Portraits of Peoria Coming to Main Library

The literal face of Peoria Public Library will be transformed with notable faces from Peoria's past this month.

Join us on Saturday, Oct. 15 as Big Picture Peoria unveils eight augmented reality enabled murals honoring notable past Peorians (and those who called the area home) who have changed our community and our world.

Thanks to Augmented Reality (AR), the murals will "come to life" so the public can learn about famous Peorians like Betty Friedan and Lydia Moss Bradley, just to name two.

Details: 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 15 unveiling at Peoria Public Main Library, 107 NE Monroe.
Immediately followed by an exhibit reception inside the library featuring artwork from the mural artists.

Building Better Media Habits

October is National Information Literacy Awareness Month.
Starting this fall, Illinois schools are now required to teach media literacy to high school students. In anticipation of that, Peoria Public Library started partnering with Peoria Public Schools last year.

Dr. Cory Barker of Bradley University has been leading a series of discussions entitled "Building Better Media Habits." After a break over the summer, Barker has resumed his monthly series.

Next session: Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at North Branch
In person or participate via Zoom
In this session, Barker will talk about the whirlwind of information that comes with the election cycle, as well as ways to manage your intake of news.

Is this your first election?

Never voted because it seems difficult or intimidating?
Come join the Peoria County Election Commission and Dr. Cory Barker of Bradley University as we answer your questions. Learn how to register to vote. Check out a sample ballot. Pretend vote in our real election booth. And pizza. There will be lots of pizza.
Monday, October 24 at Main Library
5:00-6:30 pm
Free and open to ages 17 and older.

The Spooky Season is Upon Us!

Peoria Public Library has so many Halloween-themed events for the whole family this month that we can't list them all here. From paranormal author events to haunted houses so be sure to pick up an events calendar or check out our online event calendar

All our events are free, but some require registration due to limited space. Don't wait to reserve your spot at these ghoulish get-togethers.

Friday, Oct. 7 – A Gangster Murder at the 1920s Speakeasy
7 p.m. to 9 p.m., North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Pkwy
Join us at the Speakeasy and see if you can solve this whodunit. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the mystery beginning promptly at 7 p.m.
Costumes encouraged, but not required. Free and open to ages 18 and up.
Call (309) 497-2100 to register.

Oct. 11 & 12 – Halloween Escape Room
Assorted times; Lakeview Branch, 1137 W. Lake Ave.
Solve our Halloween-themed Escape Room and receive a goody bag! Puzzles are geared to ages 8 and older. Must call (309) 497-2200 to register.

Tuesday, Oct. 18 – Trash to Treasure: Recycled Jewelry
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Branch, 1312 W. Lincoln Ave.
Turn your trash into something pretty and wearable. Bring your bits and bobs or use ours as we show you how to turn them into jewelry. Free. Adults only.
Call (309) 497-2600 to register.

Wednesday, Oct. 19 – Soap Making (Adult Crafting)
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Pkwy
Free and supplies are provided. No children allowed since we will be working with hot liquids.
Call (309) 497-2069 to register.

Thursday, Oct. 20 – Magic the Gathering: Gather and Battle
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Branch, 1312 W. Lincoln Ave.
Learn how to play this game. Free and open to ages 12 to 18.
Call (309) 497-2600 to reserve your spot.

Monday, Oct. 24 – Ghost Pumpkin STEM
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Lincoln Branch, 1312 W. Lincoln Ave.
Join us for spooky science and oozing pumpkin heads! Call (309) 497-2600 to register.

ALL PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATIONS

WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY
OCTOBER 10

FOR STAFF EDUCATION DAY