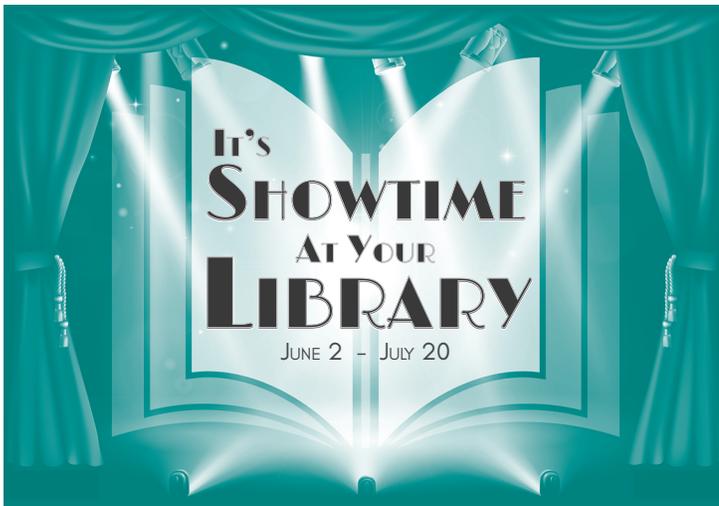


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It's Summer Reading Sign Up Time!

Making summer plans? First stop, sign up for Summer Reading at your favorite Peoria Public Library branch. It's the summer fun that goes with you everywhere, takes place rain or shine and grows brain power for every age. Plus everyone can relax and enjoy themselves while they participate!

"It's Showtime at the Library" is the Summer Reading theme this year and the team at Peoria Public Library has devised activities and rewards to fill the seven week program with entertainment and learning opportunities for the entire family. To participate, simply visit your favorite branch in May or early June to sign up. You are agreeing to read just three hours a week and all reading counts, including reading to others. Each week when you sign in you receive a reward. If you read six of the seven weeks of

the program, you earn a party pass for the Summer Reading Party at Peoria Riverfront Museum. It includes all the delights the museum offers plus additional entertainment and prizes.

Summer Reading runs from June 2 to July 20, with the party taking place on July 23 from 6-8 p.m. Sign up starting in May or anytime all summer, but to be a summer reader for six weeks and get to the party, you must sign up by June 15.

Groups may register and read together as well. To get more information about how schools, day cares, senior centers or other groups can participate, please call (309) 497-2141 or email programming@peoriapubliclibrary.org. All ages from newborns to seniors are encouraged to participate. Reading provides vital skill growth and maintenance for young students and keeps older brains active and growing, providing an enriched life at any age.

Is Your Information Safe at the Library?

You may not have considered the safety and security of your personal information at the library. After all, it isn't a bank! Yet identity theft is something that concerns us all. Peoria Public Library has your name, birth date, address and knows what you have checked out. All this information is closely guarded and secure in the RSA Cat database, a service overseen by a group of area libraries. The record of what materials you have checked out is erased the moment your item is returned. This protects you from possible legal investigations or court actions as there is no existing record to be turned over or viewed.

Your library card is a precious document. If you lose it, report the loss immediately so that someone else cannot check out materials. If someone should steal your card and use it you then become liable for the cost of the materials and

if you should be turned into collections for not paying for the loss, your credit is affected. Keep track of your library card just as you would your credit card.

Inside the library are many public computers as well as our free wifi. Your browser activity is set to erase as soon as you close out your browser on public computers. Please be aware, however, that Peoria Public Library wifi may not be secure for your sensitive transactions. While there is a policy prohibiting misuse of the wifi by others to steal your information, policies do not impress criminals! It is best if you use your own data on your device to conduct sensitive transactions online inside the library.

Peoria Public Library offers a variety of streaming and downloadable music, movie and book services as well as research portals and other information. All of these are provided by outside vendors, not Peoria Public Library. The library staff does their best to investigate the security



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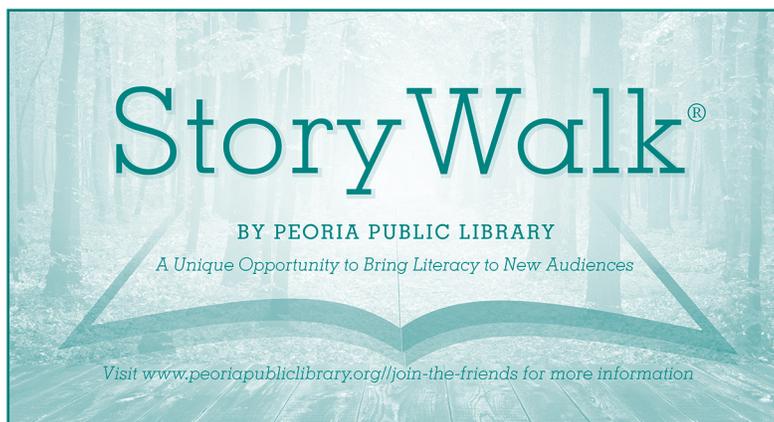
measures of any such service before we purchase it for use by our patrons, but in an age of hackers, the theft of names, emails, phone numbers and more is constant.

Theft can also happen when personal property such as purses or backpacks are left unattended. Please keep your belongings with you at all times when in the library just as you would in any other public place. All locations do have security cameras and some have security guards to ensure our patrons can relax and enjoy all the library has to offer.

With reasonable precautions, your information is safe at Peoria Public Library.

Lakeview Branch Forms Kids Advisory Board

If your child is interested in the library and what is offered for tweens, ages 9 – 12, they are invited to join the Kids Advisory Board! The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and will be a discussion on when future meetings will be held and a chance to help start organizing some programs. Kids across the country help libraries plan the activities they want to attend at the library. It is a chance to learn how to work on a board and have a say in what happens at the library. Anyone who can't make it to this meeting but would like to participate should call (309) 497-2200 and ask for Katy or email programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us



The Case of the Missing Females BY AMBER LOWERY

There is a significant amount of grumping and grouching among genealogists concerning the common case of lost females in their family history.

Historically, among Western culture, it is tradition that when a child is born, they are given their father's surname, and if they are female, when they marry, she changes her last name to her spouse's surname instead. While this is not a problem, per se, it does make tracking a woman through history a bit harder.

Consider this: when you read an obituary from the early 1900's, the woman is often referred to as Mrs. (insert husband's name). If you're lucky, or her family was well-known, you might find a mention of her parents, but that's not always the case. Further, the farther you go back, the less likely you are to find the names you are seeking. Add in the difficulties of migrating families and those that had common last names and it becomes a major headache and a road block in your research.

Then we have the rippling effect of the lost census of 1890. Want to goad a genealogist? Ask them about the 1890 census. Be prepared for a reaction. It's not just the loss of the information the census held, but also the fact that between 1880 and 1900 is an ENTIRE generation. Children who were born around 1880-1882 may never appear with their families if they were married by the age of 18. DNA tests can be exceptionally helpful here if testers have a well-built tree with documentation.

But still, our trees will be waiting for the lost information of those who "disappeared" in the records under a different name.

Are you currently stuck on a family line with lost females? Come by the Peoria Public Library Main Library and peruse our stacks! It could be the information you seek is waiting for you here. Ask our staff if they have research ideas to help you go over your brick wall.

**HOT NEW
TITLES**
BY
ROBIN HELENTHAL

Coming in March 2019

The Bride Test by Helen Hoang is a modern-day romance with a twist. Esme Tran is a young Vietnamese woman who works as a maid in a hotel in Ho

Chi Minh to support herself and her young daughter. Khai Diep is a California-born, Vietnamese-American who is a genius with numbers but when he is diagnosed with autism, he decides that relationships are a wasted effort. Khai's matchmaking mother disagrees and goes to Vietnam to find him a wife. After a chance encounter with Esme, she invites her to come to America for the summer and meet Khai. Khai and Esme have an instant mutual attraction but there are many misunderstandings and their differences in class, culture and mistaken beliefs create barriers they have to overcome. As Khai learns to understand his heart and Esme pursues her goals and dreams, the relationship they develop is an example of how true love grows.

The Satapur Moonstone is the second whodunit by Sujata Massey featuring Bombay attorney Perveen Mistry. Set in the 1920s, Perveen is one of India's only female lawyers and has been approached to handle a delicate situation in the state of Satapur on behalf of the Kolhapur Agency, a British civil service unit in need of a legal investigator. The state's dowager maharani and her daughter-in-law are in a heated debate on where the current maharajah, 10-year-old Jiva Reo should be educated. Since maharanis avoid contact with men, the authorities feel that Perveen is the best person for the assignment. Perveen learns after accepting that the two previous rulers of Satapur, Reo's father and older brother, died suddenly within the last two years, which leads her to fear that Reo also may be at risk. The palace is full of intrigue that turns to murder. Perveen's mission goes beyond education to using her skill and intuition to keep the young prince and herself alive.

MAY CALENDAR

May

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.

May

MAIN LIBRARY

Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 am-6:00 pm

Kids ages 5-12 can pick up a craft at the 1st Floor Information Desk.

May

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.

May

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.

May

MCCLURE BRANCH

Support Our Small Businesses Challenge

We're celebrating Small Business Week (May 5-11, 2019) all month! Join us by completing a Support Peoria Small Businesses Challenge. Submit your completed challenge sheet for a chance to win a \$20 gift card to use at a locally-owned business.

May 1-4

MAIN LIBRARY

Children's Reading Walk

Panels from a picture book will be displayed around the children's room. 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 prize. Preschool - second grade.

May 1-5

ALL LOCATIONS

Children's Choice Book Awards Voting

Make your vote count, and let your voice be heard! Students in kindergarten to high school can vote for their favorite book of the past year. The winning titles will be announced in June.

Wednesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

LAKEVIEW BRANCH - 10:15-10:45 AM

Monday, May 6, 13 & 20

NORTH BRANCH - 10:30-11:00 AM

Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

Wednesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

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, May 1

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. Fidgets and ear muffs are available. Geared for patrons ages 4 to 8 with special needs.

Wednesday, May 1

MCCLURE BRANCH

Choose Privacy: Online Self Defense - 4:00-5:00 pm

It's Choose Privacy Week! Join us for an Online Self-Defense course to learn how to protect your privacy online.

Thursday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

MCCLURE BRANCH

Fun Time Storytime - 10:00-10:30 am

Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, May 2

LINCOLN BRANCH

Golden Books Preschool Program - 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Join us for a fun-filled morning celebrating the Golden Books stories with games, crafts, and snacks. Ages 3-6.

Thursday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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.

Thursday, May 2

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Puzzle Mania-4:00-5:00pm

Join us for a fun-filled time doing puzzles. Unwind with a crossword, word search, floor-sized puzzles and more! Compete with other students and set a record for putting together a 100 piece jigsaw puzzle! Ages 5 to 10.

Thursday, May 2

MCCLURE BRANCH

Online Privacy Playtime - 4:00-5:00 pm

Learn online privacy concepts through play! We'll start with a short talk inside the library, and then will move out to the grassy area behind the library to play games like "Keep Away from Cookies!" (Weather permitting.)

May 3-29

MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY

Historic Art Inspired by Local History

Historic Art Inspired by Local History will exhibit art from the Peoria Historical Society's collection as well as select artifacts which help tell the story behind the art. PHS is pleased to display several works by well-known Peoria artists such as Hedley Waycott, William Hardin and others. Select pieces from PHS's two historic house museums, the Pettengill-Morrison House and the John C. Flanagan House, will also be on display.



MAY CALENDAR

Friday, May 3

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, May 3 – MCCLURE BRANCH

Friday, May 10 – LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Baby Playground – 10:15-11:15 am

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

Friday, May 3, 10, 17 & 24

NORTH BRANCH

Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am

Children of all ages.

Friday, May 3

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

Friday, May 3

LINCOLN BRANCH

Solar S'mores – 3:45-4:45 pm

Summer's just around the corner, so to celebrate we are going to make s'mores in our very own solar ovens. Using some common household items such as tinfoil, construction paper, and a pizza box, we are going to harness the power of the sun and make s'mores! Ages 5 to 10.

Saturday, May 4

MAIN LIBRARY

Superhero Scavenger Hunt and Craft

Stop by to make a superhero mask and go on a scavenger hunt to discover where your favorite superhero characters like to hide in the library. Find the superheroes and receive a prize! Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade can pick up their sheet and craft at the Information Desk. While you're here, check out the library's growing collection of graphic novels!

Saturday, May 4, 11 & 18

NORTH BRANCH

Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am

Children of all ages.

Saturday, May 4

MCCLURE BRANCH

Teacher Appreciation Gift –11:00-11:30 am

With Teacher Appreciation day right around the corner, come make a gift for the person you see more than your own parents during the school year!

Saturday, May 4

LINCOLN BRANCH

Science Saturday – 11:00-1:00pm

Ice Cream in a Bag and Math! What happens when salt is added to ice? Find out and measure the change for yourself, and give yourself a reward with a delicious frosty treat. Also, we will experiment with the unbreakable baggie. With this fun and easy science experiment, you will learn about polymers and see them in action! For students in 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grades.

Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5

LINCOLN BRANCH

Mother's Day Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 pm

Come make a fun Mother's Day gift to give to your mother, grandmother, or special person. Children of all ages.

Saturday, May 4

NORTH BRANCH

Star Wars Day Storytime – 3:00-3:30 pm

May the fourth be with you! Celebrate Star Wars Day with a storytime that's out of this world! Costumes welcome. Aimed at padawans ages 4-8.

Saturday, May 4

MCCLURE BRANCH

Choose Privacy Movie: Eagle Eye – 3:00-5:00 pm

Whether you've attended earlier Choose Privacy Week events or just want to stop in for this one (and some free popcorn!), don't miss our Choose Privacy Movie: *Eagle Eye* (PG-13).

Saturday, May 4

NORTH BRANCH

Star Wars Day Team Trivia –3:30-5:30 pm

Put together a team of fellow Star Wars fans, and compete to claim the title of Star Wars Trivia Champions. Fans of all ages are invited to participate in teams of no more than 6 people. Call 309-497-2150 or email programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us to register your team.

Saturday, May 5

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

The DNA Discussion – 12:00-1:15 pm

Take this opportunity to 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.

May 6-11

MAIN LIBRARY

Make & Take Teacher Appreciation Craft

Come make something special to show your teachers how much you appreciate them and to say thank you for all they do! Children in kindergarten through 5th grade can pick up their craft at the Information Desk.

Monday, May 6 & 13

LINCOLN BRANCH

Coding Unplugged – 4:00-5:00 pm

May 6: Helping the Computer - We are discussing how computers run through data.

May 13: Coding Games - For the last session of the semester, we will be playing with different coding games and toys.

Monday & Tuesday, May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 & 28

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 who offer guidance, encouragement and friendship. 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, May 6

NORTH BRANCH

Learn Something at the Library: Crochet – 6:00-7:30 pm

Learn the basics of the art of crochet. All supplies will be provided. Adult beginners are invited to register for this event. One lucky participant will receive a gift basket of crochet supplies. Call 309-497-2150 to register.

Tuesday, May 7, 21 & 28

LINCOLN BRANCH

Terrific Tattletale Storytime-10:00-10:30am Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, May 7, 14, 21 & 28

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Tuesday, May 7

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 pm

This month: *Night: A Memoir* by Elie Wiesel

Tuesday, May 7

MCCLURE BRANCH

Small Business Resources at Your Library – 4:30-5:30 pm

It's Small Business Week! Whether you're already a small business owner or are looking to get a start-up off the ground, the Peoria Public Library can help with valuable information tools and resources. Join us to learn more!

Tuesday, May 7

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Celebrate Mom DIY Craft – 5:00-6:00 pm

Honor mom this Mother's Day with the perfect DIY gift made by you! Celebrate our mothers, grandmothers or anyone we hold near and dear to our heart.

Wednesday, May 8

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Kids Advisory Board – 4:30-5:30 pm

This is your chance to voice your opinion on what types of programs and items you want to see at your library! You'll have the opportunity to help us organize some programs. 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, May 8

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 math facts with GIANT Math Winder. Ages 6 to 11.

May 9 & 14

LINCOLN BRANCH

Puppet Show: Monster Reads – 10:00-10:30 am

Come and help Monster find some good books to read at the library! Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, May 9

NORTH BRANCH

Weather and What It Means to You – 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Chris Miller, the Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Lincoln, will share information about severe weather and how to stay safe.

Thursday, May 9

LINCOLN BRANCH

Obstacle Course – 4:00-5:00 pm

Try to beat you friends' time through the course of running, jumping, and trying not to fall into the 'hot lava', and maybe earn a prize! Ages 5-10.

Saturday, May 11

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Kitty Café – 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Grab a cup of coffee and play with adoptable cats and kittens from the Peoria County Animal Protection Services. This is a great opportunity to interact with cats and see if your family is ready to add a cat to your household.

Saturday, May 11

MAIN LIBRARY

Once Upon a Time Story Hour-10:30-11:30am

Join us for a fairy tale themed story hour complete with activity time as well as craft time. Children are welcome to come in costume. Ages 3 to 7.

Saturday, May 11

MCCLURE BRANCH

Macramé for Mom – 1:00-2:00 pm

Come alone to create a gift, or bring your Mom and work together to make a macramé masterpiece. Ages 11 to 18.

Saturday, May 11

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's movie while you're here!

Sunday, May 12

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Join us for this sensory friendly showing of *Sherlock Gnomes*. The room will be lighter, the volume will be lower, and audience members will be welcome to move around, talk, and sing. The intended audience is children with special needs accompanied by siblings and caregivers, although everyone is welcome to attend.

Monday, May 13

MCCLURE BRANCH

The Book Was First Movie Series – 10:30 am-1:00 pm

Join in a viewing of the 2011 film *The Help* based on the book by Kathryn Stockett. Read the book before you come to see how the film measures up or just come to enjoy a movie and light refreshments on a Monday morning!

Monday, May 13

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, May 13

NORTH BRANCH

Preschool Art Playdate – 2:00-2:30 pm

Little artists can create a masterpiece and listen to a story. Ages 3 to 6.

Monday, May 13

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, May 13

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

This month: *Altered Carbon* by Richard Morgan

Tuesday, May 14

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Exploring Nature: Leaf Prints-4:00-5:00pm

Learn about the plants and trees in Lakeview Park when we explore outside to collect leaves, and then come back to the library to identify them and make a clay imprint of your leaf to take home. Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, May 14

LINCOLN BRANCH

Outside Games - 4:00-5:00 pm

Play outside with us! We will have games like Pool Noodle Marco Polo and Ring Leader, as well as some creative games designed to test your ingenuity and observation skills.

Tuesday, May 14

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Bobble Board Game - 5:00-6:00 pm

Play this fun-filled letter game that makes memorizing words easier. Each player searches the letters to make words of four letters or more. The person who finds the most words in 3 minutes is the winner. Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, May 14

MCCLURE BRANCH

Personal Safety: Don't Become a Victim - 6:00-8:00 pm

The first step to avoid becoming a victim is knowing how to protect yourself. The Peoria County Sheriff's Office Victim Services Coordinator, Aimee Shinall, will explain the best practices in helping to keep your family safe from abusive behaviors, residential burglary, common scams, and more.

Thursday, May 16

NORTH BRANCH

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

Enjoy a movie on the big screen. This month: *Meet Me in St. Louis* (1944)

Thursday, May 16

LINCOLN BRANCH

Writing Group: Two Lies and Truth Biographies - 4:00-5:00 pm

You and a partner will create a biography about yourselves & can fill it with as much factual (or false) information as you want. It's our job to decide what is true, and your job to make it as believable as possible. Ages 11 to 18.

Friday, May 17 - MCCLURE BRANCH

Friday, May 24 - LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Toddler Play Zone - 10:15-11:15 am

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

Saturday, May 18

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.

Saturday, May 18

NORTH BRANCH

Teen Craft: Picture Frame - 3:00-3:45 pm

Come decorate a picture frame to personalize your space. Ages 11 to 18.

May 19-24

ALL LOCATIONS

Food for Fines

For every non-perishable, non-expired can brought, we'll remove \$1.00 in fines from your account. Donated goods go to the Center for Prevention of Abuse.

Sunday, May 19

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

This month: *A is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton

Sunday, May 19

NORTH BRANCH

Music in the McKenzie Presents: Banjovi, Hawkins & Anne - 2:00-4:00 pm

Banjovi, Hawkins & Anne is a 3 piece band playing bluegrass, country, 60s, and 70s. With 3-part harmonies, banjo, guitar, and trumpet, they provide the type of sound for whatever an event calls for. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Sunday, May 19

NORTH BRANCH

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

This month: *King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa* by Adam Hochschild

Monday, May 20

MCCLURE BRANCH

Monday Morning Movie Series - 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Enjoy a classic movie with popcorn! Let's return to yesteryear! We've found some timeless treasures that are at least fifty years old! This week: *Cool Hand Luke* with Paul Newman (1967)

May 20-24

MCCLURE BRANCH

Mental Health Movie Break -3:30-5:30 pm

In honor of Mental Health Awareness month, enjoy a movie break with these timely movies. Simple stress-relieving activities will be available for movie-viewers if they wish to keep their hands busy while the movies play. For teens and adults.

May 20: *Rain Man*

May 21: *Matchstick Men*

May 22: *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

May 23: *The Skeleton Twins*

May 24: *It's Kind of a Funny Story*

May 20-22

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

"Cans" Film Festival for Fines-6:00-7:45pm

To celebrate Food for Fines, enjoy our mini film festival.

May 20: *Inside Out* (PG)

May 21: *The Iron Giant* (PG)

May 22: *Hachi: A Dog's Tale* (G)

Tuesday, May 21

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: What's the Mystery State - 5:00-6:00 pm

How many Mystery States can you guess? Search the clues to determine your answers! Ages 11 to 13.

Tuesday, May 21

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

This month: *What Every Girl Should Know* by J. Albert Mann

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JUNE 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, June 9 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss *The Blue Tattoo: The Life of Olive Oatman* by Margot Mifflin. This engaging biography examines the life of Olive Oatman, who was 13 years old when Indians attacked her Illinois Mormon family on its journey west; she was subsequently adopted and raised by the Mohave tribe. Mifflin tells Oatman's story, from the unorthodox religious convictions that led her family west, through her captivity and assimilation into Mohave culture, to her rescue and re-assimilation. Mifflin describes Oatman's ordeal and theorizes about its impact on Oatman herself as well as on popular imagination. The author seeks to correct much of the myth that has sprung up around Oatman, owing partly to a biography written with Oatman's participation during her life. Mifflin takes the position that Oatman was almost fully assimilated into Mohave culture and resisted "rescue," and that her return to mainstream society was a cause of ambivalence, if not anxiety. Though Mifflin sometimes seems a bit eager to make this argument, her book adds nuance to Oatman's story and humanizes the Mohave who adopted her.

The Read on Book Club will meet at Lincoln Branch on Tuesday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss *Shattered* by Kia DuPree. KiKi's world is turned upside down when her partially deaf mother loses custody of her children, sending KiKi and her siblings into foster care. After running away with a friend, the two girls run straight into the arms of a pedophile in disguise, who lures the girls into a life far too mature for their twelve-year-old minds. Held in captivity for months, the girls are finally set free when a neighbor exposes them. But what should have been a happy moment for KiKi actually sends her on a life path that spirals out of control.

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, June 10 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Consuming Fire* by John Scalzi. The Interdependency - humanity's interstellar empire - is on the verge of collapse. The extra-dimensional conduit that makes travel between the stars possible is disappearing, leaving entire systems and human civilizations stranded. Emperox Grayland II of the Interdependency is ready to take desperate measures to help ensure the survival of billions. But arrayed before her are those who believe the collapse of the Flow is a myth - or at the very least an opportunity to an ascension to power. While Grayland prepares for disaster, others are preparing for a civil war. A war that will take place in the halls of power, the markets of business and the altars of worship as much as it will between spaceships and battlefields.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Let's Go Swimming on Doomsday* by Natalie C. Anderson. When Abdi's family is kidnapped, he's forced to do the unthinkable: become a child soldier with the ruthless jihadi group Al Shabaab. In order to save the lives of those he loves, Abdi agrees to be embedded as a spy within the militia's ranks and to send dispatches on their plans to the Americans. The jihadists trust Abdi immediately because his older brother, Dahir, is already one of them. For weeks, Abdi trains with them, witnessing atrocity after atrocity, becoming a monster himself, wondering if he's even pretending anymore. He only escapes after he is forced into a suicide bomber's vest. Eventually, he finds himself on the streets of Sangu City, Kenya, stealing what he can find to get by, wondering what's become of the family that was stolen from him. But everything changes when Abdi's picked up for a petty theft, which sets into motion a chain reaction that forces him to reckon with a past he's been trying to forget.

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet Tuesday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner. It is the tragedy of the Compson family, featuring some of the most memorable characters in literature: beautiful, rebellious Caddy; the manchild Benjy; haunted, neurotic Quentin; Jason, the brutal cynic; and Dilsey, their black servant. Their lives fragmented and harrowed by history and legacy, the character's voices and actions mesh to create what is arguably Faulkner's masterpiece and one of the greatest novels of the twentieth century.

The Book 'Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Y Is For Yesterday*. A dark and disturbing case of rape and murder from 1979. Ten years later, a missing tape to the rape and murder surfaces with a demand for ransom money. A sociopath with a grudge stalks Kinsey Millhone as she is drawn into this family drama.

The Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27 to discuss "The Adventure of Black Peter." Holmes is called to investigate the murder of a distinctly unpleasant man who is found with a harpoon sticking out of his body in a landlubber's cabin.

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. MacLaverty reminds us why he is regarded as one of the greatest living Irish writers. Through accurate, compassionate observation and effortlessly elegant writing, MacLaverty reveals the long-unspoken insecurities that exist between Gerry and Stella over their holiday in Amsterdam, crafting a profound examination of human love.



MAY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 23

NORTH BRANCH

Sherlock Holmes Story Society – 6:30-7:30 pm

Whether you've read the classic Sherlock Holmes stories a million times or none at all, all are welcome to experience The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes in this reading discussion group. This month: "The Adventure of the Priory School."

Friday, May 24

LINCOLN BRANCH

Team Fun! – 3:45-4:45 pm

Show off your team work with some fun outside activities! There's everything from wacky relay races to the traditional three legged race. Do you have the skills necessary to win? Ages 11 to 18.

Tuesday, May 28

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Rock or Feather Critical Thinking – 5:00-6:00 pm

Learn things about yourself with this activity. Which word in each word pair best describes you? Ages 11 to 18.

Tuesday, May 28

LINCOLN BRANCH

Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 pm

This month: *Second Time Sweeter* by Beverly Jenkins

Tuesday, May 28

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Peoria Speaks: Situational Awareness – 6:00-7:30 pm

Peoria Speaks is a monthly community discussion program which focuses on topics of interest to Peorians. Funding for Peoria Speaks is being provided by Illinois Humanities through their Illinois Speaks program which is aimed at strengthening the democratic process through community dialogues across the state of Illinois. This month, Capt. Doug Gaa with the Peoria County Sheriff's Office will discuss the importance of situational awareness as it applies to home, public places, suspicious activity, the behaviors of those around us, and making the safest decisions when facing a threat or issue of concern. After this presentation, the floor will be opened up for questions and discussion.

Wednesday, May 29

NORTH BRANCH

Comic Corps Club – 5:00-6:00 pm

Join us for an all-new comic book club for high school students! Participants are encouraged but not required to bring their most recent Marvel graphic novel to share and discuss.

What's New in Large Print

BY TERI MILLER

Large print books are for anyone who enjoys the ease and convenience of reading larger type. Enjoy these bestsellers appearing on a Large Print Shelf at your favorite branch!

Neon Prey by John Sandford: Searching for a small-time criminal, U.S. Marshals find a jungle full of graves. Now Lucas Davenport is on the trail of a serial killer. (Main, Lakeview, Lincoln, McClure, North)

Tightrope by Amanda Quick: An ex-trapeze artist walks a tightrope between desire and danger as she is caught up in the mysterious circumstances surrounding the onstage death of an inventor in 1930s California. (Main, Lakeview, Lincoln, North)

The View from Alameda Island by Robyn Carr: A powerful story of a woman's best intentions leading to the worst of situations, and how love helps her find an inner strength and fight for happiness she deserves. (Main, Lakeview, Lincoln, North)

Sunset Beach by Mary Kay Andrews: Out of a job and down on her luck, things aren't getting any better for Drue Campbell when her estranged father shows up at her mother's funeral. (Lakeview, North)

Robert B. Parker's Buckskin by Robert Knott: After Appaloosa's sheriff is laid to rest, a handful of men vie for the office. No sooner are their campaigns under way than gold is discovered. (Lakeview, North)

Yankee Widow by Linda Lael Miller: Set against the backdrop of the Civil War, exploring the complexities and heartbreak that families experienced as men took up arms to preserve the nation and defend their way of life. (Lakeview, North)

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