



# Library IN THE LOOP

## On and On with Summer Reading Fun!

Summer Reading at Peoria Public Library is in full gear through July 24.



We have themed programs, opportunities to win additional prizes through special reading challenges and – back this year! – the Lincoln Branch bike giveaway thanks to corporate sponsor Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. (ADM).

For more information on Summer Reading, visit Peoria Public Library's website at <https://peoriapubliclibrary.org/summer-reading/>

Some special #SummerReading programs for July include:

**Summer Reading Crafts-to-Go:** Stop by Lakeview Branch each week for a different craft. Ages 5-12.

**July 6-10:** Summer snow globes

**July 11-17:** Bug jars. One per family

**July 18-24:** DIY bags (for all your books!)

### **Tie-Dye at McClure and North Branch**

Bring something to tie dye. Open to all ages. Space and supplies limited.

Thursday, July 8: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at McClure Branch. RSVP: 497-2700

Monday, July 12: 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at North Branch. Drop in.

Saturday, July 17: 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at North Branch. Drop in.

### **Storytime (with cookies!)**

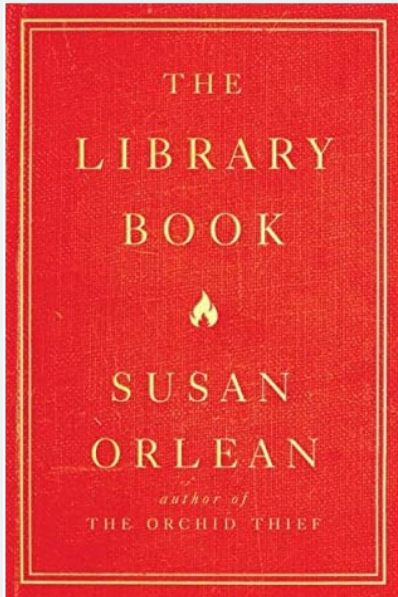
In this interactive storytime, children will have the chance to decorate cookies with a master baker.

Friday, July 16: 10 a.m. to noon at McClure Branch. Must RSVP: 497-2700

## July Job Fair with OSF

Join recruiters from OSF Healthcare from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., July 13 at Main Library's auditorium.

Learn about available openings and get one-on-one help filling out applications as well as tips on how to interview. During your visit, the library will also have information available on career resources, including BrainFuse's JobNow live, free, online career coaching.



## Peoria Reads! The Library Book - Special Interview July 12

Each year, we feature an important book through our annual Peoria Reads! one city, one book project.

Since 2021 is the 20th year of Peoria Reads!, we chose a book particularly near and dear to our hearts — *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.

In *The Library Book*, Orlean chronicles the 1986 suspicious and destructive fire at the Los Angeles Public Library, as well as its aftermath, to highlight the crucial role libraries play in our personal lives and our communities. From the humble beginnings of libraries to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity, Orlean brings libraries — even the charred remains of one — to life. Part history. Part mystery. All heart.

We have hosted several program throughout the year related to the book, but our final program on Monday, July 12 is particularly special.

Peoria Public Library Deputy Director Roberta Koscielski will interview Glen Creason of the Los Angeles Public Library. Creason is one of the remaining few librarians who was on staff 35 years ago at the time of the fire who remains at the library today.

This virtual talk will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, July 12. [Register here.](#)



## Friendly Finds Bookstore Now Open

After more than a year of being shuttered due to COVID, the Friends of Peoria Public Library have reopened their bookstore at Main Library.

Located in the basement of Main Library, this volunteer-run bookstore features more than 10,000 books, movies, music and more. Many of the items come from the library's shelves so room can be made for new items, but Friends also takes donations from the community.

All proceeds benefit Peoria Public Library. Normal hours are: Noon to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For more information, call 497-2145.



ALL LOCATIONS OF  
PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**WILL BE CLOSED**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 4**  
THROUGH  
**MONDAY, JULY 5**  
FOR  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

