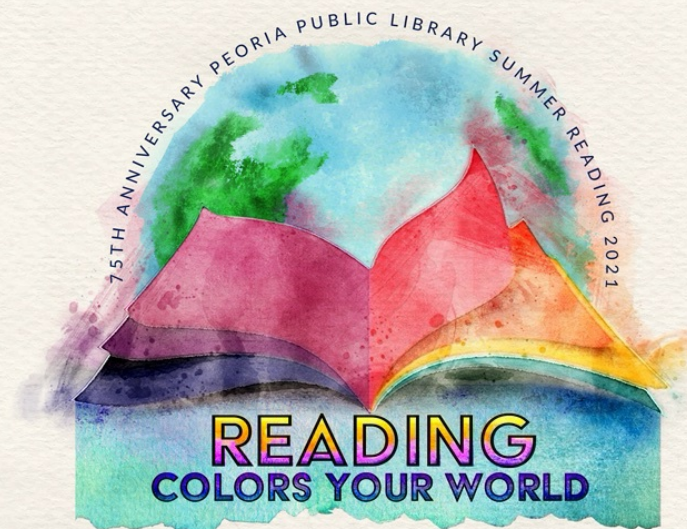




Library IN THE LOOP



Summer Reading Colors Your World

Summer Reading officially starts June 6!

It's not too late to sign up – either at your favorite Peoria Public Library branch or online. If you sign up in person, choose the Peoria Public Library location you visit most often. That's where you will do your weekly check-ins (and pick up small, fun surprises!). To participate online, sign up via Beanstack, our online platform, at www.peoriapubliclibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack Tracker app.

2021 marks 75 years of Summer Reading at Peoria Public Library! Between June 6 and July 24, all you have to do is read three hours a week or do our reading challenges – or mix and match.

All ages are invited to participate in Summer Reading, and those who complete all seven weeks of our reading challenge will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing for a "Day Out in Peoria." This prize package will explore Peoria's arts, sciences and food.

Summer Reading, while fun, also serves a purpose in helping to stem what's commonly known as the "Summer Slide" or loss of reading and reading comprehension skills for students over the summer months. Now, in addition to the Summer Slide, some researchers are adding in concerns about the COVID Slide, referencing academic setbacks tied to either school closures during the pandemic or the stress of online learning.

Questions about Beanstack? Check out our tutorial on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byKj9i9DU2E>

Attention Daycares and Summer Camps: We'd love to have you participate in Summer Reading as a group.

Email programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us if you have questions.





Upcoming Author Event with Elaine Weiss

More than 100 years ago, women won their long, hard-fought battle for the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Peoria Public Library has partnered with The League of Women Voters of Greater Peoria and other like-minded organizations – the Peoria Historical Society and the Peoria Riverfront Museum – to celebrate this historic milestone with a variety of events, including a special, live discussion with Elaine Weiss, author of *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*.

Weiss' book, which is currently in development as an anthology drama produced by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton alongside Steven Spielberg, details the remarkable lengths a handful of women went to in the summer of 1920 to secure voting rights, and, therefore, equality for women.

Weiss, an award-winning journalist, will discuss her book during a free, virtual event at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 8. Details on how to register for this event, as well as a separate book signing event immediately following, are available [here](#).

"We fully intended to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, but the pandemic derailed us so we are celebrating the 101st," said event chair Roberta Parks, a member of the League of Women Voters of Greater Peoria.

"In some ways, however, celebrating this year is more meaningful because we're watching a complicated dichotomy play out before us that we wouldn't have experienced last year. We made history in the 2020 election by electing the first woman U.S. vice president – as well as the first African American and first Asian American vice president – and in Peoria we have just elected the first woman and first African American mayor. At the same time, we are also seeing a rigorous attack on voting rights in our country. In just the past few months, hundreds of bills designed to suppress voting – imposing strict voter ID laws, reducing voting times, restricting registration and purging voter rolls – have been introduced, and in some cases have become law, across the country. This new battle to protect voting rights gives us a different lens with which to absorb Weiss' book and the battle the suffragettes fought," Parks noted. "It's no longer just history we're talking about."

In addition to the main event with Weiss on June 8, a number of suffragette-themed programs are scheduled through the end of June. [Find them all here.](#)



Art in the Park



Art in the Park

We are celebrating #SummerReading and "Coloring Your World" with a variety of art-inspired events this summer! From chalk art at North Branch to pottery at Lakeview, there are so many opportunities to get your hands dirty and your mind engaged with Peoria Public Library! Pick up an event calendar or visit our website at <https://peoriapubliclibrary.org/event-directory/> to see all we have planned.

Be sure to RSVP in advance for our Art in the Park series at McClure Branch this month.

Make some art and take some time for self-care with local artists in this free series!

We will kick off each session in the park next to McClure Branch with a mediation and breathing exercise from the instructors at Soulside Healing Arts, and then take a class on different artistic mediums.

Adults only please.

RSVP by calling 309-497-2700.

June 9: We'll learn about collage from Domonick Holloway

June 16: We'll learn about photography from Alexa Cary.

June 23: We'll learn about painting from Duncan Katlack.

Peoria Public Library Offers Vaccine Clinics

Peoria Public Library is partnering with the Peoria City/County Health Department to host vaccine clinics at Main Library and Lincoln Branch this month. Free and open to anyone 18 or older.

UPDATE: The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which only requires one dose, will be offered. If you visited us during our vaccine clinics in May, it's time to return for your second dose of the Moderna vaccine.

Thursday, June 3 at Lincoln Branch, 1312 W. Lincoln Ave. | 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Walk-ins welcome while supplies last.

Saturday, June 5 at Main Library, 107 NE Monroe St. | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Walk-ins welcome while supplies last.

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

Giving Back to Our Community

Thank you to all who helped celebrate our 10th Anniversary of North Branch in May, especially those who honored our "tin" anniversary by donating canned goods and other non-perishables for the Peoria Area Food Bank.

Thanks to you, we collected six boxes worth of food donations!

Photo: Lisa Swigart, left, and Tiana Helms help box up patron donations for the Peoria Area Food Bank.

