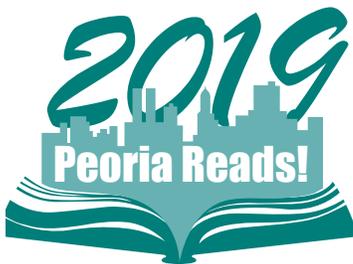


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Peoria Reads! Announces Events for NEA Big Read

This year's Peoria Reads! NEA Big Read selection is *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* by Roz Chast and a full slate of events has been planned to help the community understand the primary themes of the book. The book, a memoir in graphic novel form, was written

by Chast to tell the story of her journey with her parents as they age and pass away. It is a subject most Peorians will deal with or have already faced and offers wide opportunities for discussion. All events are free and open to the public.

Peoria Reads! will kick off the community read on Sunday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m. at North Branch. Illinois songwriter and folklorist Chris Vallillo has created a musical program reflecting those touching themes and the life changes they represent; the new roles of adult children becoming parents to their parents, the stress of aging parents leaving a family home for an institution; and the hiring of strangers to provide the most personal care.

On Tuesday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch, Peoria Speaks will present Alzheimer's and Dementia Care and Education. Daryl Carlson of the Alzheimer's Association will provide background information about Alzheimer's and dementia care and education as well as his organization's initiatives, and then the floor will be opened up for questions and discussion. 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.

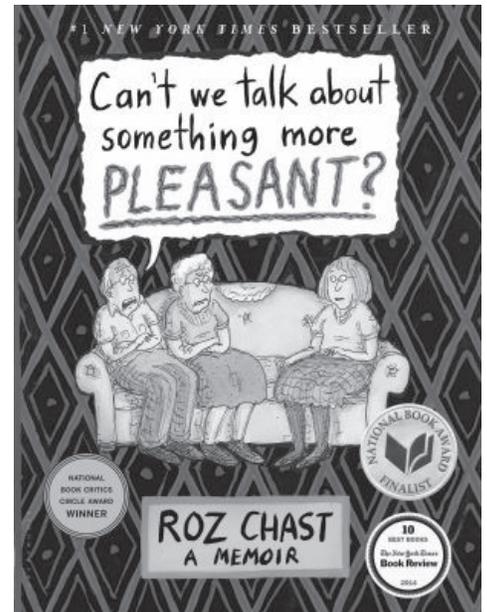
Discuss *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* when NEA Big Read: Peoria Reads 2019 features Marjorie Getz of Methodist College on Sunday, March 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Methodist College, 7600 North Academic Drive, Peoria. Marjorie Getz, professor of arts and sciences, will present a program on successful aging as well as aging with chronic disease. Immediately following this program at 4:00 p.m. attend a Death Café at Methodist College. A Death Café is a scheduled discussion about death and dying. Colleen Karn, Assistant Professor of English & Humanities at Methodist College, will facilitate this discussion of understanding death and making the most of life.

Join the Biography and Nonfiction Book Club for a discussion of *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* and *A Disordered Mind* on Sunday, March 10 from 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. at North Branch. See descriptions of these two titles on page 7 in the Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club section.

Deb Disney, Director of Counseling & Wellness at Methodist College, will lead a discussion of *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* on Wednesday, March 20 from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.

Monica Vest Wheeler will share her experiences with those who have suffered loss and still found life to be enjoyed on Saturday, March 23 from 2:00 to 3:45 p.m. at Lakeview Branch. Based on her work with cancer and stroke survivors, she will provide a positive, yet realistic, presentation related to how there is life still to be enjoyed and discovered after a serious injury or illness or disease, whether you're the patient, survivor or caregiver. Monica Vest Wheeler is the author of *Alzheimer's, Dementia & Memory Loss: Straight Talk for Families & Caregivers*. Monica's talk will be followed by Death Café, a discussion about death and dying. Colleen Karn, Assistant Professor of English & Humanities at Methodist College, will facilitate this discussion of understanding death and making the most of life.

Join the Mature Readers Book Club discussion of the book on Wednesday, March 27 from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. at Humana Center, 2601 West Lake or The Bibliophiles Book Club on Tuesday, April 2 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.



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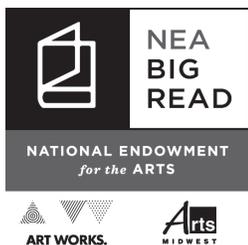
A "Can't We Talk: An End of Life Symposium" will be presented by Methodist College on Wednesday, March 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Methodist College and will feature six breakout sessions including "Can't We Talk About Finance," and other pertinent topics.

On Sunday, March 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at North Branch, Veronica Haskell, owner of the Haskell Hott group of funeral homes in Central Illinois, will present a preplanning event to educate people about the importance of "having the talk of a lifetime." She will be accompanied by Casper the Friendly Doodle as they provide us with a glimpse into a day in the life of the Peoria-area's first comfort dog.

Dance the night away as Peoria wraps up our community reading by coming to our Baby Boomers Ball on Saturday, April 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Main Library in the auditorium. It will feature live music of the 60s and 70s performed by local acoustic guitar duo Random Strangers. Prom or hippie-themed attire is encouraged! Parking is free!

For additional information visit www.peoria-reads.org.

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



How many trees does a genealogist need?

BY AMBER LOWERY

Perhaps the real question is: is there such a thing as TOO MANY trees? I would answer that with a resounding NO. But then, I probably have my own forest of trees by now, and I am all for saving the trees. Why so many trees, though?

Each genealogist is different, so each person has their own method for collecting information and sorting and separating it. Some people like to work with one big tree and keeping everything in one place. Others like to separate their maternal and paternal trees, or create new ones for spouses and partners. Then there are people like me. I build LOTS of trees, for lots of people. But again, why?

As a genealogist that also spends a significant amount of time working on DNA matches, I build quite a few easy trees. Easy trees, also known as "quick and dirty trees," are quickly built, but minimally researched family trees, usually created to find a connection between yourself and DNA match.

When I am matched with another tester, and find that person has not built an extensive tree, I will use the tree they have and with a little research, branch it out and find the connection. I would say I am successful about half of the time. The other half....well, I hold out hope for my match to fill in their tree a little more. If I get enough similar matches together I can usually build out more for my tree and move on to new matches and discoveries.

One caution about building this type of tree is that if you do it on a publicly available site, such as Ancestry, you want to make sure it is unsearchable and can't be found. Since your research tree may be inaccurate and will have no supporting documentation, doing this will prevent others from grabbing incorrect information and using it as fact.

Want to learn more about building easy trees to help with your genealogical research? Have questions about Ancestry or our other genealogy databases? Come by the library and visit the staff in Local History and Genealogy at Main Library. We will be happy to guide you in your research.

HOT NEW TITLES

BY ROBIN HELENTHAL

Coming in February 2019

The Lost Man by

Jane Harper is set in the Australian outback where three brothers live three

hours apart on cattle ranches. Nathan and Bub meet at the remote fence that separated their ranches and find their middle brother Cameron dead. What caused Cameron to go out in the unrelenting sun alone? Nathan becomes suspicious. He starts to look into secrets that the rest of the family would rather be left in the past. If someone forced Cameron to his death, being in the isolated outback leaves very few suspects.

Chocolate Cream Pie Murder by Joanne Fluke is the latest in the Hannah Swensen Mystery series. When The Cookie Jar is chosen as the setting for a TV special, Hannah hopes to get some great publicity for the bakery, not the scandal that is swirling around her personal life. Hannah and an old flame team up to solve the case of a killer sneaking around Lake Eden.

I Owe You One by Sophie Kinsella begins as a good-looking stranger asks Fixie Farr to watch his laptop for a minute in a coffee shop. When the computer's owner, Sebastian, returns, he writes her an IOU on a coffee sleeve and attaches his business card. When her childhood crush Ryan comes back into her life, she asks Sebastian to give him a job. This begins a series of IOUs between Sebastian and Fixie; some are small favors and some are life changing. Soon Fixie, who is Ms. Fixit, has to decide what she really wants.

Main Library Will Be Early Voting Site

The Peoria County Election Commission will be offering early voting at Main Library, 107 NE Monroe Street, on the main floor in the lounge this election season, starting in February with the consolidated primary election.

Early voting begins Thursday, January 17 and ends Monday, February 25. At Main Library early votes may be cast Thursday and Friday, February 21 and 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information about early voting and other sites please call (309) 324-2300 or visit www.peoriaelections.org.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February

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.

February

ALL LOCATIONS

Winter Reading Bingo

Complete your age group's Bingo card to claim prize. You'll also be entered to win a \$10 gift card and the library-wide grand prize: a Kindle Fire HD tablet.

February

LAKEVIEW BRANCH & MCCLURE BRANCH

Reading Challenges

Select the challenges that you want to take part in during 2019. Bring in a copy of your challenge to receive a book-mark and an entry into a drawing for a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card.

February

MCCLURE BRANCH

You-Pick Flick

Visit to vote for the movie we will show in March. Stop in or call 309-497-2700 for more details, and to know what movies are leading the pack.

February 1-3

NORTH BRANCH

Who Will Win the Super Bowl?

Stop by the Information Desk and make your predictions. One child & one adult will win a book about the Super Bowl!

February 1-9

MCCLURE BRANCH

So You Want a Safer Internet? Cyber Security Challenge

Complete this challenge to help make sure you are cyber-secure and be entered into a drawing for a \$10 gift card.

February 1-17

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Which President Am I?

Visit our display of biographies on the presidents and read fun facts about the presidents as you try to guess who it is.

Friday, February 1

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.

Friday, Feb. 1 - MCCLURE BRANCH

Friday, Feb. 8 - LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Join us for a special playgroup designed to help you explore your world through creative play. Ages 9-24 mo.

Friday, February 1, 8, 15 & 22

NORTH BRANCH

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

Children of all ages.

Friday, February 1

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Parental supervision is required.

Friday, February 1

LINCOLN BRANCH

Heart Tangrams - 3:45-4:45 p.m.

We will be making a heart tangram that you will be able to take home for Valentine's Day and testing our skills making other pictures as well. For ages 11 to 13.

Saturday, February 2

MAIN LIBRARY

Take Your Child to the Library and Count the Hearts

Find all the Valentine hearts hiding throughout the Children's Room for a chance to win a \$20 Amazon gift card.

February 2 & 3

NORTH BRANCH

Take Your Child to the Library Day Craft

Stop at the Information Desk for supplies to make your own version of a favorite book character—Eric Carle's Very Hungry Caterpillar!

Saturday, February 2, 9, 16 & 23

NORTH BRANCH

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

Children of all ages.

Saturday, February 2

LINCOLN BRANCH

Craft-to-Go: Valentine Craft-12:00-5:00pm

Make a door hanger for Valentine's Day!

Saturday, February 2

MCCLURE BRANCH

World Read Aloud Day: PAWs to Read - 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Celebrate World Read Aloud Day by reading to a therapy dog book buddy! Children ages 7 and up will partner with a dog to read their favorite books out loud. Call 682-9015 to register.

Monday, February 4, 11 & 25

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

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27

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

Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

Monday, February 4 & 11

LINCOLN BRANCH

Coding Unplugged - 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Coding Unplugged teaches children coding concepts all without using a computer. Ages 5 to 12.

February 4: We are going to be testing our binary coding skills by creating different images from black and white squares and then testing if our friends can create the same images.

February 11: We will be making cup towers, but the catch is that you will have to follow the very specific commands that your friends lay out for you.

Monday & Tuesday, February 4, 5, 11, 12, 19, 25 & 26

LINCOLN BRANCH

Project Next Generation - 4:00-6:00 p.m.

This session students will learn how to code and build Servo Pom Pom Robots. Students that complete the session will be invited on a field trip to Chicago Museum of Science & Industry! Ages 10 to 18. Register by calling 309-497-2600! *Funding was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).*



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Monday, February 4

NORTH BRANCH

Learn Something at the Library: All About Chocolate – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This month is all about chocolate. Learn where it comes from, how it's made, and taste different chocolates. Call 309-497-2150 to reserve a spot.

February 4-6

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Rerun Review – 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Missed the series when it aired? Watch the first few episodes of season one at the library! This month: episodes 1 through 6 of *Castle* (2009-2016).

Tuesday, February 5, 12 & 26

LINCOLN BRANCH

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

Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, February 5, 12, 19 & 26

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Toddler Tales – 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Ages 2 to 4.

Tuesday, February 5

MCCLURE BRANCH

Cyber Safety for Seniors–10:30-11:30 a.m.

A representative from AARP will teach you to use the internet safely, without fear of scams, phishing, or hackers!

Tuesday, February 5

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 p.m.

This month: *Home Fire* by Kamila Shamsie

Tuesday, February 5

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: School Note Clip Magnet – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Using a clothespin, magnet, and a little bit of paint, you can make your very own clip magnet. Ages 12 to 17.

February 6-28

MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY

Piece of Mind: An Exhibit on Mental Health by the Emerging Artists Collective

Peoria's emerging artists use their work to explore mental health. A reception will be held Saturday, February 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27

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. Age 0 to 23 months.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27

MAIN LIBRARY

Black History Month Film Festival – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

February 6: *Loving* (2016); February 13: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (2017); February 20: *Belle* (2013); February 27: *Red Tails* (2012)

Wednesday, February 6

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Sensory Storytime – 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Books, activities, and music designed to engage the senses. Geared for patrons ages 4 to 8 with special needs.

Thursday, February 7, 14, 21, 28

MCCLURE BRANCH

Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, February 7, 14, 21, 28

NORTH BRANCH

A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts! Ages 2 to 3.

Thursday, February 7

LINCOLN BRANCH

Candy Heart Science – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

We will be hypothesizing, finding out answers, and enjoying some candy along the way! Ages 6 to 9.

Friday, February 8 & 15

LINCOLN BRANCH

Coding for Teens – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Use Code Combat to play a fun, coding-inspired game that teaches key coding techniques and allows you to progress at your own pace. Call 309-497-2600 to register. Ages 13 to 18.

Saturday, February 9

MCCLURE BRANCH

Drop In: Valentine's Day Craft – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Drop in to make a valentine for someone you love! While supplies last.

Saturday, February 9

LINCOLN BRANCH

Science Saturday – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Explore the story of the Three Little Pigs where kids can experiment to examine the physics of building as we retell the story with a science twist. Next, students will create their own story in the Computer Lab. For students in 1st and 2nd grades.

Saturday, February 9

NORTH BRANCH

Pamela Smith Hill: Is Laura Ingalls Wilder Obsolete? – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Pamela Smith Hill, editor of *Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography* and author of *Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Writer's Life*, visits Peoria to share her knowledge of one of the country's most gifted and important authors. Books will be available for sale and signing. A portion of sales will benefit the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Saturday, February 9

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 Connect 4. Children of all ages.

Sunday, February 10

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Poetry Group – 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Read and discuss good poetry, as well as help and encourage one another to write original poems. Each meeting will feature published poems as well as original poems from participants.

Sunday, February 10

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Join us for this sensory friendly showing of *Rise of the Guardians*. The room will be lighter, the volume will be lower, and audience members will be welcome to move, talk, and sing. Rated G

Sunday, February 10

NORTH BRANCH

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

This month: *The Plot to Destroy Democracy: How Putin and His Spies are Undermining America and Dismantling the West* by Malcolm Nance

February 11-23

MCCLURE BRANCH

Oscars Awards Challenge

Cast your vote for the 2019 Oscar Award winners to be entered into a drawing for your own personal copy of the 2019 Oscar nominated movie of your choice. We'll post the results on February 25.

Monday, February 11

MCCLURE BRANCH

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

Join in a viewing of the 2004 film *Stepford Wives* based on the book of the same name by Ira Levin. Read the book before you come or just come to enjoy a movie and light refreshments!

Monday, February 11

NORTH BRANCH

Atlantic Monthly Discussion Group – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Just read articles from the current issue of Atlantic Monthly. Then bring your lunch or a snack and engage in lively and intellectual discussion. Facilitators are Marge Semmens and Catriona Ritenhouse.

Monday, February 11

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, February 11

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 a puzzle. Ages 6-9.

Monday, February 11

MCCLURE BRANCH

Low-Tech Maker Monday – 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Unplug from your technology and enjoy an afternoon of creating with a low-tech craft each month! Ages 10 to 14.

Monday, February 11

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

This month: *End of Eternity* by Isaac Asimov

Tuesday, February 12 &

Thursday, February 14

LINCOLN BRANCH

Puppet Show: Witch's Valentine – 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Everybody needs a friend so come be Witch's friend, and help her make some valentines for Valentine's Day! Ages 3-6.

Tuesday, February 12

LINCOLN BRANCH

Valentine Games – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Come and join us for games like Funny Valentine, Candy Relay, a Valentine's Left/Right Story and more! Ages 5-10.

Tuesday, February 12

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Buzzword Jr. Game – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Buzz your brain as team members solve each clue by saying phrases that includes the buzzword! Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, February 12

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. Ages 18 and up.

Thursday, February 14

MCCLURE BRANCH

Donuts for Donors

One donor can save up to 8 lives through organ donation and more than 50 lives through eye and tissue donation! In honor of National Donor Day, we'd like to thank you for being a donor.

Thursday, February 14

MCCLURE BRANCH

Organ and Tissue Donation Presentation – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join us for a presentation and conversation with Karen Kohnke from the Illinois' Secretary of State's Office about what it means to become a registered organ and tissue donor. Have your questions answered, and if you're ready, register to become a donor!

Thursday, February 14

LINCOLN BRANCH

Cupid's Arrows Craft – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

We are going to be making Cupid some extra arrows for him to use or for us to decorate with. Ages 11 to 13.

Friday, Feb. 15 – MCCLURE BRANCH

Friday, Feb. 22 – LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Toddler Play Zone – 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Join us to interact with other kids, play with educational toys, and read books. Ages 2 to 4.

Saturday, February 16

MCCLURE BRANCH

Bird Feeder Creations – 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Join us as we learn a bit about what types of food attract different types of birds and create a bird feeder to hang at home for all the birds returning to Central Illinois during National Wild Bird Feeder Month.

Saturday, February 16

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Autism Resource Group – 10:00am-1:00pm

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

Sunday, February 17

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

This month: *I've Got My Eyes on You* by Mary Higgins Clark

Sunday, February 17

NORTH BRANCH

Music in the McKenzie Presents: Anne Hills – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Whether she is singing her own songs or those by others, accompanied by guitar, banjo, or a Tibetan bell, she puts her whole heart and soul into the moment. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

In honor of

PRESIDENTS' DAY

All locations will be closed

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

North Branch always closed Tuesday



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 19-22

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Random Acts of Kindness Week

In honor of Random Act of Kindness Week, we have a jar full of ideas to get you inspired. Pull one from the jar and take it home as a reminder.

Tuesday, February 19

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Roll a Story Dice Game – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Roll the dice to come up with a twisted plot, mysterious characters, or reinvent a scene from one of your favorite books. Ages 11 to 13.

Tuesday, February 19

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:45 p.m.

This month: *Yvain: The Knight of the Lion* by M.T. Anderson and Andrea Of-fermann

Wednesday, February 20

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 electricity. Ages 6 to 11.

Thursday, February 21

NORTH BRANCH

Third Thursday Film Fest: A Year of Musicals – 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Bring a snack and enjoy a movie. This month: *West Side Story* (NR, 1961)

Thursday, February 21

LINCOLN BRANCH

Monthly Writing Group – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

This month we will be exploring for Black History Month. We are going to look at a favorite poet and musician, Langston Hughes. Ages 12 to 18.

Friday, February 22

LINCOLN BRANCH

Exploring Artists for Black History Month – 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month by learning about and recreating the styles of two famous Black Artists, Alma Thomas and Elizabeth Catlett. Ages 11 to 13.

Saturday, February 23

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Drop In: Sensory Art – 10:15-11:30 a.m.

This non-structured art session allows you to choose the materials to create your own unique masterpiece.

Saturday, February 23

LINCOLN BRANCH

Science Saturday – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

In this science experiment, you will make your own lava lamp for keeps, learn about acids and bases, experiment with density and have lots of fun.

Saturday, February 23

NORTH BRANCH

Becoming a State the Illinois Way: Creative Accounting and Humble Beginnings – 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Award-winning Springfield writer and author Tara McClellan McAndrew will discuss how Illinois Territory leaders fudged figures and maneuvered to make our land a state.

Saturday, February 23

MCCLURE BRANCH

Oscar Awards Pre-Party – 3:00-4:00 p.m.

We'll have refreshments, trivia, games and a craft. Come dressed as your favorite Oscars-related movie character or actor for a chance to win a \$20 gift card. Ages 14 and up.

Sunday, February 24

NORTH BRANCH

Peoria Reads Kickoff Event with Chris Vallillo – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Based on the book *Can't We Talk about Something More Pleasant?* by Roz Chast, Illinois songwriter and folklorist Chris Vallillo has created a musical program that reflects the book's touching themes and the life changes they represent. Like the book itself, Vallillo approaches this delicate subject lightly featuring a combination of contemporary songs as well as more commonly known songs designed to stir the memory and swell the heart.

Monday, February 25

MCCLURE BRANCH

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

This week: *Road to Morocco* with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby (1942)

Tuesday, February 26

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Blind Artist Game – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us for this hilarious team building activity as you guide your blindfolded team member. Ages 6 to 11.

Tuesday, February 26

LINCOLN BRANCH

Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 p.m.

This month: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

Tuesday, February 26

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Peoria Speaks: Alzheimer's and Dementia Care and Education – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Funding for Peoria Speaks is being provided by Illinois Humanities through their Illinois Speaks program. This month, Daryl Carlson of the Alzheimer's Association will provide background information about this issue and his organization's initiative.

Wednesday, February 27

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Family Flicks – 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of *Sgt. Stubby*

Wednesday, February 27

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Student Progress: What Support Does Your Child Need Over the Summer? – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us as Family Matters Parent Training and Resource Center leads a workshop about how identify and request supports for your child during the summer break. To register, please call Elise at 309-497-2204.

Thursday, February 28

LINCOLN BRANCH

Snack Food Machine – 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Help build a machine that can fill our snack food cravings. We have all the things you need! Ages 11 to 13.

Thursday, February 28

NORTH BRANCH

Sherlock Holmes Story Society – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to experience *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. This month: "The Adventure of the Norwood Builder."

MARCH 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, March 10 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss two books. The first, *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant*, is the Peoria Reads 2019 title. In her first memoir, New Yorker cartoonist Roz Chast brings her signature wit to the topic of aging parents. Spanning the last several years of their lives and told through four-color cartoons, family photos, and documents, and a narrative as rife with laughs as it is with tears, Chast's memoir is both comfort and comic relief for anyone experiencing the life-altering loss of elderly parents. The second book, *The Disordered Mind: What Unusual Brains Tell Us About Ourselves* is by Eric R. Kandel, the winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his foundational research into memory storage in the brain. He confronts one of the most difficult questions we face: How does our mind, our individual sense of self, emerge from the physical matter of the brain? The brain's 86 billion neurons communicate with one another through very precise connections. But sometimes those connections are disrupted. The brain processes that give rise to our mind can become disordered, resulting in diseases such as autism, depression, schizophrenia, Parkinson's, addiction, and post-traumatic stress disorder. While these disruptions bring great suffering, they can also reveal the mysteries of how the brain produces our most fundamental experiences and capabilities - the very nature of what it means to be human.

The Book 'Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *The Cutting Edge* by Jeffery Deaver. Lincoln Rhyme, and his new wife Amelia, along with NYPD, confront the Fiancé Killer who targets newly engaged couples.

The Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28 to discuss "The Adventure of the Dancing Men." Like many of Holmes' adventures, this story involves a series of coded messages sent to an unwilling recipient, Hilton Cubitt. Cubitt's wife is disturbed by the contents of the messages. Cubitt, himself, maybe should have been more disturbed since he ultimately loses his life as a result. Cubitt's wife attempts suicide. Suspicious? You decide.

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 5 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. One of the most important and enduring books of the twentieth century, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* brings to life a Southern love story with the wit and pathos found only in the writing of Zora Neale Hurston. Out of print for almost thirty years—due largely to initial audiences' rejection of its strong black female protagonist—Hurston's classic has since its 1978 re-issue become perhaps the most widely read and highly acclaimed novel in the canon of African-American literature.

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, March 11 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Thief of Time* by Teri Pratchett. Everybody wants more time, which is why on Discworld only the experts can manage it. One young horologist is about to do the unthinkable. He's going to stop time, by building the world's first truly accurate clock. Which means esteemed History Monk Lu-Tze and his apprentice have to stop the timepiece before it starts. For if the Perfect Clock starts ticking, Time as we know it will end. And then the trouble will really begin...

Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. at Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland. Watch for the book title to be announced.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Buried Beneath the Boabab Tree* by Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani and Viviana Mazza. On April 14, 2014, Boko Haram kidnapped 276 girls. Some managed to escape. Many are still missing. A new pair of shoes, a university degree, a husband—these are the things that a girl dreams of in a Nigerian village. And with a government scholarship right around the corner, everyone can see that these dreams aren't too far out of reach. Even if the voices on Papa's radio tell more fearful news than tales to tell by moonlight. But the girl's dreams turn to nightmares when her village is attacked by Boko Haram, a terrorist group, in the middle of the night. Kidnapped, she is taken with other girls and women into the forest where she is forced to follow her captors' radical beliefs and watch as her best friend slowly accepts everything she's been told. Still, the girl defends her existence. As impossible as escape may seem, her life—her future—is hers to fight for.

The Read on Book Club will meet at Lincoln Branch on Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss *Influence* by Carl Weber. When famed attorney Bradley Hudson learns of his youngest son Langston's arrest for drug trafficking, he assembles a team of lawyers and investigators to build a defense. With his reputation in the courtroom, Bradley is confident he will get justice. That is until he realizes he will be going up against an old foe, Assistant District Attorney James Brown. As if fighting for one son's freedom and fending off the other's betrayal isn't enough pressure, Bradley is also in the middle of a love triangle between his ex-wife, federal judge Jacqueline Hudson, and his current wife and jury consultant, Carla. He knows how much is at stake, so he'll do everything to prevent his son from landing behind bars. Only time will tell if they can stand as a family, or if the legal dynasty of Bradley Hudson is about to come crashing down.



Is Laura Ingalls Wilder Obsolete? with author Pamela Smith Hill

On Saturday, February 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at North Branch, Pamela Smith Hill, editor of *Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography* and author of *Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Writer's Life*, visits Peoria to share her deep knowledge of one of the country's most gifted and important authors in her talk "Little House on the Prairie: Is Laura Ingalls Wilder Obsolete?".

Recently the American Library Association (ALA) removed the name of Laura Ingalls Wilder from an award for children's literature. According to Hill, "ALA's action didn't come as a surprise. In 1995, a member of the ALA's Newbery Medal committee noted, "...let's face it, no story about a pioneer boy in the West has a hope of winning a prize today, especially if he doesn't have a 1990s consciousness about how his home was taken from the Indians." She added that the committee likely wouldn't consider Wilder's work worthy of Newbery consideration because it was culturally insensitive for contemporary readers.

The ALA's Wilder decision also relates to the role of historical fiction: should it attempt to present the culture and social conventions of the period it depicts or should it instead re-create the past in the image of contemporary society and its current social conventions?

This dilemma becomes even more important for fiction directed at young readers. Should historical fiction for this age group instruct and teach? Or should it stimulate questions about difficult issues? Wilder introduced a new kind of historical realism in fiction for young readers of the 1930s and 1940s, a realism that was intrinsically complex, despite the apparent simplicity of her prose. Pamela Smith Hill will delve into the complex issues surrounding the work of Laura Ingalls Wilder with the audience and explore what it means for literature when it is judged with modern eyes.

Free and open to the public. Books will be available for sale and signing. A portion of sales will benefit the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Enjoy Poetry? New Poetry Group to Meet Monthly

Poetry Group is a poetry workshop where participants read aloud and discuss good poetry, as well as help and encourage one another to write original poems. All levels of writing experience are welcomed. Each meeting will feature three or four published poems as well as original poems from group participants. Coffee and pastries will be served – come join the fun!

The group meets every second Sunday at the Lakeview branch, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Contact poetrygroup@mail.com with questions, or call 309-550-6211.

The first meeting will be Sunday, February 10 and the following poems will be discussed. To access these poems, visit the links, contact poetrygroup@mail.com or ask library staff to help you find them in our collection.

James Dickey, "The Heaven of Animals"

www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/42711/the-heaven-of-animals

Mary Karr, "Field of Skulls"

www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43134/field-of-skulls

Charlotte Smith, "Sonnet: On Being Cautioned Against Walking on an Headland Overlooking the Sea, Because It Was Frequented by a Lunatic"

www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/51893/sonnet-on-being-cautioned-against-walking-on-an-headland-overlooking-the-sea-because-it-was-frequented-by-a-lunatic

Sawako Nakayasu, "Deflated Rubber Turkey"

www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/deflated-rubber-turkey

The following is the Poetry Group reading list for March 10. Please also bring some of your own poetry to share with the group.

Wallace Stevens, "Worms at Heaven's Gate"

www.poetrynook.com/poem/worms-heavens-gate<<http://www.poetrynook.com/poem/worms-heavens-gate>>

Gwendolyn Brooks, "the rites for Cousin Vit"

www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/51983/the-rites-for-cousin-vit<<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/51983/the-rites-for-cousin-vit>>

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, "The Year"

www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/year<<http://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/year>>

Rainer Maria Rilke, "Pieta"

www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/browse?contentId=24166<<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/browse?contentId=24166>>

Billy Collins, "Madmen"

www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/40284/madmen<<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/40284/madmen>>

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