



Kids of All Ages

September – All Locations

Show Your Card! Weekly Prize Drawings

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Now is your chance to be rewarded for having your ticket to adventure! Stop by the information desk at any Peoria Public Library location each week of September, show off your library card (or get signed up for a new card), and be entered into the weekly drawings. You'll have 4 chances to win, so be sure to stop in at your favorite location each week to get entered!

September – Lakeview Branch

Butterflies in the Library

Come watch the life cycle of the Painted Lady Butterfly. A butterfly habitat will be on display at the Information Desk. When the time comes, we'll announce a butterfly release and send our friends on their way!

Tuesday, September 3 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: The M&M Game – 4:30-5:30 pm

Come enjoy this fun activity to start the school year. Each student will get a mini-bag of M&Ms, and draw different colors to tell tales about themselves. Children of all ages.

Friday, September 6 – 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.

September 6-8 – North Branch

Blind Date with a Book

September 6 is National Read a Book Day. Celebrate all weekend by checking out a wrapped book from our display and taking it home to enjoy!

Saturday, September 7 – McClure Branch

Grandparents' Day Gift Making – 3:00-4:00 pm

Come make the perfect gift for the special person you call a grandparent! All ages welcome.

September 10-16 – Lakeview Branch

National Coloring Day Contest

September 14th is National Coloring Day. Stop by to pick up a coloring sheet for our coloring contest. Color it at the library or take it home and bring it back by September 16 to enter our contest. One picture from each age group will win a coloring prize pack. All ages.

Saturday, September 14 – McClure Branch

You-Pick Flick – 3:00-5:00 pm

Be sure to cast your vote for next month's movie while you're here! Voting is open all month.

Tuesday, September 17 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: National Constitution Day–5:00-6:00pm

Join us as we celebrate the signing of the Constitution with games and activities. Children of all ages.

Saturday & Sunday, September 21 & 22 – Lincoln Branch

Fall Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 pm

Come make a "memorable" fall craft. Children of all ages.

September 22-28 – Lakeview Branch

Banned Books Week Display

Come check out the banned books display to see the top 11 most challenged books of 2018.

Tuesday, September 24 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Minute to Win It! – 5:00-6:00 pm

Learn the skill of team building playing Minute to Win It! Put together a 48 piece floor puzzle, build a tower with Jenga pieces or see who can devour a dirt pie in a minute or less! The perfect activity for all ages!

Sunday, September 29 – North Branch

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

Switchback draws on traditional Celtic music and original Americana songs that reflect their Irish heritage and Mid-western roots. Playing an exciting mix of mandolin, guitar, and bass, their harmonies have won them comparisons to famous duos, such as the Louvin Brothers, Everly Brothers, & Simon and Garfunkel. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

September 29-October 4 – Lakeview Branch

Halloween Costume Exchange: Drop Off

We will be collecting gently used Halloween costumes to donate for our Halloween Costume Exchange. Clean out your closets of last year's costumes to make room for new ones this year. Come back on Saturday, October 5 or Sunday, October 6 to pick out new-to-you costumes for your family. Any remaining costumes will be donated to the Center for Prevention of Abuse. If you have questions regarding what items we will accept please contact Elise at 497-2200.

KID EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2019



Storytimes

Tuesday, September 3, 10, 17 & 24 – Lakeview Branch

Toddler Tales – 10:15-10:45 am

Ages 2 to 4.

Wednesday, September 4, 11, 18 & 25 – North Branch

Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 pm

Develop your baby's pre-literacy skills with this lap-sit 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.

Thursday, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 – McClure Branch

Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am

Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 – 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, September 6, 13, 20 & 27 – North Branch

Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am

Children of all ages.

Storytimes



Saturday, September 7, 14, 21 & 28 – North Branch

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

Children of all ages.

Monday, September 9, 16, 23 & 30 – 10:30-11:00 am

Wednesday, September 4, 11, 18 & 25 – Lakeview Branch

– 10:15-10:45 am

Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 23 months.

Monday, September 9 – North Branch

Storytime Lab – 2:00-2:30 pm

Join us for stories about early concepts in science, technology, engineering, art, and math followed by hands-on exploration! Ages 3-6.

Tuesday, September 10 & 24 – Lincoln Branch

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

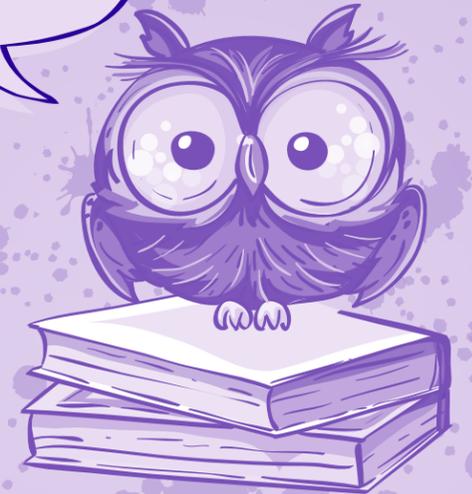
Ages 3 to 6.

Saturday, September 28 – 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

Early September – 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, September 6 – 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. Age 3-6.

Friday, September 6 – McClure Branch

Friday, September 13 – Lakeview Branch

Baby Playgroup – 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, September 12 & Tuesday, September 17 – Lincoln Branch

Puppet Show: “Lion and Mouse” – 10:00-10:30 am

Help Lion learn the true meaning of friendship. Ages 3-6

Monday, September 9 – Lakeview Branch

Tuesday, September 24 – 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: *The Light We Lost* by Jill Santopolo. Feel free to come with book suggestions for future book club titles.

Friday, September 20 – McClure Branch

Friday, September 27 – 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

September – 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.

Thursday, September 5 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Apple Paper Plate Lacing – 4:00-5:00 pm

Join us as we create festive apples of paper plates and yarn! Ages 5 to 10.

Friday, September 6 – Lincoln Branch

Earthquake Towers – 3:45-4:45 pm

We are building towers that will be able to withstand whatever “earthquake” we throw at them. Built out of marshmallows, toothpicks, and cardstock, and standing on a Jell-O base, our towers may shake but they won't fall! Ages 5 to 10.

Sunday, September 8 – Lakeview Branch

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

Join us for this sensory friendly showing of *The Jungle Book* (2016). The room will be lighter, the volume will be lower, and audience members will be welcome to move around, talk, and sing. Noise canceling ear muffs and fidgets will be supplied. Rated PG

Wednesday, September 11 – 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 citizen science. Weather permitting, we will be in the prairie area surrounding the library. Please wear leggings/long pants and closed-toe shoes. Ages 6 to 11.

Tuesday, September 17 – Lakeview Branch

Exploring Nature: Butterflies – 4:00-5:00 pm

Learn about the life cycle of butterflies as we observe the Painted Lady Butterflies. Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, September 17 – Lincoln Branch

Paper Sculptures – 4:00-5:00 pm

We are testing out various ways of making paper sculptures to get our creative juices flowing. Come play with us as we create Doodle Cubes, free standing paper structures, or paper helicopters. Ages 5 to 10.

Wednesday, September 18 – Lakeview Branch

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

Join us for our monthly meeting to give your opinion on events and materials at the Lakeview Branch. Ages 8 to 12.

Grade School

Saturday, September 21 – Lakeview Branch

Back to School Bananas! – 2:30-4:30 pm

Celebrate the start of a new school year with a back to school bash! Enjoy party games, a photo booth, and a sundae bar.

Wednesday, September 25 – North Branch

About the Artist – 5:00-6:00 pm

Learn about celebrated artists and find inspiration to make your own art. September's artist is Georgia O'Keeffe. Ages 6-11.

Thursday, September 26 – Lincoln Branch

Hydrophobic Sand – 4:15-5:15 pm

We will work together to make our own hydrophobic sand, which not only stays dry in water but is fun to play with as well! Ages 5 to 10.

Middle School / High School

Thursday, September 5 – Lincoln Branch

Upside Down Lego Build – 4:00-5:00 pm

In this Lego challenge, you can build whatever you want, but instead of being on the floor, you'll be building the structures above your heads. Ages 11 to 13.

Tuesday, September 10 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Button Tree Art Canvas – 5:00-6:00 pm

Create a beautiful canvas project full of vibrant fall-colored buttons with silhouettes of trees in the background. Ages 11 to 13.

Thursday, September 19 – Lincoln Branch

Monthly Writing Group: Telephone – 4:00-5:00 pm

The monthly writing group is back with a fun game of telephone! Like the telephone game one played as a kid, this fun writing exercise gets more wacky the more people that you have. It'll put your writing skills to the test to answer the question proposed. Ages 11 to 18.

Monday, September 23 – Lincoln Branch

Button Bowls – 4:00-5:00 pm

Sometimes extraordinary crafts can come from the most ordinary things, as is the case with the button bowls that we are making. With just a balloon, buttons, and glue, we are out to show you how everyday things can become something more if you simply put your mind to it! Ages 11 to 18.

Wednesday, September 25 – North Branch

Comic Corps Club – 5:00-6:00 pm

Have a love of comics or manga? Participants are encouraged to share any comic or manga featuring their favorite hero. Ages 13 to 18.

Thursday, September 26 – McClure Branch

Adulting 101: FAFSA and Financial Aid – 5:00-5:45 pm

Frantic about the FAFSA and college financial aid? Join us to learn about your options and get your questions answered by ISAC financial aid expert, Emily Blankenship.

Friday, September 27 – Lincoln Branch

Hispanic Heritage Month: Color TV – 3:45-4:45 pm

In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, we will be learning about the famous Mexican engineer Guillermo González Camarena who invented the Color TV! To honor him, we will be creating our own color “TV” with a craft that uses some common items that one can find around the house. Ages 11 to 18.

Saturday, September 28 – McClure Branch

Wood Burning Basics – 2:00-4:00 pm

Learn the basics of this interesting form of art and have a chance to make a creation to take home! Please register by calling 497-2700. Ages 13 and up.



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WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
THROUGH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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NORTH BRANCH
ALWAYS CLOSED TUESDAY