Kids of All Ages

May – Lakeview Branch & McClure Branch
Reading Challenges
Select the challenges that you want to take part in during 2019. Bring in a copy to receive a bookmark and an entry into a drawing for a $25 Barnes and Noble gift card.

May – McClure Branch
Support Our Small Businesses Challenge
We’re celebrating Small Business Week (May 5-11) month! Complete a Support Peoria Small Businesses Challenge for a chance to win a $25 gift card to use at a locally-owned business.

May 1-5 – All locations
Children’s Choice Book Awards Voting
Make your vote count, and let your voice be heard! Vote for your favorite book of the past year.

Thursday, May 2 – McClure Branch
Online Privacy Playdate – 4:00-5:00 pm
Learn online privacy concepts through play! We’ll start with a short talk inside the library, and then will move out to the grassy area behind the library to play games.

Friday, May 3 – Lakeview Branch
Drop In: LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00 pm
Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

Saturday, May 4 – McClure Branch
Teacher Appreciation Gift – 11:00-11:30 am
Come make a gift for the person you see more than your own parents during the school year!

Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5 – Lincoln Branch
Mother’s Day Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 pm
Come make a fun Mother’s Day gift to give to your mother, grandmother, or special person. Children of all ages.

Saturday, May 4 – North Branch
Star Wars Day Team Trivia – 3:30-5:30 pm
Join our trivia team for a fun and friendly competition! Free to attend. Recommended for ages 3 to 7.

Saturday, May 11 – Lakeview Branch
Kitty Cafe – 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Grab a cup of coffee and play with adoptable cats and kittens from the Peoria County Animal Protection Services. This is a great opportunity to interact with cats and see if your family is ready to adopt a cat to your household.

Saturday, May 11 – McClure Branch
You-Pick Flick – 3:00-5:00 pm
You picked it, now we’re playing it! Be sure to cast your vote for next month’s movie while you’re here!

Monday, May 6 & 13 – Lincoln Branch
Coding Unplugged – 4:00-5:00 pm
Coding Unplugged is a monthly program that teaches children coding concepts all without using a computer.

May 6: Helping the Computer - We are discussing how computers run through data.
May 13: Coding Games - We will be playing with different coding games and toys.

Tuesday, May 14 – Lincoln Branch
Outside Games – 4:00-5:00 pm
We will have games like Pool Noodle Marco Polo and Ring Leader, as well as some creative games designed to test your ingenuity and observation skills.

May 19-24 – All locations
Food for Fines
For every non-perishable, non-expired can brought in during this time, we’ll remove $1.00 in fines from your account.

Monday, May 20:
"Cans" Film Festival for Fines – 6:00-7:45 pm
To celebrate Food for Fines, enjoy our mini film festival. Monday, May 20: Inside Out (PG)
Tuesday, May 21: The Iron Giant (PG)
Wednesday, May 22: Hachi: A Dog’s Tale (G)

Tuesday, May 22 – Lakeview Branch
"Cans" Film Festival for Fines – 6:00-7:45 pm
To celebrate Food for Fines, enjoy our mini film festival.

May 20-22 – Lakeview Branch
Music in the McKenzie Presents: Banjovi & Hawkins and Anne – 2:00-4:00 pm
Banjovi & Hawkins is a 3 piece band playing bluegrass, country, 60s, and 70s. Featuring three part harmonies, with banjo, guitar, and trumpet, they provide the type of sound for whatever an event calls for. A portion of CD sales supports The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

May 20-22 – Lakeview Branch
2019 A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts as we focus on learning the shapes and sounds they make! Ages 2 to 3.

Friday, May 3, 10, 17 & 24 – North Branch
Buzzy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

Saturday, May 4, 11 & 18 – North Branch
Buzzer Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

Saturday, May 4 – North Branch
Star Wars Day Storytime – 3:00-3:30 pm
May the fourth be with you! Celebrate Star Wars Day with a storytime that’s out of this world! Cosplayers welcome. Fun for the whole family, but aimed at padawans ages 4-8.

Tuesday, May 7, 21 & 28 – Lincoln Branch
Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, May 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Lakeview Branch
Toddlers Tales – 10:15-10:45 am
Ages 2 to 4.

Saturday, May 11 – Main Library
Once Upon A Time Story Hour – 10:30-11:30 am
Join us for a fairy tale themed story hour complete with activity time as well as craft time. Children are welcome to come dressed in costume, but dressing up is not a requirement to attend. Recommended for ages 3 to 7.

Visit us on the web at www.peoriapubliclibrary.org
May 9 – Lincoln Branch

**Library Program**

May 9

**Main Library**

Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 am-6:00 pm

Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Floor Information Desk any time we’re open.

**May 14 – Main Library**

Children’s Reading Walk

Read your way through the children’s library during Children’s Book Week! Panels from a picture book will be displayed around the children’s room. Follow along and enjoy the story We’re Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen. When you finish, check in at the Information Desk to pick up a craft and a small prize. Preschool-2nd grade.

**Thursday, May 2 – Lincoln Branch**

Front & Center: Puzzle Mania – 4:00-5:00 pm

Unwind with a crossword, word search, floor-size puzzles and more! Compete with other students and set a record for putting together a 100 piece puzzle! Ages 5 to 12.

**Friday, May 3 – Lincoln Branch**

Solar S’mores – 3:45-4:15 pm

Using some common household items such as tinfoil, construction paper, and a pizza box, we are going to harness the power of the sun and make s’mores! Ages 5 to 10.

**Saturday, May 4 – Main Library**

Superhero Scavenger Hunt and Craft

Stop by to make a superhero mask and go on a scavenger hunt to discover where your favorite superhero characters like to hide in the library. Find the superheroes and receive a prize! Kids in kindergarden through 5th grade can pick up their sheet and craft at the Information Desk.

**Saturday, May 4 – Lincoln Branch**

Science Saturday – 11:00-1:00 pm

Ice Cream in a Bug and Math! What happens when salt is added to ice? Find out and measure the change, and reward yourself with a delicious frozen treat. Also, we will experiment with the unbelievable buggie. With this fun and easy science experiment, you will learn about polymers and see them in action! For students in 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grades.

**May 6-11 – Main Library**

Make and Take Teacher Appreciation Craft

Make something special to show your teachers how much you appreciate them and to say thank you for all they do!

**Wednesday, May 8 – Lakeview Branch**

Kids Advisory Board – 4:30-5:30 pm

This is your chance to voice your opinion on what types of programs and items you want to see at your local library! Can’t make it to this meeting, but interested in being on the Board? Call 309-497-2202 and ask for Katy. Ages 9 to 12.

**Wednesday, May 8 – North Branch**

STEAM Explorations – 4:30-5:30 pm

Discover the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math topics that are all around us! This month we will be exploring math facts with GIANT Math Winder. Ages 6-11

**Thursday, May 9 – Lincoln Branch**

Obstacle Course – 4:00-5:00 pm

To celebrate the return of nice weather, come and try to beat your friends’ time through the course of running, jumping, and try not to fall into the “hot lava”, and maybe earn a prize as you do it! For ages 5 to 10.

**Sunday, May 12 – Lakeview Branch**

Sensory Friendly Family Film – 2:00-4:00 pm

Join us for this sensory friendly showing of Sherlock Gnomes. The room will be lighter, the volume will be lower, and audience members will be welcome to move around, talk, and sing. The intended audience is children with special needs accompanied by siblings and caregivers. Rated PG

**Tuesday, May 14 – Lakeview Branch**

Exploring Nature: Leaf Prints – 4:00-5:00 pm

Learn about the plants and trees in Lakeview Park when we explore outside to collect leaves, and then come back to the library to identify them and make a clay imprint of your leaf to take home. Ages 5 to 10.

**Tuesday, May 14 – Lincoln Branch**

Front & Centers: Bubble Board Game – 5:00-6:00 pm

Join us as we play this fun-filled letter game that makes memorizing words easier. Each player searches the letters to make words of four letters or more. The person who finds the most words in 3 minutes is the winner. Ages 5 to 10.

**Thursday, May 16 – Lincoln Branch**

Writing Group: Two Lies and Truth Biographies – 4:00-5:00 pm

It’s all About the Kids! Project Next Generation helps teach our kids how to use new technology while providing mentors who offer guidance, encouragement and friendship. This session students will learn how to code and build Servo Pong Robots. Students that complete the session will be invited on a field trip to Chicago Museum of Science & Industry! Project Next Generation is a registered free program for ages 10 to 18. Space is limited, so register today by calling 309-497-2202. Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

**Saturday, May 18 – Lincoln Branch**

Teen Craft: Picture Frame – 3:00-3:45 pm

Come decorate a picture frame to personalize your space. Ages 11 to 18.

**Tuesday, May 21 – Lincoln Branch**

Front & Centers: What’s the Mystery State – 5:00-6:00 pm

How many Mystery States can you guess? Search the clues to determine your answers! Ages 11 to 13.

**Friday, May 24 – Lincoln Branch**

Team Fund! – 3:45-4:45 pm

Show off your team work with some fun outside activities! There’s everything from wacky relay races to the traditional three legged race. How will your team compare to the others? Do you have the skills necessary to win? Ages 11 to 18.

**Tuesday, May 28 – Lincoln Branch**

Front & Center: Rock or Feather Critical Thinking – 5:00-6:00 pm

Learn about your self with this activity. Are you shy or are you a leader? Are you more like a rock or a feather? Spring or fall? The big city life or country life? Which word in each of those word pairs best describes you? Spring or fall? The big city life or country life? Which word in each of those word pairs best describes you?

**Wednesday, May 29 – North Branch**

Comics Corp Club – 5:00-6:00 pm

Join us for a new all-comic book club for high school students! Participants are encouraged but not required to bring their most recent Marvel graphic novel to share and discuss with others.