

## Kids of All Ages

### August – Lakeview Branch & McClure Branch Reading Challenges

Do you love a good reading challenge? Select the ones that you want to take part in during 2019 from our assortment of reading challenges. Track your progress at home, but for each challenge you complete, feel free to bring in a copy of your challenge to the Lakeview Branch or McClure Branch to receive a bookmark and an entry into a drawing for a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card. Each completed challenge will earn you one entry into the drawing. Your challenge sheet will count as your entry.

### August – McClure Branch

#### National Dog Day Photo Contest

Celebrate National Dog Day (August 26) all month! Bring a photo of your dog before voting begins to enter them in the photo contest. Voting will run from August 19 to 30, with the most popular pup earning a \$20 Petsmart gift card.

### Friday, August 2 – Lincoln Branch

#### Front & Center: Coloring Craze

Celebrate National Coloring Book Day with us. Children and adults of all ages can share in the pleasure of bringing life to coloring books and pages.

### Friday, August 2 – Lakeview Branch

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

Calling all LEGO fans! Join us at Lakeview Branch for our Lego Builders Club. Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

### Saturday, August 3 – McClure Branch

#### National Watermelon Day – 11:00 am-12:00 pm

A tasty treat and fun craft are the perfect way to celebrate National Watermelon Day! All ages welcome.

### Saturday, August 10 – McClure Branch

#### You-Pick Flick – 3:00-5:00 pm

You picked it, now we're playing it! 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! Voting is open all month.

### Saturday & Sunday, August 17 & 18 – Lincoln Branch

#### Crafts-to-Go: Back to School Crafts – 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Come and make a necklace or a picture frame celebrating going back to school! Children of all ages.

### Saturday, August 17 – McClure Branch

#### Tie Dye Family Fun – 2:00-4:00 pm

DIY tie dye fun for the whole family! Bring your own white garment (a t-shirt, tote bag, socks, sheet, or whatever) any-time between 2:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon to create your own unique tie dye creation. While supplies last!

### Sunday, August 25 – North Branch

#### Music in the McKenzie Presents: Shawna Caspi – 2:00-4:00 pm

Shawna performs solo, but there is a whole band under her fingertips. A mighty singer, a story sculptor, and a truth teller, she has toured across Canada and the US. She believes in poetry and the power of one person and one instrument, accompanying herself with a remarkable lyrical fingerpicking guitar style. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

### Friday, August 30 – McClure Branch

#### Trail Mix-athon – 4:30-5:30 pm

August 31 is National Trail Mix Day! Learn about the origins of this snack and make up your own personal blend. All ages welcome while supplies last!

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## Storytimes

### Thursday, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 – McClure Branch

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

Ages 3 to 6.

### Thursday, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 – 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, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – North Branch

#### Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am

Children of all ages.

### Saturday, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – North Branch

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

Children of all ages.

### Monday, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 – North Branch

#### 10:30-11:00 am

### Wednesday, August 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Lakeview Branch

#### 10:15-10:45 am

#### Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

### Tuesday, August 6 & 20 – Lincoln Branch

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

Ages 3 to 6.

### Tuesday, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 – Lakeview Branch

#### Toddler Tales – 10:15-10:45 am

Ages 2 to 4.

### Wednesday, August 7, 14, 21 & 28 – North Branch

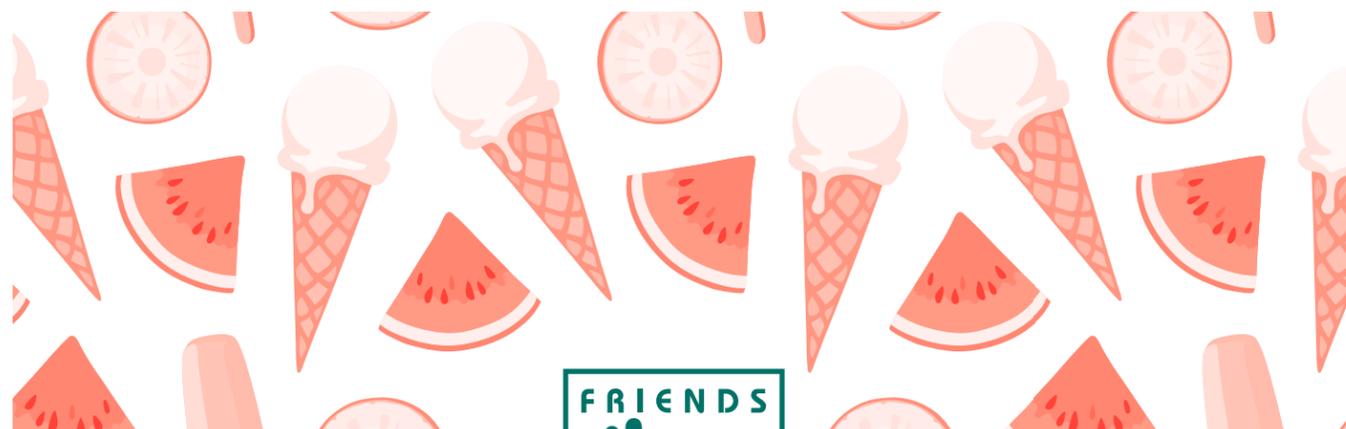
#### Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 pm

Develop your baby's pre-literacy skills with this lapsit program, designed to introduce children and their caregivers to 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.

### Saturday, August 24 – 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

### August – 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.

### Friday, August 2 – Lakeview Branch

#### Toddler Art – 10:15-11:00 am

Join us 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, August 2 – McClure Branch

#### Friday, August 9 – 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.

### Wednesday, August 7 – North Branch

#### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Kickoff – 6:30-7:30 pm

According to the National Education Association, reading with young children is one of the crucial components to becoming a good reader! The best way to make your child a reader is to read to them. Join in the fun at our annual kickoff party as we discuss the importance of nurturing literacy while enjoying a healthy snack, easy crafts and games, and of course reading a story to give your child their first book to add to their reading log towards their goal of 1,000!

### Thursday, August 8 & Tuesday, August 13 – Lincoln Branch

#### Puppet Show: “Back to School Blues” – 10:00-10:30 am

Help one little girl get a good feeling about going back to school! Ages 3 to 6 years old.

### Monday, August 12 – Lakeview Branch

#### Tuesday, August 20 – 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. Visit one or both of the sessions! Please call 309-497-2200 or 309-497-2700 for questions or help placing the book on hold. This month's title: *Where'd You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple.

### Monday, August 12 – 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, August 16 – McClure Branch

#### Friday, August 23 – 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.

### Wednesday, August 7 – Lakeview Branch

#### Tie Dye at the Library – 2:00-3:00 pm

Come create your own tie dye shirt with us! Bring your own shirt to dye (white shirts work best). Be sure to wear clothes you're willing to get messy. Grades 1 to 6. Parental supervision required.

### Wednesday, August 7 – 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 inventions. Ages 6 to 11.

### Friday, August 9 – North Branch

#### Favorite Books Drawing – 2:00-3:00 pm

It's Book Lovers Day! Celebrate by coming to the library and learning how to draw a shelf full of your favorite books! Ages 5 to 12.

## Grade School

### Sunday, August 11 – Lakeview Branch

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

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

### Tuesday, August 13 – Lakeview Branch

#### Exploring Nature: Bacteria – 4:00-5:00 pm

Learn about the bacteria living in our environment when we collect cultures of different organisms. Ages 5 to 10.

### Wednesday, August 14 – Lakeview Branch

#### Kids Advisory Board – 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us for our monthly meeting. New members are always welcome! Ages 9 to 12.

### Monday, August 19 – Lakeview Branch

#### Wild about Wildlife – 4:00-5:00 pm

Test your knowledge of some of our common animals as we look at their pelts. We will learn a little about each animal and ways that you can find signs of them without actually seeing them by looking for tracks and more. Ages 5 to 10.

### Tuesday, August 20 – Lincoln Branch

#### Ribbon Extravaganza – 4:00-5:00 pm

We will be making our own ribbon wands and then using them to move to the beat as well as play some fun games! Ages 5 to 10.

### Friday, August 23 – Lincoln Branch

#### Apple for Teacher STEM Challenge – 3:45-4:45 pm

It's back to school time, and so we have a special STEM challenge: Design a cantilever bridge that will extend as far off a table as possible. The catch? It has to be able to support an apple. Will your bridge be the strongest and tallest? Come test your skills.

### Thursday, August 29 – Lincoln Branch

#### Let's Move! – 4:00-5:00 pm

August is National Wellness Month, so come to the library for some fun games designed to get you up off the couch and moving! From classic games like tag (with a twist) to outrageous games like Bulldozer and Spud, you are sure to have a blast! Ages 5 to 10.

## Middle School / High School

### Wednesday, August 7 – Lakeview Branch

#### Tie Dye at the Library – 4:00-5:00 pm

Come create your own tie dye shirt with us! Bring your own shirt to dye (white shirts work best). Grades 7 to 12.

### Friday, August 9 – McClure Branch

#### Origami Bookmarks – 3:00-4:00 pm

Create a one of a kind bookmark to keep your place while reading on Book Lovers Day! Ages 13 to 18.

### Saturday, August 10 – McClure Branch

#### Scrumptious Science: Solar S'mores Oven – 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Celebrate National S'mores Day with another scrumptious science experience! We'll engineer a solar oven to toast our s'mores with the heat of the sun. Ages 11 to 18.

### Monday, August 19 – Lincoln Branch

#### STEM Flying Machine – 4:00-5:00 pm

It's National Aviation Day, so put your skills to the test by creating your own flying machine. Using common household products, we will learn about the principles of flight and try to create and test our own flying machine! Ages 11 to 18.

### Thursday, August 22 – Lincoln Branch

#### Roll It and Write – 4:00-5:00 pm

We are creating a short story with a twist. Using a pair of dice that your partner designs for you, you will have to include whatever the dice land on in your story. Ages 11 to 18.

### Saturday, August 24 – North Branch

#### Teen Craft: Woven Yarn Bowl – 3:00-3:45 pm

Turn yarn and a paper plate into a one-of-a-kind bowl to hold keys, makeup, or whatever else you need a place for. Ages 11 to 18.

### Tuesday, August 27 – Lincoln Branch

#### Front & Center: DIY Fluffy Pencil Case – 4:30-5:30 pm

Start out the new school year by making your very own designer pencil case. Choose your favorite color, jewels, stickers or buttons to have the coolest pencil case in your class. Ages 10 to 13.

### Wednesday, August 28 – North Branch

#### Comic Corps Club – 5:00-6:00 pm

Have a love of comics or manga? High school students are encouraged to bring their most recent Image Comics graphic novel to share and discuss with others, but are not required.

### Friday, August 30 – Lincoln Branch

#### STEM Newspaper Shelters – 3:45-4:45 pm

Bad weather is pretty common in Illinois, but what do you do if you're caught out in a storm without anything but some newspaper and tape? That's exactly what happens in this intense STEM challenge where you and a team are tasked with building a shelter out of just newspaper and tape. Careful though, you have only so much time before the storm comes rolling in! Ages 11 to 18.

## Grade School

### August – Main Library

#### Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 am-6:00 pm

In a hurry? Can't stay and craft? Get your crafts to go. Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Floor Information Desk any time we're open. Ask for a Craft-to-Go, take it home and the fun begins.

### Monday, August 5 – Lakeview Branch

#### Moana Boat Challenge – 4:00-5:00 pm

Moana and Hei Hei are on a quest to find Maui and return the heart of Te Fiti, but they need your help building a boat that will take them safely across the ocean. We provide the boat making materials, you provide the imagination! Ages 5 to 10.

### Tuesday, August 6 – McClure Branch

#### Decorate a Notebook – 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Add some flair to your school supplies by decorating your own notebook to get you ready to go back to school! While supplies last. Ages 5 to 10.