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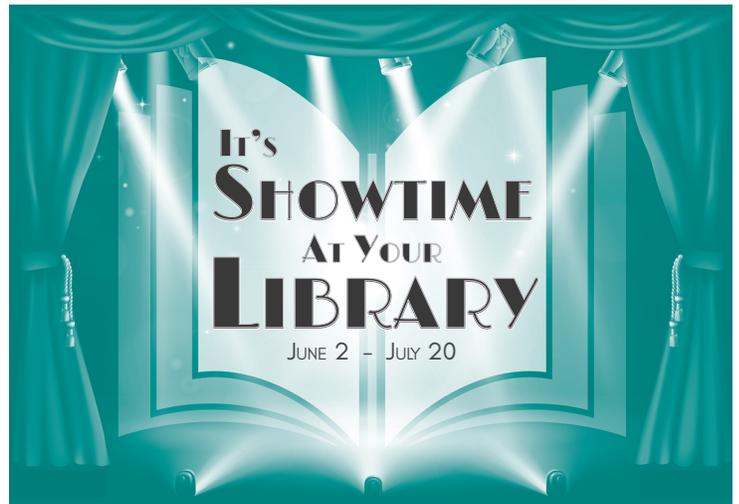


Summer Reading For All Ages Starts Now!

It's Showtime at Your Library Summer Reading is for all ages and everyone can sign up at their favorite branch right now! Promise to read just three hours per week for seven weeks to win prizes and keep your reading skills sharp.

The first day to report reading is June 2 and the last day to report is July 20. Those who read at least six weeks will earn a pass to the Summer Reading Party at Peoria Riverfront Museum, to be held July 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Sign up and report to your favorite branch each week. All ages can sign up anytime all summer starting now, but to achieve six weeks of reading, sign up by June 15. Groups can also participate in Summer Reading by calling (309) 497-2143. Participate and keep reading skills sharp and brains active this summer!



Slide Into Summer Reading Kickoff June 1 with Align Peoria BY RANDALL YELVERTON

Slide Into Summer Reading for ages birth through third grade will kickoff at Lakeview Branch on Saturday, June 1 (rain or shine) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a party hosted by Align Peoria and multiple community partners. Meet Daniel Tiger, enjoy live music, free hot dogs, inflatable slides, prize bags for all the kids and free ice skating at the Owens Center!

The Peoria Public Library is excited to be partnering with Align Peoria for the Slide into Summer Reading program. Slide into Summer Reading encourages children to read or be read to at least twenty minutes a day over the Summer to retain and strengthen the reading skills they gained during the school year. Children who participate will be able to chart their progress and earn prizes at the Peoria Public Library as part of the 2019 Summer Reading Program. Most importantly, students will keep their reading skills sharp and be ready to head into the new school year.

StoryWalk® Ribbon Cutting to Open Exciting New Feature at McClure Branch

Everyone is invited to the StoryWalk® Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday, June 5 at 11:00 a.m. at McClure Branch in Columbia Park. Sponsored by Peoria Public Library and Peoria Park District and paid for by our generous donors, Storywalk® lets families read an entire picture book as they stroll through the park. Pages are mounted on posts in weatherproof stands and will be changed periodically.

After the ribbon cutting, stay and enjoy the first of a summer of Strolling Storytime and Picnic programs from 11:30 to 12:30. The library staff will take you through the Storywalk® and provide drinks for you to enjoy with your lunch. Strolling Storytimes will be held on the first and third Wednesdays in June and July. All ages are welcome.

StoryWalk® began in 2007 and was begun in order to promote early literacy, physical activity and family time by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont. She had noted that parents would stand still and chat while children engaged in an activity and wanted to create something that would have the entire family be active together.

Find more about this project at www.peoriapubliclibrary.org

Peoria Speaks Allows Public to Tackle Important Topics

BY ROBERTA KOSCIELSKI



The Peoria Public Library discussion program, Peoria Speaks, focuses on topics of interest to Peorians and provides an opportunity for civilized discussion. Each month a community “expert” provides an overview of the featured topic and then the floor is open for questions and discussion.

The program is funded by Illinois Humanities, a group that works to build dialogue across all sectors of society. Their goal is allow people to examine issues important to democracy in the focus areas of public policy, media and journalism, economy, and art. Using the humanities as a tool to stimulate discussion, they create experiences across Illinois through programming, events, and grant making to engage a diverse public on ideas and issues that matter. The humanities are the examination of what it means to be human through the interpretation and discussion of all forms of thought, interest, and expression.

For many years, Peoria Public Library has been fortunate to receive funding through grant programs offered by Illinois Humanities. Current funding being received by Peoria Public Library from Illinois Humanities is through their Illinois Speaks initiative which helps individuals, groups, and organizations create gatherings for public dialogues about issues that matter in their communities throughout the state. Funding provides compensation for discussion leaders and to cover refreshments and outreach.

Upcoming featured discussion leaders and topics:

Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m. at North Branch

Tahari Allen, Outreach Coordinator, OSF Strive, will introduce OSF Strive, which provides counseling and support for people who survive or witness violence.

Tuesday, July 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch

Kathryn Endress, Director of Epidemiology and Clinical Services, Peoria City/County Health Department, will introduce the importance of immunizations.

Transfer out of the School of Hard Knocks with Adulting 101

BY JAMIE JONES

Have you ever said “I wish someone had taught me that in school?” Or perhaps you’ve spent hours browsing YouTube “How To” videos desperately trying to self-teach some small but crucial task? If these frustrating experiences sound familiar, then the Adulting 101 program series is for you! Starting in June 2019, you can join Peoria Public Library staff at McClure Branch in covering those countless little skills that adults often need but simply aren’t taught in any formal sense. Of course, that’s not to say that these programs will be formal! Indeed, we aim to provide a fun, casual, and judgment-free environment for exploration and learning about a variety of topics, ranging from practical skills like financial literacy or home and/or vehicle maintenance to more intangible skills like active listening or self-care.

So far, the topics scheduled are Calm Your Clutter (Thursday, June 20 at 5:00 pm), Grilling 101 (Thursday, July 11 at 5:00 pm), and Budgeting Basics (with a special guest speaker from Navicore – Thursday, July 18 at 5:00 pm). If you would like to suggest a topic that you’re interested in learning more about or have any questions about the program, please contact McClure Branch staff at 309-497-2701. Stay tuned to the library newsletter or online calendar for additional dates and topics!

It Runs in the Family

BY AMBER LOWERY

Sometimes when doing genealogical research, you will find patterns of things (for lack of a better term) in your family history. These “things” that run in your family can be a number of wide and varied matters. It could be a defining physical feature that seems to show up in your family. Or perhaps it is a health issue that crops up repeatedly among your family members. In some cases, it may be just a quirk or an interest that many in your family share.

When I started researching, I noticed a number of health concerns that popped up repeatedly in my family. Kidney and heart issues, as well as strong indicators of Alzheimer’s gave me anxiety for weeks over every twinge and every forgetful moment. I decided instead to focus on what good things run in my family.

Then I realized what feature does run quite extensively in my family. My family has the gift of storytelling and writing. My mom, Linda Lowery, is a retired professional storyteller who now writes cozy mysteries and has published a few books. One of my uncles, D.L. Rutherford, has just released his own work about raising his five boys and surviving the chaos. I’ve written and published a family history book for my family as well. I have other family members who write stories, blogs, themes, music, and code. I’ve also learned that my grandmother was a writer, but no known works of hers survive. This particular attribute of my family is especially great for me as a genealogist because I can collect the stories they tell and make sure they get passed on to future generations.

So how can the Peoria Public Library help you find what runs in your family? Come visit us at Main Library and get started on your research with our databases. Delve into your family’s history at the library and find the patterns that show up in your family tree. We hope to see you soon!



JUNE CALENDAR

June

ALL LOCATIONS

Where in the World Are Our Patrons?

Heading out on an adventure this summer? Grab a postcard from your vacation stop and mail back to share all the wonderful places our patrons are visiting! Visit the Main Library to see the map of postcards displayed!

Please send postcards to:

Peoria Public Library

Attn: Programming Department

107 NE Monroe St. Peoria, IL 61602

June

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.

June

ALL LOCATIONS

Graphic Novel Bingo

Explore different graphic novels as you complete the Graphic Novel Bingo. Pick up a Bingo card at any of the locations and turn it in for a chance to win a \$15 Barnes and Noble gift card to buy your own graphic novel!

June

MAIN LIBRARY

Summer Storytime Kits

Parents! Daycare Providers! Do you need something to do with your kids this summer? We've put together several books, songs, fingerplays and craft ideas into a theme-based bundle. Pick one of our handy theme bundles and check it out. Do the storytime, return the books, keep the idea sheets as your own and repeat with another theme bundle.

June

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.

June

MAIN LIBRARY

Activity Sheet Club

Have fun doing word searches, mazes, matches, coloring, crosswords, and more. Turn your finished sheets in for chart stickers. Once you fill up your activity sheet chart with stickers, ask for your cool prize. Ages 5 to 10.

June

LAKEVIEW BRANCH & MCCLURE BRANCH

Reading Challenges

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

June

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.

June

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Blind Date with a Book

Browse our display of wrapped up books, check one out, take it home, unwrap it, and be surprised by your book date!

June

MCCLURE BRANCH

Pride Month Reading Challenge

Complete our reading challenge in honor of Pride Month! All readers will earn a participation prize and an entry in the drawing for a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card. All ages.

June

MCCLURE BRANCH

Summertime Favorites Recipe Exchange

Submit your favorite summertime recipe for a chance to win a \$10 Kroger gift card. All recipes will be kept in the binder for others to peruse and make copies of to try them out at home!

Saturday, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

NORTH BRANCH

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

Children of all ages.

Sunday, June 2

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.

Monday, June 3, 10, 17 & 24

NORTH BRANCH - 10:30-11:00 AM

Wednesday, June 5, 12, 19 & 26

LAKEVIEW BRANCH - 10:15-10:45 AM

Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

Monday, June 3

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Yard Games: Giant Memory - 11:00-11:45 am

Join us outside for a giant version of memory, then step inside to browse our latest items and sign your summer reading logs! Ages 6 to 10.

Monday, June 3 & 17

MAIN LIBRARY

Monday Music at Main - 2:00-3:30 pm

Celebrate "Showtime at Your Library" with a musical performance! We have a variety of very talented musicians coming to the library this summer! A portion of CD sales support the Friends of Peoria Public Library.

June 3: Roundstone Buskers: an acoustic power trio claiming traditional and contemporary Celtic as part of their sound. They have been called "cheeky", "punxy" and "on point."

June 17: Flatland Harmony Experiment: a high octane vocally driven string band from Indianapolis. The instrumental mix of mandolin, banjo, guitar and up-right bass allows ample space for musical experimentation and expression.



JUNE CALENDAR

Monday, June 3

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Very Hungry Caterpillar Party-2:30-3:30pm

Today is the 50th anniversary of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Join us for a celebration of all things Very Hungry Caterpillar! We'll read a book and enjoy crafts and snacks.

Monday, June 3

NORTH BRANCH

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

Learn bellydancing at the library! Carrie, your instructor for the evening, is the founder and co-director of Down to Earth Bellydance in Peoria. In this class, Carrie will introduce you to the wonderful world of Bellydance. You will learn basic bellydance vocabulary and combinations to create a choreographed dance. Get ready to shimmy, move, and have fun! All ages welcome. Please call 497-2150 to register.

Tuesday, June 4, 11, 18 & 25

LINCOLN BRANCH

Terrific Tattletale Storytime: Summer Reading Edition - 10:00-10:30 am

Join us for special Summer Reading performers:

June 4 - The Rope Warrior

June 11 - Magician Tim Stolba

June 18 - Wild Times Exotics

June 25 - Outdoor games

Tuesday, June 4

LINCOLN BRANCH - 10:00-10:45 AM

LAKEVIEW BRANCH - 2:00-2:45 PM

The Rope Warrior

The Rope Warrior may not be from another planet, but the rope jumping feats he performs are certainly out of this world. The Rope Warrior - professional athlete/entertainer/author - is a lean, mean, jumping machine who executes stunts that most of us can't even imagine-using a jump rope, and is the current Guinness World Record holder for the most "Rump Jumps" (jumping rope while reclining on his bottom) in one minute - 56 jumps!

Tuesday, June 4, 11, 18 & 25

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Toddler Tales - 10:15-10:45 am

Ages 2 to 4.

Tuesday & Thursday, June 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 & 27

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Let's Do Math-1:00-2:30pm

Let your student improve their mathematics skills by attending this six-week program designed to help students in kindergarten through 4th grade who struggle with the basics of math. Your student can improve their math skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. Registration is required as space is limited. Please call 497-2600.

Tuesday, June 4

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Bibliophiles Book Club - 1:30-2:30 pm

This month: *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner

Wednesday, June 5

NORTH BRANCH

Karaoke - 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Are you a Karaoke kid? Come sing your heart out! Go solo if you're feeling brave or sing along with the group.

Wednesday, June 5 & 19

MCCLURE BRANCH

Strolling Storytime and Picnic - 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Meet at the brand new Columbia Park Storywalk® for a strolling storytime! Bring your lunch with you for a great summertime picnic in the park!

Wednesday, June 5, 12, 19 & 26

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, June 5, 12, 19 & 26

MAIN LIBRARY

Wednesday Afternoon Activities - 2:00-4:00 pm

Join us in the Children's Room for some amazing and fun activities. We will have a different activity which may include movies, crafts, puppets, and scavenger hunts. Ages 5 to 10.

Wednesday, June 5, 12, 19 & 26

MCCLURE BRANCH

It's Showtime! Movie Series-3:00-5:00pm

It's showtime! Enjoy these kid-friendly movies about singers and dancers. Popcorn provided or feel free to bring your own snack! June 5: *Camp Rock*; June 12: *Camp Rock 2*; June 19: *Annie* (2014); June 26: *Sing*

Wednesday, June 5

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.

Thursday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27

MCCLURE BRANCH

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

Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27

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, June 6

NORTH BRANCH

Introduction to Scratch - 4:00-4:45 pm

Scratch is a free programming language and online community for creating and sharing your own interactive stories, games, and animations. Space is limited, so please call 309-497-2100 to register. Ages 8 to 16.

Friday, June 7

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Toddler Art - 10:15-11:00 am

Let your child explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills. Dress for a mess.

Friday, June 7 MCCLURE BRANCH

Friday, June 14 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, June 7, 14, 21 & 28

NORTH BRANCH

Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am

Children of all ages.

Friday, June 7, 14, 21 & 28

NORTH BRANCH

Sing-Along Lunch Movies – 12:30-2:30 pm

Bring a picnic lunch to eat while singing along with these favorite movies.

June 7: *Frozen* (PG); June 14: *Hairspray*

(PG); June 21: *The Little Mermaid* (G)

June 28: *Grease* (PG)

Friday, June 7

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

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

Saturday, June 8

MCCLURE BRANCH

Scrumptious Science: Donuts – 10:00-11:00 am

Celebrate National Donut Day by learning about the science behind making donuts. Enjoy a donut while you learn!

Saturday & Sunday, June 8 & 9

LINCOLN BRANCH

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

Make a special Father's Day gift.

Saturday, June 8

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!

Saturday, June 8

NORTH BRANCH

Movie: *October Sky* – 4:00-5:45 pm

Before there was the Apollo program, there was the "Space Race." After the Soviet Union's launch of Sputnik in 1957, Homer Hickam and his friends were inspired to start studying rocketry. *October Sky* is based on Hickam's best-selling memoir, *Rocket Boys*.

Saturday, June 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: explore flipbook animation. Ages 6 to 11.

Sunday, June 9

NORTH BRANCH

Music in the McKenzie Presents: Turas – 2:00-4:00 pm

Meaning trip or journey in Gaelic, Turas brings traditional Irish music to central Illinois. This group of friends is on a journey to share songs, stories, and good times (what the Irish call craic) with their audience. Playing a wide variety of Irish/Celtic music, Turas never fails to deliver on good music and good times. So sit back and join Turas in the journey! A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Sunday, June 9

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Join us for this sensory friendly showing of *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation*. The room will be lighter, the volume will be lower, and audience members will be welcome to move around, talk, and sing. Rated PG

Sunday, June 9

NORTH BRANCH

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

This month: *The Blue Tattoo: The Life of Olive Oatman* by Margo Mifflin

Monday, June 10 LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Tuesday, June 18 MCCLURE BRANCH

A Novel Naptime – 10:00-11:00 am

Are you a child caregiver who enjoys reading, but you don't have a sitter to attend book club? This is the book club for you! Each month we'll read a different title and have a light book club discussion. While the adults discuss the book, children can play with toys, color, and read from board books. We anticipate giggles and sidebar conversations and questions from the kids. Please call 309-497-2200 for questions or help placing the book on hold. This month's title: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.

Monday, June 10

MCCLURE BRANCH

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

Join in a viewing of the 1999 film *The Bone Collector* based on the book of the same name by Jeffrey Deaver.

Monday, June 10

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 and engage in lively and intellectual discussion. Facilitators are Marge Semmens and Catriona Ritenhouse.

Monday, June 10

NORTH BRANCH

Preschool Mask Craft – 2:00-2:30 pm

Listen to a story about a play and then keep the fun going by making your own mask. Ages 3 to 6.

Monday, June 10

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

This month: *The Consuming Fire* by John Scalzi

Tuesday, June 11 & 25

MCCLURE BRANCH

Sign and Sing Storytime with Communication Junction – 10:00-10:30 am

Join Communication Junction for a 30-minute interactive Sign and Sing Storytime designed to engage your child and encourage a love of books. This story time is great for children ages 0 to 5 and is created around a theme, filled with stories, songs, movement and bubbles. You will also learn a few signs to take home and practice.

Tuesday, June 11

LINCOLN BRANCH – 10:00-10:45 AM

LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 2:00-2:45 PM

Magic of Tim Stolba

Tim Stolba stands out as one of the Midwest's premier magicians for over three decades! He does a great job keeping people of all ages entertained, laughing, and in awe of his tricks.

Tuesday, June 11

MAIN LIBRARY

Intercontinental Readers – 1:00-2:00 pm

Join members of the Friends of Clonmel as they engage in a book discussion with friends from the library in Clonmel, Ireland. This month: *Midwinter Break* by Bernard MacLaverty.



JUNE CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 12

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Yard Games: Giant Bean Bag Toss – 2:15-3:00 pm

Join us outside for a giant version of bean bag toss, then step inside to browse our latest items and sign your summer reading logs! Ages 6-10.

Wednesday, June 12

NORTH BRANCH

Disney•Pixar Trivia – 6:30-7:30 pm

Test your Disney•Pixar knowledge at a family-friendly trivia night! Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded to the top scoring team! Please register your teams of up to 4 people via email to programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us by June 10. All ages welcome. Space is limited so please register soon!

Thursday, June 13

MCCLURE BRANCH

It's Showtime: DIY Green Screen Videos – 3:00-4:00 pm

Did you ever wonder how green screen videography works? Learn with us while making your own short green screen video! Ages 11 to 18.

Thursday, June 13

NORTH BRANCH

Peoria Speaks: OSF Strive, a Trauma Recovery Program – 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. This month, Tahari Allen will introduce OSF Strive, which provides counseling and support for people who survive or witness violence. The floor will then be open for questions and discussion.

Saturday, June 15

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. Recommended for ages 3 to 7.

Saturday, June 15

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, June 15

NORTH BRANCH

Drop In: Giant Board Game –3:00-4:00 pm

Come play a game where YOU are the game piece. Stay the whole time or join a game in progress. This month we will be playing Yahtzee.

Sunday, June 16

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Book'Em Mystery Book Club–2:00-3:30pm

This month: *Y is for Yesterday* by Sue Grafton

Monday, June 17

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Yard Games: Giant Jenga – 11:00-11:45 am

Join us outside for a giant version of Jenga, then step inside to browse our latest items and sign your summer reading logs! Ages 6 to 10.

Monday, June 17

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 10 to 14.

Monday, June 17

NORTH BRANCH

Teen Bad Movie Night – 4:00-6:00 pm

Is this movie so bad it's good, or just plain bad? Either way, don't make me watch it alone! Bring your friends to watch *Jupiter Ascending* (2015, PG-13, rated 26% on Rotten Tomatoes), yell at the screen, and help make a final decision. For ages 13 to 18.

Tuesday, June 18

LINCOLN BRANCH – 10:00-11:00 AM

LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 2:00-3:00 PM

Wild Times Exotics

Wild Times not only provides an incredible opportunity to see, pet and hold exotic animals, but their goal is to educate and instill values of protecting our planet's rainforests, deserts and all the natural homes to our amazing animal ambassadors.

Tuesday, June 18

LINCOLN BRANCH

Front & Center: Family Movie Night – 6:00-7:30 pm

Join us for a fun filled movie night for all ages as we watch *The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part*. Rated PG.

Tuesday, June 18

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

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

Are you in your 20s or 30s and enjoy reading Young Adult books? Join this fun group to discuss the best in YA literature. As a bonus, there are always snacks! This month: *Let's Go Swimming on Doomsday* by Natalie C. Anderson

Wednesday, June 19

NORTH BRANCH

Readers' Theater Workshop–4:00-5:00pm

Learn about readers' theater, practice short skits adapted from children's books, and then perform! Performance will be at 4:45. Ages 8 to 11.

Thursday, June 20

NORTH BRANCH

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

Join us on the third Thursday of each month for a musical! We will have some classics as well as some newer films. Bring a snack and enjoy a movie on the big screen. Free and open to all ages. This month: *Beauty and the Beast* (1991)

Thursday, June 20

MCCLURE BRANCH

Toy Story 4 Premiere Party–4:00-5:00 pm

Celebrate the release of the newest movie starring all our favorite Toy Story friends with games, snacks, crafts, and a chance to win tickets to go see *Toy Story 4* in theaters! Children of all ages.

Friday, June 21 MCCLURE BRANCH

Friday, June 28 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.

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JULY 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, July 14 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss *Empire of Cotton: A Global History* by Sven Beckert. The empire of cotton was, from the beginning, a fulcrum of constant global struggle between slaves and planters, merchants and statesmen, workers and factory owners. Sven Beckert makes clear how these forces ushered in the world of modern capitalism, including the vast wealth and disturbing inequalities that are with us today. In a remarkably brief period, European entrepreneurs and powerful politicians recast the world's most significant manufacturing industry, combining imperial expansion and slave labor with new machines and wage workers to make and remake global capitalism. The result is a book as unsettling as it is enlightening: a book that brilliantly weaves together the story of cotton with how the present global world came to exist.

The Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 25 to discuss "The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton." The title character is the ultimate blackmailer and, what's worse, believes that since his victims are themselves morally repugnant, standard conventions of morality do not apply to his criminal offenses against them. How can Holmes bring the villain to justice (or can he)?

The Book 'Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, July 21 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Dance of the Bones* by J. A. Jance. Detectives J.P. Beaumont and Brandon Walker join forces to solve a four decades old cold case of a murdered prospector. Brandon's involvement with the killer of recent multiple homicides may hold the key to the old case.

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, July 8 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Orbital Resonance* by John Barnes. Melpomene Murray's concerns are those of any teenager: homework, friends, dates. But Melpomene lives on the Flying Dutchman, an asteroid colony located thousands of miles from an Earth almost destroyed by disease, war, and pollution. She and her spaceborn classmates are humanity's last hope, and Mel's just starting to realize how heavy a responsibility that is. Her parents and teachers have trained her from birth to lead mankind into the future. What they never realized is that Melpomene might have plans of her own...

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet Tuesday, July 2 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *Thirst: Poems* by Mary Oliver. *Thirst*, a collection of forty three new poems from Pulitzer Prizewinner Mary Oliver, introduces two new directions in the poet's work. Grappling with grief at the death of her beloved partner of over forty years, she strives to experience sorrow as a path to spiritual progress, grief as part of loving and not its end. And within these pages she chronicles for the first time her discovery of faith, without abandoning the love of the physical world that has been a hallmark of her work for four decades.

Friends of Clonmel Intercontinental Readers will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m. at Main Library on LL1 to hold a Skype discussion with the group in Clonmel, Ireland about *A Painted House* by John Grisham. Until that September of 1952, Luke Chandler had never kept a secret or told a single lie. But in the long, hot summer of his seventh year, two groups of migrant workers — and two very dangerous men — came through the Arkansas Delta to work the Chandler cotton farm. And suddenly mysteries are flooding Luke's world.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill* by Abbi Waxman. The only child of a single mother, Nina has her life just as she wants it: a job in a bookstore, a kick-butt trivia team, a world-class planner and a cat named Phil. If she sometimes suspects there might be more to life than reading, she just shrugs and picks up a new book. When the father Nina never knew existed suddenly dies, leaving behind innumerable sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews, Nina is horrified. She'll have to Speak. To. Strangers. And as if that wasn't enough, Tom, her trivia nemesis, has turned out to be cute, funny, and deeply interested in getting to know her. It's time for Nina to come out of her comfortable shell, but she isn't convinced real life could ever live up to fiction. It's going to take a brand-new family, a persistent suitor, and the combined effects of ice cream and trivia to make her turn her own page.

The Read on Book Club will meet at Lincoln Branch on Tuesday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss *No One Is Coming to Save Us* by Stephanie Powell Watts. *No One Is Coming to Save Us* is an arresting and powerful novel about an extended African American family and their colliding visions of the American Dream. This story has crafted a stunning portrait that combines a universally resonant story with an intimate glimpse into the hearts of one family. JJ Ferguson has returned to Pinewood, North Carolina, to build his dream house and to pursue his high school sweetheart, Ava. But as he reenters his former world, where factories are in decline and the legacy of Jim Crow is still felt, he's startled to find that the people he once knew and loved have changed just as he has. JJ's plans not only unsettles their family, but stirs up the town. The ostentatious wealth that JJ has attained forces everyone to consider the cards they've been dealt, what more they want and deserve, and how they might go about getting it.

JUNE CALENDAR

Friday, June 21

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

What Can You Do With a Box? – 11:00 am-12:00 pm

From our variety of boxes kids can decorate and construct boxes to create art or a new play space. Ages 3-7.

Friday, June 21

MCCLURE BRANCH

International Yoga Day – 3:00-3:45 pm

Come join in some family-friendly yoga fun led by neighborhood yoga instructor, Noelle Haverhals! Beginners welcome! Please bring your own blanket or mat. All ages welcome.

Saturday, June 22

MCCLURE BRANCH

Insert Book Club Here!-11:00 am-12:00 pm

Should we start a book club at the McClure Branch? When should it meet? What types of books should we discuss? We need your input! Stop in at this exploratory event to discuss the possibilities over light refreshments or submit your feedback to the McClure Branch staff anytime in June.

Saturday-Sunday, June 22 & 23

LINCOLN BRANCH

4th of July Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 pm

Come make a fun 4th of July craft.

June 24-28

LINCOLN BRANCH

Water Week! – 10:00-11:00 am

Come join us for various water activities to beat the heat!

Monday, June 24 – Water Balloon Day

Tuesday, June 25 – Squirt Gun Day

Thursday, June 27 – Water Relay

Friday, June 28 – Water Games

Monday, June 24

MCCLURE BRANCH

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

Enjoy a classic movie with popcorn!
This week: *Show Boat* with Ava Gardner and Howard Keel (1951)

Tuesday, June 25

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Exploring Nature: Bug Catching – 4:00-5:00 pm

Learn about the insects in our area when we take to the outdoors to catch some bugs! We will then bring them inside and use our books about insects to identify these creatures before we release them back into their natural world. Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, June 25

LINCOLN BRANCH

Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 pm

This month: *Shattered* by Kia DuPree

Wednesday, June 26

LAKEVIEW BRANCH

Yard Games: Giant Kerplunk-2:15-3:00pm

Join us outside for a giant version of Kerplunk, then step inside to browse our latest items and sign your summer reading logs! Ages 6 to 10.

Wednesday, June 26

NORTH BRANCH

Eric Carle Storytime – 3:00-3:30 pm

Celebrate Eric Carle's 90th birthday with a special storytime!

Wednesday, June 26

NORTH BRANCH

Comic Corps Club – 5:00-6:00 pm

High school students are encouraged to bring their most recent manga to share and discuss with others.

Thursday, June 27

NORTH BRANCH

Stuntwoman Martika Daniels-2:00-3:00pm

Sword-swallower, fire-eater, and international woman of mystery, Martika Daniels aims to bring the highest quality entertainment to a stage near you! She's been to every corner of the globe, and even brought a few souvenirs. Her signature One Woman Stunt Show has been seen from coast to coast across the USA. You don't want to miss this show! All ages welcome.

Thursday, June 27

MCCLURE BRANCH

Calm Your Clutter – 5:00-6:00 pm

Desperate to declutter? Join us to learn some quick tips on how to set your home, car, and other "habitats" in order.

Thursday, June 27

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. Each month, we'll tackle another short story. This month: "The Adventure of Black Peter."

Saturday, June 29

MCCLURE BRANCH

Popcorn Flavor Creating – 2:00-3:00 pm

Play with sweet and savory toppings to create your new favorite popcorn flavor! Taste testing the new creations is encouraged! Children of all ages.

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