



Library IN THE LOOP

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September means Back to School so, of course, it makes sense that this is also Library Card Sign-up Month. Library cards are the most important school supply, after all.

Your library card gives you unfettered access to our collection, but it's our expertise that's priceless. Still, this month, as an added incentive, **if you sign up or renew your library card, we will give you a cloth tote to carry all your books, movies and music in.** And, don't forget, this September we are celebrating one year of being fine free.

Fine free means you no longer have to stress about being a day or two (or four or five) late. We don't want fines to be a barrier to access for anyone.

Peoria Public Library staff got a head start on Library Sign-up Month by participating in Peoria Public Schools' Kick-Off to Kindergarten. On Aug. 17, we had staff at all 13 PPS schools, signing up children (and parents) for library cards.

All Peoria Public School students, even those who live outside city limits, are eligible for PPL library cards given the intergovernmental agreement we have with the school district.

For more details about your library card, visit <https://peoriapubliclibrary.org/visit/account-information/get-a-library-card/>





Sept. 11, 2001: The Day That Changed the World

Commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 with Peoria Public Library.

View a film highlighting first-person accounts of the attacks and their aftermath and connect with 9/11 Memorial & Museum staff in real-time through an interactive live chat. **The film will be shown at 10 a.m. in Main Library's auditorium, Lower Level 2.**

A poster display including archival photographs and images of artifacts, provided by the 9/11 Memorial Museum and National Endowment for the Humanities, will be on display at Main Library, 107 NE Monroe St.

Meet the Author Events



Carl Cannon, local community organizer and founder of the ELITE Youth Outreach Program, will discuss his new book, *Full Cannon: Love, Leadership and Making a Difference* with his friend and co-author Lance Zedric. Join them for a discussion and book signing. Copies will be available for purchase, with a portion of proceeds benefitting Friends of Peoria Public Library. Free and open to all.
6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Peoria Public Library North Branch, 3001 W.



Donna Carr Roberts, author and illustrator of the "Mr. Fuzzy Ears" children's book series, will read her newest book, *The Adventures of Mr. Fuzzy Ears: The Mystery of the Missing Bunnies* during a special storytime this month. She will be joined by a few furry-footed guests from the Peoria Humane Society's PAWS to Read program. Artwork from her books will be on display in Main Library's gallery, Sept. 13-30. **Storytime reading is 10:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 24 at Peoria Public Library North**

Click here for our September program calendar.

PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENT CALENDAR SEPTEMBER

EARLY LEARNERS

Tuesday & Thursday, Sept. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 & 30 LINCOLN BRANCH
Little Explorers Storytime 10:00-11:00w
This storytime is perfect for kids 3-5 years old.

Friday, September 3 NORTH BRANCH
Toddler Art-to-Go
Pick up an art activity for toddlers.

Sept. 5, 10, 17 & 24 NORTH BRANCH
Busy Bess Storytime 10:30-11:00w
Enjoy the books and a snack on your personal board. Call 618-2300 to reserve your space.

GRADE SCHOOL

September
100 Books Before High School
Write/challenge all grade school students to read 100 books before high school. Participate by signing up via Bookzack, picking up a paper tag or getting them from our website. For every 25 books, you'll receive a gift!

Friday, Sept. 4 MCCLURE BRANCH
First Friday Game Night 4:00-5:00w
Play video, board, & card games! Ages 8-11.

Wednesday, Sept. 8 LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Kids Advisory Board 4:30-5:30w
Discuss what topics of programs and materials you want to see at the library. Ages 8-12.

Friday, September 18 LINCOLN BRANCH 10:00-11:00w
Storytime STEM: 3 Little Pigs
Experiment 1. Using Pop-its with the 3 Little Pigs storytime. Ages 5 to 11.

TEENS

Monday, September 13 LINCOLN BRANCH 1:00-6:00w
Cool Lava Lamp Experiment
Using everyday household ingredients, make amazing mesmerizing colorful liquids that become beautiful DIY lava lamps. Ages 12-18.

Thursday, September 16 VIRTUAL
Illinois Reads Discussion Group for Teens 4:00-6:00w
This month: *Willy by Julie Chabrousseau*

Friday, September 24 LINCOLN BRANCH
Magnetic Slime 1:00-4:00w
We'll be making this fun and wacky slime.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

September 1-11 NORTH BRANCH
Grandparents Day Make & Take Crafts
Pick up a craft kit to make a handmade gift for Grandparents Day. One kit per family, please.

September 22-30 MCCLURE BRANCH
Fall Craft-to-Go
Get a craft to-go to celebrate the start of fall!

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Saturday, Sept. 25 MCCLURE BRANCH
Title Art 1:00-3:30w
Create one of 8100 pieces to take home!

Sunday, Sept. 26 LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Teen Advisory Board 2:00-3:00w
Requirements: help plan programs, and provide critical feedback.

Monday, September 27 LINCOLN BRANCH 10:00-11:00w
Elephant Toothpaste Explosion
Create giant foam that looks like toothpaste.

Friday, September 24 NORTH BRANCH
Mr. Fuzzy Ears Storytime 10:30-11:00w
Special guest author Donna Roberts will read her award-winning, The Adventure of Mr. Fuzzy Ears, The Mystery of the Missing Berries. We will have a few special gifts from the Mr. Fuzzy Ears to Read program. The full range of Mr. Fuzzy Ears animals will be on display in the Main Library at Gallery September 19-20.

September ALL LOCATIONS
Banned Books Binge
Select your books, get some and chance to win a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card.

September LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Butterflies in the Library
Come see our butterfly habitat and watch the lifecycle of the painted lady butterfly.

Peoria Public Library
For more information on programs and Zoom links for virtual events, visit peoriapubliclibrary.org or email programming@peoriapubliclibrary.org

FINALLY FINE FREE
No more overdue fines on books, movies and music!
Lost and damaged fees still apply

One Year Fine Free!

Peoria Public Library is celebrating one year fine free!

Last September, in the midst of a global pandemic, our administration and board decided to join the growing number of public libraries across the country adopting a fine-free policy. We officially went fine free on Sept. 8, 2020 -- International Literacy Day.

As Peoria Public Library Executive Director Randall Yelverton said at the time:

“We are living through a historic economic crisis due to the global pandemic. Millions are out of work nationwide, and we’re grappling with 13.5 percent unemployment here locally. We have resources that can help people save money and get back on their feet, but only if people can access them so we are forgoing a source of revenue – fines – so that every Peorian can use Peoria Public Library.”

Eliminating barriers to the library’s multimillion-dollar collection of resources and materials was the right thing to do then -- and always.

Still, if you would like to help the library with the loss of revenue from going fine free, please feel free to donate any amount to Friends of Peoria Public Library, a 501(c)(3) organization which exists to support the library.

Donate via PayPal (or debit or credit card) here: <https://www.paypal.com/donate>

You can also mail a check to:

Friends of Peoria Public Library
107 NE Monroe St.
Peoria, IL 61602

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Secret Peek at Our Treasures

Check out and follow our social media channels (below) to stay up-to-date with the latest library news.

We're also starting a new "unboxing" video series, giving you a sneak peek at the titles coming soon to your favorite library. We'll post the videos on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

