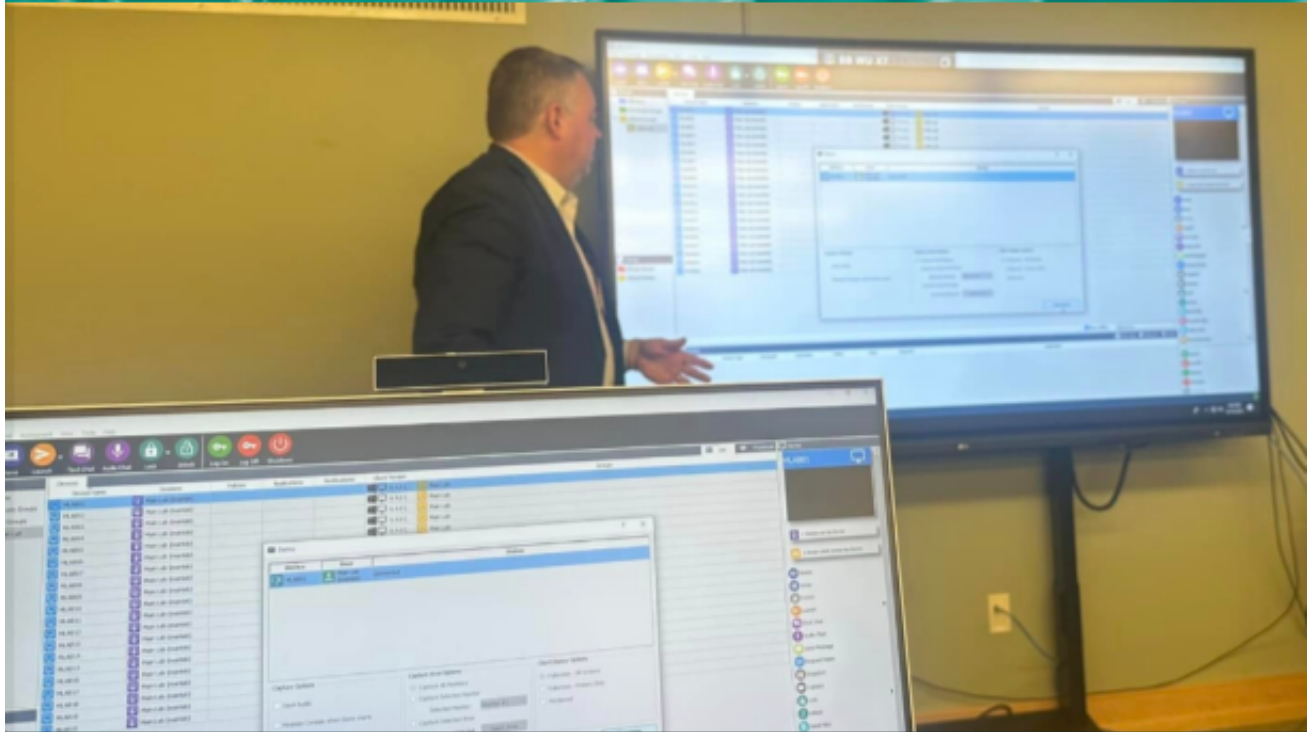




Library IN THE LOOP



Open for Business Updated Computer Labs at Main and Lincoln

Public libraries are the original co-working space, but now Peoria Public Library has just upped its game.

Thanks to \$100,000 from the City of Peoria, the computer labs at Main Library and Lincoln Branch have been updated with new computers and software, including Adobe Photoshop and Premiere Pro, an industry-leading video editor. Additionally, both labs feature a new interactive 86-inch digital board that connects your cloud account to our computers, making everything from business presentations to co-working sessions a breeze.

"Free access to public computers and the internet is a core function of what we do," said Peoria Public Library Executive Director Randall Yelverton. "Every day, we help those caught in the digital divide navigate the business of life, but I'm pleased that we've now enhanced our computer labs and added premier video conferencing equipment that many of our local businesses and nonprofits will find extremely useful."

Peoria City Councilman and Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer for Peoria County Andre Allen added that this new investment is “pivotal in our ongoing efforts to bridge the digital divide within our communities.”

Peoria Public Library is also adding new video conferencing capabilities at all five locations. Currently, Main Library and McClure and Lakeview branches have the new state-of-the-art system, with Lincoln and North branches set to go live by the end of this year.

Built-in and easy-to-use, the Logitech Rally Plus video conferencing system includes a 4K camera, microphones and speakers that all work in sync to make hybrid meetings (virtual and in-person) seamless in real time. Using artificial intelligence and voice recognition, the system adapts to meeting dynamics to keep the camera on the action.

“Company meetings, board meetings, job training sessions, there are so many uses for video conferencing in today’s world, but not every organization can afford such a sophisticated system,” Yelverton said. “We’re pleased to make it available to our community – for free.”

The public is invited to reserve any of our meeting rooms, including our computer labs, for free. (Minimal charges for special equipment or room setups may apply.)

[Learn how to reserve a meeting space and to review Peoria Public Library's meeting room policy.](#)

Lincoln Hall of Fame Adds Two New Inductees



Two new inductees have been added to the Lincoln Branch Hall of Fame, a rare honor for those who have made outstanding contributions in some way to the city's only Carnegie library.

Barbara Van Auken, a former Peoria City Councilwoman and longtime trustee and current President of the Peoria Public Library Board of Trustees, was chosen for her many years of service, but specifically for helping secure a transformative private donation which saved Lincoln Branch from closing in the early '90s. That gift of \$500,000 from Peoria philanthropist Henry P. Slane remains, to this day, the largest donation ever received by Peoria Public Library.

The South-West Kiwanis Club of Peoria were also



inducted due to their financial support and many years of tutoring children at Lincoln Branch.



Lincoln Branch manager Cynthia Smith noted that the Kiwanis Club had 20 dedicated members who came every Tuesday and spent hours helping students with their reading and homework.

"This club had a positive effect on students in a variety of ways, including their personal life, academics and professional endeavors," Smith said.

For more information on the Lincoln Hall of Fame and roster of all inductees, visit

<https://peoriapubliclibrary.org/lincoln-hall-of-fame/>



November is International Games Month

Did you know that Peoria Public Library has an ever-growing collection of games you can check out at Lakeview Branch? Or that we have a Chess Club that meets twice a month at Lincoln Branch? Or a Dungeons & Dragons group that meets monthly at Main Library?

Yes, Peoria Public Library is all about fun and games – not just in November. But this month we do have a number of new things planned in honor of International Games Month and National Game and Puzzle Week (Nov. 20-26).

Blind Date with a Board Game

Wednesday, November 15

@ Lakeview Branch

In celebration of International Games Month try out a blind date with a board game! Games will be labeled with age range and player count, but everything else will be a surprise! While quantities last. All ages.

Game Piece Guessing Jar

@ Lakeview Branch

In celebration of International Games Month, take a look at our guessing jar and see if you can guess how many game pieces there are. The person who guesses the closest will win a copy of the game Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza. Ages 3 to 17.

Craft-to-Go: Money Investment Game

@ Lincoln Branch

Stop by to pick up a board game kit about money management and smart investing! While supplies last. All ages.

Monday, November 6, 13 & 20

4:00-5:00 p.m. at McClure Branch

Card Game Crash Course

Celebrate International Games Month by learning several games to play with just a standard deck of cards. Everyone will receive a deck of cards to keep playing when you get home. While supplies last.
November 6: Card games geared for ages 6-11
November 13: Card games geared for ages 12-18
November 20: Card games geared for adults

Monday, November 6 & 20

4:30-5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Branch

Library Knights Chess Club

Drop in to learn the basics, or learn new strategies to up your game. Lessons and boards will be provided, but feel free to

6:00-7:00 p.m. at North Branch

Minute to Win It Games

Try to win as many one-minute challenges as you can. Can you place a cookie on your forehead and eat it within one minute--without using your hands? Suggested for ages 6 to 14, but family members may also participate.

Thursday, November 16

5:00-7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Branch

STEM competition: Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Knights

Design, craft, build, and paint a cardboard knight and battle it out with other patrons to be crowned the victor of the Lincoln Branch Library medieval knight competition! Registration required. Call 309-497-2600 for more information.

November 20, 21, 22 & 25

Main Library

Craft-to-Go: Polyhedral Dice

Roll for initiative and make your own polyhedral dice in honor of National Game and Puzzle Week. While supplies last. All ages.

November 20-22

2:00-4:00 p.m. at Main Library

Game & Puzzle Week

Enjoy three days of game & puzzle fun just before Thanksgiving break. Ages 5 to 12.

Tuesday, November 21

2:30-4:30 p.m. at Main Library

Puzzle Competition

Join us for our first puzzle competition! Contestants will all work on the same 500-piece puzzle in teams up to 4 people. The first team to finish will be crowned our winner! Space is limited so registration is required. To register, call 309-497-2158 or [sign up online](#).

boards will be provided, but feel free to bring your own! All ages and skill levels welcome.

Friday, November 10

4:30-5:30 p.m. at North Branch

Pokemon Trivia

In celebration of International Games Month, we're testing your knowledge of the world of Pokémon, which started out in 1996 as a handheld video game. All ages.

Saturday, November 11

2:30-5:30 p.m. at Main Library

Dungeons & Dragons at the Library

Come play with us at the library. All skill levels are welcome. Ages 13 and up. Space is dependent on the number of dungeon masters.

or [sign up online.](#)

Saturday, November 25 Main

Sunday, November 26 Lakeview

Game and Puzzle Month Double

Feature 1:00-5:00 pm

Join us for two days of game-themed movies in honor of National Game and Puzzle Week.

November 25 - *Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves* (2023) and *Zathura* (2005)

November 26 - *Jumanji* (1995) and *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* (2017)
All ages.

More Upcoming Events

Nov. 8 is National STEAM Day

Igniting young minds with the magic of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) is Peoria Public Library's goal every day.

Explore our collections – physical and digital – and our programs every day, but this month make a point to pick up a special Family Literacy STEAM box to take home. Available at Main



Library throughout November, these boxes have been specially curated with a selection of books, supplies and instructions so families can explore an element of STEAM together.

Also check out Hoopla's STEAM resources, including the Curiosity Binge Pass, which includes thousands of films, shows, and series covering science, nature, travel, history, and more. Curiosity Stream has something for everyone — including an entire Curiosity KIDS collection tailored for younger learners. This binge-worthy content is free for you to stream from the comfort of your home. Set up your free hoopla account with your Peoria Public Library card at www.hoopladigital.com.

Local Author Fair Returns to North Branch Nov. 4

Meet and talk with more than three dozen local authors at this year's Local Author Fair this Saturday, Nov. 4 at North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Pkwy.



From cozy mysteries to children's books, horror to romance with happy endings, everyone will find something to love.

Come start your holiday shopping early and feel good knowing that a portion of proceeds will benefit Peoria Public Library.

DINO-vember is Here!



Visit Lakeview Branch every week starting Nov. 5 to learn about a different dinosaur species and check out some dinosaur-themed books and movies.

Children of all ages can also visit McClure Branch this month for a special dinosaur scavenger hunt.



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