



Library

IN THE LOOP



We Resolve to READ More Books!

We have the best resolution, the same resolution, year after year: Read More Books! Want to join us? We have several new book clubs and two reading challenges to get you started.

Adult Reading Challenge

Read with us, Peoria! Find a new book or author each month, letting our themes and recommended reads guide you. Log your reading on Beanstack and you'll be entered in our monthly drawing for a gift card to a local business.

Better yet, those who complete the challenge will be invited to our year-end party!

Start here: January's theme: New to You

Find reading recommendations here

Winter Reading Challenge

While our Adult Reading Challenge is, obviously, just for adults, almost everyone can participate in our Winter Reading Challenge, Jan. 1 through Feb. 28.

Earn at least four badges to complete the challenge. Badges can be earned by reading books or magazines or attending a library program. Sign up here.

Open to ages 6 and older.

New Book Clubs for 2023

Book Fanatics Meet Up

Do you keep borrowing and buying more books than you could ever read? Will you discuss books with anyone who will listen? If so, this meet up is for you.

Each quarter, we will meet with other book lovers to talk about what we've recently read, what we have on our reading lists and whatever else book-related we want to discuss. Light refreshments provided, but feel free to bring a snack. Ages 18+

First meetup: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Lakeview Branch, 1137 W. Lake Ave.

For more information, please call 309-497-2200.

Boos and Booze Book Club

Join us for a horrifyingly good time at Industry Brewing Co. every third Wednesday of the month. Love of horror is a must, love of brews is not. Adults only.

January's read: *Ring Shout* by P. Djeli Clark

Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Industry Brewing Co., 8012 N. Hale Ave.

Call (309) 497-2200 for more information.

Dark Fantasy Book Club

Join us at 4:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month in the Monroe Room, second floor, of Peoria Public Main Library, 107 NE Monroe. New members encouraged!

Questions? Email programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us.

January's read: *Tithe* by Holly Black

Thursday, Jan. 19 at 4:30 p.m. at Main Library, Monroe Room, 107 NE Monroe.

Graphic Novel Club

Each month you'll read a graphic novel of your choice within that month's theme.

Then we'll meet up to discuss the books we read while we snack, socialize, and enjoy themed activities and crafts. For ages 9 to 13. Meet the third Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise noted *) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Pkwy. Questions? Email programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us.

January's theme: Magic

Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. at North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Pkwy.

Reese's Book Club

This book club reads titles from Reese Witherspoon's book club. Join us from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month (unless otherwise noted *)

at Lakeview Branch, 1137 W. Lake Ave. New members always welcome. Email programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us for more information or questions.

January's read: *From Scratch* by Tembi Locke

Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch, 1137 W. Lake Ave.



Indoor Fun & Games For You

Fight the winter blahs by joining one of our game clubs or checking out a game to take home and play.

Strategy your strength? Check out our Chess Club, which meets twice a month at Lincoln Branch. Open to all ages and skill levels. Lessons given or come

play with a friend. Next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 10 & 24 at 4:30 p.m. at Lincoln Branch, 1312 W. Lincoln Ave.

More interested in role-playing? Check out our Dungeons & Dragons Club, which meets at once or twice a month at Main Library, 107 NE Monroe. Open to ages 13 and older. Next meeting is Saturday, Jan. 28 at 2:30 p.m. at Main Library, 107 NE Monroe.

Not sure what you'd like? Check out our new After School Board Game Club, which meets every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch, 1137 W. Lake Ave. Open to ages 7 to 12.

Of course, you can always check out a game or two from the ever-growing selection at Lakeview Branch.



First-time Homebuyer Presentation

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Lakeview Branch, 1137 W. Lake Ave. Experts in real estate, home inspection and home insurance will help you navigate Peoria's real estate market. Learn about grants

Get Home & Money Smart This Year

Learn the ins and outs of purchasing a home and how to protect your identity from scammers during two programs this month.

Tax Identity Theft Awareness

Friday, Jan. 20 – 10:30 a.m. to noon, North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Pkwy.

Join CEFCU's Loss Prevention Manager Jay Zentko to learn how to protect your identity and what to do if it has been stolen.

Free and open to all.

you may qualify for, how to get pre-approved for a loan, what type of insurance you need and what makes for a good home inspection.

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Guest speakers: Cathy Algas of RE/MAX Traders Unlimited, Stacy Borho Wolak of INB, Bo Grandy of Grandy Inspections, LLC and Jerry Ivie of State Farm Insurance.

Preschool Fair

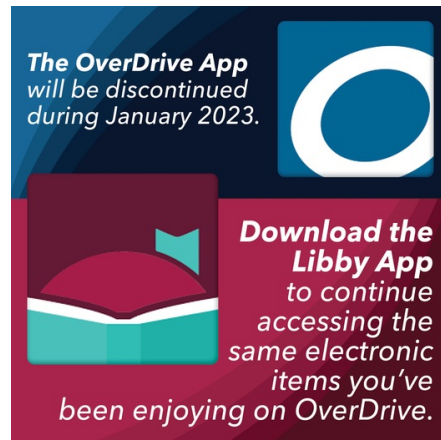
Having a hard time settling on a preschool? Come to our Preschool Fair and visit with several local schools at once.

Get your questions answered. Enter our raffle for a themed goodie basket.

Little ones can do a craft and enjoy storytime at 10:30 a.m.

Free and open to all.

Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at Main Library, 107 NE Monroe.



Reader Reminder: Libby is the New Overdrive

The OverDrive App will be discontinued in January 2023!

Now is the time to download the Libby App to continue accessing the same electronic items you've been enjoying on OverDrive.

Visit bit.ly/switchtolibby for more information or to download Libby. This is a free app.

Features unique to Libby include:

A central Shelf: Loans and holds from all your libraries are automatically added to

your Shelf. Also, you won't lose any of your holds or loans when you switch from the OverDrive App to Libby.

Improvements to navigating book series: Easily find the next book in a series from search results, title details, and your Shelf. Libby makes it easier than ever to discover books in a series. Unlimited tags: Create custom tags to categorize books however you'd like, and use Libby's smart tags to track what you've borrowed or get notified about new issues of your favorite magazines.

More notification options: Get push notifications on your mobile device (or emails from libbyapp.com) for available holds, expiring loans, and more. New to apps? Call any Peoria Public Library location and set up a one-on-one tech help appointment.

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will be

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in honor of

Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day



Coming in February...

Black History Month Film Festival

Join us for a different film on the big screen every Wednesday in February at 2:30 p.m. in our Main Library auditorium. Free and open to all.

All movies are rated PG-13.

- Weds., Feb. 1: *Harriet*
- Weds., Feb. 8: *Just Mercy*
- Weds., Feb. 15: *The Hate U Give*
- Weds., Feb. 22: *Respect*



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