

Kids of All Ages

December – Main Library & Lakeview Branch

Catch the Gingerbread Man

Our gingerbread man is trying to run away! Every night while we're closed, he finds a new place to hide. If you catch him, you can choose a prize from our prize box!

December – McClure Branch

Learn a Foreign Language Challenge

December is Learn a Foreign Language month! Help celebrate by using Mango Languages, a free (with your library card) website and app that allows you to learn a new language from anywhere at any time! You'll gain one entry for each level you complete. Stop at McClure Branch to fill out your entries for a chance to win a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card. For any questions, please call (309) 497-2700.

December – McClure Branch

Dewey's Birthday Bingo Reading Challenge

Celebrate the birthdays of both Bingo and the father of the Dewey Decimal System (December 10) in one go! Complete a bingo sheet during the month of December to enter the drawing for a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Sunday, December 1 – North Branch

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

Goodnight Gracie plays music from many genres including pop, blues, indie, country and a few originals! They love audience interaction and encourage you to get up and dance if the music moves you.

Tuesday, December 3 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Bingo Frenzy – 5:00-6:00 pm

Celebrate this popular game with us by joining in the fun and competition. All ages welcome.

Wednesday, December 4 – Lakeview Branch

Kid-Run Newspaper – 4:30-5:30 pm

We will work on content for our latest issue. If you can't make it to the meeting, please call the Lakeview Branch and ask for Adam or Katy. Ages 8 to 17.

Wednesday, December 4 – McClure Branch

What is Mango Languages? – 5:00-5:45 pm

Have you ever wanted to learn a new language but didn't know where to start? Learn about this free database you can access from anywhere using your Peoria Public Library card!

Friday, December 6 – Lakeview Branch

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

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

Saturday, December 7 – McClure Branch

Deck the Halls for the Elderly – 3:30-5:00 pm

Be a joyful heart and join us in making holiday cards for the elderly that we will share with local nursing homes here in Peoria. True giving happens when we give from our hearts.

Tuesday, December 10 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Ornament Bonanza – 5:00-6:00 pm

Use a variety of paints, snow, and beads to bring bling to your holiday ornaments. These little gems can be great keepsakes or a holiday gift. Please call 497-2600 to register.

Saturday, December 14 – 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, December 21 & Sunday, December 22 – Lincoln Branch

Holiday Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 pm

Come make a fun holiday decoration. Children of all ages.

Saturday, December 21 – McClure Branch

Sugar Cookie Decorating – 3:00-5:00 pm

Get into the holiday spirit with some sugar cookie decorating while a classic Christmas movie plays in the background! Enjoy your uniquely decorated treat with some hot cocoa.

December 26-31 – McClure Branch

Drop In: Craft Closet Clean-Out

Pick up a random craft-to-go as we clean out our crafting closet to get ready for the new year!

December 26-31 – McClure Branch

The Wishing Tree

Add a wish for yourself or someone you care about with the hopes that it will come true in 2020, and check out all the wishes others have made on the wishing tree!

December 26-January 3 – McClure Branch

Winter Break Gaming – 4:00-5:00 pm

Keep yourself busy during winter break with video, board, and card games! They'll be set up each weekday afternoon during winter break.

Peoria
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KID
EVENTS
DECEMBER 2019

Storytimes

Monday, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – North Branch – 10:30-11:00 am

Wednesday, December 4, 11 & 18 – Lakeview Branch – 10:15-10:45 am

Tiny Tots Storytime
Ages 12 to 23 months.

Tuesday, December 3, 10 & 17 – Lakeview Branch

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

Wednesday, December 4, 11 & 18 – North Branch

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

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

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

Thursday, December 5, 12, 19 & 26 – 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 of letters and the sounds they make! Ages 2 to 3.

Friday, December 6, 13, 20 & 27 – North Branch

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

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

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

Tuesday, December 10 – Lincoln Branch

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

Saturday, December 21 – 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

December – 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.

Tuesday, December 3 – Lincoln Branch

Winter Wonder Express – 10:00-11:30 am

Join us in these festive activities by participating in STEM projects, a photo booth, and a simulated “train ride,” all while listening to the Christmas tale *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. At the end, everyone will take home a complimentary treat! Ages 3 to 5. To register, call 497-2600

Friday, December 6 – 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. Dress for a mess.

Friday, December 6 – 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, December 9 – Lakeview Branch

Tuesday, December 17 – McClure Branch

Books and Bagels – 10:00-11:00 am

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. Visit one or both of the sessions! Please call 497-2200 or 309-497-2700 with any questions. This month's title: *The Leaving* by Tara Altebrando

Tuesday, December 10 – McClure Branch

4th Trimester: Peoria County Bright Futures Program – 3:00-4:00 pm

Peoria County Bright Futures has a very user-friendly program for pregnant and new moms and dads! Learn about their Home Visits - Birth to Three program at this session.

Tuesday, December 17 – Lincoln Branch

Puppet Show: “Santa Cures a Cold” – 10:00-10:30 am

Come help Rollo, one of Santa's elves, find a cure for Santa's cold. Ages 3 to 6 years old.

Tuesday, December 17 – McClure Branch

4th Trimester: Postpartum Depression Support – 3:00-4:00 pm

Almost all new moms deal with some form of “baby blues,” and about one in five develop postpartum depression. It's perfectly natural and no one's fault, and there are FREE community resources to help alleviate suffering. Come to this session to hear from Sabra Burrell, local counselor and leader of OSF's Postpartum Depression Support Group.

Friday, December 20 – 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, December 31 – Lakeview Branch

Countdown to Noon – 11:00 am-12:15 pm

We'll countdown to noon by dressing up, enjoying snacks, coloring, and taking silly photos in front of our special New Years Eve backdrop. At noon we'll have a balloon drop and dance to some favorite songs. Your little ones won't want to miss this special party. Ages 1 to 7.

Grade School

Monday, December 23 – Lakeview Branch

The Night Sky – 2:00-3:00 pm

When was the last time you gazed up at the night sky? We will learn about constellations and some of the stories behind them, make our own constellation, and even make a small rocket that you can launch. Ages 5 to 10.

Monday, December 30 – Main Library

Game Day Fun – 3:30-5:00 pm

Join us at the library for an afternoon of fun! There will be card games, board games, puzzles and much more available in the Children's Activity Room. Children ages 3 to 12 and their caregiver.

Middle School / High School

Thursday, December 5 – Lincoln Branch

Christmas Movie Trivia – 4:00-5:00 pm

Are you ready for Christmas? Have you watched every Christmas movie out there? Come test out your knowledge in this fun Christmas Movie Trivia Challenge! Please call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

Friday, December 6 – Lincoln Branch

Brown Bag It Christmas Trees – 3:45-4:45 pm

Using brown paper bags, you will be challenged in this STEM activity to create your own free-standing Christmas tree, complete with ornaments! Please call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

Tuesday, December 10 – Lincoln Branch

Hot Chocolate Party – 4:00-5:00 pm

It's the season for some hot chocolate! We are going to taste different flavors, play some winter games, and make fun marshmallow snowflakes! Come and decide what flavor of hot chocolate is the best, dunk your marshmallows and have a good time! Please call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

Thursday, December 12 – Lincoln Branch

Dear Santa, I can explain... – 4:00-5:00 pm

In the last writing group for the year, we are trying to convince Santa to put us BACK on the nice list! Participants will have to brainstorm what it was that landed them on the naughty list, and explain why it wasn't that bad. Participants will also create a small keychain of what they want from Santa. Ages 11 to 18. Please call 497-2600 to register.

Friday, December 13 – Lincoln Branch

Santa Sleigh Ramp – 3:45-4:45 pm

In this STEM activity, Santa is stuck on the roof of your house because the reindeer have decided not to fly. You need to create a ramp out of various materials provided, as well as a sleigh, so that Santa can successfully travel down the ramp. Please call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

Saturday, December 14 – McClure Branch – 10:00-11:30 am

Friday, December 20 – Main Library – 4:00-5:30 pm

String Art Project

Join us for one of two sessions to learn the steps it takes to create your own String Art Project! All materials will be provided. Reservations required by December 11 for McClure Branch session and December 17 for Main Library session. Call 309-497-2702 or email programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us to reserve your spot. Ages 12 to 18.

Wednesday, December 18 – North Branch

Comic Corps Club – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

For this month, high school students are encouraged to share the most recent comic or manga they have read.

Friday, December 20 – Lakeview Branch

Marvel Trivia Night – 4:00-5:00 pm

Are you a fan of the Marvel Cinematic Universe? Join us for trivia night to test your knowledge of the Marvel movies from *Iron Man* to *Spider-Man: Far From Home*. Space is limited, so please register your teams of 2 to 4 and team name via email to programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us by December 13.

Grade School

December – 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. Ask for a Craft-to-Go, take it home and the fun begins.

December – Main Library

Find Your Next Book: Kid Version

Stop at the information desk to find your next book by choosing a clear mini globe and opening it up. Read the colored paper strip and follow the suggestion for what to read.

December – Main Library

Winter Holiday Fun Booklet

Get rid of the winter blahs with a Winter Activity Booklet. Full of recipes, game and craft ideas, coloring pages, poems, and jokes centered around the December holidays, it's sure to be your solution to conquering a dull day.

Thursday, December 5 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Winter Snowman Craft – 4:00-5:00 pm

Join the by fun making a snowman out of Popsicle sticks! This festive decoration will help you deck the halls for the holidays. Please call 497-2600 to register. Ages 6 to 11.

Tuesday, December 10 – Lakeview Branch

Drop In: Christmas Craft – 6:30-7:30 pm

Make a mosaic manger scene to hang up in your home.

Tuesday, December 17 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Christmas Agamographs – 5:00-6:00 pm

Watch as your creation turns from one art form into another. Ages 6 to 11.

Wednesday, December 18 – Lakeview Branch

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

Give your opinion on events and materials. Ages 8 to 12.



All locations of Peoria Public Library
will be closed

Monday, December 23 (at 6:00pm)
through Wednesday, December 25
for the Christmas Holiday



Tuesday, December 31 (at 3:00pm)
through Wednesday, January 1
for the New Year's Holiday

North Branch always closed Tuesday