



Kids of All Ages

Friday, April 5 – Lakeview Branch

Drop In: LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00 pm
Calling all LEGO fans! Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

Saturday, April 6 & Sunday, April 7 – Lincoln Branch

Easter Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 pm
Come make a fun and easy craft to celebrate Easter.

April 7-13 – McClure Branch

National Library Week: Libraries = Strong Communities
Share your thoughts on the Peoria community's strengths (or weaknesses) on our National Library Week display. All those who contribute will be entered to win a \$10 gift card.

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 harmonies plus driving rhythm of 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 – Main Library

National Library Week: A Bookworm Celebration
Find bookworms for a small prize, pick up a craft, and guess how many gummy worms are in our jar.

Monday, April 8 – North Branch

National Bookmobile Day Celebration – 1:00-5:00 pm
Come help us celebrate our Bookmobile. There will be treats, a make-it-take-it craft, a special story time and a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

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*

Saturday, April 13 – McClure Branch

Drop-In: Easter Craft – 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Pick up an Easter craft to get ready for the holiday!

Saturday, April 13 – Lakeview Branch

Drop In: Sensory Art – 10:15-11:30 am
This non-structured art session allows you to choose the materials to create your own unique masterpiece.

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 (Wii and Xbox 360), board, or card gaming with your friends during Spring Break!

Saturday, April 20 – Lincoln Branch

Lincoln Branch Annual Easter Egg Hunt – 2:30-3:30 pm
Come help us find the 3,000 eggs the Easter Bunny hid!

Saturday, April 20 – North Branch

Drop-In: Giant Board Game – 3:00-4:00 pm
This month we will be playing Jenga.

Monday, April 22 – Lakeview Branch

Family Flicks – 12:30-2:30 pm
Join us for a screening of *Small Foot* (rated PG, 2018).

April 23-26 – McClure Branch

Avengers Recap! – 3:00-5:30 pm
Refresh your memory of the epic Avengers movies: 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
April is National Poetry Month. Let your creativity shine as you express change from winter into spring through poetry.

Sunday, April 28 – Lakeview Branch

Pet Parents Day Celebration – 2:00-4:00 pm
Learn information on pet safety, make some treats, take a family photo, or even consider becoming a pet parent!

Monday, April 29-Sunday, May 5 – All locations

Children's Choice Book Awards Voting
Vote for their favorite book of the past year.

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EVENTS

APRIL 2019



Storytimes

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.

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.



Storytimes

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 with sensory play and socialization for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other special needs.

Thursday, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 – McClure Branch

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

Thursday, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 – North Branch

A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
We're learning the alphabet! Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts as we focus on learning the shapes of letters and the sounds they make! Ages 2 to 3.

Friday, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 – North Branch

Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

Friday, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 – North Branch

Children's Choice Award Storytime – 4:00-4:30 pm
Come to these storytimes featuring the finalists for the Children's Choice Book Awards. Once we're done, you can cast your vote for the winner! Ages 4 to 8.

Saturday, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 – North Branch

Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

Monday, April 8 – 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.

Saturday, April 13 – Main Library

Once Upon a Time Story Hour – 10:30-11:30 am
Join us for a fairy tale themed story hour complete with activity time as well as craft time. Children are welcome to come dressed in costume, but dressing up is not a requirement to attend.

Wednesday, April 17 – Lakeview Branch

Family Dance Party – 2:00-3:00 pm
Get your groove on and bring your best and silliest dance moves to this non-stop dance party!

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Main Library
309-497-2000
Closed on Sunday

Lakeview Branch
309-497-2200
Closed on Thursday

Lincoln Branch
309-497-2600
Closed on Wednesday

McClure Branch
309-497-2700
Closed on Sunday

North Branch
309-497-2100
Closed on Tuesday

Early Learners

April – All locations

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Read 1,000 books to your child and earn prizes for every 100. After 1,000 books, they will be invited to a graduation party.

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. Ages 2 to 7.

Friday, April 5 – 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. Dress for a mess.

Friday, April 5 – McClure Branch

Friday, April 12 – 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 months.

Thursday, April 11 & Tuesday, April 16 – Lincoln Branch

Puppet Show: The Mysterious Egg – 10:00-10:30 am

Come find out what's inside this "mysterious egg!" Ages 3-6.

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. Enjoy cartoons on the big screen with some popcorn and snacks. Call 497-2100 to reserve your child's "ticket." Ages 3 to 7.

Friday, April 19 – McClure Branch

Friday, April 26 – Lakeview Branch

Toddler Play Zone – 10:15-11:15 am

Join us for a special playgroup for toddlers to interact, play with educational toys, and read books. Ages 2 to 4.

Tuesday, April 9 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Rainbow Shaving Cream Marbled Art – 4:30-5:30 pm

Have a blast creating fun, squishy art with colorful marble painting using shaving cream and watercolors. Ages 5 to 10.

Wednesday, April 10 – Lakeview Branch

Kids Advisory Board – 4:30-5:30 pm

Voice your opinion on what you want to see at your library! Can't make it to this meeting, but interested in being on the Board? Call 309-497-2200 and ask for Katy. Ages 9 to 12.

Wednesday, April 10 – North Branch

STEAM Explorations – 4:30-5:30 pm

Discover the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math topics that are all around us! This month we will be exploring oil spill clean-up. Ages 6 to 11.

Sunday, April 14 – Lakeview Branch

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

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

Tuesday, April 16 – Lakeview Branch

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

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

Friday, April 19 – Lakeview Branch

Painted Rocks – 2:00-3:00 pm

We'll decorate rocks to leave around the park to brighten someone's day when they find it. Ages 5 to 10.

Grade School

Saturday, April 20 – McClure Branch

Jelly Bean STEAM – 10:00-11:00 am

Try your hand at some fun jelly bean STEAM activities to celebrate National Jelly Bean Day! Ages 5 to 10.

Monday, April 22 – Lakeview Branch

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

Celebrate Earth Day by planting some seeds and learning about photosynthesis and the parts of a plant. Ages 5 to 10.

Thursday, April 25 – Lincoln Branch

Rock Painting – 4:15-4:45 pm

We are going to transform some rocks, which can later be hidden around Peoria for people to find! Ages 5 to 10.

Monday, April 29-Saturday, May 4 – Main Library

Children's Reading Walk

Just follow along and enjoy the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. When you finish the book, check in at the Information Desk to pick up a craft and a small prize.

Middle School / High School

Monday & Tuesday, April 1, 2, 8, 9 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 & 30 – Lincoln Branch

Project Next Generation – 4:00-6:00 pm

Students will learn how to code and build Servo Pom Pom Robots. Ages 10 to 18. Register by calling 309-497-2600!

Tuesday, April 2 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment – 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon discussion of *Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment* by James Patterson. Grades 4 to 8.

Saturday, April 6 – North Branch

Teen Anime Showing – 3:00-4:00 pm

Come hang out with others who share your interests and watch a couple episodes of *Bakuman*. Ages 12 to 17.

Monday, April 8 – 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.

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 18 – Lincoln Branch

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

We will explore creating new Pokemon. Ages 11 to 18.

Wednesday, April 24 – North Branch

Comic Corps Club – 5:00-6:00 pm

Participants are encouraged to bring their most recent favorite graphic novel to share and discuss with others.

Friday, April 26 – Lincoln Branch

Dream House Design – 3:45-4:45 pm

Using our keen eye, we are designing our dream houses complete with all the amenities! Ages 11 to 18.

Saturday, April 27 – Lakeview Branch

Self-Advocacy During Transition – 10:30 am-1:00 pm

Family Matters Parent Training and Resource Center leads a workshop about tools to become a self advocate while transitioning to adulthood. Call 309-497-2204 to register.

Tuesday, April 30 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Tongue Twisters – 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us for a fun time for Tongue Twister Bee. Create your very own famous Tongue Twister. Ages 11 to 13.

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April – Lakeview Branch & McClure Branch

Reading Challenges

Select the challenges you want to take part in during 2019. Bring in your completed challenge to receive a bookmark and an entry into a drawing for a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card.

April – Main Library

Growing the "Poet-tree"

We will provide a special leaf for you to write a poem on and we'll display it on the branches of the "poet-tree". A selection of poetry books will be on display if you need inspiration.

April 1-14 – North Branch

National Library Week: Navigate Nonfiction

Celebrate National Library Week by learning how to use the Dewey Decimal System! Participate in a scavenger hunt to find books on certain subjects and earn a treat for matching each subject with the correct call number.

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!

Grade School

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.

Thursday, April 4 – Lincoln Branch

Front&Center: Skittles Science Experiment–4:00-5:00pm

DIY rainbow magic using Skittles and water. Ages 5-10.

Easter Egg Drop – 4-5:00pm

We are going to build a special basket for our eggs, then test out the baskets to see which is safest! Ages 5-10.

Friday, April 5 – Lincoln Branch

Constellation Jars – 3:45-4:45 pm

With April bringing rain and clouds, there's less chance to look and see the stars, so we decided to create our own constellations in a jar. Ages 5 to 10.

Saturday, April 6 – Lincoln Branch

Science Saturday – 11:00-1:00pm

Spaghetti Tower: can you make a tower taller than you? Milk & Cookies and the Scientific Method: explore why some things sink and other things float and eat the leftovers!

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.

Thursday, April 9 – Lincoln Branch

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt – 4:00-5:00 pm

The Easter Bunny has shown up and dropped a few eggs early this year. To find them, you will have to follow special clues and solve the scavenger hunt. Ages 5 to 10.