Children’s Programming Supported by  

**Events**

**November 2019**

**Kids of All Ages**

**November 18-21 – McClure Branch**

**Family Reading Night: Storytime Kits**
Pick up a themed storytime kit with a few books and a craft (and maybe even a snack idea!) to celebrate Family Reading Night on November 21! While supplies last.

**Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24 – Lincoln Branch**

**Thanksgiving**

**Craft-to-Go**

- **12:00-5:00 pm**

Come make a fun hand-print turkey craft. Children of all ages.

**Saturday, November 23 – North Branch**

**Holiday Kick-off Party**

- **1:00-4:00 pm**

Join us for a holiday kick-off party! Adults can create paint-swirled Christmas ornaments while kids color. We will have snacks and watch Christmas movies. Christmas sweaters are encouraged! While supplies last.

**Tuesday, November 26 – Lincoln Branch**

**Thanksgiving**

**Craft-to-Go**

- **12:00-5:00 pm**

Come make a fun hand-print turkey craft. Children of all ages.

**Saturday, November 23 & 24 – McClure Branch**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- **11-4:00 pm**

Volunteer for the Children’s Programming and help make our storytimes and other special events a success. MNPS members, please join us! Contact: 309-497-7000 ext. 6880.

**Children’s Programming**

**Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 pm**

- **Wednesday, November 6, 13, 20 & 27 – North Branch**

Ages 2 to 4.

**Toddler Tales – 10:15-10:45 am**

- **Tuesday, November 5, 12 & 19 – Lakeview Branch**

Ages 3 to 6.

**Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am**

- **Tuesday, November 5, 12 & 19 – Lincoln Branch**

Ages 12 to 23 months.

**Tiny Tots Storytime**

- **Wednesday, November 6, 13 & 20 – North Branch**

Ages 0 to 12 months.

**Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am**

- **Saturday, November 2, 9, 16 & 23 – North Branch**

Children of all ages.

**You-Pick Flick – 3:00-5:00 pm**

You picked it, now we’re playing it! Every second Saturday of the month, you can choose the You-Pick Flick for the month. Be sure to cast your vote for next month’s movie while you’re here! Voting is open all month.

**Tuesday, November 12 – Lincoln Branch**

**Front & Center: Abstract Leaf Drawing – 5:00-6:00 pm**

Capture the colorful moments of the changing seasons by drawing abstract leaf designs. Children of all ages.

**Saturday, November 16 – McClure Branch**

**Peanut Butter Party – 4:00-5:00 pm**

Celebrate Peanut Butter Lover’s Month! Taste test a variety of different peanut butter products and vote for your favorite, share your favorite peanut butter recipes, and learn some fun facts about this sticky snack favorite! All ages welcome.

**Sunday, November 17 – North Branch**

**Music in the McKenzie Presents: James Herr and Harlan, Meister, & Mitts (HMM) – 2:00-4:00 pm**

James Herr is an acoustic artist known for his authentic performances of James Taylor, Paul Simon, Jim Croce and other acoustic artists such as Ed Sheeran. With his expert finger picking style he provides complete performances of favorite acoustic songs. Harlan, Meister, and Mitts have proven to be a unique entity in the Peoria musical scene. All three members have performed in different bands over the years, but have now joined together in what they lightheartedly call “partners in acoustic therapy”. Though their backgrounds vary, they all share a common love of music from the 60’s, 70’s, 80’s, and 90’s. This includes songs by Simon & Garfunkel, the Beatles, Cat Stevens, Crosby Stills & Nash, Joni Mitchell, America, and Dan Fogelberg. A portion of CD sales support The Friends of Peoria Public Library.

**November 18-23 – McClure Branch**

**National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week: Food and Toiletries Drive**

We’re learning the alphabet! Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts as we focus on learning the shapes of letters and the sounds they make! Ages 2 to 3.

Friday, November 1, 8, 15 & 22 – North Branch

**Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am**

Children of all ages.

**Monday, November 4, 11, 18 & 25 – North Branch – 10:30-11:00 am**

Tinny Tots Storytime

**Ages 12 to 23 months.**

Tuesday, November 5, 12 & 19 – Lincoln Branch

**Terror Tattle Tale Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am**

Ages 3 to 6.

Wednesday, November 6, 13, 20 & 27 – North Branch

**Brainy Baby Storytime – 11:30-2:00 pm**

Ages 0 to 23 months.

**Giant Leaf Craft**

Make your own giant leaves to hang in the library. Children of all ages.

**Thursday, November 7, 14 & 21 – McClure Branch**

**Fun Time Storytime – 10:00-10:30 am**

Ages 3 to 6.

**Thursday, November 7, 14 & 21 – North Branch**

**A-Z Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am**

Join Communication Junction for a 30-minute interactive Sign and Sing Storytime designed to engage your child and encourage a love of books. 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 with your child.

Saturday, November 23 – 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.

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**November 27 – McClure Branch**

**Drop-In: Thanksgiving Placement Craft**

Stop by to pick up a last minute Thanksgiving dinner essential! Make it here or take it home to do while dinner is cooking on Thanksgiving. While supplies last.

**November 28-29**

Regular hours resume

**Closed on Thursday**

**Closed on Wednesday**

**Closed on Tuesday**

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Closed on Thursday

Closed on Wednesday

Closed on Sunday

Closed on Tuesday
Early Learners

November – All locations

1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Read any 1,000 books to your child before they enter kindergarten and ear prizes for every 100 books they read. Once your child reads 1,000 books, they will be invited to a graduation party.

Friday, November 1 – Lakeview 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, November 1 – McClure 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.

Monday, November 11 – Lakeview Branch
Tuesday, November 26 – McClure Branch
Books and Bagels – 10:00-11:00 am
Are you a child caregiver who enjoys reading but you don’t have a sitter to attend book club? This is the book club for you! 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. We anticipate giggles and sidebar conversations and questions from the kids. Visit one or both of the sessions! Please call 497-2200 or 309-497-2200 with any questions. This month’s title: The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Tuesday, November 12 – McClure Branch
4th Trimester: Breastfeeding Basics – 3:00-4:00 pm
Breastfeeding can be a natural and healthy way to nourish your newborn and help them develop early immunity. However, it doesn’t always seem natural when you’re getting started! A representative from the Unity Point Lactation staff will provide guidance to get you and your baby on the path to breastfeeding success.

Friday, November 15 – 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.

Tuesday, November 26 – Lincoln Branch
Puppet Show: “Turkey’s Thanksgiving Adventure” – 10:00-10:30 am
Help Turkey learn the true meaning of Thanksgiving. Ages 3 to 6 years old.

Tuesday, November 26 – McClure Branch
4th Trimester: Car Seat Safety – 3:00-4:00 pm
Research shows that up to 59% of car seats are not installed correctly! Get the details on how to correctly install and use your baby’s car seat from a Children’s Hospital of Illinois expert, Ginger Streitmatter.

Grade School

November – Main Library

Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 am-6:00 pm
In a hurry? Can’t stay and craft? Get your crafts to go. Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Floor Information Desk any time we’re open. Ask for a craft to Go, take it home and the fun begins.

November – Lakeview Branch
Picture Book Character Election
Election season is coming up! We’re voting to determine who will be our favorite picture book character in honor of National Picture Book Month. We have picked 6 storybook characters to choose from. Stop by to cast your vote and receive a special sticker. The character with the most votes will be announced as the winner, Monday, December 2. Children ages 3 to 11 invited to participate in this election.

Saturday, November 9 – McClure Branch
National Pi Day Months Write-In – 10:00-12:00 am
In celebration of National Picture Book Month and NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) a mini write-in will be happening all morning! We’ll go over the steps of creating a picture book and take some time to develop and write our very own! Ages 6 to 10.

Wednesday, November 20 – 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 the Lakeview Branch. Ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, November 21 – Main Library
Book Tasting – 3:00-5:00 pm
Celebrate Family Reading Night with a book tasting in the storytime room. Come and enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere with our dedicated staff to help you find an old favorite or discover a new one on our delicious book menu. Read the whole book, a chapter of it or just the blurb. It’s up to you. Children in kindergarten through 5th grade and their caregivers are welcome to sample a good book at the Reading Cafe.

Thursday, November 21 – Lincoln Branch
Pumpkin Seed Flowers – 4:00-5:00 pm
Halloween is over, but we have a lot of leftover pumpkin seeds, and we want to put them to a good use. Come join us as we show you a fun fall craft that uses leftover pumpkin seeds to make gorgeous flower designs! Ages 6 to 10.

Middle School / High School

November – Lakeview Branch & McClure Branch
Reading Challenges
Do you love a good reading challenge? Select the ones that you want to take part in during 2019 from our assortment of reading challenges. Track your progress at home, but 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.

November – McClure Branch
Native American Heritage Month Reading Challenge
Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with a reading challenge! Pick up an age-appropriate challenge sheet or download it from the website and turn it in for your chance to win a $10 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Friday, November 1 – Lakeview Branch
Drop in LEGO Club – 3:00-5:00 pm
Calling all LEGO fans! Join us at Lakeview Branch for our Lego Builders Club. Drop in at any time. Parental supervision is required.

November 4-8 – McClure Branch
International Games Week: Game Night Classics – 3:00-5:00 pm
Ever want to play a classic board game but never have anyone to play it with? Stop by each afternoon to play a different family game during International Games Week! Monday: Scrabble; Tuesday: Uno; Wednesday: Sorry; Thursday: Monopoly; Friday: Clue

Tuesday, November 5 – Lincoln Branch
Front & Center: Celebrate National Donut Day – 5:00-6:00 pm
Donuts are not just for eating! Celebrate with donut crafts and games and, of course, a snack! Children of all ages.

Wednesday, November 6 – Lakeview Branch
Kids Run Newspaper – 4:30-5:30 pm
Each meeting we will work on content for our latest issue of the Peoria Public Library Kid-Run Newspaper. If you can’t make it to the meeting, please call the 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 9 to 17.

Thursday, November 7 – Lincoln Branch
Front & Center: Celebrate Our Veterans – 4:00-5:00 pm
Design a Veterans Day card to honor and celebrate the men and women who served and protected our country.

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Turkey Olympics – 4:00-5:00 pm
We will have several mini competitions, all Thanksgiving-inspired, to see which team is the quickest, the most accurate, and even the most agile! The prize? A mini paper turkey that is stuffed with cool prizes like candy and toys! Children of all ages.

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