire extinguisher this year, is probably not a good example of a tradition.) What did our grandparents and great-grandparents do to prepare for this season? With all the upcoming social gatherings and family obligations, now is the time to ask these questions of the family members you may not get to see every day. Ask Aunt Mabel what her secret is to her exceptional stuffing. Then when you've gathered your stories, come down to the library and check out a book on how to preserve those traditions that your family looks forward to every year. Stay and research other traditions we may have forgotten over the years. Be thankful for this time with your family, however you choose to spend it. Oh, and my family's traditions? For Thanksgiving, we have macaroni and cheese with chicken nuggets....and that's not just for the kids' table.

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