



Library IN THE LOOP



Creepy. Crawly. Spooky. Silly – PPL has it all this October

How do you like your Halloween? Sweet or scary?

Peoria Public Library has something for everyone of every age this month. From ghost stories to ghoulish zombie makeup classes, from scary movie marathons to creepy, crawly real life encounters with spiders and more!

Pick up an event calendar at any of our locations or visit our website event calendar for a full listing online.

Below are some highlights:

Ghosts of Illinois

Tuesday, Oct. 5 – 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Lakeview Branch

Local paranormal investigator Sylvia Shults is our guide to learn about haunted places in Illinois. Free.

Teens and adults only.

Creepy Crawlies

Tuesday, Oct. 5 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Lincoln Branch

Peoria Zoo will bring some real creepy crawlies – six- and eight-legged ones – for you to get to know. Do you dare? Free and open to children of all ages.

Scary Movie Marathon

Thursday, Oct. 7 – 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lincoln Branch

Join us as we show a number of short horror films. Free. Ages 12-18.

Zombie Wound Contest

Friday, Oct. 8 – 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Lincoln Branch

Learn how to make the perfect zombie wound in plenty of time for trick-or-treating. Best “wound” wins a prize. Free. Supplies provided. Ages 12-18.

Flying Witch Craft-to-Go

Oct. 18-30 McClure Branch

Pick up a craft kit to create your own witchy creation. For children of all ages. While supplies last.

Zombie Barbies

Monday, Oct. 18 – 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lincoln Branch

Using paint, let’s have fun transforming sweet Barbies into sinister brain eaters! Free. Supplies included. Ages 12-18.

Campsite Escape Room

Oct. 25-30 – 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lincoln Branch

We’ve transformed the storytime room into a campsite escape room. You’ll get a flashlight and 20 minutes to find your way out or you become one of the ghosts! Free, but registration required. Call (309) 497-2600.

Spooky "Campfire" Storytime

Wednesday, Oct. 27 -- 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. North Branch
Join us for some spooky stories told around the "campfire." Grades 1 to 5.

Halloween Craft-to-Go

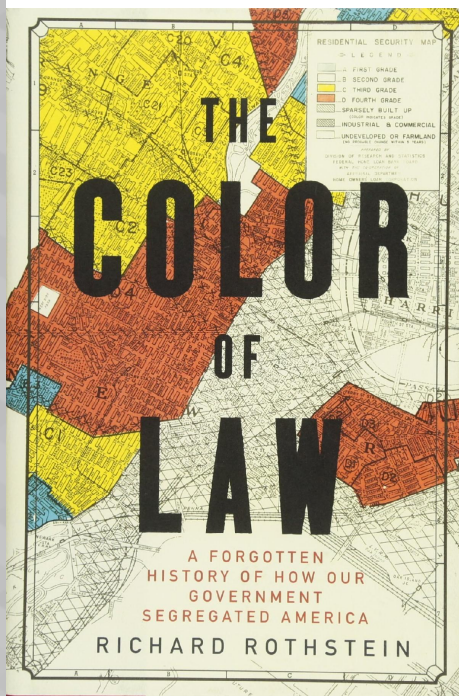
Oct. 25-31 North Branch
Pick up a magnetic photo frame that you can decorate. For children of all ages. While supplies last.

Trick or Treating

Oct. 29-31 at Lakeview Branch. Come show us your costume and we'll give you a bag of Halloween prizes. For children of all ages.

Oct. 29 – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lincoln Branch

Your favorite friends at Lincoln Branch will dress up – themselves and their cars – for trunk or treating. For children of all ages.



The Truth About America's Segregation

Peoria Public Library is proud to be among 50 Illinois libraries hosting Richard Rothstein, author of *The Color of Law: A*

Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America.

This virtual event – **Wednesday, Oct. 13 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** – is free and open to all.

[Watch this short video](#) for a taste of how Rothstein, a Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Policy Institute and a Senior Fellow (emeritus) at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, debunks an American lie.

[Sign up for this virtual event here](#)



Celebrating Media Literacy Week -- Oct. 25-30

Once upon a time, photos were real, people trusted the news and there was no such thing as "alternative facts."

Today, technology has changed everything – and still is. Between Photoshop, apps that allow anyone to create Deepfake videos and the surge of biased websites posing as neutral news sources, everything you read, see or hear could be fake.

That's why Peoria Public Library wants to provide our patrons with a field guide to spotting misleading information, as well as resources to help you and your family exercise your critical thinking skills. Unfortunately, buyer beware now applies to how we consume information in our daily lives. During Media Literacy Week (Oct. 25-30), Peoria Public Library will host virtual classes for students and adults as well as host a Media Literacy Week Challenge at all our locations.

Believe It or Not! Media Literacy Tools You Can Trust
Wednesday, Oct. 27 -- 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Zoom link will be on our website)

Students will explore the basics of media literacy and practice using tools to evaluate the accuracy and reliability of a wide range of sources.

With online, expert guides from the Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan 501 (c)(3) foundation that fosters First Amendment freedoms for all, students will learn the answers to questions like, "Is it ever OK to cite

Wikipedia?” and “What makes a source trustworthy?”

Students will get a set of tools to evaluate sources online, on TV and in print, with an emphasis on developing research skills. Through hands-on activities and discussion, students learn how to build their media savvy and put their new tools and abilities to the test.

Misinformation Overload! A Media Literacy Week Community Conversation Thursday, Oct. 28 – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Zoom link will be on our website)

Join us for an open discussion about the role media plays in our lives. Share your experiences, but also hear from experts at the Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan 501 (c)(3) foundation that fosters First Amendment freedoms for all, about how to develop critical thinking skills and spot misinformation. For teens and adults.



The Bookmobile is BACK!

After more than of year of being sidelined, our popular Bookmobile is back.

The Bookmobile, which offers a taste of everything our physical locations have, including books, movies, magazines and more, will begin visiting Peoria schools, daycares and neighborhoods beginning Oct. 5. [See the schedule here.](#)

You can request a visit from our Bookmobile too.

Our outreach staff may even be able to come to your organization’s or nonprofit’s event.

Call us at (309) 497-2069 or email programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us for details or to request a visit.



Community Connection: Fresh Food Drives

Thank you to all our patrons who participated in September’s Fresh Food Drives across all our Peoria Public Library locations.

September was Hunger Action Month, but also the first anniversary of Peoria Public Library going fine free.

“As we approached the first anniversary of being fine free, we thought we should celebrate that gift to our community with another act of giving,” said Peoria Public Library Executive Director Randall Yelverton.

The Peoria Public Library Board of Trustees unanimously approved adopting a fine-free policy during the height of the pandemic in 2020 as a means to erase all barriers to access to the library’s multimillion-dollar collection of resources and materials.

Peoria Public Library partnered with the Food Pantry Network – Heart of Illinois and the Partnership for a Healthy Community, a community-driven partnership of public and private partners working together to address health issues across Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties.

“We’re doing what libraries do best – act as a community hub.”

