LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

Peoria Public Library will host its 7th annual Local Author Fair from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2 at North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Parkway.

In addition to meeting area authors and purchasing their books, two local writers will host mini workshops discussing their paths to publishing.

Bradley University Professor Sara Baker Netzley will discuss her efforts to self-publish, and Kate Bateman, who writes as K.C. Bateman, will talk about the world of traditional publishing. Bateman, who was a 2019 RITA® Finalist for Historical Romance, has been published by Random House Loveswept, an e-book imprint, and St. Martin’s Press.

Area authors interested in attending should email Programming@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us by Oct. 15 as spaces are limited.

Authors are encouraged to bring copies of their books to sell, but a portion of proceeds must be donated to Friends of Peoria Public Library. Friends is a 501(c)(3).
OUT AND ABOUT

We’re still thrilled that Summer Reading was such a success this year! Participation was up more than 35 percent, with a total 4,403 readers this year.

We visited the schools that had the highest percentage of Summer Readers, awarding them prizes and taking their photos for a poster they can proudly display.

Pictured above: Students at Daarul Uloom, the winning private/parochial school, pose for their photo taken by Peoria Public Library graphic designer Laura Fehr. Also pictured: Karla Wilkinson of the programming department.

Remaining winning schools: Kellar Primary School, Washington Gifted School (middle school), and Chesterton Academy (high school).

Before the weather turns, take time to visit our new StoryWalk® in Columbia Park, just steps from McClure Branch.

But don’t worry, staff plans to keep changing out the stories even through the winter months!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

OBSEERVE THE MOON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
NORTHMOOR OBSERVATORY
International Observe the Moon Night 6:00-10:00 PM
Join us for the 9th year of collaboration with the Peoria Astronomical Society. We will have a Moon Storytime (while it’s still light out!), a craft (while supplies last!), and you will have a chance to look through the big telescope! Peoria Astronomical Society members will be on hand to let us know exactly what we are seeing in the night sky and the view will change throughout the evening. Sunset is estimated for 6:35 pm.

COMPUTER TAKE-APART
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Computer Take-apart – 4:30-6:00 PM
Come learn how to take apart a desktop computer and reassemble it. This is a great opportunity to learn about the basic hardware components of a PC. Ages 11 to 18.

BARNYARD DISCOVERY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
NORTH BRANCH
Barnyard Comes to the Library 1:00-3:30 PM
Join us for an afternoon of furry animals, fall-themed stories, crafts, and treats. Barnyard Discoveries will have their farm animals in the North Branch parking lot for petting. Inside the library, we will have fun fall-themed activities for the kids to enjoy. Stop by the McKenzie Room for apple cider and snacks. Children of all ages.
OCTOBER • ALL LOCATIONS
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.

OCTOBER
LAKEVIEW BRANCH & MCCLURE BRANCH
Reading Challenges
For each challenge you complete, feel free to bring in a copy to receive a bookmark and an entry into a drawing for a $25 Barnes and Noble gift card.

OCTOBER • LAKEVIEW BRANCH
One-On-One Resume Writing Assistance Program
Do you have a copy of your resume on hand and need someone to look over it? Or are you having a hard time writing your resume? Please call Fran at 309-497-2200 to schedule an hour-long help session.

OCTOBER • MCCLURE BRANCH
National Cat Day Photo Contest
Celebrate National Cat Day (Oct. 29) all month! Bring a photo of your cat before voting begins to enter them in the photo contest. Voting – which is open to all patrons (not just cat-owners) – will run from October 14 to 31, with the most popular cat earning a $20 Petsmart gift card.

OCTOBER • MCCLURE BRANCH
National Pizza Month Voting
Vote to decide Peoria’s best pizza place in honor of National Pizza Month! The winner earns a $10 gift card to the local pizza place of their choice.

OCTOBER • 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.

OCTOBER 1-4 • LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Halloween Costume Exchange: Drop Off
We will be collecting gently used Halloween costumes to donate for our Halloween Costume Exchange. Clean out your closets of last year’s costumes to make room for new ones this year. If you have questions regarding what items we will accept, please contact Elise at 497-2200.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 8, 15 & 22
LINCOLN BRANCH
Terrific Tattletale Storytime-10:00-10:30 am
Ages 3 to 6.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Toddler Tales – 10:15-10:45 am
Ages 2 to 4.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Bibliophiles Book Club – 1:30-2:30 pm
This month: Proof by David Auburn

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: DIY Foosball Table
5:00-6:00 pm
Build a Foosball Table with items that you have around the house. Learning how to design this DIY project will give your family hours of fun and play. Ages 11-18.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
NORTH BRANCH
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Performance – 6:00-6:45 pm
Peoria Public Library is pleased to partner with Corn Stock Theater for a mini-performance of scenes from The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon, which has been adapted into the opening production of Corn Stock’s 2019-2020 Winter Season. Director Joel Shoemaker leads the cast in the story of Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic boy, who, despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor’s dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. Free and open to the public.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
LINCOLN 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 bring one of your own. Soft drinks will be available. Ages 18+. Results will be available in the morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
NORTH BRANCH
Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 pm
Ages 0 to 23 months.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Kid-Run Newspaper – 4:30-5:30 pm
Each meeting we will work on content for our latest edition of the Peoria Public Library Kid-Run Newspaper. If you can’t make it to the meeting please call Lakeview Branch and ask for Adam or Katy for more information about the newspaper or how to submit content. New members are always welcome. Ages 8 to 17.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
NORTH BRANCH
The DNA Discussion – 6:30-7:30 pm
Take this opportunity to learn about how DNA technology 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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
MCCLURE BRANCH
Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am
Ages 3 to 6.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
NORTH BRANCH
A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Join us for stories, songs, and crafts as we focus on learning the shapes of letters and the sounds they make! Ages 2 to 3.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
LINCOLN BRANCH
Room on the Broom – 4:00-5:00 pm
Come join us as we do a fun Halloween inspired STEM activity. We will read the book Room on the Broom, and make our own brooms. Ages 5 to 10.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Slotted Building Discs
4:00-5:00 pm
Build and construct towers with slotted paper discs interlocking into one another to create structural projects. Ages 5 to 10.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
MCCLURE BRANCH
Mean Girls Day – 4:00-5:30 pm
Enjoy some pink treats and a showing of Mean Girls (PG-13) to celebrate the day Aaron Samuels asked Cady Heron what day it was. Ages 13 to 18.

OCTOBER 4-29
MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY
Akins, Bingham, Martin, Nesbit, Perry – Curated by West
Five artists come together to share their exploration of contemporary themes with objects of art using traditional and unexpected materials. Akins, Bingham, Martin, Nesbit, and Perry’s works enable a shift in perspective on memory, cultural references, and encounters with their natural environment. The public is invited to an opening reception on Saturday, October 5 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Toddler Art – 10:15-11:00 am
Join us once a month for a fun artful activity geared toward toddlers. Let your child explore the world of colors and shapes while learning fine motor skills along the way. Dress for a mess.

FRIDAY, OCT. 4 • MCCLURE BRANCH
FRIDAY, OCT. 11 • LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Baby Playground – 10:15-11:15 am
Calling all babies! Join us for a special playgroup designed to help you explore your world through creative play. Ages 9 months to 24 months.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 11, 18 & 25
NORTH BRANCH
Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Drop In: LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00 pm
Calling all LEGO fans! Join us at Lakeview Branch for our Lego Builders Club. Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
LINCOLN BRANCH
Shadow Ghouls – 3:45-4:45 pm
Come design your own clay monsters. Afterward, we will trace their shadows to see which monster is the scariest! Ages 5 to 10.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5-6
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Halloween Costume Exchange
Free costumes for all ages will be available at our Halloween Costume Exchange. Pick out costumes for you and your family. Remaining costumes will be donated to the Center for Prevention of Abuse. Call Elise at 497-2200 with any questions.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
NORTH BRANCH
1-2-3 Magic! with Dr. Thomas Phelan
10:30 am-12:30 pm
For more than 25 years, internationally renowned clinical psychologist Thomas W. Phelan’s “1-2-3 Magic!” has helped millions of parents, teachers, and caregivers raise independent, emotionally intelligent children and build happier, healthier families all through an easy-to-understand program that you’ll swear “works like magic.” Dr. Thomas W. Phelan will be here to share his down-to-earth tools, suggestions, and ideas on parenting and child behavior. Learn the effective way to be a better, more loving, and more consistent parent, and start enjoying your child again.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
MCCLURE BRANCH
The Nightmare Before Christmas Crafting – 11:00 am-12:30 pm
Prepare your house for the Pumpkin King as you watch The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG) and create a Jack Skellington decoration! Ages 11 to 18.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Stitch and Swap – 2:00-5:00 pm
Have a stitching project that you would like to work on uninterrupted? Have any patterns that you would like to swap out for something different? Join us for an afternoon of stitching fun. Bring your own stitching materials and any gently used patterns for a chance to work on your latest project and trade patterns.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5 • MCCLURE BRANCH
SATURDAY, OCT. 19 • MAIN LIBRARY
Constellation Cross-Stitching – 3:00-5:00 pm
Learn cross-stitching basics and create an embroidered constellation wall art to take home. While supplies last. Ages 13 to 18.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
NORTHMOOR OBSERVATORY
International Observe the Moon Night – 6:00-10:00 pm
Join us for the 9th year of collaboration with the Peoria Astronomical Society. We will have a Moon Storytime, a craft, and you will have a chance to look through the big telescope! Peoria Astronomical Society members will be on hand to let us know exactly what we are seeing in the night sky. Sunset is estimated for 6:55 pm. The Northmoor Observatory is located in Donovan Park on North Knoxville in Peoria. Park in the main parking lot and walk south to the dome. Please call 497-2143 with any questions.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8 • MCCLURE BRANCH
MONDAY, OCT. 21 • LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Books and Bagels – 10:00-11:00 am
Each month we’ll read a different title and have a light book discussion and snacks. While the adults discuss the book, children can play with toys, color, and read from board books. Visit one or both of the sessions! Please call 497-2200 or 309-497-2700 with any questions or if you need help placing the book on hold. This month’s title: Good Omens by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
MCCLURE BRANCH
4th Trimester: Baby Sign Language with Communication Junction
3:00-4:00 pm
Baby Sign Language can help you communicate with your child before they can speak, reducing frustration for both parents and baby! Abbey Cook, founder of Communication Junction, will talk about the benefits of early communication and the learning opportunities in our area.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Pumpkin Art on Canvas – 5:00-6:00 pm
Enjoy painting this easy and colorful pumpkin art on canvas to display just in time for Fall! Ages 5 to 10.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
NORTH BRANCH
Atlantic Monthly Discussion Group – 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Just read the feature article (and any other articles that interest you) of the current issue of Atlantic Monthly in print or on the website, theatlantic.com/magazine/. Then engage in lively and intellectual discussion. Facilitators are Marge Semmens and Catriona Rittenhouse.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Computer Take-apart – 4:30-6:00 pm
Come learn how to take apart a desktop computer and reassemble it. This is a great opportunity to learn about the basic hardware components of a PC. Ages 11 to 18.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
LINCOLN BRANCH
Halloween Painted Silhouettes
4:00-5:00 pm
Come join us for this fun Halloween-inspired craft where we will paint silhouettes of spiders, ghosts, cats, and other creatures. Ages 5 to 10.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
NORTH BRANCH
Peoria Speaks: Opioid Addiction and Harm Reduction – 6:00-7:30 pm
Peoria Speaks is a monthly community discussion program which focuses on topics of interest to Peorians. Funding for Peoria Speaks is being provided by Illinois Humanities through their Illinois Speaks program which is aimed at strengthening the democratic process through community dialogues across the state of Illinois. This month, Chris Schaffner, Program Director of the JOIT Foundation, will provide background information about the foundation’s mission and services offered, as well as the latest news on opioid addiction in the Peoria area. The floor will then open for questions and discussion.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 & 18
LINCOLN BRANCH
Coding Club – 3:45-4:45 pm
Participants will be able to use Code Combat to play a fun, coding-inspired game that teaches you key coding techniques and allows you to progress at your own pace. This program is one of the perfect ways to get introduced to coding. Come code with us! Ages 11 to 18.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
NORTH BRANCH
Barnyard Comes to the Library
1:00-3:30 pm
Join us for an afternoon of furry animals, fall-themed stories, crafts, and treats. Barnyard Discoveries will have their farm animals in the parking lot for petting. Inside, we will have fun fall-themed activities for the kids to enjoy. Stop by the McKenzie Room for apple cider and snacks.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
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! Voting is open all month.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
NORTH BRANCH
Music in the McKenzie Presents: Still Shine – 2:00-4:00 pm
Still Shine is a group of like-minded, seasoned musicians blending acoustic roots and progressive bluegrass. Mixing mandolin, harmonica, banjo, acoustic guitar, upright bass, and tight harmonies they quickly gained a following around Central Illinois and the local Midwest. Along with some well-received original music, the band performs an upbeat, energetic show you won’t want to miss! A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
NORTH BRANCH
Biography and Nonfiction Book Club – 3:00-4:30 pm
This month: Salt: A World History by Mark Kurlansky

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
MCCLURE BRANCH
Pledge to Prevent Bullying
October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Join the fight against bullying by signing your name to our pledge roster.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 – 5:00-6:00 pm
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 – 4:00-5:00 pm
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Haunted House for Sale Activity
Write the ghostly description of the haunted house that you must sell before Halloween. Ages 11 to 18.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Space Lander Challenge
11:00 am-12:00 pm
Friendly aliens are circling Earth and wish to study our planet. You are challenged to build a space lander with materials provided to help the friendly aliens land safely on Earth. Ages 5 to 10.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
KAB: Kids Advisory Board – 4:30-5:30 pm
Join us for our monthly meeting to give your opinion on events and materials at Lakeview Branch. Ages 8 to 12.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
NORTH BRANCH
Third Thursday Film Fest: A Year of Musicals – 2:00-4:00 pm
Bring a snack and enjoy a movie on the big screen. Free and open to all ages. This month: Chicago (PG-15, 2002)

FRIDAY, OCT. 18 • MCCLURE BRANCH
FRIDAY, OCT. 25 • LAKEVIEW 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. Ages 2 to 4.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 & 25
NORTH BRANCH
Hocus Pocus Lunchtime Movie
12:30-2:00 pm
Bring a lunch and enjoy the movie Hocus Pocus (1995, PG) on your day off school.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Book 'Em Mystery Book Club
2:00-3:30 pm
This month: Twisted Prey by John Sanford

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
MCCLURE BRANCH
The Book Was First Movie Series
10:30 am-1:30 pm
Join in a viewing of the 1980 film The Shining based on the book of the same name by Stephen King. Read the book before you come or just enjoy a movie and light refreshments on a Monday morning!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
NORTH BRANCH
Preschool Art Playdate - 2:00-2:30 pm
Little artists can create a masterpiece and listen to a story. Please dress for a mess. Ages 3 to 6.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
MCCLURE BRANCH
4th Trimester: Mom (or Dad) and Baby Yoga with Noelle Haverhals 3:00-4:00 pm
Check out this session to learn some relaxing, low impact poses you can try at home with baby. If your doctor hasn’t cleared you for exercise yet, feel free to come and take notes! Please bring a mat or blanket.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
LINCOLN BRANCH
Front & Center: Candy Corn Tower Challenge – 5:00-6:00 pm
Let’s see who can build the tallest tower! Celebrate the season by taking on this challenge using candy corn, pumpkins, and toothpicks to build unique designs and structures. Ages 11 to 18.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
LINCOLN BRANCH
Read On Book Club – 5:30-7:00 pm
This month: Children of the Waters: A Novel by Carleen Brice

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Pumpkin Decorating – 6:15-7:45 pm
Bring your own pumpkin and we’ll provide the paint, jewels, stickers, and more to decorate your pumpkins for Halloween!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
LINCOLN BRANCH
Harry Potter Potions – 4:15-5:15 pm
Inspired by Harry Potter, we will be mixing up batches of Polyjuice Slime, Professor Snape’s Wolfsbane, and of course a classic Love Potion that you will be able to drink! So, get your cauldrons ready; it’s time for potion class 101! Ages 5 to 10.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
NORTH BRANCH
Sherlock Holmes Story Society
6:30-7:30 pm
Whether you’ve read the classic Sherlock Holmes stories a million times or none at all, all are welcome to experience The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes in this reading discussion group. This month: “The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez.”

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
LINCOLN BRANCH
Newspaper Haunted House
3:45-4:45 pm
Use several different materials to create a painting of a mixed media haunted house. Ages 11 to 18.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
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. Recommended for ages 3 to 7.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
MCCLURE BRANCH
Make a Difference Day – 10:30-11:30 am
Celebrate Make a Difference Day with us! You can help make animal toys for local animal shelters, write cards for active military service members or patients at the Children’s Hospital, or bring nonperishable items for local food banks.

OCTOBER 28 & 29 • LINCOLN BRANCH
Evil Lurks in the Escape Room
4:00-6:00 pm
We have designed a haunting escape room experience in preparation for our even more intense Haunted House.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28
NORTH BRANCH
Halloween Party and Pumpkin Games
5:30-7:30 pm
Dress up in your favorite costume and join us for a spooktacular night of toddler-friendly Halloween tales and pumpkin-themed games, as well as tasty treats and a movie for the little ones in our McKenzie Room. Ages 1 to 4.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
LINCOLN BRANCH
Puppet Show: “The Pumpkin Thief”
10:00-10:30 am
Help catch the pumpkin thief who’s stealing all the pumpkins for pumpkin pie. Ages 3 to 6 years old.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
NORTH BRANCH
Comic Corps Club – 5:00-6:00 pm
Have a love of comics or manga? Participants are encouraged to share any comic or manga featuring horror or their favorite villain. Ages 13 to 18.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
LINCOLN BRANCH
Lincoln’s Spooktacular Haunted House – 4:30-6:30 pm
Children of all ages are invited to brave the annual haunted house.
**NOVEMBER BOOK CLUBS**

Consider stepping outside of your comfort zone and joining a book club. Or two. Not only will you make new friends and keep the old, but you may be introduced to books or genres you never would have considered on your own. New members are always welcome!

Peoria Public Library hosts the following book clubs. If you’d like to start a new one, contact us at 497-2141.

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**THE BIBLIOPHILES BOOK CLUB**
When/Where: Meets the first Tuesday of the month from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the Lakeview Branch of Peoria Public Library, 1137 W. Lake.
For more information, contact Nancy at 309-231-3263 or by email at nancy415@mediacombb.net
**November 5:** Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival by Velma Wallis

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**THE BIOGRAPHY/NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB**
When/Where: Meets the second Sunday of the month from 5-4:30 p.m. at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library, 3001 W. Grand Parkway.
For more information, call Roberta Koscielski at 309-497-2186.
**November 10:** War on Peace: The End of Diplomacy and the Decline of American Influence by Ronan Farrow

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**THE BOOK’EM MYSTERY BOOK CLUB**
When/Where: Meets the third Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Lakeview Branch of Peoria Public Library, 1137 W. Lake.
For more information, call 697-2451 or 657-6450.
**November 17:** The President is Missing by Bill Clinton and James Patterson

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**THE SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY BOOK CLUB**
When/Where: Meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Branch of Peoria Public Library, 1137 W. Lake.
For more information, call 497-2701.
**November 11:** Greener Than You Think by Ward Moore

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**THE SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY SOCIETY**
When/Where: Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library, 3001 W. Grand Parkway.
For more information, call 497-2701.
**November 21 (Third Thursday):** “The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter”

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**THE YA FOR ADULTS BOOK CLUB**
When/Where: Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Branch of Peoria Public Library, 1137 W. Lake.
For more information, call Karla at 497-2150.
**November 19:** In Paris With You by Clementine Beauvais

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**EXTRA! EXTRA! WRITE ALL ABOUT IT!**
Peoria Public Library is starting a kids-run newspaper, and we’re looking for reporters and writers, ages middle school to high school. The next planning meeting will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at Lakeview Branch, 1137 W. Lake.
In addition to reviews of library events, Lakeview Ledger will feature book reviews and original poetry and comics. The hope is to have content ready for the first issue to be published in December. It will be professionally printed and distributed to all library branches and the Bookmobile.
For more information, call 497-2200 and ask for Katy or Adam.
Peorian Joyce Welsch loved books, especially mystery books. She wanted to share this love of the mystery genre with the public. In the fall of 1994, she got together with a few friends and the Peoria Public Library program manager to create a Mystery Readers book club, which Joyce christened, “Book ‘Em.” The first meeting was held in January 1995.

This fun Mystery Readers book club met the third Sunday of each month at Peoria Public Library’s Lakeview Branch. The male/female mix of authors was about 50/50, and we read everything from the classics to thrillers, hometown cozies, psychotics and police procedurals. Of the nearly 300 books read and discussed over 25 years, the most read authors were: Michael Connelly, James Patterson, Sara Paretsky, C.J. Box, J.A. Jance, and Janet Evanovich.

At around our 10th year, Joyce talked a few members into participating in writing our own murder mystery. At our 20th year, we celebrated the completed writing of our book. As it had a Peoria setting, we named the book Murder on Whiskey Row and copyrighted both the book and the name, “Book ‘Em Mystery Readers.” The book may be found in several local area libraries.

Joyce’s dream of sharing her love of the mystery genre has now reached the 25 year mark. We have had a good run - and this is a good place to end. Book ‘Em Mystery Readers are disbanding their club pending the final meeting on Dec. 15, 2019.

We wish to thank all who have participated in our club over these 25 years.

A special thanks to Peoria Public Library and their Lakeview Branch as our host library for all those years, and to the Friends of Peoria Public Library for allowing us to hold the Joyce Welsch Memorial Fundraiser to honor her dream of Book ‘Em Mystery Readers, and the publishing of our book, Murder on Whiskey Row. Joyce Welsch passed away in July 2009.

As part of Peoria Public Schools’ annual Parent University, Peoria Public Library will open Lakeview Branch, which is normally closed on Thursdays, and host a special StoryTime and craft.

Staff will also be on hand at the Oct. 3 event to demonstrate how to use our various databases, particularly the ones for students including:

**Brainfuse HelpNow** - One-on-one online sessions with live tutors from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. every day for grades K-12. Get help with math, English, science and social studies, as well as help taking the G.E.D. Also includes a writing lab offering thorough analysis – writing style and organization – of your papers.

**Testing and Education Reference Center** – Online tool for standardized test preparation, researching undergraduate and graduate programs, finding tuition assistance, and career advice.

**ABC-CLIO** – A multidisciplinary reference resource with more than 140,000 primary and secondary source materials across numerous subject areas – world history to geography to pop culture.

**SIRS Issues Researcher** – Provides authoritative insight into the most-studied social issues by delivering the pros and cons from relevant, credible documents and graphics selected by trained editors and curated from over 2,000 global sources. Critical Thinking and Information Literacy skills are promoted through engaging essential questions and supporting viewpoint articles. All articles, websites, multimedia graphics, charts, maps, statistics, primary sources, and government documents are editorially-selected from thousands of global sources.