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Kanopy Free Videos Now Streaming

Kanopy is the Peoria Public Library’s new streaming video service and all patrons can watch eight videos per month from anywhere with their library card and PIN over the internet. Kanopy offers thousands of high quality movies, documentaries, Great Courses and movies for kids.

Start enjoying Kanopy through the library website at www.peoriapubliclibrary.org or by downloading the app to your device or using one of the many apps available for your television. Users are asked to enter their library card number and PIN. If you do not know your PIN you can request it by calling (309) 497-2000 or through the library catalog online.

Each library card holder may stream eight movies per month with a reset on the first of the next month. Once you start watching a movie, you may watch it as many times as you like in three days, allowing you to stop and start or watch a movie over several times. Kids who enjoy seeing their favorite movie several times will particularly enjoy this feature.

Kanopy allows users to build a watch list and to browse. When you see a movie you want to watch later, just add it to your watch list so you can find it easily later. Once you used your eight movies a month, your watch list will remind you of what you want to see next month. Kanopy has a counter, so you always know how many more movies you can watch.

To get started, visit www.peoriapubliclibrary.org and click on the banner ad or click on the link under the “Downloads” tab. Be sure to have your library card number and PIN handy so you can start right away. As a reminder, Peoria Public Library offers streaming or downloadable music, audiobooks, e-books and much more, all found under the Downloads tab. For help using any of these services, ask at any information desk or call (309) 497-2000 or use the form under “Contact Us” to ask a question.

Show Your Commitment to Literacy by Supporting StoryWalk!

Peoria Public Library plans to bring literacy to a new audience via the first StoryWalk in Peoria! StoryWalk uses pedestals to bring pages of a picture book to an outdoor path so families can read a picture book together as they take a walk around a park or trail. With your help, Peoria Public Library will install the first local StoryWalk at Columbia Park around the Peoria Public Library McClure Branch.

Each of the project’s 20 pedestals comes with a price tag of $425 and the Peoria Public Library is asking for the public’s help to create the project. Sponsor one or more pedestals and your name or organization will appear on a plaque on the pedestal, letting visitors see your commitment to literacy in Peoria. Donations are tax-deductible and should be made to the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

The books in StoryWalk can be changed out periodically so that there is something new and exciting to read on return visits.

The StoryWalk project was created by Anne Ferguson of Monpelier, Vermont and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Peoria Public Library is working with Peoria Park District to place StoryWalk in Columbia Park. For more information please contact programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us or call (309) 497-2000.
Autism Resource Group at Lakeview Branch  
BY ELISE HEARN

The Autism Resource Group began two years ago to respond to the need of support for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This monthly library program provides a time and space for parents to discuss the challenges and successes in raising a child on the spectrum. While not an official support group, this program allows parents to talk about all aspects of raising a child with autism among people who are facing a similar situation.

Typically the Autism Resource Group meetings are a casual discussion group between parents. Approximately once every quarter a guest speaker is brought in to shed some light on a common topic that the group has discussed. Past speakers have presented topics such as: Transitioning from School to Adulthood and Assistive Technology and Executive Functioning.

The Autism Resource Group meets on the third Saturday of every month at the Lakeview Branch from 10:00am–1:00pm. While the meeting time is long it is also flexible. Parents arrive and leave on their own schedule; sometimes staying only an hour and other times for the entire duration. Older children are welcome to read, use our public computers, or build with the Lakeview Branch collection of LEGO bricks while parents are in the meeting. Younger children are welcome to stay in the room and play with provided toys.

Lakeview Branch offers more than just the Autism Resource Group for families impacted by autism. Monthly Sensory Storytimes, Sensory Friendly Family Films, and Sensory Art are offered to specifically meet the needs of children with autism and their families. We also invite families to join us at any of our programming as all Peoria Public Library programs are welcome to everyone.

Uh–oh, Black Sheep... BY AMBER LOWERY

Every person researching their family history is secretly hoping to find that one ancestor, or even a connection, to someone illustrious. They want to tease out and prove a relationship to impress others with. Visions of awed faces, gasps, and crashed glassware dance in their heads as they imagine dropping that precious bit of information on unsuspecting family members. Sadly, not everyone is related to royalty. Sometimes, though, it is not about finding the famous possible relations, but the infamous ones.

You know the ones I mean...the black sheep of the family; the ones that are mentioned in whispers at family gatherings and being compared to them is the height of insult. Now, to be fair, not all black sheep are as rotten as we have been lead to believe. There are plenty of “saints” among the “sinners.”

That said, time does change perceptions of people and how they lived. Whereas being divorced or an unwed parent may have once been the height of scandal; today, we hardly blink at such scenarios, except to get more details. But they do explain how families can be torn apart (even if we find the reasoning odd by today’s standards).

A discovery of a lawbreaker or a scoundrel amongst your kin, such as the gambler who was shot playing cards or the traveling salesman who had multiple families in different cities, could actually provide a great story to tell at the next reunion or in the family Facebook group. Finding those who were hardened criminals, violent offenders, or even murderers, while fascinating information, is just that; a little nugget of news for your tree, not necessarily someone you want to emulate. But that is the thing about genealogy, we take both the good and the bad.

If you are struggling with ne’er-do-wells on your tree, come by the library and see if we can help you with your research. We have numerous databases and resources for your use at the Main Library in the Local History and Genealogy section. Ask our knowledgeable staff for help. We are not sheepish when it comes to assisting our patrons in their research.

HOT NEW TITLES  
BY ROBIN HELENTHAL

Coming in March 2019
Steel: Lights All Night Long is a debut novel by Lydia Fitzpatrick which begins when Illya, a fifteen-year-old gifted Russian student, passes an exam which will allow him to go to America. His brother Vladimir also wanted to escape to America but instead became a petty thief and drug addict and got pulled into the underworld in their home town of Berlozh-niki. This is a novel of the bond between two brothers determined to find their way back to each other and the pull of homes both local and adopted.

The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters by Balli Kaur Jaswal is the story of a pilgrimage to India, by the three Punjabi Shergill sisters, to carry out the death bed wish of their mother. She requested that they make the trip to the Golden Temple in Amritsar to carry out her final rites. When the sisters arrive in India, they make discoveries about themselves and their mother, including a journey their mother made many years ago that resulted in her never being able to return to India again.

All locations of Peoria Public Library will be CLOSED for the Easter Holiday, Sunday, April 21.
April
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.

April
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 any time we’re open.

April
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.

April
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
One-On-One Resume Writing Assistance Program
Please call Fran at 309-497-2200 to schedule a one hour session to help you with your resume.

April
MAIN LIBRARY
Growing the “Poet-tree”
April is National Poetry Month, and this year we are celebrating by growing a “poet-tree” in the children’s room. We will provide a special leaf for you to write a poem on and then we’ll display it on the branches of the “poet-tree”.

April 1–14
NORTH BRANCH
National Library Week: Navigate Nonfiction
Celebrate National Library Week by learning how to use the Dewey Decimal System! Find books on certain subjects and earn a treat for matching each subject with the correct call number. Scavenger Hunt forms will be available at the Information Desk.

April 1–20
NORTH BRANCH
Help the Bunny
Help the bunny collect his eggs by finding an egg and returning it to our Information Desk to claim a small treat and a bunny coloring sheet. Ages 2 to 7.

Monday, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
NORTH BRANCH – 10:30–11:00 AM
Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17 & 24
LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 10:15–10:45 AM
Tiny Tots Storytime
Ages 12 to 23 months.

Monday & Tuesday, April 1, 2, 8, 9 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 & 30
LINCOLN BRANCH
Project Next Generation – 4:00–6:00 pm
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! 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).

April 1–3
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: Parks and Recreation (2009-2015)

Monday, April 1
NORTH BRANCH
Learn Something at the Library: Gardening – 6:00–7:30 pm
Learn details on gardening in raised beds and containers. Your take home project is a pot planted with host plants for one of our most beautiful native Illinois butterfly species, the Eastern Black Swallowtail. Your pot will grow from seeds to the plants needed for the caterpillar to grow into a butterfly. Register by calling 309-497-2150.

April 2–29
MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY
38th Annual Congressional Art Show
High School students from the 18th Congressional District will exhibit their work. Congressman Darin LaHood will announce the winners at a reception on Monday, April 22 from 4:00–6:00 pm. The first place winner will have their work exhibited in the U.S. Capitol.

Tuesday, April 2, 9, 23 & 30
LINCOLN BRANCH
Terrific Tattletale Storytime–10:00–10:30 am
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Toddler Tales – 10:15–10:45 am
Ages 2 to 4.

Tuesday, April 2
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30–2:30 pm
This month: Peoria Reads 2019 Selection Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant? by Roz Chast

Tuesday, April 2
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment – 4:30–5:30 pm
Join us for a discussion of Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment by James Patterson. Max is not your typical genius. Grades 4 to 8.

Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17 & 24
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. Age 0 to 23 months.

Wednesday, April 3
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Sensory Storytime – 4:00–4:45 pm
Books, activities, and music designed to engage the senses for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other special needs.
Wednesday, April 3
MCCLURE BRANCH
Piggy Bank Painting – 4:00-5:00 pm
Stop by to paint a piggy bank to take home and start saving!

Thursday, April 4, 11, 18 & 25
MCCLURE BRANCH
Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am
Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, April 4
MCCLURE BRANCH
A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts! Ages 2 to 3.

Thursday, April 4
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Skittles Science Experiment – 4:00-5:00 pm
DIY rainbow magic using Skittles candies and warm water. Ages 5 to 10.

Thursday, April 4
MCCLURE BRANCH
Life Insurance: Who Benefits? – 4:00-5:00 pm
Learn how you can be “Money Smart” about this critical topic from Christell Faustos Aboytes, a neighborhood Farmer’s Insurance agent.

Friday, April 5
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Toddler Art – 10:15-11:00 am
Explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills.

Friday, April 5
MCCLURE BRANCH
Constellation Jars – 3:45-4:45 pm
Create constellations in a jar and learn the story behind them! Ages 5 to 10.

Friday, April 5, 12, 19 & 26
NORTH BRANCH
Children’s Choice Award Storytime – 4:00-4:30 pm
Storytimes featuring the finalists for the Children’s Choice Book Awards. Afterwards, cast your vote! Ages 4 to 8.

Saturday, April 6, 13, 20 & 27
NORTH BRANCH
Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

Saturday, April 6
MCCLURE BRANCH
Easter Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 pm
Make a craft to celebrate Easter.

Saturday, April 6
LINCOLN BRANCH
Science Saturday – 11:00-1:00 pm
Spaghetti Tower: Can you make a tower taller than you? Milk & Cookies and the Scientific Method: conduct an experiment and eat the leftovers!

Saturday, April 6
NORTH BRANCH
National Bookmobile Day Celebration – 1:00-5:00 pm
Celebrate our Bookmobile with treats, a craft, a storytime and a chance to win a $25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Saturday, April 6
MAIN LIBRARY
The DNA Discussion – 2:00-3:15 p.m.
Learn about how technology and the future is a driving force in uncovering more about the past. Find out about the various top companies and the differences in their testing structures and reports. Hear more about what you can do with your results once they return. Discover more about YOU.

Sunday, April 7
NORTH BRANCH
Music in the McKenzie Presents: Fox Crossing Stringband – 2:00-4:00 pm
The ladies of Fox Crossing Stringband bring high harmonies plus dobro, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, and bass. Six instruments across four vocalists will leave you chasing these foxes for their new bluegrass sound. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

April 8-13
MCCLURE BRANCH
The Book Was First Movie Series – 10:30 am-1:00 pm
Join in a viewing of Shutter Island based on the book by Dennis Lehane.

April 8-13
MAIN LIBRARY
National Library Week: A Bookworm Celebration
Join us to celebrate National Library Week with a bookworm hunt, craft, and a guessing jar game.

April 8-13
NORTH BRANCH
Atlantic Monthly Discussion Group – 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Read and discuss articles in the current Atlantic Monthly. Facilitators are Marge Semmens and Catriona Ritenhouse.

April 8-13
MAIN LIBRARY
National Library Week: Libraries = Strong Communities
Share your thoughts on the Peoria community display to be entered to win a $10 gift card.

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NORTH BRANCH
Storytime Lab – 1:30-2:00 pm
Stories about concepts in science, technology, engineering, art, and math with hands-on exploration! Ages 3 to 6.

Monday, April 8
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Screen-Free Afternoon – 3:30-5:30 pm
Spend your afternoon playing one of our educational board games or working on one of our puzzles. Ages 6 to 9.

Monday, April 8 & 15
LINCOLN BRANCH
Coding Unplugged – 4:00-5:00 pm
April 8: Relay Bugs
April 15: Parity Magic & Telephone

April 8, 10 & 12
NORTH BRANCH
National Library Week Movies – 4:00-5:30 pm
April 8: The Librarian: Quest for the Spear; April 10: The Librarian: Return to King Solomon’s Mines; April 12: The Librarian: The Curse of the Judas Chalice

Monday, April 8
MCCLURE BRANCH
Low-Tech Maker Monday – 4:00-5:30 pm
Enjoy an afternoon of creating with a low-tech craft each month! Ages 6 to 13.

Thursday, April 9
LINCOLN BRANCH
Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt – 4:00-5:00 pm
You will have to follow special clues to find the eggs. Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, April 9
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Rainbow Shaving Cream Marbled Art – 4:30-5:30 pm
Have a blast with colorful marble painting. Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, April 9
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.

Wednesday, April 10
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Kids Advisory Board – 4:30-5:30 pm
This is your chance to help us organize some upcoming programs. Ages 9-12.

Wednesday, April 10
NORTH BRANCH
STEAM Explorations – 4:30-5:30 pm
This month we will be exploring oil spill clean-up. Ages 6 to 11.

April 11 & April 16
LINCOLN BRANCH
Puppet Show: The Mysterious Egg – 10:00-10:30 am
Come and help find out what’s inside this “mysterious egg!” Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, April 11
LINCOLN BRANCH
CD Weaving – 4:00-5:00 pm
Come choose your favorite kinds of yarn as we recycle old CDs to weave something beautiful! Ages 11 to 18.

Thursday, April 11
NORTH BRANCH
Peoria Speaks: Legalization of Marijuana – What to Consider – 6:00-7:30 pm
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, Monica Hendrickson, Public Health Administrator at Peoria City/County Health Department, will share information from a recent national conference she attended regarding how various states have dealt with the legalization of marijuana issue. The floor will then be open to further discuss the topics she introduces. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 13
MCCLURE BRANCH
CommuniTeach Kick-off: Celebrating Peoria’s Skills and Talents – 2:00-2:45 pm
CommuniTeach is a pilot program meant to celebrate the diverse skills and experiences of Peoria’s residents. If you are interested in leading a class or just curious to learn about the program’s vision, stop in to hear more!

Saturday, April 13
MCCLURE BRANCH
You-Pick Flick – 3:00-5:00 pm
Every second Saturday, you can enjoy the You-Pick Flick for the month. Be sure to cast your vote for next month!

Saturday, April 13
MAIN LIBRARY
NEA Big Read: Peoria Reads 2019 Baby Boomers Ball – 6:30-8:30 pm
As we wrap up our community reading of Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant?, join us for a Baby Boomers Ball featuring live music of the 60s and 70s performed by local acoustic guitar duo Random Strangers. Prom or hippie-themed attire is encouraged!

Sunday, April 14
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Sensory Friendly Family Film – 2:00-4:00 pm
Join us for this sensory friendly showing of Home. Rated PG.
**APRIL CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 14**
NORTH BRANCH

Biography and Nonfiction Book Club – 3:00-4:30 pm

This month: *Duel With the Devil: The True Story of How Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr Teamed Up to Take on America’s First Sensational Murder Mystery* by Paul Collins

**April 15-20**
MCCLURE BRANCH

Super Hero Spring Break – 2:00-4:00 pm

Get ready for the release of Marvel *Avengers: Endgame*! April 15: *Spider-Man Homecoming*; April 16: *Doctor Strange*; April 17: *Black Panther*; April 18: *Thor: Ragnarok*; April 19: *Ant-Man and the Wasp*

**April 15-19**
MCCLURE BRANCH

Spring Break Gaming – 4:30-5:30 pm

Enjoy some video, board, or card gaming with your friends!

**Monday, April 15**
NORTH BRANCH

Popcorn & Pajamas “Drive-In” Movie Theater – 5:30-7:30 pm

We are transforming the McKenzie Room into a drive-in movie theater for preschoolers. Wear comfy pajamas and bring a cardboard box to create your car. Call 497-2100 to reserve your child’s “ticket”. Ages 3 to 7.

**Monday, April 15**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

This month: *Long Sunset* by Jack McDevitt

**Tuesday, April 16**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Exploring Nature: Owl Pellets – 4:00-5:00 pm

Learn what barn owls eat and how their digestion works in this hands-on session. Register at 497-2150 or programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us.

**Tuesday, April 16**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:45 pm

This month: *Sadie* by Courtney Summers

**Wednesday, April 17**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Family Dance Party – 2:00-3:00 pm

Get your groove on! All ages.

**Thursday, April 18**
NORTH BRANCH

Third Thursday Film Fest: A Year of Musicals – 2:00-4:30 pm

This month: *Singin’ in the Rain*

**Thursday, April 18**
LINCOLN BRANCH

Writing Group: Pokemon Edition – 4:00-5:00 pm

This month we are going to explore creating new Pokemon. Ages 11 to 18.

**Friday, April 19**
MCCLURE BRANCH

Painted Rocks – 2:00-3:00 pm

We’ll decorate rocks to leave around the park to brighten someone’s day.

**Saturday, April 20**
MCCLURE BRANCH

Jelly Bean STEAM – 10:00-1:00 pm

Resource sharing and support.

**Saturday, April 20**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Participants are encouraged to bring a recent favorite graphic novel to share.

**Monday, April 22**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Family Flicks – 12:30-2:30 pm

Join us for a screening of *Small Foot*.

**Monday, April 22**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Earth Day: Seed Me Grow! – 4:00-5:00 pm

Plant seeds and learn about photosynthesis and the parts of a plant.

**Monday, April 22**
MCCLURE BRANCH

Green Cleaning – 4:30-5:30 pm

Make two organic cleaning products to use at home during spring cleaning. Call 309-497-2700 to register.

**April 23-26**
MCCLURE BRANCH

Avengers Recap! – 3:00-5:30 pm

April 23: *Marvel’s Avengers*  
April 24: *Marvel Avengers: Age of Ultron*  
April 25: *Captain America: Civil War*  
April 26: *Marvel Avengers: Infinity War*

**Tuesday, April 23**
LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Seasons Poetry Writing – 4:30-5:30 pm

Express change from winter into spring through poetry.

**Tuesday, April 23**
LINCOLN BRANCH

Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 pm

This month: *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* by Anthony Ray Hinton

**Wednesday, April 24**
NORTH BRANCH

Comic Corps Club – 5:00-6:00 pm

Participants are encouraged to bring a recent favorite graphic novel to share.

**Wednesday, April 24**
NORTHWOODS MALL

Librarians Walk Too! Fundraiser – Register 5:00 p.m.; Walk 6:00 p.m.  
Proceeds go to Friends of the Peoria Public Library. For more information, call 497-2600.

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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, May 19 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss King Leopold’s Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa by Adam Hochschild. In the 1880s, as the European powers were carving up Africa, King Leopold II of Belgium seized for himself the vast and mostly unexplored territory surrounding the Congo River. Carrying out a genocidal plundering of the Congo, he looted its rubber, brutalized its people, and ultimately slashed its population by ten million—all the while shrewdly cultivating his reputation as a great humanitarian. Heroic efforts to expose these crimes eventually led to the first great human rights movement of the twentieth century. King Leopold’s Ghost is the haunting account of a megalomaniac of monstrous proportions. It is also the deeply moving portrait of those who fought Leopold. With great power and compassion, King Leopold’s Ghost will brand the tragedy of the Congo onto the conscience of the West.

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet Tuesday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss Night: A Memoir by Elie Wiesel. Night offers an unforgettable account of the horrors of Hitler’s reign. Through the eyes of 14-year-old Eliezer, we behold the tragic fate of the Jews from the town of Sighet. Even as they are stuffed into cattle cars bound for Auschwitz, the townspeople refuse to believe rumors of anti-Semitic atrocities. Not until they are marched toward the crematory at the camp’s “reception center” does the terrible truth sink in.

The Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23 to discuss “The Adventure of the Priory School.” Oh, how tangled family relationships get, especially when your illegitimate, secret son hatches a plot to kidnap his half-brother, the heir to the throne. Throw in some shady accomplices and blackmail, and you have all the makings of a family reunion gone bad.

The Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss A Is For Alibi by Sue Grafton. This is the first book of the alphabet series and the introduction of private investigator, Kinsey Millhone. Millhone picks up the cold trail of the killer of her client’s murdered husband.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss What Every Girl Should Know by J. Albert Mann. This compelling historical novel spans the early and very formative years of feminist and women’s health activist Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, as she struggles to find her way amidst the harsh realities of poverty. As a feisty and opinionated young woman, Margaret Higgins Sanger witnessed and experienced incredible hardships, which led to her groundbreaking work as an advocate for women’s rights and the founder of Planned Parenthood. This fiery novel of Margaret’s early life paints the portrait of a young woman with the passion and courage to change the world.

Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet on Tuesday, June 11 at 1:00 p.m. Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland. Midwinter Break by Bernard Mac Laverty is a moving portrait of retired couple Gerry and Stella Gilmore’s marriage in crisis. Through accurate, compassionate observation and effortlessly elegant writing, MacLaverty reveals the long-unspoken insecurities that exist between Gerry and Stella over their four-day holiday in Amsterdam, crafting a profound examination of human love.

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, May 13 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Altered Carbon by Richard Morgan. In the twenty-fifth century, humankind has spread throughout the galaxy. Now, a person’s consciousness can be stored and easily downloaded into a new body (or “sleeve”). Takeshi Kovacs has been killed before, but his last death was particularly painful. Re-sleeved into a body in Bay City, Kovacs is thrown into the heart of a far-reaching conspiracy that is vicious even by the standards of a society that treats “existence” as something that can be bought and sold.

The Read on Book Club will meet at Lincoln Branch on Tuesday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Second Time Sweeter by Beverly Jenkins. With a reputation as a player, Malachi “Mal” July is now a recovering alcoholic who has made progress in redeeming himself in the eyes of his family and the citizens of Henry Adams, Kansas. He’s not only turned his diner into a profitable business; he also mentors the town’s foster kids. And he’s even staying true to one woman, Bernadine Brown. But a moment of pride makes Mal betray his friends and family, and lose Bernadine’s trust and love. Can he win back her forgiveness?
**APRIL CALENDAR**

**Thursday, April 25**
LINCOLN BRANCH
Rock Painting – 4:15-4:45 pm
Transform some rocks, which can be hidden for people to find! Ages 5 to 10.

**Thursday, April 25**
NORTH BRANCH
Sherlock Holmes Story Society – 6:30-7:30 pm
This month: “The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist.”

**Friday, April 26**
LINCOLN BRANCH
Dream House Design – 3:45-4:45 pm
We are designing our dream houses with all the amenities! Ages 11 to 18.

**Saturday, April 27**
NORTHWOODS MALL
Librarians Walk Too! Fundraiser – Register 7:00 a.m.; Walk 8:00 a.m.
Proceeds go to Friends of the Peoria Public Library. For more information, call 497-2600.

**Saturday, April 27**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Self-Advocacy During Transition – 10:30 am-1:00 pm
Family Matters Parent Training and Resource Center will lead a workshop about learning tools to become a self advocate. Register at 309-497-2204.

**Saturday, April 27**
MCCLURE BRANCH
Peoria Strong, Peoria Proud: A Community Conversation – 3:00-4:00 pm
A conversation about the Libraries = Strong Communities display.

**Sunday, April 28**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Book’Em Mystery Book Club–2:00-3:30 pm
This month: Look Alive Twenty-Five by Janet Evanovich

**Sunday, April 28**
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Pet Parents Day Celebration–2:00-4:00 pm
Learn information on pet safety, make some treats, do a craft, take a photo, or consider becoming a pet parent!

**Put Summer Reading on Your Calendar Now!**

In just two months the long, lazy days of summer will be packed with everything from camp to vacations to cookouts and trips to the pool. Plan now to make participation in the Peoria Public Library Summer Reading program, “It’s Showtime at Your Library,” a priority!

Summer Reading is for all ages and offers weekly prizes as well as an invitation to a grand party for those who complete six of seven weeks of the program. The program runs from June 2 to July 20 and participants only have to read three hours per week and then report their reading at their favorite branch.

Not only is Summer Reading the best possible way to keep students reading at grade level during the summer break, but it’s a great way for seniors to keep minds active and families to do an activity they can enjoy together.

You can sign up at any Peoria Public Library branch or on the Bookmobile, starting in May and then begin reporting your reading in June. Summer comes fast! Plan now to be a Summer Reader!