Meet the New Manager of North Branch!

Peoria Public Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer J. Jacobsen-Wood as the new manager of North Branch. Jennifer said, "I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the Peoria Public Library. Peoria Public Library has a great reputation within the area, with each branch being unique and providing great patron services."

Jennifer stated her goal for North Branch is to continue the tradition of being friendly and welcoming. "I want everyone to love the library as much as I do. We have so much to offer, from meeting and study rooms, books and movies, computers and quiet spaces; we are a center of the community and a cornerstone of democracy," she said.

In the few weeks Jennifer has been at the helm she has found that she enjoys the "absolutely lovely" North Branch but, "even better has been my interaction with patrons. Everyone has been welcoming and friendly," she said.

The new manager is impressed that her staff has been incredibly helpful as she learns the ropes proving her favorite library quote "The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff," by Timothy Healy, to be true.

Jennifer previously was employed as the Technical Services Manager at Alpha Park Library where she managed a staff of technical service workers and pages as well as worked at the information desk, filled in at check-out, and ran a few programs. She said that she loved that mix of job duties and that her new position offers a similar array of patron interactions, management functions, and working with other staff.

Jennifer spends her free time on a trail, or the streets of Peoria, preparing for long-distance running events and her pro-tip to all fellow runners, walkers, and hikers is that the library has two excellent apps for downloadable audiobooks, Libby and Axis360, saying, "They make the time on your feet fly by!"

Jennifer said, "Please, I welcome everyone to stop by the North Branch and meet me, interacting with patrons is my favorite part of working at a library."

Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant Fills March with Events

This year’s Peoria Reads! NEA Big Read selection, Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant? by Roz Chast is a memoir in graphic novel form and tells the story of her journey with her parents as they age and pass away. A wide variety of events and discussions based on the book take place in March and all are free and open to the public.

Talk about the book on Sunday, March 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Methodist College, 7600 North Academic Drive, Peoria with Marjorie Getz, professor of arts and sciences at Methodist College and at 4:00 p.m. attend Death Café also 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.

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’s talk will be followed by Death Café, a discussion about death and dying.

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 p.m. 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 Funeral and Cremation Services, will discuss “having the talk of a lifetime.” She will provide us with a glimpse into a day in the life of the Peoria-area’s first comfort dog.

See the calendar in this issue of Passages or on the website for a complete list of events in March and April.

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.
Streaming Video With Your Library Card Coming in March!

Beginning this March, Peoria Public Library will join over 4,000 other libraries who offer the streaming video service Kanopy to their patrons. With your library card and the app, you will be able to stream up to 8 movies a month.

Kanopy offers what it calls, ‘thoughtful entertainment’ including documentaries, independent films, the Criterion Collection, Great Courses and more. The collection offers a total of 30,000 titles with new films added each month. You have the ability to watch with your favorite apps including Roku, iPhone, Android, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV Stick and Google Chromecast. Apps can be downloaded from your favorite app store. You will log in with your library card. Instructions will also be available at www.peoriapubliclibrary.org under the Downloads tab on the menu.

The New York Times called Kanopy, “A garden of cinematic delights” while CBCnews calls Kanopy, “A treasure trove...arguably, the greatest assortment of international art cinema under one roof.”

Everybody is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day

BY AMBER LOWERY

Top o’ the morning to ye! Ah, yes, it is that time of year again. We drag out our greenest finery, hunt down shamrocks, and start cooking the corned beef and cabbage. We spout phrases like “Erin Go Bragh” and sing “Oh Danny Boy” at the top of our lungs. But did you know you can use the library to learn more about the lives and languages of the Emerald Isle?

Peoria Public Library has a subscription to an extraordinary database called Mango Languages. It has lessons for 71 languages currently, including Irish. The lessons are self-guided so you can study in your own time at your own pace. You can use your library card for guest access or sign up for free to keep track of your progress. Learning another language can be extremely useful when it comes to reading old records from our ancestors’ homelands.

We also have several databases to help with your genealogical research, such as AncestryLibrary, HeritageQuest, and Newsbank. Each of these can be extremely helpful in guiding you in your discovery of your ancestors and their lives. Find out how and when your ancestors came to America. Use the records to determine just how many of your ancestors came from Ireland.

Beyond the computer, we have books that tell of the Great Potato Famine and the immigration of the Irish people to America for all ages. The Local History and Genealogy area has a collection of articles and news pieces about prominent Irish folk who came to Peoria and made their home here. We have microfilm that covers global issues in history, telling the stories of the past. Through interlibrary loan, we can also access material from other libraries that may help you in whatever your quest may be.

Consider your ancestors and what they may have gone through to learn a new language in a new and strange homeland. Marvel at how resilient they were to thrive and survive. Study their history in our Local History and Genealogy collection. Learn about their lives here at the library. And, if you have any questions, feel free to come by the Main Library or our branches and ask our wonderful staff at the Peoria Public Library. We are here to help you find the information you seek. Sláinte.
March
ALL LOCATIONS
1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Read any 1,000 books to your child before they enter kindergarten and earn prizes for every 100 books they read. Once your child reads 1,000 books, they will be invited to a graduation party.

March 11–29
MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY
Peoria Public Schools

March
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 bookmark and an entry into a drawing for a $25 Barnes and Noble gift card.

March
MCCLURE BRANCH
You-Pick Flick
Visit to vote for the movie we will show in April. The winning movie will air on the second Saturday of the following month (March winner shows on April 13). Call 309-497-2700 for more details.

March
MCCLURE BRANCH
Deaf History Month: The Deaf Experience
We are honoring Deaf History Month with a display and a “Deaf Experience Board” where people can share experiences with deafness or hearing loss.

March
MAIN LIBRARY
Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Floor Information Desk.

March 1–April 5
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
March Madness
During the entire month of March, come vote on your favorite book series each week. By the end of March, only one book series will reign as champion!

March 1–17
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Leprechaun’s Pot ‘O Gold
How many coins has the leprechaun hidden in his pot of gold? Make your guess to be entered to win a bag of treats.

Friday, March 1
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Toddler Art – 10:15-11:00 am
Let your child explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills along the way.

Friday, March 1 – MCCLURE BRANCH
Friday, March 8 – LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Baby Playground – 10:15-11:15 am
Join us for a special playgroup designed to help you explore your world through creative play. Ages 9 to 24 mo.

Friday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
NORTH BRANCH
Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

Friday, March 1
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Drop In: LEGO Builders Club–3:00-5:00 pm
Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

Friday, March 1
LINCOLN BRANCH
Leprechaun Trap – 3:45-4:45 pm
We’ll see who can make the best leprechaun trap and get the gold! Ages 5-10.

Friday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
MCCLURE BRANCH
Fit/Play Fridays for National Nutrition Month – 4:00-5:00 pm
Get moving at the library with the Wii and/or Xbox Kinect! Both motion-sensitive gaming systems will be available.

Saturday, March 2
MCCLURE BRANCH
Dr. Seuss Character Match
Visit to see if you can match the famous Dr. Seuss storybook characters outlines to their names!

Saturday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
NORTH BRANCH
Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

Saturday, March 2
NORTH BRANCH
From Merlin to Doc Martin: A real-life travel guide to the best of England’s dramatic Cornwall – 3:00-4:30 pm
Join Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans for a proper cup of tea, a slice of cake, and a lively discussion.

Sunday, March 3
METHODOIST COLLEGE
NEA Big Read: Peoria Reads 2019 presents Successful Aging with Marjorie Getz – 2:00-4:00 pm
This presentation will focus on definitions of successful aging and the factors associated with this process through evidence-based research. Topics include developing a definition of “normal” aging and examining research that identifies components of successful aging. Marjorie Getz is a Professor of Arts and Sciences at Methodist College where she teaches courses in psychology and gerontology. As a graduate student, she was a research assistant on the MacArthur Studies of Successful Aging.

Sunday, March 3
METHODOIST COLLEGE
NEA Big Read: Peoria Reads 2019 Death Café – 4:00-5:30 pm
A Death Cafe is a gathering and discussion about death and dying held in a social setting with refreshments. Colleen Karn, Assistant Professor of English & Humanities at Methodist College, will facilitate this discussion in an effort to normalize the discourse of death.

Monday, March 4, 11, 18 & 25
NORTH BRANCH – 10:30-11:00 AM
Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27
LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 10:15-10:45 AM
Tiny Tots Storytime
Ages 12 to 23 months.
**MARCH CALENDAR**

**Monday, March 4, 11 & 18**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Coding Unplugged – 4:00-5:00 pm**  
Coding Unplugged is a monthly program that teaches children coding concepts all without using a computer. Ages 5 to 12.  
March 4: The Hotdog Game  
March 11: Fitness App  
March 18: If-Then Statements

**Monday & Tuesday, March 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Project Next Generation – 4:00-6:00 pm**  
It’s All About the Kids! Project Next Generation helps teach our kids how to use new technology while providing mentors. 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! Project Next Generation is a registered free program for ages 10 to 18. Space is limited, so register today by calling 309-497-2600! Funding for this grant 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).

**Monday, March 4**  
**NORTH BRANCH**

**Learn Something at the Library: Personal Budget – 6:00-7:30 pm**  
In this interactive program, learn how to set a budget, how to live within your means, and financial pitfalls.

**March 4–6**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Rerun Review – 6:00-7:45 pm**  
Missed the series when it aired the first time? Watch the first few episodes of season one at the library! This month: episodes 1-12 of The Big Bang Theory (2007-present).

**Tuesday, March 5, 12, 19 & 26**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Toddler Tales – 10:15-10:45 am**  
Ages 2 to 4.

**Tuesday, March 5**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 pm**  
This month: Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

**Tuesday, March 5**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Front & Center: Secret Path Memory Game – 5:00-6:00 pm**  
Practice your memory skills by following the secret path of circle stepping stones. Let’s see how well you can focus and concentrate. Ages 12 to 14.

**Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**NORTH BRANCH**

**Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 pm**  
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.

**Wednesday, March 6**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Sensory Storytime – 4:00-4:45 pm**  
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.

**Thursday, March 7, 14, 21 & 28**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**

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

**Thursday, March 7, 14, 21 & 28**  
**NORTH BRANCH**

**A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am**  
Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts! Ages 2 to 3.

**Thursday, March 7**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Women’s History Month Puzzle – 4:00-5:00 pm**  
For Women’s History Month, we are learning about lesser-known women of history like Anna May Wong and Sybil Ludington. We will assemble puzzles of them as well as a giant, collaborative puzzle. Ages 5 to 10.

**Thursday, March 7**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Front & Center: Today I Feel Silly – 5:00-6:00 pm**  
Join us as we read Today I Feel Silly and Other Moods That Make My Day by Jamie Lee Curtis. Ages 5 to 10.

**Friday, March 8, 15 & 22**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Coding for Teens – 4:00-5:00 pm**  
Users will be able to use Code Combat to play a fun, coding-inspired game that teaches you key coding techniques and allows you to progress at your own pace. Please call 309-497-2600 to register. Ages 13 to 18.

**Saturday, March 9**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Science Saturday – 11:00 am–1:00 pm**  
3Doodler is the world’s first 3D Printing Pen. It works by extruding heated plastic that cools and hardens instantly, allowing you to literally draw in the air. Registration is required. Please call 497-2600. For students in 1st and 2nd grades.

**Saturday, March 9**  
**NORTH BRANCH**

**Teen Craft: Pom Pom Bookmark – 3:00-3:45 pm**  
Craft a bookmark that’s simple but Instagram-worthy. Ages 11 to 18.

**Sunday, March 10**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Sensory Friendly Family Film – 2:00-4:00pm**  
Join us for this sensory friendly showing of The Lorax. The room will be lighter, the volume will be lower, and audience members will be welcome to move around, talk, and sing. Rated PG

**Sunday, March 10**  
**NORTH BRANCH**

**Music in the McKenzie Presents: Dana & Sue Robinson – 2:00-4:00 pm**  
From Cabot, Vermont, Americana-roots and folk duo Dana and Susan Robinson combine vivid songwriting and storytelling with fiddle tunes, clawhammer banjo, elegant melodies, and rich harmony singing. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.
Sunday, March 10
NORTH BRANCH
Biography and Nonfiction Book Club – 3:00-4:30 pm
This month: NEA Big Read-Peoria Reads selection Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant?: A Memoir by Roz Chast and The Disordered Mind: What Unusual Brains tell us about Ourselves by Eric R. Kandel

Monday, March 11
MCCLURE BRANCH
The Book Was First Movie Series – 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Join in a viewing of the 1990 film Lord of the Flies based on the book of the same name by William Golding. Read the book to see how the film measures up or just enjoy a movie and light refreshments on a Monday morning!

Monday, March 11
NORTH BRANCH
Atlantic Monthly Discussion Group – 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Just read the feature article (and any other articles that interest you) of the current issue of Atlantic Monthly in print or on the website, theatlantic.com/magazine/. Then bring your lunch or a snack and engage in lively and intellectual discussion. Facilitators are Marge Semmens and Catriona Ritenhouse. Free and open to the public.

Monday, March 11
NORTH BRANCH
Storytime Lab – 1:30-2:00 pm
Join us for stories about early concepts in science, technology, engineering, art, and math followed by hands-on exploration! Ages 3 to 6.

Monday, March 11
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Screen-Free Afternoon – 3:30-5:30 pm
Spend your afternoon playing one of our educational board games that help with reading, spelling, and math, or working on a puzzle. Ages 6 to 9.

Monday, March 11
MCCLURE BRANCH
Low-Tech Maker Monday – 4:00-5:30 pm
Unplug from your technology and enjoy an afternoon of creating with a low-tech craft each month! Ages 11 to 13.

Monday, March 11
NORTH BRANCH
NEA Big Read Peoria Reads presents Estate Planning – 6:00-7:45 pm
Think estate planning is only for the rich? Think again! Presenter Richard Kirk is with the Association of Financial Educators. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, March 12 & Thursday, March 14
LINCOLN BRANCH
Puppet Show: The Leprechaun’s Gold – 10:00-10:30 am
Come help Leprechaun keep his hidden gold a secret that only he knows! We will make a St Patrick’s Day craft and share a treat! Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, March 12
LINCOLN BRANCH
March Madness Crumple and Shoot – 4:00-5:00 pm
A combination of Apples to Apples and Basketball, in this fun game you’ll have to pick cards that best fit your friend’s personality. Then move on to the next round of trying to shoot your crumpled card into the basket. Ages 11 to 13.

Tuesday, March 12
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Art-Inspired Stories – 5:00-6:00 pm
Choose a painting and try to depict the senses of the artist. Make your art inspired story a must read! Ages 11-13.

Tuesday, March 12
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Board in the Library – 6:00-7:45 pm
Bring a friend or meet a new friend while playing a board or card game. Ages 18 and up.

Wednesday, March 13
MCCLURE BRANCH
Her-Story Reads – 4:00-5:00 pm
Hear stories about some of the strong women that are celebrated during Women’s History Month. Ages 5 to 10.

Wednesday, March 13
LINCOLN BRANCH
STEAM Explorations – 4:30-5:30 pm
This month we will be exploring the works and inventions of Leonardo da Vinci. Ages 6 to 11.

Thursday, March 14
LINCOLN BRANCH
Pi Day Skyline – 4:00-5:00 pm
Finally, Pi day is here! We are learning about that great, irrational number, and using its many numbers to graph and paint a city skyline. Ages 11 to 13.

Friday, Mar. 15 – MCCLURE BRANCH
Friday, Mar. 22 – LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Toddler Play Zone – 10:15-11:15 am
A playgroup for toddlers to interact with other kids, play with educational toys, and read books. Ages 2 to 4.

Saturday, March 16
MCCLURE BRANCH
Drop In: St. Patrick’s Day Craft – 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Pick up a festive St. Patrick’s Day craft to get ready for the holiday!

Saturday, March 16
MAIN LIBRARY
Once Upon a Time Story Hour – 10:30-11:30 am
Join us for a fairytale themed story hour. Ages 3 to 7.

Saturday, March 16
MCCLURE BRANCH
Freedom of Information Day–10:30-11:30am
On this day, we celebrate James Madison’s birthday, as well as one of his greatest lasting legacies: open government. Learn about where and how you can access the vast array of government information available.

Saturday, March 16
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Autism Resource Group Presents: Transition—Begin with the End – 10:30 am-1:00 pm
Join us as Family Matters Parent Training and Resource Center leads a workshop about creating a transition plan. This workshop is free but Family Matters does require 15 people for the event. To register call 309-497-2204.
MARCH CALENDAR

Saturday & Sunday, March 16-17
LINCOLN BRANCH
Craft-to-Go: St. Patrick’s Day – 12:00-4:00 pm
Make a fun “green” craft for St. Patrick’s Day. While supplies last.

Sunday, March 17
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Book’Em Mystery Book Club – 2:00-3:30 pm
This month: The Cutting Edge by Jeffrey Deaver

Tuesday, March 19 & 26
LINCOLN BRANCH
Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am
Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, March 19
LINCOLN BRANCH
Egyptian Necklace Craft – 5:00-6:00 pm
Design your own Egyptian necklace. Painted in gold, bold and bright colors, your pasta will look like jewels in this fashionable piece of art! Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, March 19
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:45 pm
his month: Buried Beneath the Boabab Tree by Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani and Viviana Mazza

Wednesday, March 20
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
NEA Big Read: Peoria Reads Book Discussion – 6:00-7:45 pm
Deb Disney, U of I College of Medicine at Peoria, will lead a discussion of Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant? by Roz Chast.

Thursday, March 21
NORTH BRANCH
Third Thursday Film Fest: A Year of Musicals – 2:00-4:30 pm
This month: Funny Girl (Rated G, 1968)

Thursday, March 21
LINCOLN BRANCH
Monthly Writing Group – 4:00-5:00 pm
This month we will be creating a children’s book online. Ages 12-18.

Saturday, March 23
MCCLURE BRANCH
Drop In: Weather Chart – 10:00am-5:00pm
Have a grown-up check the weather and then you can report it on your new weather chart! Ages 3 to 6.

Saturday, March 23
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Drop In: Sensory Art – 10:15-11:30 am
This non-structured art session allows you to choose materials of your preference to create your masterpiece.

Saturday, March 23
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
NEA Big Read: Peoria Reads 2019 presents Saying Hello to Life Again – 2:00-3:45 pm
With an emphasis on communication between family members when no one knows what to say or do after a life-threatening injury, illness or disease, Monica Vest Wheeler will cover:
• Incorporating humor into the emotional or physical healing process.
• Focusing on new or changed abilities.
• Looking for the hidden blessings.
• How we’re much stronger than we ever give ourselves credit.
• The art of small talk when you know there are big things to be said. Monica Vest Wheeler is the author of Alzheimer’s, Dementia & Memory Loss: Straight Talk for Families & Caregivers.

Saturday, March 23
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
NEA Big Read: Peoria Reads 2019 Death Café – 4:00-5:45 pm
Colleen Karn, Asst. Professor of English & Humanities at Methodist College, will facilitate this discussion in an effort to normalize the discourse of death.

Monday, March 25
MCCLURE BRANCH
Monday Morning Movie Series – 10:30 am-12:30 pm
This week: The Old Man and the Sea with Spencer Tracy (1958)

Tuesday, March 26
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Twenty Questions Game – 5:00-6:00 pm
Try to identify a person, place or thing in 20 questions or less! Ages 11-13.

Tuesday, March 26
MCCLURE BRANCH
Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 pm
This month: Influence by Carl Weber

Tuesday, March 26
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Peoria Speaks: Journey Towards Zero Waste – 6:00-7:30 pm
Funding for Peoria Speaks is being provided by Illinois Humanities through their Illinois Speaks program. This month, we will discuss the concept of zero waste. Zero Waste is a term used to describe the goal of reducing the amount of waste individuals produce. We will be discussing the reasons to move to a Zero Waste lifestyle and how to get started.

Wednesday, March 27
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Family Flicks – 12:30-2:30 pm

Wednesday, March 27
HUMANA CENTER – 2601 WEST LAKE
Mature Readers Book Club – 2:15-3:45 pm
Discussion of the NEA Big Read: Peoria Reads book Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant? by Roz Chast.

Wednesday, March 27
METHODIST COLLEGE
Can’t We Talk: An End of Life Symposium – 5:30-8:30 pm
Methodist College is hosting an end-of-life symposium to provide the public with information and advice regarding end-of-life planning. The symposium will begin with a panel discussion comprised of people who have faced end-of-life issues. Then there will be “break out” sessions with professionals in the following areas: hospice care, legal planning, financial planning, and funeralery planning.

Thursday, March 28
LINCOLN BRANCH
Nano Maze – 4:00-5:00 pm
The end of March is National Nano Days, so come play with the best nanos around – HexBugs! Ages 11 to 13.

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

The Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25 to discuss "The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist." There's not much worse than being followed on your weekly bicycle expeditions, unless, of course, you count kidnapping. Violet Smith is the target here, enduring both unsettling behaviors from one man and unwanted romantic advances from the other. Luckily, Holmes comes to her rescue.

The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss Duel With the Devil: The True Story of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr Teamed Up to Take on America's First Sensational Murder Mystery by Paul Collins. In the closing days of 1799, the United States was still a young republic. Waging a fierce battle for its uncertain future were two political parties: the well-moneyed Federalists, led by Alexander Hamilton, and the populist Republicans, led by Aaron Burr. The two finest lawyers in New York, Burr and Hamilton were bitter rivals both in and out of the courtroom, and as the next election approached, their animosity reached a crescendo. But everything changed when a young Quaker woman, Elma Sands, was found dead in Burr's newly constructed Manhattan Well. The horrific crime quickly gripped the nation, and before long accusations settled on one of Elma's suitors: a handsome young carpenter named Levi Weeks. As the enraged city demanded a noose be draped around his neck, Week's only hope was to hire a legal dream team. Our nation's greatest attorneys did the unthink-able—they teamed up. Our nation's longest running cold case, Duel with the Devil delivers the first substantial break in the case in over 200 years.

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss the 2019 Peoria Reads selection, Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?: A Memoir by Roz Chast. 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. While the particulars are Chast-ian in their idiosyncrasies—an anxious father who had relied heavily on his wife for stability as he slipped into dementia and a former assistant principal mother whose overbearing personality had sidelined Roz for decades—the themes are universal: adult children accepting a parental role; aging and unstable parents leaving a family home for an institution; dealing with uncomfortable physical intimacies; and hiring strangers to provide the most personal care.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss Sadie by Courtney Summers. Sadie hasn't had an easy life. Growing up on her own, she's been raising her sister Mattie in an isolated small town, trying her best to provide a normal life and keep their heads above water. But when Mattie is found dead, Sadie's entire world crumbles. After a somewhat botched police investigation, Sadie is determined to bring her sister's killer to justice and hits the road following a few meager clues to find him. When West McCray—a radio personality working on a segment about small, forgotten towns in America—overhears Sadie's story at a local gas station, he becomes obsessed with finding the missing girl. He starts his own podcast as he tracks Sadie's journey, trying to figure out what happened, hoping to find her before it's too late.

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, April 15 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Long Sunset by Jack McDevitt. Hutch has been the Academy's best pilot for decades. She's had numerous first contact encounters and even became a minor celebrity. But world politics have shifted from exploration to a growing fear that the program will run into an extraterrestrial race more advanced than humanity and war. Despite taking part in the recent scientific breakthrough that rejuvenates the human body and expands one's lifespan, Hutch finds herself as a famous interstellar pilot with little to do, until a message from an alien race arrives. The message is a piece of music from an unexplored area. Despite the fact that this alien race could pose a great danger and that this message could have taken several thousand years to travel, the program prepares the last interstellar ship for the journey. As the paranoia grows, Hutch and her crew make an early escape—but what they find at the other end of the galaxy is completely unexpected.

Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland. Chasing Lincoln's Killer and Manhunt: The 12 Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson. These books deliver a riveting account of the chase for Abraham Lincoln's assassin. Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the manhunters, it is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia. These books are in two formats. Both are the same story. The first title is 208 pages and is a youth edition. The second title is a more in-depth analysis and is 496 pages. You choose which version you would like to read.
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The Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club will
meet on Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m.
at Lakeview Branch to discuss Look
Alive twenty-Five by Janet Evanovich.
Stephanie Plum takes over as manager
at the Red River Deli in Trenton. The
last three managers have vanished.
The police are baffled. Stephanie will
use the clues, one shoe left from
each manager, to find a path through
this mystery.

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Thursday, March 28
NORTH BRANCH
Sherlock Holmes Story Society –
6:30-7:30 pm
This month: “The Adventure of the
Dancing Men.”

Friday, March 29
MCCLURE BRANCH
Yoga @ Your Library – 11:45 am-12:30 pm
Tammy Mitchell from OM on the River
will lead this session. Please bring
your own mat or blanket. For adults
only. A family-friendly session will be
held at 11:00 a.m. Registration is sug-
gested. Please call 497-2700.

Friday, March 29
NORTH BRANCH
Flower Garden Painting – 2:00-3:00 pm
Paint a flower garden you can enjoy.
no matter the weather. Ages 6 to 11.

Friday, March 29
MCCLURE BRANCH
Celtic Knot Initials – 3:45-4:45 pm
Learn a little bit about Irish Heritage
by trying your hand at some Celtic
knots. We will be practicing Celtic
knots on paper, and crafting them
into our initials to create a unique
Celtic knot design that will be all your
own. Ages 6 to 13.

Saturday, March 30
ALL LOCATIONS
National Pencil Day: A Pencil for Your
Thoughts!
Have an idea for a program you’d love
to see come to the library? Write
down your idea, turn it in, and hang
onto the pencil as a gift for National
Pencil Day!

Saturday, March 30
LINCOLN BRANCH
Legend at the Library: Author Signing
with Coach Van – 11:00 am-12:00 pm
The legendary Peoria Manual Boys’
basketball coach, Dick Van Scyoc, will
and his daughter Jan have penned
this memoir that includes the incred-
ible “hoops history” of his Manual
teams from 1966 to 1994. Many of
his former players, colleagues and
friends also contributed in the telling
of his story. All are welcome to at-
tend. Manual Labor can be found by
visiting BookBaby.com or Amazon.
.com. There will be limited number of
books available for purchase at the
library. All proceeds from the book
will be donated to the Dick Van Scyoc
endowed scholarship fund at Illinois
Wesleyan University in Bloomington
to help area students attend college.

Saturday, March 30
MCCLURE BRANCH
World Back-Up Day – 3:00-4:00 pm
Learn about effective ways to back
up your digital information. One lucky
participant will win a portable drive to
start backing up their files!

Sunday, March 31
NORTH BRANCH
NEA Big Read: Peoria Reads 2019 How to
Have the Talk of a Lifetime–2:00-4:00 pm
Veronica Haskell, co-owner of
Haskell–Hott Funeral Homes and
Cremation Services, will provide
education on the importance of
talking about death before it hap-
ens. She will also discuss how their
funeral home has tackled grief in a
unique way by adding a professionally
trained comfort dog to their staff.