

Kids of All Ages

May – Lakeview Branch & McClure Branch Reading Challenges

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

May – McClure Branch

Support Our Small Businesses Challenge

We're celebrating Small Business Week (May 5-11) all month! Complete a Support Peoria Small Businesses Challenge for a chance to win a \$20 gift card to use at a locally-owned business.

May 1-5 – All locations

Children's Choice Book Awards Voting

Make your vote count, and let your voice be heard! Vote for your favorite book of the past year.

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.

Friday, May 3 – Lakeview Branch

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

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

Saturday, May 4 – McClure Branch

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

Come make a gift for the person you see more than your own parents during the school year!

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 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. Call 309-497-2150 or email programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us to register your team.

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!

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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 – McClure Branch

You-Pick Flick – 3:00-5:00 pm

You picked it, now we're playing it! Be sure to cast your vote for next month's movie while you're here!

Monday, May 6 & 13 – 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.

May 6: Helping the Computer - We are discussing how computers run through data. May 13: Coding Games - We will be playing with different coding games and toys.

Tuesday, May 14 – Lincoln Branch

Outside Games – 4:00-5:00 pm

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.

May 19-24 – All locations

Food for Fines

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

Sunday, May 19 – North Branch

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

Banjovi & Hawkins is a 3 piece band playing bluegrass, country, 60s, and 70s. Featuring three part harmonies, with 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.

May 20-22 – Lakeview Branch

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

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

Monday, May 20: *Inside Out* (PG)

Tuesday, May 21: *The Iron Giant* (PG)

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

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EVENTS

MAY 2019

Storytimes

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 sensory play and socialization for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other special needs. Geared for ages 4-8.

Thursday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – McClure Branch

Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am

Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – North Branch

A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am

Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts as we focus on learning the shapes and sounds they make! Ages 2 to 3.

Friday, May 3, 10, 17 & 24 – North Branch

Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am

Children of all ages.

Saturday, May 4, 11 & 18 – North Branch

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

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. Fun for the whole family, but aimed at padawans ages 4-8.

Tuesday, May 7, 21 & 28 – Lincoln Branch

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

Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, May 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Lakeview Branch

Toddler Tales – 10:15-10:45 am

Ages 2 to 4.

Saturday, May 11 – 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. Recommended for ages 3 to 7.

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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

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.

Sign up at any Peoria Public Library location. Details are given at the time of signup. Once your child reads 1,000 books, they will be invited to a graduation party.

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. For ages 3-6.

Friday, May 3 – Lakeview Branch

Toddler Art – 10:15-11:00 am

Join us once a month for a fun artful activity geared towards toddlers. Let your child explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills along the way. Dress for a mess.

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.

Thursday, May 9 & Tuesday, May 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.

Monday, May 13 – North Branch

Preschool Art Playdate – 2:00-2:30 pm

Little artists can create a masterpiece and listen to a story. Please dress for a mess. Ages 3 to 6.

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.

Grade School

May – 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.

May 1-4 – Main Library

Children's Reading Walk

Read your way through the children's library during Children's Book Week! Panels from a picture book will be displayed around the children's room. Follow along and enjoy the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. When you finish, check in at the Information Desk to pick up a craft and a small prize. Preschool-2nd grade.

Thursday, May 2 – Lincoln Branch

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

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.

Friday, May 3 – Lincoln Branch

Solar S'mores – 3:45-4:45 pm

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.

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, and reward yourself 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.

May 6-11 – Main Library

Make and Take Teacher Appreciation Craft

Make something special to show your teachers how much you appreciate them and to say thank you for all they do!

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 local 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, 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 6-11

Grade School

Thursday, May 9 – Lincoln Branch

Obstacle Course – 4:00-5:00 pm

To celebrate the return of nice weather, come and try to beat your friends' time through the course of running, jumping, and trying not to fall into the 'hot lava', and maybe earn a prize as you do it! For ages 5 to 10.

Sunday, May 12 – Lakeview Branch

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

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. Rated PG

Tuesday, May 14 – Lakeview Branch

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

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

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

Join us as we 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.

Middle School / High School

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).

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).

Middle School / High School

Saturday, May 11 – McClure Branch

Macramé for Mom – 1:00-2:00 pm

Still looking for a gift for Mother's day? Create a beautiful macramé wall hanging. Come alone to create a gift, or bring your Mom with you and work together to make a macramé masterpiece. Ages 11 to 18.

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.

Thursday, May 16 – Lincoln Branch

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

As our last monthly writing group for the season, we are doing something special! We are going to try to fool one another. You and a partner will create a biography about yourselves. You can fill the biography with as much factual (or false) information as you want. It's our job to decide what is true or not, and it's your job as the writer to make it as believable as possible. Do you think you are up to the task? Ages 11 to 18.

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.

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.

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. How will your team compare to the others! 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. Are you shy or are you a leader? Are you more like a rock or a feather? Spring or fall? The big city life or country life? Which word in each of those word pairs best describes you? Ages 11 to 18.

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 with others.

Peoria Public Library and all locations
will be **CLOSED** in observance of

Memorial Day
weekend Saturday, May 25
through Monday, May 27

Reminder: North Branch is closed on Tuesdays.