



Library IN THE LOOP



Summer Reading Reaps Rewards!

Congratulations to all our 2021 Summer Reading prize winners! (But, of course, we're all winners for having stretched our imaginations and vocabulary through reading!) Our Grand Prize winner (pictured here (top left) with permission at Main Library) will share her "Day Out in Peoria" prize with her family. They'll be able to go rock climbing at [First Ascent Peoria](#), then maybe grab lunch at [Thyme Kitchen & Craft Beer](#) (or another Spice-owned restaurant), make something pretty at [Fired Up: Paint Your Own Pottery](#) before browsing at Lit on Fire Books and grabbing ice cream at local fav Theo's ice cream. It doesn't look like she'll share that art box though.

Congrats to our other reading challenge winners as well:

- * Aaradhya (pictured here (top middle) with permission) won \$100 worth of graphic novels from Zeek's Comics and Games
- * Joshua won tickets to the Peoria Zoo
- * Vanessa won an Ancestry DNA kit
- * Will won 5 tickets to the [Peoria Riverfront Museum](#)
- * Sara won 2 tickets to Gone in 60 Escape Games
- * Tarun won a \$25 gift card to Sous Chef
- * And 52 Lincoln Branch Summer Readers won brand-new bikes thanks to ADM.



Of course, we can't thank our local sponsors enough, including Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), the Friends of Peoria Public Library, Peoria Riverfront Museum, Elevate Trampoline Park in Peoria, McDonald's, Monical's Pizza, Theo's Ice Cream and Zeek's Comics and Games.

Sweet Sounds of Summer

Our Music in the McKenzie free concert series has become synonymous with great regional music. This month, we have two, great concerts you won't want to miss.

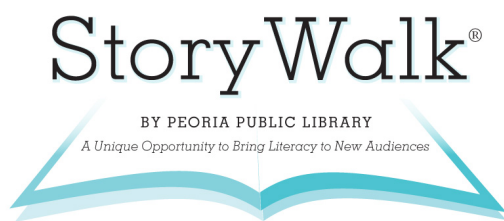
The Adam Larson Trio is back in central Illinois for a special concert on Tuesday, Aug. 17 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Parkway. Special note: North Branch is closed on Tuesdays, but will be open for this event only. If the weather is nice, bring your own lawn chair or blanket as we move the music outside.

Originally from nearby Normal, Larson is an accomplished saxophonist, composer and author who has five albums and a non-stop touring schedule. He and his jazz band will perform a mix of his original songs along with a few standards. If you'd like a taste of everyone's favorite jazz-ginger, check out [Larson's YouTube channel](#)

Then, on Sunday, Aug. 22, join us as we present Harlan, Meister & Mitts from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at North Branch. All three members have performed in other bands over the years, but have now joined together in what they lightheartedly call "partners in acoustic therapy."

Steve Meister plays lead guitar. Rich Mitts plays bass and lead guitar, and Bill Harlan plays rhythm guitar/finger picking. All three sing.

Our community concerts are free and open to the public. Peoria Public Library's current COVID mitigation strategy is to ask all unvaccinated participants to wear a mask at all times inside our facilities.



Snacks at the Storywalk

Take time out before school starts to join us for a tasty treat at our newest StoryWalk at North Branch!

Weather permitting, we'll offer snacks and drinks between 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Open to all ages. Tour our latest,

featured book, and then walk our prairie path or pick up some colored chalk from the Information Desk and leave your mark in our Art Garden. Earlier this year, we added new furniture and plantings to North Branch's patio, where the StoryWalk starts.

Peoria Public Library has three StoryWalks, all made possible by the generosity of members of our community and the Friends of Peoria Public Library. McClure Branch's StoryWalk, located in adjacent Columbia Park, was our first StoryWalk and has featured fun events like a Winter Solstice Luminary Walk.

Lincoln Branch's StoryWalk was solely sponsored by the Rotary Club of Peoria.

For more information on the current titles in each and sponsors, [visit our website](#)

Teen Advisory Board

Teens, we want you to speak out about what is important for you when it comes to Peoria Public Library.

Peoria Public Library is more than just a building full of books. We offer programs, access to databases, free study places and individualized help from our information professionals (aka librarians).

We'd love to hear what's important to you. Our next meeting will be from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29 at Lakeview Branch, 1137 W. Lake Ave. Open to ages 13 to 18.

