

Kids of All Ages

Saturday, November 9 – 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.

Tuesday, November 12 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Abstract Leaf Drawing–5:00-6:00 pm
Capture the colorful moments of the changing seasons by drawing abstract leaf designs. Children of all ages.

Saturday, November 16 – McClure Branch

Peanut Butter Party – 4:00-5:00 pm
Celebrate Peanut Butter Lover's Month! Taste test a variety of different peanut butter products and vote for your favorite, share your favorite peanut butter recipes, and learn some fun facts about this sticky snack favorite! All ages welcome.

Sunday, November 17 – North Branch

Music in the McKenzie Presents: James Herr and Harlan, Meister, & Mitts (HMM) – 2:00-4:00 pm
James Herr is an acoustic artist known for his authentic performances of James Taylor, Paul Simon, Jim Croce and other acoustic artists such as Ed Sheeran. With his expert finger picking style he provides complete performances of favorite acoustic songs. Harlan, Meister, and Mitts have proven to be a unique entity in the Peoria musical scene. All three members have performed in different bands over the years, but have now joined together in what they lightheartedly call "partners in acoustic therapy". Though their backgrounds vary, they all share a common love of music from the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. This includes songs by Simon & Garfunkel, the Beatles, Cat Stevens, Crosby Stills & Nash, Joni Mitchell, America, and Dan Fogelberg. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

November 18-23 – McClure Branch

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week: Food and Toiletries Drive
Help us collect nonperishable foods and toiletries in honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. All donated goods will go to the Peoria Area Food Bank (food) and Dream Center (toiletries).

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November 18-21 – McClure Branch

Family Reading Night: Storytime Kits
Pick up a themed storytime kit with a few books and a craft (and maybe even a snack idea!) to celebrate Family Reading Night on November 21! While supplies last.

Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24 – Lincoln Branch

Thanksgiving Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 pm
Come make a fun hand-print turkey craft. Children of all ages.

Saturday, November 23 – North Branch

Holiday Kick-off Party – 1:00-4:00 pm
Join us for a holiday kick-off party! Adults can create paint-swirled Christmas ornaments while kids color. We will have snacks and watch Christmas movies. Christmas sweaters are encouraged! While supplies last.

Tuesday, November 26 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Thanksgiving Anagrams – 4:30-5:30 pm
Challenge yourself to create as many words as possible from THANKSGIVING DAY! Enjoy solving other holiday brain teasers for this festive day. Children of all ages.

Wednesday, November 27 – McClure Branch

Drop-In: Thanksgiving Placemat Craft
Stop by to pick up a last minute Thanksgiving dinner essential! Make it here or take it home to do while dinner is cooking on Thanksgiving. While supplies last.



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KID EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2019

Storytimes

Friday, November 1, 8, 15 & 22 – North Branch

Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

Saturday, November 2, 9, 16 & 23 – North Branch

Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

Monday, November 4, 11, 18 & 25 – North Branch – 10:30-11:00 am

Wednesday, November 6, 13 & 20 – Lakeview Branch – 10:15-10:45 am
Tiny Tots Storytime
Ages 12 to 23 months.

Tuesday, November 5, 12 & 19 – Lincoln Branch

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

Tuesday, November 5, 12 & 19 – Lakeview Branch

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

Wednesday, November 6, 13, 20 & 27 – North Branch

Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 pm
Ages 0 to 23 months.

Storytimes

Thursday, November 7, 14 & 21 – McClure Branch

Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am
Ages 3 to 6.

Thursday, November 7, 14 & 21 – 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.

Tuesday, November 12 – McClure Branch

Sign and Sing Storytime with Communication Junction
11:30 am-12:00 pm

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 with your child.

Saturday, November 23 – 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

November – 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, November 1 – 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, November 1 – McClure 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.

Monday, November 11 – Lakeview Branch

Tuesday, November 26 – McClure Branch

Books and Bagels – 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 discussion and snacks. 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 497-2200 or 309-497-2700 with any questions. This month's title: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

Tuesday, November 12 – McClure Branch

4th Trimester: Breastfeeding Basics – 3:00-4:00 pm

Breastfeeding is a natural and healthy way to nourish your newborn and help them develop early immunity. However, it doesn't always seem natural when you're getting started! A representative from the Unity Point Lactation staff will provide guidance to get you and your baby on the path to breastfeeding success.

Friday, November 15 – McClure 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.

Tuesday, November 26 – Lincoln Branch

Puppet Show: "Turkey's Thanksgiving Adventure" – 10:00-10:30 am

Help Turkey learn the true meaning of Thanksgiving. Ages 3 to 6 years old.

Tuesday, November 26 – McClure Branch

4th Trimester: Car Seat Safety – 3:00-4:00 pm

Research shows that up to 59% of car seats are not installed correctly! Get the details on how to correctly install and use your baby's car seat from a Children's Hospital of Illinois expert, Ginger Streitmatter.

Grade School

November – 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.

November – Lakeview Branch & Main Library

Picture Book Character Election

Election season is coming up! We're voting to determine who will be our favorite picture book character in honor of National Picture Book Month. We have picked 6 story-book characters to choose from. Stop by to cast your vote and receive a special sticker. The character with the most votes will be announced as the winner Monday, December 2. Children ages 3 to 11 invited to participate in this election.

November 4-7 – Main Library

International Games Week – 3:00-5:00 pm

Come join us as we celebrate International Games Week! Stop by to play a variety of games such as board games, card games, puzzles and more that the whole family can enjoy. This event is open to children ages 6 to 10 and their caregivers.

Saturday, November 9 – McClure Branch

National Picture Book Month Write-In – 10:00 am-12:00 pm

In celebration of National Picture Book Month and NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) a mini write-in will be happening all morning! We'll go over the steps of creating a picture book and take some time to develop and write our very own! Ages 6 to 10.

Wednesday, November 20 – 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.

Thursday, November 21 – Main Library

Book Tasting – 3:00-5:00 PM

Celebrate Family Reading Night with a book tasting in the storytime room. Come and enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere with dedicated servers to help you find an old favorite or discover a new one on our delicious book menu. Read the whole book, a chapter of it or just the blurb. It's up to you. Children in kindergarten through 5th grade and their caregivers are welcome to savor a good book at the Reading Cafe.

Thursday, November 21 – Lincoln Branch

Pumpkin Seed Flowers – 4:00-5:00 pm

Halloween is over, but we have a lot of leftover pumpkin seeds, and we want to put them to a good use. Come join us as we show you a fun fall craft that uses leftover pumpkin seeds to make gorgeous flower designs! Ages 6 to 10.

Middle School / High School

Friday, November 1 – Lincoln Branch

Vinegar Day – 3:45-4:45 pm

We're going to try some of the greatest vinegar experiments there are! They range from blowing up a balloon to making a balloon BLOW UP! We'll even make a flash-light using vinegar, so come experiment with us! Ages 11 to 18.

Saturday, November 2 – McClure Branch

Pony Bead Crafting Party – 10:00-11:00 am

After going over some essential steps, you'll be ready to choose from tons of patterns to create a pony bead key chain or ornament to take home! Ages 10-18.

Tuesday, November 5 – Lincoln Branch

Thanksgiving Charades – 4:00-5:00 pm

Do you think you are up to the challenge of acting out Thanksgiving Dinner or Cutting the Turkey all without talking? Come and find out! Ages 11 to 18.

Friday, November 8 & 15 – Lincoln Branch

Coding Club – 3:45-4:45 pm

Participants will be able to use Code Combat to play a fun, coding-inspired game that teaches you key coding techniques and allows you to progress at your own pace. This program is one of the perfect ways to get introduced to coding. Come code with us! Ages 11 to 18.

Thursday, November 14 – Lincoln Branch

Create-A-Story! – 4:00-5:00 pm

The monthly writing group is back for another fun installment! This month we will be trying our hand at creating our own picture book. Using a fun computer program called Storybird, we will be able to create fun characters and stunning scenes, transforming our imagination into a reality! Ages 11 to 18.

Tuesday, November 19 – Lakeview Branch

Paint a Bookend – 4:30-5:30 pm

Be creative by painting our boring bookends into beautiful art that will be used on the shelves! Be sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on. Ages 11 to 18.

Tuesday, November 19 – Lincoln Branch

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

Tired of playing by someone else's rules? Board game lovers can design a game with your own rules and moves. Ages 11 to 18.

Wednesday, November 20 – North Branch

Comic Corps Club – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

For this month, high school students are encouraged to share any award-winning comic or manga.

Saturday, November 30 – Main Library

Wood Burning Basics – 3:00-5:00 pm

Learn the basics of this interesting form of art and have a chance to make a wood burning creation to take home! Please register by calling 497-2000. Ages 12 to 18.

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November – 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 to receive a bookmark and an entry into a drawing for a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card.

November – McClure Branch

Native American Heritage Month Reading Challenge

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with a reading challenge! Pick up an age-appropriate challenge sheet or download it from the website and turn it back in for your chance to win a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Friday, November 1 – 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.

November 4-8 – McClure Branch

International Games Week: Game Night Classics – 3:00-5:00 pm

Ever want to play a classic board game but never have anyone to play it with? Stop by each afternoon to play a different family game night classic during International Games Week! Monday: Scrabble; Tuesday: Uno; Wednesday: Sorry; Thursday: Monopoly; Friday: Clue

Tuesday, November 5 – Lincoln Branch

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

Donuts are not just for eating! Celebrate with donut crafts and games and, of course, a snack! Children of all ages.

Wednesday, November 6 – Lakeview Branch

Kid-Run Newspaper – 4:30-5:30 pm

Each meeting we will work on content for our latest issue of the Peoria Public Library Kid-Run Newspaper. If you can't make it to the meeting, please call the Lakeview Branch and ask for Adam or Katy for more information about the newspaper or how to submit content. New members are always welcome. Ages 8 to 17.

Thursday, November 7 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Celebrate Our Veterans – 4:00-5:00 pm

Design a Veterans Day card to honor and celebrate the men and women who served and protected our country.

Thursday, November 7 – Lincoln Branch

Turkey Olympics – 4:00-5:00 pm

We will have several mini competitions, all Thanksgiving-inspired, to see which team is the quickest, the most accurate, and even the most agile! The prize? A mini paper turkey that is stuffed with cool prizes like candy and toys! Children of all ages.