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The True Story of Amelia Earhart's Disappearance

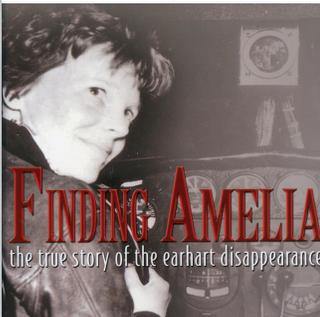
What really happened to Amelia Earhart?

It remains one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of the 20th century, but Peoria Public Library presents the one person who may have solved it this Saturday, July 9 at North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Pkwy.

A recognized authority on Earhart's disappearance by the U.S. Naval Institute, Gillespie has led more than eight archaeological expeditions to the Pacific in the 30-plus years that he and his group – The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR) – have been researching Earhart's failed 1937 attempt to fly around the world.

Amelia Earhart, a record-breaking pilot and the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, was attempting to fly around the world in 1937. She and her navigator Fred Noonan were last seen alive on July 2, 1937 in Lae, New Guinea. They never made it to their next refueling spot, Howland Island, a small, uninhabited coral island in the South Pacific Ocean. President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a massive search, but on July 19, 1937, Earhart and Noonan were declared lost at sea.

To this day, their plane has never been found. But Gillespie, a flight accident investigator and executive director of TIGHAR, has found some evidence – a woman's shoe and cosmetics jar from the 1930s, among other things - to support TIGHAR's theory of what really happened to Earhart and Noonan. Intrigued? Join us for this special presentation. Free and open to the public.



The True Story of Amelia Earhart's Disappearance

2 p.m., Saturday, July 9 at Peoria Public Library North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Pkwy.

Free and open to the public.

Copies of Gillespie's book, *Finding Amelia: The True Story of the Earhart Disappearance*, will be available for purchase and will be signed by the author. A portion of each sale will benefit Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Summer Reading 2022: Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Summer Reading 2022 officially wraps up July 16.

Kudos to everyone who has used this summer to "Read Beyond the Beaten Path."

Those who completed Summer Reading -- a minimum of 3 hours a week for at least 5 of the 6 weeks -- will soon be receiving your party pass for our exclusive, after-hours Zoo party. We're also bringing back our popular Adults (only!) Summer Reading party.

Summer Readers at Lincoln Branch who complete Summer Reading — 3 hours a week for 6 weeks — are eligible to be part of our annual bike drawing. Open to pre-K through high schoolers. Must be registered at Lincoln Branch.

Our annual bike drawing would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors: BioUrja Renewables, Ed Barry, Glenn & Margaret Miller



SUMMER READING PARTIES

Everyone who completes Summer Reading (reading 3 hours a week for at least 5 of 6 weeks) will be invited to our Summer Reading parties.

FAMILY PARTY TUESDAY, JULY 19 5:00-8:00 PM Join us for an exclusive, after-hours party at the Peoria Zoo!	ADULT PARTY TUESDAY, JULY 26 6:00-8:00 PM Join us for an after-hours takeover of North Branch – just for adults. Live music, trivia, crafts and prize drawings.
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Participate in the Peoria County Broadband Survey

The Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, in coordination with community partners including Peoria Public Library, hopes to bring better internet services to our region.

Need reliable, affordable internet at home or work? Take the EDC's survey, including a speed test from your home computer if possible. A link to the speed test is within the survey.

[You can access the survey here](#)

Don't have internet? You can use public computers at all five PPL locations or you can pick up a paper survey at any PPL location.

Questions? Contact Grace Clucas at (309) 678-2979 or gclucas@greaterpeoriaedc.org

Back-to-School Bash Will Be Moo-tastic!

Celebrate the end of summer at our Back-to-School Bash at Peoria Public Library Lakeview Branch this Sunday, July 31.

Join us for games, crafts, ice cream and, as a special surprise, Barnyard Discoveries, the popular barnyard petting zoo with all the farm animals you expect (chickens and ducks, goats and sheep) and some you won't!

Dress for messy crafts. Free and open to children ages 5 to 12.



Miles Bair & Ryan Bair: New Paintings

JULY
MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY

A father-son show displaying new paintings by each artist. Miles Bair is an emeritus professor of art and was the director of the School of Art at Illinois Wesleyan University for three decades. Miles Bair's art work is currently represented by the Edgewood Orchard Gallery in Wisconsin, the Marshall Gallery in Arizona, the Duane Reed Gallery in St. Louis and the Haen Gallery in Asheville, North Carolina. Ryan Bair is the Executive Director of Residential Living at Bradley University. Ryan Bair's art work is currently represented by the Duane Reed Gallery in St. Louis.





Magic at Lincoln Branch with Joel Shoemaker

He's a librarian. Poof! Now he's an author. Poof! Now he's a magician. Actually, Joel Shoemaker was a magician first. He started doing magic tricks at the magical age of 7. Now he's an award-winning magician who performs across the country when he isn't writing books or being a librarian.

He's bringing his talents to Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 12. Lincoln Branch, our only Carnegie library, is located at 1312 W. Lincoln Ave. Free and open to children of all ages.

<p>FRIENDLY FINDS BOOKSTORE</p> <h1>BOOK SALE</h1> <p>JULY 9 & JULY 11-12</p> <p>"ALL THINGS WESTERN" SALE</p> <p>Western Movies & Hardback Books - 50 cents</p> <p>Western Music & Paperback Books - 25 cents</p> <p>Large Print Westerns - 10 cents</p>	<p>FRIENDLY FINDS BOOKSTORE</p> <h1>CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE</h1> <p>JULY 22-30</p> <p>All you can fit in a bag for \$3</p> <p><small>**Bags provided**</small></p>
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