
It’s a mantra that Peoria Public Library takes to heart, especially in 2020, which will be the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

Beginning this month, Peoria Public Library will only publish one printed event calendar/newsletter instead of a main newsletter and a separate Kid Events each month. Events will be separated by age range so finding kid-related events should still be easy to do.

“We became increasingly cognizant of the number of leftover newsletters we had each month, and even though we recycle, we thought it would be better if we could streamline and reduce the waste,” said Peoria Public Library Executive Director Randall Yelverton. “We know many patrons rely on the hard copy of our newsletter so we will not eliminate it entirely, even though we do have our entire calendar and newsletter on our website.”

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, paper and cardboard materials comprised the largest component in municipal landfills in 2017, the latest year for statistics. On a positive note, about 44.2 million tons of paper and cardboard were recycled in 2017 for a recycling rate of 65.9 percent, among the highest compared to other landfill waste materials.

Please look for Peoria Public Library’s event calendar every month at each of our five locations and Bookmobile.
Peoria Public Library has added two new digital services to the wealth of resources already offered – our gift to you for 2020.

Patrons can now access hoopla, a digital streaming service with nearly 800,000 titles encompassing e-books, audio books, comics, movies, television and music, and RB Digital, a digital platform that is the world’s largest independent producer of audio books.

A key highlight of both hoopla and RB Digital is that unlimited numbers of users can check out the digital offerings simultaneously - something not every service allows.

“We know it can be frustrating to wait to check out an e-book until it is ‘returned,’” Yelverton added. “After all, it’s digital, it should be accessible anytime. With hoopla and RB Digital, they are.”

Patrons can find links to both services on the Peoria Public Library website at peoriapubliclibrary.org under Downloads and Streaming or via the rotating main banner. You must have a current Peoria Public Library card to register for access.

Hoopla, which features current hit movies along with classic films, foreign films, modern indies and documentaries, will stream on smart televisions and streaming devices, including Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV and Roku.

Books, digital or audio, can be downloaded or streamed on digital devices – from your smart phone to Kindle to Alexa.

Unlimited books can be downloaded or streamed through RB Digital, but patrons will be limited to four check-outs per month via hoopla.
EARLY LEARNERS

FEbruary
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. Sign up at any Peoria Public Library location. Details are given at the time of signup. Once your child reads 1,000 books, they will be invited to a graduation party.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
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) as we build vocabulary in both languages. Children of all ages.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
NORTH BRANCH
Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 10 & 24
NORTH BRANCH – 10:30-11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5, 12, 19 & 26
LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 10:15-10:45 AM
Tiny Tots Storytime
Ages 12 to 23 months.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18 & 25
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Toddler Tales – 10:15-10:45 am
Ages 2 to 4.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18 & 25
NORTH BRANCH
A-Z Storytime
Ages 2 to 3.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20 & 27
MCCLURE BRANCH
Sign and Sing Storytime with Communication Junction – 11:30 am-12:00 pm
Join Communication Junction for an 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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
NORTH BRANCH
Preschool Fair – 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Do you have a child ready to start preschool? Are you confused about where to start looking for information on where to send your child? Join us for information about different area preschools, have the opportunity to ask questions, enter a raffle for a preschool goody basket, and enjoy a storytime and a craft.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
MCCLURE 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.

GRADE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY
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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Comic Drawing Workshop
2:30-4:00 pm
Join us as our guest artist teaches about the history of comics and different art styles, and helps us create our own comics. Grades 4 to 8. Registration required, so please call 309-497-2200.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6
LINCOLN BRANCH
Valentine Tangrams – 4:00-5:00 pm
In this fun Valentine inspired STEM craft we will be making heart tangrams, which are puzzles put together to form an image. Participants will have fun designing their own heart tangram and putting it all together to share with their special someone! Ages 6 to 11.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Valentine Wreath Craft
4:00-5:00 pm
Create a beautiful handmade wreath with hearts that say I love you mom for Valentine’s Day. Registration required. Please call 497-2600 to register. Ages 6 to 11.
GRADE SCHOOL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
LINCOLN BRANCH
Valentine Ziplines – 3:45-4:45 pm
In this engaging STEM activity, you will design a Valentine carrier that will travel along our homemade zip-line and get to your friend waiting on the other end in under 5 seconds! Ages 6 to 11.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Kids Book Club – 4:30-5:30 pm
Club members work together in selecting book titles, fiction and nonfiction, and with leading discussion. This month we will be reading Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin. New readers are always welcome! For more information, please contact Kayla at Lakeview. Ages 8 to 12.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
LINCOLN BRANCH
Quilling Hearts – 4:00-5:00 pm
Come make a quilling card for your special someone at the library. Rolling vibrantly colored pieces of paper using the quilling technique, we will create a heart design that is both uniquely yours and beautiful! Ages 6 to 11.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Log Cabin Craft – 4:30-5:30 pm
Make a cabin out of pretzels and a milk carton. This is the perfect DIY craft to commemorate Presidents’ Day! Ages 6-11.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
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 Lakeview Branch. Ages 8 to 12.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Black History Bingo Game – 4:30-5:30 pm
Join us for a fun game of Black History Bingo. This interactive game will introduce you to influential African American athletes, scientists, educators, inventors and more. Ages 6 to 11.

TEENS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
MCCLURE BRANCH
Mason Jar Luminaries – 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Decorate a pair of mason jar luminaries to light your room on these dreary winter days. Ages 12 to 18.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Vision Board 2020 – 4:30-5:30 pm
It's 2020! Have you thought about what you want for your future? Create a vision board that lets your creative thoughts flow. Ages 12 to 14.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
NORTH BRANCH
Nail It or Fail It – 4:30-5:45 pm
We’re making all that stuff that looks sooooo easy to do, but probably isn’t. You might take home a really cool decoration… or you might not. #PPLNailedIt Ages 12 to 18.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
LINCOLN BRANCH
Writing Group: Love Song Remake – 4:00-5:00 pm
Since February is the month of love, we are going to be writing our own love songs in this month’s writing group. Looking at the most famous love songs and finding what they all have in common, we will use several tips and tricks to create our own love songs and test them out! Call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
LINCOLN BRANCH
Circulatory System Game – 4:15-5:15 pm
Since February is also national Heart month, we are going to play a fun game that teaches us all about the circulatory system. The goal of the game is to follow the path of blood as it makes its way through the body. The first player to make it back to the heart wins! Ages 12 to 18.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
LINCOLN BRANCH
Marble Run – 3:45-4:45 pm
We are putting our skills to the test in this STEM challenge to create a marble run. How long will your marble last? How tall is your marble run? Is it enough to beat your friend’s? Ages 12 to 18.

ALL AGES

FEBRUARY

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! All ages welcome.

Peoria Public Library gets by with a little help from our Friends.

Friends of Peoria Public Library is a 501(c)(3) that exists solely to support our projects and programs. Mainly through book sales, Friends contributes to our varied children’s programming. But we’d love to do so much more – and we can with your help.

Please consider becoming a Friend of the Library. For an annual contribution of $25, you will be a Friend and eligible for a 20 percent discount on anything sold at our Friends book stores. You can also help and have input on programming and bringing in authors. Let us tell you more. Call us at (309) 497-2141.

Friends also takes donations of books (and some magazines) year-round.

朋友们共同支持图书馆的运营。主要通过书籍销售，朋友们贡献了我们多样的儿童项目。但我们也希望做更多的事情——并且我们可以通过你的帮助。

请考虑成为图书馆的朋友。每年贡献25美元，你将成为朋友，并且有资格享受我们朋友书店内20%的折扣。你也可以帮忙并为我们的项目提供建议。让我们告诉你更多。请致电(309) 497-2141。

朋友们还接受书籍（和一些杂志）的捐赠。年年皆可。
ALL AGES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 & 15
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.

FEBRUARY 2-8
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Children’s Author and Illustrator Week Scavenger Hunt Challenge
Some of your favorite book characters are hiding throughout the children’s side of the library! Correctly find and identify all of the characters to choose a prize from our prize box. Children of all ages.

FEBRUARY 3-27
MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY
From a Cougar Point of View
Each year, Illinois Central College organizes Arts Week, an annual celebration of the arts on campus and in the community of Central Illinois. Arts Week includes lectures, demonstrations, classes, workshops, a faculty exhibition, and a juried student exhibition. The Main Library gallery is showcasing the artwork of the student exhibition winners from Illinois Central College’s annual juried student exhibition during Arts Week of 2019. It features work by Jacob Coogan, Tomya Wilson, Xavier Muth, Kayla Sanders, Caylie Cafferty, Katie Fay, and Tom Stagg.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 10 & 24
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! All ages welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
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 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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Lego Builders Club
3:00-5:00 pm
Calling all LEGO fans! Drop in for part of the time or stay for the entire two hours of play. Children of all ages.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21 & 28
MCCLURE BRANCH
Disney Princesses in Love Movie Series
3:30-5:00 pm
Enjoy a Disney Princess love story each Friday afternoon this month!
February 7: Cinderella (1950)
February 14: The Little Mermaid (1989)
February 21: Beauty and the Beast (1991)
February 28: The Princess and the Frog (2009)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
NORTH BRANCH
Third Thursday Film Fest: The Year of the Woman – 2:00-4:30 pm
2020 is the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote. Join us on the third Thursday of each month for a movie featuring strong female characters. We will have some classics as well as some newer films – definitely something for everyone. Bring a snack and enjoy a movie on the big screen. Free and open to all ages. This month: The Hate U Give (2018)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
NORTH BRANCH
Music in the McKenzie Presents:
Flatland Harmony Experiment – 2:00-4:00 pm
Stylistically, you can expect Flatland Harmony Experiment’s original music to flow from tunes that echo the founding roots of bluegrass to progressive gypsy and all places in between. Conscious lyrics, a thread of harmony, and instrumental virtuosity permeates all of the original music of the Flatland Harmony Experiment. This band dares to be labeled simply as bluegrass or Americana.

FEBRUARY 1-18
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Which President Am I?
Visit our display of biographies on the presidents and read fun facts about the presidents as you try to guess the identity of the mystery president.

All locations of Peoria Public Library will be closed for

PRESIDENTS’ DAY

Monday, February 17

North Branch always closed Tuesday
ADULTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3
NORTH BRANCH
Learn Something at the Library: Art as Meditation – 6:00-7:30 pm
Be introduced to the Art of Zentangle. It’s an exciting method for exploring line and pattern, using curiosity for presence in the moment, and creativity to connect with the inner self.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:45 pm
This month: Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
The Hate U Give: Peoria Reads Discussion for Educators – 4:30-5:30 pm
The award-winning young adult novel, The Hate U Give, is the Peoria Reads book for 2020. Join Bradley University professor Melinda McBee Orzulak to discuss different teaching methods and supplemental resources related to this book. Educators who have or will teach this book are invited to share their experiences and discuss ideas for tapping into Peoria Reads events in Spring 2020. Professional development credit is available. Register by calling 497-2200.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Board in the Library - 6:00-7:45 pm
Bring a friend or meet a new friend while playing a board or card game. Select one from our collection or feel free to bring one of your own. Ages 18 and up.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
NORTH BRANCH
Biography and Nonfiction Book Club – 3:00-4:30 pm
This month: Flu: The Story of the Great Flu Pandemic of 1918 by Gina Kolata

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
MCCLURE BRANCH
The Book Was First Movie Series - 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Join in a viewing of the 2017 film Wonder based on the book by R.J. Palacio. Read the book before you come or just enjoy a movie and light refreshments!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Sci Fi & Fantasy Book Club
6:30-7:30 pm
This month: Forever War by Joe Haldeman

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Autism Resource Group
10:00 am-1:00 pm
Are you a parent with a child or teen with Autism Spectrum Disorder? Join us for resource sharing and support.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
YA for Adults Book Club
6:30-7:30 pm
Are you in your 20s or 30s and enjoy reading Young Adult books? Join this fun group to discuss the best in YA literature. This month: The Lovely War by Julie Berry

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
MCCLURE BRANCH
Monday Morning Movie Series
10:30 am-12:30 pm
This week: A Streetcar Named Desire starring Marlon Brando (1951)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Peoria Speaks - 6:00-7:30 pm
Peoria Speaks is a monthly small-group discussion that uses well-facilitated dialogue to bring community members together and bridge divides around issues that matter most to our community. This month, Sarah Glover will lead a discussion of “Talking About My Generation” focusing on how we can bridge generational divides. To reserve a spot or learn more, please contact Roberta at 497-2186 or RobertaKoscielski@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us. Funding for Peoria Speaks is being provided by Illinois Humanities through their Illinois Speaks program which is aimed at strengthening the democratic process through dialogues across Illinois.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Mature Readers Book Club
2:15-3:15 pm
This month: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
NORTH BRANCH
Sherlock Holmes Story Society - 6:30-7:30 pm
All are welcome to experience Sherlock Holmes in this discussion group. This month: A Study in Scarlet - Part 1, Chapters 1-3

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ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Friendly Finds Bookstore
Proceeds benefit Friends of Peoria Public Library 501(c)(3)

Friday, March 13
50% off total purchase

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$5 bag sale $2 bag sale

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MARCH BOOK CLUBS

Consider stepping outside your comfort zone and joining a book club. Or two. Not only will you make new friends and keep the old, but you may be introduced to books or genres you never would have considered on your own. New members are always welcome!

Peoria Public Library hosts the following book clubs. If you’d like to start a new one, contact us at 497-2141.

THE BIOGRAPHY/NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the second Sunday of the month from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at North Branch.
For more information, call Roberta Koscielski at 309-497-2186.
March 8: Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes What We See, Think & Do by Jennifer L. Eberhardt

THE YA FOR ADULTS BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.
For more information, call Karla at 497-2150.
March 17: On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

THE SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.
For more information, call 497-2701.
March 9: All Systems Red by Martha Wells

MATURE READERS BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the last Wednesday of the month at 2:15 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.
For more information, call 497-2701.
March 25: The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (2020 Peoria Reads selection)

INTERCONTINENTAL READERS
When/Where: Meets every three months on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m at Main Library LL1 Classroom B. This club focuses on American and Irish authors and Skypes with members in Clonmel, Ireland.
For more information, email Terry Tate at knntateemchsi.com
March 24: The Transatlantic Book Club by Felicity Hayes-McCoy

THE BIBLIOPHILES BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the first Tuesday of the month from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.
For more information, contact Nancy at 309-231-3265 or by email at nancy415@mediacombb.net
March 3: Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY SOCIETY
When/Where: Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at North Branch.
For more information, call 497-2701.
March 26: A Study in Scarlet, Part 1, Chapters 4-7

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Peoria Public Library staff brought Harry Potter to life at the Civic Center’s family-friendly New Year’s Eve party on Dec. 31.

More than 1,500 people attended and were excited to have a chance to take selfies with the powerful wizard and see his bubbling cauldron and potion pantry up close. We also helped our guests make custom wands and their own flying keys before being sorted into their Hogwarts House.

Left: We also used our “magical” 3-D printer to make a tiny replica of Hogwarts for one lucky winner.

Above: Peoria Public Library reference assistant Amber Lowery, left, and her mother, local author Linda Lowery, are our Harry Potter experts.