"It’s Showtime at Your Library," the Summer Reading program for all ages at Peoria Public Library, continues through Saturday, July 20. Those who signed up and continued to log in during June will earn their pass to the Summer Reading Party at the end of week six. This year we also have a party just for the 18 and over crowd! Check at the Information Desk for more details on both parties. Everyone, including new participants, will continue to earn weekly prizes as they log their three hours per week of reading.

We have a great lineup of programs for all ages continuing into July. And you don’t have to be a summer reading program participant to attend these programs – they are open to everyone! On July 1, Learn Something at the Library will teach us how to do Stage Makeup. Monday Music at Main continues on July 8 with Adam Larson and July 22 with Barry Cloyd. Abe Lincoln will visit North Branch on July 18. We have the Hanson Family entertainers wrapping up our Summer Reading programming on July 21 at North Branch — they will ride unicycles and juggle and spin plates and more! For more information about all of our programs, including locations and times, please see the July Calendar in this issue.

Thanks for joining us for another great summer full of reading and fun!

A Message From the Executive Director

BY RANDALL YELVERTON

Libraries are a tremendous community resource offering information, enrichment, access to technology, entertainment, and free public gathering space where people can learn and work together. We are proud at Peoria Public Library of the invaluable resources we offer and the sterling service of our staff at our five locations and bookmobile. In my first year at the helm of Peoria Public Library, I have been impressed with the commitment of our staff to provide excellent service and of our institution’s continued good stewardship of public funding.

It has been another very busy year at our bustling institution. We averaged 1,800 visitors a day at our multiple locations, issued over 8,000 new library cards and had over 1,300 programs for people of all ages. We also hosted over 30,000 in our free public meeting spaces. We received grants from multiple sources that allowed us to host STEAM programming for kids at our Lincoln Branch and library-wide programming in collaboration with PBS for The Great American Read series. We also were able to offer greater comfort to our Main Library visitors when we undertook a large scale updating of that building’s HVAC system.

We pledge to continue to be a premier central Illinois institution offering you the best information and resources. I am proud to serve as the library’s Executive Director and excited for our bright future.
Family Reunions
BY AMBER LOWERY

Summer is here and the pace of life changes, making time for vacations, research trips and family reunions. Many of us remember going to these events in our younger years with family but they were always a bit awkward for me and I suspect for most young people dragged along by adults intent on exposing the next generation to the wider family. I did not know most of the people at these events, and frankly, I was there because I didn’t have a choice. Sometimes I would play with other kids who were there, especially if my cousins that I did know had come from out of town. Now, as a genealogist, I realize those were actually opportunities to learn more about my family history when there were older generations there who could tell me stories.

Family reunions are exciting events for genealogists. They are a chance to meet and speak to far-flung family members and learn more about your ancestors. Or maybe they are an occasion to share your knowledge of the family history with others. But are you prepared for such an event?

From the perspective of a genealogist, you may benefit greatly from bringing a few “tools of the trade” to any family gathering you are able to attend this summer. This may be the opportunity to ask Great Aunt Muriel to help you fill out some information on her family group sheet, or sit down with Grandpa Henry and ask him to identify people in some old photos. Or maybe YOU have the information to pass on to newly interested people. Be prepared for any genealogical adventure that may be presented to you.

Remember to take the time to come by Peoria Public Library to see what materials we may have to help you with your family history. Bring your out-of-town relatives to see where you research and show them some of the unique materials you have found among our resources. Our staff is here to help with your next steps in your genealogy journey.

Coming in July 2019

Under Currents by Nora Roberts is about Zane Bigelow and his sister Britt who grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina in a beautiful and perfectly kept house. To the town they were the perfect family but behind closed doors, they were not. Their father was an abuser who beat his wife and also Zane, his son, as he got older. After one particularly violent night, the truth comes out and the parents end up in jail. Twenty years later, Zane moves back home and trades in the big city to become a small town lawyer. Here he meets Darcy McCray, a landscaper, who has recently relocated and is starting over after leaving an abusive husband in Baltimore. Zane and Darcy have a new life, but their abusers have not and come back looking for revenge. As their relationship grows stronger, the two will face their pasts and stand up for the ones they love.

The Second-Worst Restaurant in France: A Paul Stuart Novel by Alexander McCall Smith is the sequel to his earlier novel, My Italian Bulldozer. Scottish cookbook writer Paul Stuart is working on his latest book, The Philosophy of Food, but is having a difficult time getting it done. His cousin Chloe has rented a house in the French countryside and has invited him to stay there. As they make friends with the locals, including their twin-sister landladies, they find that these ladies also own the local restaurant which is known as “the second worst eatery in France.” With McCall Smith’s usual comedic style, Stuart becomes involved in the assorted escapades happening in the local restaurant. There is the owner who has no cooking skills, the only waitress is hiding from her boyfriend and gives birth during mid-dinner service and Paul is drafted into trying to improve the fare offered in the restaurant. With all this drama, Paul is still having a hard time focusing on his writing but as he faces the challenges with the food and the people of the town, he learns something about himself and what family means along the way.

Bark of Night by David Rosenfelt features lawyer Andy Carpenter and his golden retriever, Tara. When Andy takes Tara in for her yearly checkup, his veterinarian asks to speak to him privately. A tiny, healthy French bulldog named Buster was dropped at the vet’s office with instructions to be euthanized by a man who they thought was the owner. Andy offers to take the dog to the Tara Foundation, the dog-rescue organization that he founded to find him a home. When the vet checks the dog’s chip, it is discovered his name is Truman and the man who dropped him off was not his owner and that his true owner had recently been murdered. In total there were 26 oddly similar deaths across the country which leads to a widespread criminal conspiracy. Andy and his investigative team find answers that solve the murder and a home for Truman.

Bio Note
Amber Lowery is the author of several genealogy books and articles. She is a certified genealogist and the author of the blog, “From the Files of Amber Lowery.” She is a member of the Peoria Genealogical Society and has worked as a genealogist for over a decade. She lives in Peoria, Illinois with her husband and two children.
July
1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Read any 1,000 books to your child before they enter kindergarten and earn prizes for every 100 books they read. Once your child reads 1,000 books, they will be invited to a graduation party.

July
Where in the World Are Our Patrons?
Grab a postcard from your vacation stop and mail it to Peoria Public Library to share all the wonderful places our patrons are visiting! Visit the Main Library to see the map of postcards displayed! Please send postcards to: Peoria Public Library Attn: Programming Department 107 NE Monroe St. Peoria, IL 61602

July
Graphic Novel Bingo
Pick up a Bingo card at any of the locations and turn it in for a chance to win a $15 Barnes and Noble gift card!

July
Reading Challenges
Select the challenges that you want to take part in. Bring in a copy of your challenge to receive a bookmark and an entry into a drawing for a $25 Barnes and Noble gift card.

July
Blind Date with a Book
Browse our display of wrapped up books, check one out, take it home, and be surprised by your book date!

July
One-On-One Resume Writing Assistance Program
Please call Fran at 309-497-2200 to schedule a one hour session to help you with your resume.

July
Summer Storytime Kits
We've put together several books, songs, fingerplays and craft ideas into a theme-based bundle. Do the storytime, return the books, keep the idea sheets and repeat with another theme.

July
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.

July
Activity Sheet Club
Have fun doing word searches, mazes, matches, coloring, crosswords, and more. Turn your finished sheets in for chart stickers. Once you fill up your activity sheet chart with stickers, ask for your cool prize. Ages 5 to 10.

July
Dreams Unlike Yours
Artist SJ Boyd takes us inside his mind to show how he works out imagery. It may be a compilation of images that he has taken in and taken to the dream state to be resolved into a finished piece. Or it is a finished piece that comes to him as a dream and that image will recur on a constant basis until he puts it onto a canvas or paper. This is a constant occurrence for him. His dreams are unlike yours. “Many people say they would like to see what’s going on in my head. I tell them they wouldn’t survive the ride.” Join us for a reception on Saturday, July 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

July
Yard Games: Racing Games–11:00-11:45 am
Join us outside for some racing games, then step inside to browse and sign your summer reading logs! Ages 6-10.

July
Learn Something at the Library: Stage Make Up – 6:30–7:45 pm
Guests will learn how to highlight and contour for large stage through simple tricks instructor Trevor Neff has learned through his many years of theatre and drag make up.

July
Terrific Tattletale Storytime: Summer Reading Edition – 10:00-10:45 am
July 2: Jeanie Bryan Puppets
July 5: Duke Otherwise Professional Entertainer
July 9: Martika Daniels Stuntwoman
July 16th: Soda Mentos Experiment and Marshmallow Dodgeball

July
Marshmallow Fight – 10:00-11:00 am
Come down with your friends to aim and dodge jumbo marshmallows as you try to best the other team. It’s sure to be a grand battle!

Tuesday, July 2
Jeanie B Puppets: The Celia and Little Celia Show
Celia’s Singalong Dance Party takes an unexpected turn when Little Celia and other puppet friends show up with their hilarious, show-stopping antics. Experience a one-of-a-kind musical puppet show with singalong favorites and new original music.
**JULY CALENDAR**

**Tuesday & Thursday, July 2, 9, 11, 16 & 18**
 **LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Front & Center: Let’s Do Math – 1:00-2:30pm**
Your student can improve their math skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. Tutoring will also be coordinated with other fun activities and games. Registration is required. Please call 487-2600.

**Tuesday, July 2**
 **LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 pm**
This month: Thirst: Poems by Mary Oliver

**Tuesday, July 2**
 **LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Peoria Speaks: Immunizations – 6:00-7:30 pm**
This month, Katie Endress of the Peoria City/County Health Department will provide background information about the Immunization Clinic and the importance of immunization in general. Funding for Peoria Speaks is being provided by Illinois Humanities through their Illinois Speaks program.

**Tuesday, July 2**
 **LAKEVIEW BRANCH**

**Board in the Library – 6:00-7:45 pm**
Bring a friend or meet a new friend while playing a board or card game. Select one from our collection or feel free to bring one of your own. Ages 18+

**Wednesday, July 3**
 **MCCLURE BRANCH**

**Drop In: 4th of July Craft – 10:00am-5:00pm**
Stop by to make a patriotic craft for the 4th of July! Children of all ages.

**Wednesday, July 3**
 **NORTH BRANCH**

**Karaoke – 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
Are you a Karaoke kid? Come sing your heart out! Go solo if you’re feeling brave, or sing along with the group.

**Wednesday, July 3 & 17**
 **MCCLURE BRANCH**

**Strolling Storytime and Picnic – 11:30 am-12:30 pm**
Bring your lunch with you for a great summertime picnic in the park!

**Wednesday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
 **NORTH BRANCH**

**Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 pm**
Develop your baby’s pre-literacy skills with books, songs, rhymes and finger plays that will help them understand new concepts and enhance their love of learning. Age 0 to 23 months.

**Wednesday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
 **MAIN LIBRARY**

**Wednesday Afternoon Activities – 2:00-4:00 pm**
We will have a different activity which may include movies, crafts, puppets, and scavenger hunts. Ages 5 to 10.

**Wednesday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
 **MCCLURE BRANCH**

**It’s Showtime! Movie Series – 3:00-5:00pm**
July 3: Center Stage (PG-13)
July 10: Honey (PG-13)
July 17: A Star Is Born (2018, R)
July 24: Step Up (PG-13)
July 31: Stomp the Yard (PG-13)

**Friday, July 5**
 **LINCOLN BRANCH**

**Superhero Escape Room – 10:00-11:00 am**
In this escape room scenario, the Green Goblin and Doc are trying to destroy the city, and it’s up to you to help Spider-man. Hurry though you only have 15 minutes to find the clues and dismantle their bomb! While you wait for your turn in the escape room, be sure to check out our fun superhero craft/activity, as well as enter your name into a movie ticket drawing for the new Spider-man: Far From Home. Ages 11 to 18.

**Friday, July 5**
 **MARION BRANCH**

**Toddler Art – 10:15-11:00 am**
Let your child explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills along the way.

**Friday, July 5**
 **MCCLURE BRANCH**

**Cutting the Cable: What are the alternatives? – 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
Are you tired of paying tons of money for cable each month? Did you know there are new services that can help cut those costs (including free services from the library)? Come learn about some of these alternatives and how you can use them in your home!

**Saturday, July 6**
 **MCCLURE BRANCH**

**Busier Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am**
Children of all ages.

**Friday, July 5**
 **MCCLURE BRANCH**

**Drop In: LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00pm**
Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

**Saturday, July 6**
 **MCCLURE BRANCH**

**Cutting the Cable: What are the alternatives? – 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
Are you tired of paying tons of money for cable each month? Did you know there are new services that can help cut those costs (including free services from the library)? Come learn about some of these alternatives and how you can use them in your home!
Saturday, July 6  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**Movie: First Man – 3:00-5:30 pm**  
The library is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing! Join us for a showing of *First Man*. Rated PG-13. Copies of the book *First Man: the Life of Neil A. Armstrong*, by James R. Hansen, will be available to check out.

Sunday, July 7  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**The DNA Discussion – 12:00-1:15 pm**  
Take this opportunity to learn about how technology and the future is a driving force in uncovering more about the past. Find out about the various top companies and the differences in their testing structures and reports. Hear more about what you can do with your results once they return. Discover more about YOU.

Monday, July 8  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**The Book Was First Movie Series – 10:30 am-1:00 pm**  
Join in a viewing of the 2013 film *Ender’s Game* based on the book of the same name by Orson Scott Card. Read the book before you come or just enjoy a movie and light refreshments!

Monday, July 8  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**Storytime Lab – 2:00-2:30 pm**  
Join us for stories about early concepts in science, technology, engineering, art, and math followed by hands-on exploration! Ages 3 to 6.

Monday, July 8 & 22  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
**Monday Music at Main – 2:00-3:30 pm**  
We have a variety of very talented musicians coming to the library this summer! A portion of CD sales support the Friends of Peoria Public Library.  
July 8: Adam Larson Trio  
Adam is an American saxophonist, composer, and author. He has released four albums, toured the world, and is a master class presenter.  
July 22: Barry Cloyd  
Barry Cloyd is a singer, songwriter, guitarist, and storyteller who weaves the genres of folk, blues, roots, and Celtic music into a unique blend.

Monday, July 8  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Sci Fi & Fantasy Book Club – 6:30-7:30 pm**  
This month: *Orbital Resonance* by John Barnes

Tuesday, July 9 & 23  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Sign and Sing Storytime with Communication Junction – 10:00-10:30 am**  
This story time is great for children ages 0 to 5 and is created around a theme, filled with stories, songs, movement and bubbles. You will also learn a few signs to take home and practice.

Tuesday, July 9  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**  
**Stuntwoman Martika Daniels—10:00-11:00 am**  
Sword-swaller, fire-eater, and international woman of mystery, Martika Daniels aims to bring the highest quality entertainment to a stage near you!

Wednesday, July 10  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Kids Advisory Board – 4:30-5:30 pm**  
Join us for our monthly meeting. New members are welcome! Ages 8 to 12.

Wednesday, July 10  
**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 science and math in music. Ages 6 to 11.

Thursday, July 11, 18 & 25  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am**  
Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts! Ages 2 to 3.

Thursday, July 11, 18 & 25  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am**  
Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts! Ages 2 to 3.

Thursday, July 11  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**DIY Stop Motion Movie – 3:00-4:00 pm**  
From constructing the stage, creating your characters, and filming your video, learn what it takes to make a stop motion video of your own! Ages 11 to 18.

Thursday, July 11  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**Front & Center: Exploding Shaving Cream Balloons – 4:00-5:00 pm**  
Join us for a fun filled foamy afternoon playing dodge ball with balloons filled with shaving cream.

Thursday, July 11  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Scratch Lab – 4:00-4:45 pm**  
Scratch is a free programming language and online community. Come learn the basics or show off your projects. Please call 309-497-2100 to register. Ages 8 to 16.

Thursday, July 11  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Adulting 101: Get Grilling – 5:00-6:00 pm**  
Stop by for some quick tips on how to get started with a grill this summer!

Friday, July 12, 19 & 26  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**Sing-Along Lunch Movies – 12:30-2:30 pm**  
*July 12: Moana (PG)*  
*July 19: Singin’ in the Rain (G)*  
*July 26: Annie* (1999, NR)
JULY CALENDAR

Saturday, July 13
MCCLURE BRANCH
Scrumptious Science: Homemade Ice Cream – 1:30-3:00 pm
Make your own personal serving of ice cream. You’ll also learn the science behind this summer favorite!

Saturday, July 13
NORTH BRANCH
Drop In: Giant Board Game – 3:00-4:00 pm
Come play a game where YOU are the game piece. This month: Memory.

Saturday, July 13
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!

Sunday, July 14
Lakeview Branch
Sensory Friendly Family Film – 2:00-4:00 pm
Join us for this sensory friendly showing of Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie. Rated PG

Sunday, July 14
NORTH BRANCH
Music in the McKenzie Presents: The Sweet Potatoes – 2:00-4:00 pm
The Sweet Potatoes come out of Southern California to dish up their own unique blend of country, folk and homespun Americana. Featuring acoustic guitars, ukulele, accordion and harmonica, this trio will bring a smile to your face with their sweet harmonies and finely crafted songwriting. Their music has a back porch charm all its own. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Sunday, July 14
MCCLURE BRANCH
Biography and Nonfiction Book Club – 3:00-4:30 pm
This month: Empire of Cotton: A Global History by Sven Beckert

Monday, July 15
MCCLURE BRANCH
Lego Challenge: Catapult – 10:00-11:00 am
Put all of your skills to the test and build a catapult, which we will then test to see whose catapult will sling their mini marshmallow the furthest.

Monday, July 15
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Teen Bad Movie Night – 4:00-6:00 pm
Bring your friends to watch The Wicker Man (2006, PG-13, rated 15% on Rotten Tomatoes), yell at the screen, and help make a final decision. Ages 13 to 18.

Tuesday, July 16
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Exploring Nature: Flower Dissection – 4:00-5:00 pm
Join us as Master Naturalist Jennifer Close McDaniel guides us through dissecting a flower. Ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, July 16
MCCLURE BRANCH
YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:45 pm
Join this fun group to discuss the best in YA literature. This month: The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman

Wednesday, July 17
MCCLURE BRANCH
Readers’ Theater Workshop – 4:00-5:00 pm
Learn about readers’ theater, practice short skits adapted from children’s books, and then perform! Ages 8 to 11.

Thursday, July 18
NORTH BRANCH
Abe Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom – 2:00-3:30 pm
Abraham Lincoln will be stopping by for an entertaining and educational chat. Hear historical background, the events which led Mr. Lincoln back into politics in the mid-1850s, the ever-escalating increase in tensions, Mr. Lincoln’s election as President, and of course the Civil War. You’ll hear directly from some of Mr. Lincoln’s best-known speeches and writings, and you will be inspired to hope as he did for a “new birth of freedom” for our country. Abraham Lincoln will be portrayed by Mr. Kevin Wood.

Thursday, July 18
MCCLURE BRANCH
Adulting 101: Budget Basics – 5:00-6:00 pm
Stop by to get some quick tips from Alicia at NaviCore Solutions about how to set your budget in order.

Friday, July 19
MCCLURE BRANCH
Toddler Play Zone – 10:15-11:15 am
Join us for a special playgroup for toddlers to interact with other kids, play with educational toys, and read books with their parents. Ages 2 to 4.

Saturday, July 20
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Autism Resource Group – 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Are you a parent with a child or teen with Autism Spectrum Disorder? Join us for resource sharing and support.

Saturday, July 20
MCCLURE BRANCH
Apollo 11 Anniversary Movie: First Man – 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing with a showing and discussion of First Man (2018), based on this historic space mission.

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The Biography and Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 11 at 3:00 p.m. at North Branch to discuss Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age by David Sanger. The Perfect Weapon is the startling inside story of how the rise of cyber-weapons transformed geopolitics like nothing since the invention of the atomic bomb. Cheap to acquire, easy to deny, and usable for a variety of malicious purposes, cyber is now the weapon of choice for democracies, dictators, and terrorists. Two presidents—Bush and Obama—drew first blood with Operation Olympic Games, which used malicious code to blow up Iran’s nuclear centrifuges, and yet America proved remarkably unprepared when its own weapons were stolen from its arsenal and, during President Trump’s first year, turned back on the US and its allies. Moving from the White House Situation Room to the dens of Chinese government hackers to the boardrooms of Silicon Valley, New York Times national security correspondent David Sanger reveals a world coming face-to-face with the perils of technological revolution. The Perfect Weapon is the dramatic story of how great and small powers alike slipped into a new era of constant sabotage, misinformation, and fear, in which everyone is a target.

The Sherlock Holmes Story Society will meet at North Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 22 to discuss “The Adventure of the Six Napoleons” The titular emperors are actually just plaster busts and all signs point to their destruction being the work of a mentally disturbed immigrant. Holmes suspects the madness of the destruction is a cover for something far more rational and calculated. Needless to say, Holmes is correct.

The Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss IQ by Joe Ide. A resident of one of LA’s toughest neighborhoods uses his blistering intellect to solve the crimes the LAPD can’t, or won’t, solve. From murders to missing children he charges his clients only what they can afford. They call him IQ.

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club will meet on Monday, August 12 at Lakeview Branch at 6:30 p.m. to discuss The Strange Case of the Alchemist’s Daughter by Theodora Goss. Mary Jekyll, alone and penniless following her parents’ death, is curious about the secrets of her father’s mysterious past. One clue in particular hints that Edward Hyde, her father’s former friend and a murderer, may be nearby, and there is a reward for information leading to his capture – a reward that would solve all of her immediate financial woes. But her hunt leads her to Hyde’s daughter, Diana, a feral child left to be raised by nuns. With the assistance of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, Mary continues her search for the elusive Hyde, and soon befriends more women, all of whom have been created through terrifying experimentation: Beatrice Rappaccini, Catherine Moreau, and Justine Frankenstein. When their investigations lead them to the discovery of a secret society of immoral and power-crazed scientists, the horrors of their past return. Now it is up to the monsters to finally triumph over the monstrous.

The Bibliophiles Book Club will meet Tuesday, August 6 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels by Jon Meacham. Pulitzer Prize–winning author Jon Meacham helps us understand the present moment in American politics and life by looking back at critical times in our history when hope overcame division and fear.

The YA Book Club for Adults will meet on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch to discuss The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo. A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother’s religion and her own relationship to the world. Debut novel of renowned slam poet Elizabeth Acevedo. Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers—especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman. With Mami’s determination to force her daughter to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her school’s slam poetry club, she doesn’t know how she could ever attend without her mami finding out, much less speak her words out loud. But still, she can’t stop thinking about performing her poems. Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent.

The Read on Book Club will meet at Lincoln Branch on Tuesday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss The Safe House by Kiki Swinson. It was supposed to be easy money. A few exchanges for cash, one big payoff, and then life would be better than ever with bills paid and money in her pocket. But the plan fell apart and now she’s made an enemy. He’s a drug cartel leader out to destroy any competition and get payback by any means necessary. Packed with “high suspense” and “memorable choices and consequences” (Booklist) Kiki Swinson’s novel sizzles with brutally unpredictable characters, breakneck plotting and a uniquely gritty portrait of Southern life. Now she breaks all the rules as a young woman with two targets on her back who tries to keep those she loves and herself alive.
Saturday, July 20
NORTH BRANCH
Moon Landing Party – 2:00-5:00 pm
Come celebrate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11! We’ll have refreshments, some trivia, and – of course – watch the original broadcast of the moon landing. The video will be shown at 2:00 and 4:00 and lasts about 45 minutes.

Sunday, July 21
NORTH BRANCH
The Hanson Family Jugglers–2:00-3:00pm
Help us wrap up Summer Reading with a unique performance by the Hanson Family Jugglers! This program will dazzle your family with award winning juggling and unicycling and a dose of humor that will have everyone laughing. Discover how to improve yourself through reading and be challenged to learn new skills. Volunteer for a chance to survive the spine tingling Juggling Tornado of Doom! Take part in the juggling lessons and balance skill challenges after the show.

Sunday, July 21
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Book ‘Em Mystery Book Club–2:00-3:30pm
This month: Dance of the Bones by J.A. Jance

Monday, July 22
MCCLURE BRANCH
Monday Morning Movie Series – 10:30 am-12:30 pm
This week: Dr. No with Sean Connery

Tuesday, July 23 & 30
LINCOLN BRANCH
Terrific Tattletale Storytime-10:00-10:30am
Ages 3 to 6.

Tuesday, July 23
LINCOLN BRANCH
Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 pm
This month: No One Is Coming to Save Us by Stephanie Powell Watts

Thursday, July 25
NORTH BRANCH
Sherlock Holmes Story Society – 6:30-7:30 pm
This month: “The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton.”

Saturday, July 27
MAIN LIBRARY
Once Upon a Time Story Hour – 11:00 am-12:00 pm
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.

Saturday, July 27
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Favorite Book Character Day – 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Do you have an all time favorite book character? Using our stash of craft supplies make an art project depicting your favorite character. Feel free to come dressed as your favorite character as well. Grades 3 to 8.

Saturday, July 27
MCCLURE BRANCH
Essential Oils 101 – 3:00-4:00 pm
Join us for an overview of essential oils and how they can be used in your home. Attendees will get to mix their own essential oil blend to take home! Please register by calling 309-497-2700 by April 25 so we can ensure adequate supplies.

Sunday, July 28
NORTH BRANCH
PAWAC Reads Book Club – 2:00-4:00 pm
All are welcome to join this book club sponsored by the Peoria Area World Affairs Council. The club reads both fiction and nonfiction but all selections have an international element. This month: The Spy and the Traitor by Ben Macintyre

Monday, July 29
MCCLURE BRANCH
Dog Days Double Feature – 1:00- 5:00 pm
Come inside to cool off and enjoy a special dog-themed double feature during the dog days of summer. A Dog’s Purpose (2017) will begin at 1:00 pm, followed by A Dog’s Way Home (2019) at 3:00 pm.

Tuesday, July 30
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Weave-It: Small Looms/Big Fun! – 2:00-4:00 pm
Instructor Jennie Hawkey from Hopewell Weaving will guide you through making a pin cushion or cell phone case by weaving several small squares on a Weave-It loom and then stitching the squares together. Yarn will be provided, or you can bring your own ( fingering weight or other fine yarn). This class is limited to 10 participants. Please call 497-2150 or email programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us to reserve your spot.

Wednesday, July 31
NORTH BRANCH
Comic Corps Club – 5:00-6:00 pm
Have a love of comics or manga? High school students are encouraged to bring any DC Comics graphic novel to share and discuss with others, but are not required.