Summer Reading Wrap Up

Summer Reading 2022 is a wrap!
Thanks to all of our friends (aka Summer Readers) who found time to “Read Beyond the Beaten Path” in between swimming lessons and soccer games!

In addition to exploring great books this summer, we had wonderful parties thanks to the generous sponsorship of Friends of Peoria Public Library. We also gave away 64 bikes during our Summer Reading party at Lincoln Branch, a tradition for more than 20 years.
Many thanks to those sponsors: BioUrja Renewables, Pam Adams, Ed Barry, Pat Barton, Glenn & Margaret Miller.

And congratulations to our prize winners too!

**Winners from Zoo Party**

- Iniyazh M – Prize package, including books from Children’s Press; Communication Junction pass & Wheels of Time pass
- Mabel M – Prize package, including books from Children’s Press; Communication Junction pass & Wheels of Time pass
- Grace G – Puzzle map from Children’s Press
- Elizabeth S – Bradley volleyball season pass
- Loki C – Bradley basketball ticket
- Lillian H – Zen nails and Smoothie King gift certificates
- Elton S – Prize package, including books from Children’s Press; Communication Junction pass & Wheels of Time pass
- Jeanette G – Gift certificates – Prospect Florist + Lariat
- Chauncy C – Tie dye kit
- Kyreese C – Bradley basketball ticket
- Shnyah B – Zen nails gift certificate
- Elise H – Kingdom on the Go set – Children’s Press
- Lilly Y – Pet Vet – Children’s Press
- Marshall S – Barn set – Children’s Press
- Reshma A – Keurig
- Karthi V – DNA kit and consultation with genealogy librarian
Aaradhya K – Books and Sewing Center certificate
Beatrice P – Bradley Soccer season pass
Alex C – Gift certificates for Peoria Players and Red Carpet
David K – Gift certificates for Riverfront Market
Charlie M – Books and Sewing Center gift certificate
Kristen P - Kindle

Winners from Adult Summer Reading Party
Aloysia M – Soulside gift certificate
Greg T – Cornstock tickets
Shreya R– Keurig
Neil M – Peoria Symphony Orchestra tickets
Kathy K - DNA kit + consultation with genealogy librarian
Elaine S – Alexander’s Steakhouse $100 gift certificate

Help us help you.
We’re excited to put our big brains and nimble hands to work, but we need a little nudge from you. Give us an idea of what we can do better by answering this short survey. We’ll even reward you for your time. All completed surveys will be included in our prize drawing for a $25 gift card. Fill out the survey here

New Healthy Living Classes
August in National Wellness Month so Peoria Public Library has a number of things you can do to stretch your mind and body.

Every Tuesday & Thursday in 2022, join us for a 30-minute virtual yoga class with top YouTube instructor Adriene Mishler of “Yoga with Adriene.”
Free and open to all adults.
12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m., lower level auditorium in Main Library.
** Please bring your own mat or blanket.

Tuesday, Aug. 2 – Mindfulness Meditation
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at Lincoln Branch
Learn how to center your mind with teacher April Foster.
Free and open to all adults.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 & 24 – Youth Yoga
10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at North Branch
Children of all ages are welcome to our introductory yoga class.
** Please bring your own mat.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 & 24 – Afternoon Adult Yoga
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at North Branch.

Full STEAM Ahead into the School Year!
Peoria Public Library offers a variety of STEAM-related programs every month, but we’ve upped our game this month with school resuming.

Sunday, Aug. 7 – Scrumptious Science: Solar Oven S’mores
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at North Branch
Construct your own solar oven and enjoy this classic campfire treat! Ages 6-11.

Monday, Aug. 8 – STEAM: Geysers
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch
Learn about the science behind geysers and why they exist as we experiment with liquids and gases under pressure. Dress for a mess. Ages 6 to 11.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 & Friday, Aug. 19 – LEGO Builders Club
Calling all LEGO fans! Drop in and exercise your engineering and creative skill with our LEGO sets. Ages 6 to 11.
Aug. 10 at Main Library from 3-5 p.m.
Aug. 19 at Lakeview Branch from 3-5 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 13 & Sun., Aug. 14 – Drop In: Shoe Box Cities
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lakeview Branch
Drop in to design a building for our Lakeview Branch shoe box city.
While supplies last. For children of all ages.

Monday, Aug. 15 – Video Editing On the Go -
4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Lincoln Branch
Unwind with some gentle yoga taught by a local yogi. 
Free and open to all adults. 
** Please bring your own mat or blanket.

**Friday, Aug. 12** – Tai Chi in the Park
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Lakeview Branch (in adjacent Lakeview park)
Master Jack Sun, who has practiced for more than 30 years, will introduce you to tai chi, a Chinese martial art often practiced for its health benefits and meditation.
Ages 11 to adult.

Come learn how to edit videos and add special effects from your phone or tablet.
Please call (309) 497-2600 to reserve your spot. Ages 12 to 18.

**Wednesday, Aug. 17** – Play-Doh Club
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Lakeview Branch
Playing with dough helps children learn vital skills such as sharing and creativity while also helping them sharpen their fine motor skills. Ages 6 months to 5 years.

**Friday, Aug. 19** – STEM-to-Go Kits
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at North Branch
Each kit will contain an activity that focuses on basic science, technology, engineering or math concepts. While supplies last. Ages 6 to 11.

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Find Peoria Public Library on TikTok
Social media is a great way to connect with your favorite local library. In addition to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube, you can also now watch our fun videos on TikTok.
You can even be featured on our TikTok if you win our contest. Contest will take place Thursday, Aug. 18 at Lincoln Branch from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Open to ages 12 to 18.

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