

Kids of All Ages

January – Lakeview Branch 2020 Reading Challenges

Choose one or more of our reading challenges to take part in during 2020. Bring in your completed challenge to receive a bookmark and an entry into a drawing for a \$25 Barnes and Nobel gift card. Books may be used on more than one challenge. All ages.

January – All locations Winter Reading Challenge

Cozy up with some new reads during the winter months to complete the Winter Reading Challenge! Pick up your log at any Peoria Public Library location to get started! Complete your log by February 29 for your chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift card or an Amazon Kindle Fire!

January 2 & 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 afternoon during winter break! Children of all ages.

Saturday, January 4 & 18 – Main Library Kids Craft Time – 10:00-11:00 am

Children can explore their creative side during these hands on bi-weekly craft sessions. All ages are welcome, but children under 3 will need adult assistance to complete each craft. All supplies will be provided.

Monday, January 6, 13 & 27 – McClure Branch Bookin' It Walking Club – 9:30-10:30 am

Need help starting a consistent fitness routine? Our walking club will meet each Monday for a 30 minute (or longer if you're up for it!) walk at Columbia Park located next to the McClure Branch. We will walk inside if there's inclement weather and outside on the nice days. We will keep track of goals and milestones! Members who complete 20 weeks in 2020 will be entered into a drawing for a prize!

Monday, January 6 – Lakeview Branch Toy Story 4 & a Craft – 10:15 am-12:30 pm

At 10:15, make your own Forky to take home with you and play with while watching the movie. At 10:45, the film begins. Craft supplies are provided, but please bring your own snacks.

Wednesday, January 8 – Lakeview Branch Kid-Run Newspaper – 4:30-5:30 pm

Each meeting we will work on content for our latest issue. If you can't make it, please call Lakeview Branch for more information on how to submit content. Ages 8 to 17.

Sunday, January 12 – North Branch Music in the McKenzie Presents: New Cats–2:00-4:00pm

The band members encompass a wide mixture of music backgrounds from jazz to punk, and each brings their own unique flavor to the bluegrass genre. They fuse high energy and uptempo new and traditional bluegrass and folk music, along with a handful of their own finely crafted tunes.

Monday, January 13 – Lakeview Branch Stuffed Animal & Doll Wellness Clinic – 10:15-11:00am

Bring your favorite toy friend to a short storytime, and afterward they'll have a check-up to make sure they're healthy and in perfect cuddling condition. Children of all ages.

Tuesday, January 14 – Lincoln Branch Front & Center: Happy Birthday, Dr. King–5:00-6:00pm

Join us for trivia, games, and crafts and write your own "I Have a Dream" speech. Commemorate the life and legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Please call 497-2600 to register.

Saturday & Sunday, January 18 & 19 – Lincoln Branch Winter Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 pm

Make a fun snowman craft to melt the winter blues away!

Saturday, January 25 – McClure Branch Drop-In: Snowflake Window Art – 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Create a "stained glass" tissue paper window decoration to admire each time you look out at the winter wonderland outside! All ages welcome.

Wednesday, January 29 – Lakeview Branch Afternoon Board Games & Puzzles – 12:00-4:00 pm

Stop by our Storytime Room to play a game or a puzzle from our collection. We have a variety of puzzles and games for the youngest of children up to teens. Children of all ages.

Wednesday, January 29 – McClure Branch National Puzzle Day – 3:00-5:30 pm

We'll have jigsaws, word puzzles, and even some 3D puzzles available for you to try out. All ages welcome.

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Storytimes

Thursday, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – 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 and sounds of letters! Ages 2 to 3.

Friday, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – North Branch Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am

Children of all ages.

Saturday, January 4 – Lakeview Branch Once Upon a Cuento – 10:00-11:00 am

A Spanish/English storytime with help from the Peoria Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Join us for libros (books), juegos (games) and canciones (songs).

Saturday, January 4, 11, 18 & 25 – North Branch Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am

Children of all ages.

Monday, January 6, 13, 20 & 27 – North Branch 10:30-11:00 am Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 – Lakeview Branch 10:15-10:45 am Tiny Tots Storytime

Ages 12 to 24 months.

Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Lincoln Branch Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am

Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Lakeview Branch Toddler Tales – 10:15-10:45 am

Ages 2 to 4.

Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 – North Branch Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 pm

Ages 0 to 23 months.

Thursday, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 – McClure Branch Storytime for Littles – 10:00-10:30 am

Ages 0 to 2.

Thursday, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 – McClure Branch Storytime for Bigs – 10:30-11:00 am

Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, January 14 – McClure Branch Sign and Sing Storytime with Communication Junction – 11:30 am-12:00 pm

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.

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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

January – All locations

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Read 1,000 books to your child before they enter kindergarten and earn prizes for every 100 books. Once your child reads 1,000 books, they will be invited to a graduation party.

Friday, January 3 – McClure Branch

Friday, January 10 – Lakeview Branch

Baby Playground – 10:15-11:30 am

Join us for a special playgroup designed to help you explore your world through creative play. Ages 9 to 24 months.

Tuesday, January 14 – McClure Branch

4th Trimester: Early Literacy: How to Raise a Reader – 3:00-4:00 pm

Start your baby off on the path to language development by reading to them. Library staff will share strategies and resources for engaging your baby with early literacy activities.

Friday, January 17 – McClure Branch

Friday, January 24 – Lakeview Branch

Toddler Play Zone – 10:15-11:30 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, January 22 – North Branch

Messy Winter Craft – 5:30-6:30 pm

Keep winter boredom away by dropping in to make a work of art - and WE'LL clean up the mess! Ages 0-5.

Tuesday, January 28 – McClure Branch

4th Trimester: Baby Sleep – 3:00-4:00 pm

Join a representative from the Illinois Neurological Sleep Center to get you and your little one headed down the path to an effective sleep routine.

Grade School

January – 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.

January 2-16 – Main Library

Appreciate a Dragon Day

January 16th is Appreciate a Dragon Day, and we're celebrating by decorating our own paper dragon. Children preschool through 5th grade can ask for some dragon stickers and give our dragon the bling he needs to look amazing.

Friday, January 3 – McClure Branch

Slime Workshop – 2:30-3:30 pm

Test out a few different slime recipes! Ages 6 to 11.

Tuesday, January 7 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Salt Crystal Snowflakes – 4:30-5:30 pm

Transform pipe cleaners into beautiful snowflakes. This fun science activity is the perfect project for winter. Ages 6-11.

Tuesday, January 7 – Lakeview Branch

Kids Book Club – 4:30-5:30 pm

Join our new book club! Club members work together in selecting book titles, fiction and nonfiction, and with leading discussion. This month we will be reading *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. Ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, January 9 – Lincoln Branch

Snow Problem! – 4:00-5:00 pm

Come join us as we try out three different snow making recipes and try to determine which is the most authentic! Registration required. Please call 497-2600. Ages 6 to 11.

Friday, January 10 – Lincoln Branch

Winter Mosaic – 3:45-4:45 pm

Utilizing some everyday paint swatches, we will be adding a little color this winter by making our own mosaics. Registration required. Please call 497-2600. Ages 6 to 11.

Grade School

Saturday, January 11 – Lakeview Branch

Poetry Club – 4:30-5:30 pm

Join our poetry club to learn about the art of poetry and write your own poems! An open mic will be held every month to share your work. Ages 8 to 12.

Wednesday, January 15 – Main Library

National Hat Day – 3:30-5:00 pm

Come celebrate National Hat Day at the library! Stop by the Children's Activity Room to decorate your own foam hat visor to wear. Ages 6 to 11.

Wednesday, January 15 – North Branch

Something about the Artist – 4:00-4:45 pm

Learn about celebrated artists and find inspiration for your own art. This month's artist is Jackson Pollock. Ages 6 to 11.

Thursday, January 16 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Balloon Pop & Play – 4:00-5:00 pm

Pop your balloon and see what silly thing is written on your paper to do! Make a funny face, hop on one foot holding your ear, and more! Call 497-2600 to register. Ages 6 to 11.

Wednesday, January 22 – 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, January 23 – Main Library

Chinese New Year Movie & Craft – 3:30-5:00 pm

Celebrate the Year of the Rat by joining us for a movie with a rat character, refreshments, a fun rat craft and red envelope prizes. Ages 5 to 12.

Tuesday, January 28 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Extreme Dots – 4:30-5:30 pm

Challenge yourself with Extreme Dots! Choose your favorite animal, character or nature dot to dot puzzles. See who can be the first to complete over 500 dots! Ages 6 to 11.

Wednesday, January 29 – Main Library

National Puzzle Day – 3:30-5:00 pm

Come to the Children's Room to put together some of our wooden and jigsaw puzzles. Then color your own puzzle to take home. Ages 6 to 11.

Thursday, January 30 – Lincoln Branch

Pizza Art – 4:15-5:15 pm

It's National Pizza Week and we are doing a pizza inspired craft! Using paint and foam board, we will craft our own pizzas, making sure to put special care in the toppings and the sauce so that our 'pizza' is sure to look delicious! Call 497-2600 to register. Ages 6 to 11.

Middle School / High School

January 13-18 – McClure Branch & North Branch

Thesaurus Day Challenge

We're celebrating Thesaurus Day all week. Complete your challenge sheet with one of our thesauruses (no phones/computers) to enter to win a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Thursday, January 16 – Lincoln Branch

Northern Lights Craft – 4:00-5:00 pm

We will be creating our own Aurora Borealis with a few pieces of chalk and paper! Call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

Tuesday, January 21 – Lincoln Branch

Front & Center: Let's Play Jingo – 4:30-5:30 pm

Get a double twist as we combine Music with Bingo that gives you Jingo! Ages 12 to 18.

Thursday, January 23 – Lincoln Branch

Writing Group: Sense Description – 4:00-5:00 pm

We will be practicing writing our description of objects. Using each of your senses individually, you will have to describe different objects. Can you figure out what the object is without your other senses to help you out? Call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

Saturday, January 25 – McClure Branch

Letters in 3D – 3:00-5:00 pm

Design and decorate your initials in 3D! Create a unique decoration for any room. While supplies last. Ages 12 to 18.

Friday, January 31 – Lincoln Branch

Build Your Block STEM – 3:45-4:45 pm

A community is constantly changing, with new businesses rising and falling. We are giving you the chance to design your own, perfect community block. In this fun STEM activity, participants will have to put their math and art skills to the test to design their perfect city block from paper. What will be on your block? An ice cream shop, a movie theatre, a library? It's up to you to decide! Call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

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of Peoria Public Library
will be closed

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



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