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**CENTRAL ILLINOIS READS: FREEDOM TO READ**

## Central Illinois Reads Presents Laurie Halse Anderson

Internationally Renowned Author Visits Peoria August 29

Join us for an evening with internationally renowned author Laurie Halse Anderson on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Laurie Halse Anderson is a New York Times bestselling author recently awarded Sweden's Astrid Lindgren Award, the world's largest children's book prize. Her writing spans young readers, teens, and adults. Combined, her books have sold more than 8 million copies.

Two of her novels, *Speak* and *Chains*, were National

### Book Discussion of *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug.  
16 at Peoria Public Library  
North Branch, 3001 W. Grand  
Pkwy

\*\* Please be aware this  
discussion will include content

Book Award finalists, and *Chains* was short-listed for the prestigious Carnegie medal in the United Kingdom. She was selected by the American Library Association for the Margaret A. Edwards Award and has been honored for her battles for intellectual freedom by the National Coalition Against Censorship and the National Council of Teachers of English.

Anderson's books cover tough topics for teens: Sex. Violence. Suicide. Trauma. They've been the subject of censorship -- just like countless other works in what's currently a flood of book bannings across the U.S.

Anderson noted in a 2022 New York Times article about book bannings: "By attacking these books, by attacking the authors, by attacking the subject matter, what they are doing is removing the possibility for conversation. You are laying the groundwork for increasing bullying, disrespect, violence and attacks."

The Freedom to Read is essential to our democracy, but also under attack.

Central Illinois libraries are joining together to encourage you to exercise your intellectual freedom with Central Illinois Reads, a partnership to promote your right to intellectual freedom.

Get a library card. Read outside your comfort zone. Unite against book bans.

Central Illinois Reads partners include: Peoria Public Library, Chillicothe Public Library, Dunlap Public Library District, Fondulac Library District, Illinois Prairie District Public Library, Morton Public Library, Pekin Public Library, Bradley University, Methodist College and Neighborhood House.

from the book, which could be triggering for some. Open to adults and teens 14 and older.

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### **Book Discussion of *Wonder Woman: Tempest Tossed***

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 23 at Peoria Public Library Lakeview Branch, 1137 W. Lake Ave.

Refreshments provided, as well as the chance to win one of Laurie Halse Anderson's books.

Ages 11-18.

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### **Special Author Event: Laurie Halse Anderson**

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 29 at Peoria Public Main Library, 107 NE Monroe

Free and open to ages 13 and older.

Books will be available for sale and signing after the program.

## More Upcoming Events

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### End of Summer Bash

Join us for games, crafts, a scavenger hunt and ice cream (!!!) as we celebrate the end of summer on Sunday, Aug. 27 at Lakeview Branch, 1137 W. Lake Ave.



Our 2-hour party starts at 1:30 p.m. and is free and open to ages 5 to 12. Dress for messy crafts, and, if weather permits, we'll be outside in Lakeview park.

### Back to School Basics

The end of summer means school is in full swing. Don't forget that Peoria Public Library has a number of resources – online and in our libraries – for students. Reserve a study room. Use our public computers and printers. Check out **Brainfuse**, free one-on-one homework help with live, online tutors. English, Spanish and French-speaking tutors available. Find more student resources

[here](#)

# On-Demand Tutoring

Homework Help, Writing Lab, Test Prep, and more!

**Personalized and flexible online tutoring for 7th - 12th grade students.**

Tutoring is available in the following subjects:

- Integrated Math I, II, III
- Pre-calc
- AP Calc
- AP Statistics
- Personal Finance
- English I, II, III, IV
- English Honors
- AP English Lang & Comp
- AP English Literature & Comp
- The Living Earth
- Sustainable Agriculture
- AP Biology
- Anatomy/Physiology
- Chemistry in the Earth System
- AP Chemistry
- Physics in the Universe
- AP Environmental Science
- Chemistry and AgriScience





- On-Demand Help**  
 Connect with a live tutor for instant help.
- Writing a Paper or Lab Report**  
 In addition to live writing help, you can use the writing lab to send your paper to a tutor for feedback. You can send any type of writing including personal narratives, lab reports, research papers and more! Please allow one day for our tutors to review your paper.
- Prepare for Upcoming Quizzes & Tests**  
 Take practice tests. Then connect with a tutor to build your skills. You can also create your own flashcards and study games with Flashbulb.



**Peoria Public Library**

Set up your free homework help account. All you need is your Peoria Public Library card. Go to [brainfuse.com](https://brainfuse.com)

## Sign Up for Library Cards in August & Ride for Free in September

August is the perfect time to sign up or renew your Peoria Public Library card so you can use it to ride CityLink buses for free throughout the month of September.



SEPTEMBER  
**FINE FREE \* FARE FREE**

Show your Peoria Public Library Card September 1-30 to Ride for Free

Peoria Public Library Partnership with Peoria Public Library and CityLink

CityLink is partnering again this September with area libraries, including Peoria Public Library, Peoria Heights Library, Pekin Public Library and Fondulac District Library in East Peoria. Show your library card from any of these participating libraries and ride CityLink's regular bus routes for free, Sept. 1-30.



Peoria Public Library went fine free in 2020, which means you don't have to worry about being a little late returning all those great books, magazines and movies you checked out!

You must show a permanent, not temporary, library card so sign up in August so you can take full advantage of this promotion. Sign up at any of our five locations. Please bring photo identification and something that shows your Peoria address. [Learn more about applying.](#)



## Thank You Summer Readers!

Peoria Public Library had 2,279 Summer Readers – all ages – this summer.

Our theme was “Find Your Voice.”

We kicked things off with a Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 3 at North

Branch, featuring games, crafts, face painting, Native American dancing and storytelling and more.

Participants who read at least 20 days between June 5 and July 15 were eligible for our celebrations.

We hosted a private after-hours family party at Peoria Zoo on July 18 with nearly 550 attendees, and an Adults Only after-hours party at North Branch on July 21 with more than 100 attendees.

We also gave away 67 new bikes to Lincoln Branch Summer Readers, PreK through 12th grade, during a random giveaway. This tradition was started more than 20 years ago by Lincoln Branch manager Cynthia Smith.

Sponsors of our bike giveaway: BioUrja Renewables, Friends of Peoria Public Library, Margarit Cousin and Ed Barry of Farnsworth Group.

Thanks to our many sponsors! We could not have put on such a great Summer Reading program without you!

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



## Summer Reading Prize Winners

\*\* Available list as of publication

**Zoo party:**

Claire H.

Mason L.

Lyndsey H.

Olivia C.	Eli T.	Priyanka P.	Elyse G.
Lauren W.	Harvey Q.	Grant S.	Kim P.
Lillian H.	Felicity B.	Catherine T.	Elias M.
Jonathon H.	Easton J.	Brian W.	Sravani N.
Kathy R.	Robert S.		

*Prizes from: Zen Nails, Peoria Players Theater, Caterpillar Visitors Center, Bradley University Athletics, First Ascent, Alexander's Steakhouse, Communication Junction, Peoria Park District, Relics, Sewing Center II, Chef Moussa, Red Carpet*

**Adult party:**

Allie M. – Par-A-Dice Hotel stay and appetizer at Tin Lizard

Israa S. – Keurig and Riverfront Market gift certificates

Ryan C. – Peoria Symphony Orchestra tickets and Lariat Club Ribeye dinner

Gabby K. – Spice Hospitality and Red Carpet gift certificates

Mikeyia H. – Soulside yoga passes and Relics gift certificate

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