



# Library IN THE LOOP



## Peoria Public Library Celebrates Black History Month

Visit Peoria Public Library during Black History Month and discover books and movies that chronicle the strength, tenacity, joy and excellence of Black Americans throughout history.

Each location will feature its own unique book display as well as life-size icons you can come get your photo with, including legendary abolitionist Harriet Tubman, Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., current Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama – just to name few. Selfies are encouraged!

Unfortunately, our headline event featuring

journalist Wil Haygood, author of *Colorization: One Hundred Years of Black Films in a White World*, originally scheduled for Feb. 10 has been postponed due to COVID, but will be rescheduled sometime this spring. Stay tuned.

In addition to our book displays, Peoria Public Library will also show an acclaimed movie depicting real events and figures from Black History, every Saturday at North Branch from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. *Free and open to all.*

### **Saturday, Feb. 4 – *Harriet* (PG-13)**

This 2019 biographical film share the life story of the heroic abolitionist Harriet Tubman, from her escape from slavery to the dangerous missions she led liberating hundreds of slaves through the Underground Railroad.

### **Saturday, Feb. 12 – *Hidden Figures* (PG)**

This 2016 biographical drama is loosely based on the nonfiction book of the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly about the African American female mathematicians who helped the U.S. and NASA reach the moon during the Space Race in the 1960s.

### **Saturday, Feb. 19 – *Remember the Titans* (PG)**

This 2000 film tells the true story of a newly appointed African American high school football coach and the team's first season as a racially integrated team.

### **Saturday, Feb. 26 – *Just Mercy* (PG-13)**

This 2019 film is based on the memoir of American attorney Bryan Stevenson and his efforts to free a wrongly condemned death row prisoner.

[Visit our website for book suggestions](#)

Also starting this month, Peoria Public Library invites tweens and teens to join our newest book club, Bookmarked.

Designed as a safe space to discuss the hard truths of life, we will tackle truth through fiction, politics through personal struggle and extraordinary events through ordinary lives. First meeting is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28 at Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch [via Zoom](#)

February's book is *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone.

This novel tells the story of an Ivy League-bound African American student who becomes a victim of racial profiling.

Call (309) 497-2600 for more information. [Visit our website for more book club options](#)

## Love (and Libraries!) Make the World Go Round

Celebrate Valentine's Day All Month Long with Us

We want all our patrons to be our valentine this month so we have a little something for everyone.



### Feb. 1-28: Romance Bingo (North Branch)

Pick up a romance-themed bingo card – one for books, one for movies – at the North Branch information desk. One winner from each will receive a Barnes & Noble gift card. Teens and adults only.

### Feb. 4-14: Valentine's Day Craft-to-Go (Lakeview Branch)

Pick up all the supplies you need to create a paper Valentine's Day wreath. For all ages. Lakeview Branch only. While supplies last.

### Feb. 7-14: Book Hearts (Lakeview Branch)

Love a book so much you want to share it with the world? Fill out a book heart, add it to our display and check out a book heart that someone else has loved. Lakeview Branch only. For all ages.

### Tuesday, Feb. 8: Pop-Up Valentine's Day Cards | 4:30 p.m. (Lincoln Branch)

Design a heartfelt card for those you love. Supplies provided. For children of all ages.

### Tuesday, Feb. 8: Adult Crafting | 6 p.m (Lincoln Branch)

Design and decorate your own paper mache heart. Registration is required for supply purposes. Call (309) 497-2600 to reserve a spot. Adults only.

### Feb. 8-13: Valentine's Day Craft-to-Go (McClure Branch)

Pick up supplies to make a surprise Valentine's Day gift for someone you love. McClure Branch only. For children of all ages. While supplies last.

### Monday, Feb. 28: Monday Morning Movie | 10:30 a.m. (McClure Branch)

This month's feature: *Love Story* (1970)

## AARP Tax Aide Program

AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program is the largest free, volunteer-based tax assistance and preparation program in the U.S.

Though aimed at people 50 and older and those who have low to moderate incomes, this tax counseling is open to anyone free of charge. You don't need to be an AARP member to take advantage of Tax-Aide's knowledgeable volunteers.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, tax counseling will not be done in person. Call and make an appointment with an

## Cooking with Brooke: A New Year-long Series

Join us for one of our tastiest programs ever!

Local Hy-Vee registered and licensed dietitian Brooke Rush has your heart in mind this February. Join her for a free, live cooking demonstration that promises to make both your heart and stomach happy.

Thursday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at North Branch, 3001 W. Grand

AARP volunteer for drop off and pick up of your tax materials at one of our library locations.

Call (309) 497-2131 or (309) 497-2137 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays to make your appointment. Messages will not be taken.

Walk-ins are not allowed. Library staff cannot make appointments. Paper tax forms are available for free at all Peoria Public Library locations.

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If you want to find easy ways to eat healthier, join us every third Thursday all year long for one of Brooke's cooking demonstrations.

Space is limited so call (309) 497-2143 or email [programming@ppl.peoria.il.us](mailto:programming@ppl.peoria.il.us) to RSVP. For all ages, but geared to adults.

## Winter Reading Challenge

Our traditional Winter Reading Challenge continues through Feb. 28! Visit [peoriapubliclibrary.beanstack.org](http://peoriapubliclibrary.beanstack.org) to register virtually or pick up a paper reading log at any Peoria Public Library location. Complete the challenge for your age group by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> to be entered in our random drawing to win a gift card or Amazon Kindle Fire. Open to all ages.

