**December – Main Library & Lakeview Branch**

*Catch the Gingerbread Man*

Our gingerbread man is trying to run away! Every night while we’re closed, he finds a new place to hide. If you catch him, you can choose a prize from our prize box!

**December – McClure Branch**

*Learn a Foreign Language Challenge*

December is Learn a Foreign Language month! Help celebrate by using Mango Languages, a free (with your library card) website and app that allows you to learn a new language from anywhere at any time! You’ll gain one entry for each level you complete. Stop at McClure Branch to fill out your entries for a chance to win a $20 Barnes & Noble gift card. For any questions, please call (309) 497-2700.

**December – McClure Branch**

*Dewey’s Birthday Bingo Reading Challenge*

Celebrate the birthdays of both Bingo and the father of the Dewey Decimal System (December 10) in one go! Complete a bingo sheet during the month of December to enter the drawing for a $10 Barnes & Noble gift card.

**Sunday, December 1 – North Branch**

*MUSIC in the McKenzie Presents: Goodnight Gracie – 2:00-4:00 pm*

Goodnight Gracie plays music from many genres including pop, blues, indie, country and a few originals! They love audience interaction and encourage you to get up and dance if the music moves you.

**Tuesday, December 3 – Lincoln Branch**

*Front & Center: Bingo Frenzy – 5:00-6:00 pm*

Drop In: LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00 pm

Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required.

**Saturday, December 7 – McClure Branch**

*Deck the Halls for the Elderly – 3:30-5:00 pm*

Be a joyful heart and join us in making holiday cards for the elderly that we will share with local nursing homes here in Peoria. True giving happens when we give from our hearts.

**Tuesday, December 10 – Lincoln Branch**

*Front & Center: Ornament Bonanza – 5:00-6:00 pm*

Use a variety of paints, snow, and beads to bring bling to your holiday ornaments. These little gems can be great keepsakes or a holiday gift. Please call 497-2600 to register.

**Saturday, December 14 – McClure Branch**

*You Pick, Plick – 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!

**Saturday, December 21 & Sunday, December 22 – Lincoln Branch**

*Holiday Craft-to-Go – 12:00-5:00 pm*

Come make a fun holiday decoration. Children of all ages.

**Saturday, December 21 – McClure Branch**

*Sugar Cookie Decorating – 3:00-5:00 pm*

Get into the holiday spirit with some sugar cookie decorating while a classic Christmas movie plays in the background! Enjoy your uniquely decorated treat with some hot cocoa.

**December 26-31 – McClure Branch**

*Front & Center: Ornament Bonanza – 5:00-6:00 pm*

Pick up a random craft-to-go as we clean out our crafting closet to get ready for the new year!

**Friday, December 6 – Lakeview Branch**

*Drop In: LEGO Builders Club – 3:00-5:00 pm*

Join us for letter-themed stories, songs, and crafts. Children of all ages.

**Monday, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – North 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, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – North Branch**

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

Children of all ages.

**November 26-30 – North Branch – Sunday**

*Drop in any time to play. Parental supervision is required. Recommended for ages 3 to 7.*

**November 26-30 – North Branch – Friday**

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**Monday, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – North 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, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – North Branch**

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

Children of all ages.

**Saturday, December 7, 14, 21 & 28 – North Branch**

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

Children of all ages.

**Tuesday, December 10 – Lincoln Branch**

*Terrific Tattletale Storytime – 10:00-10:45 am*

Ages 2 to 4.

**Tuesday, December 10 – Lincoln Branch**

*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.
Early Learners

December – 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.

Tuesday, December 3 – Lincoln Branch
Winter Wonder Express – 10:00-11:30 am
Join us in these festive activities by participating in STEM projects, a photo booth, and a simulated “train ride,” all while listening to the Christmas tale The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg. At the end, everyone will take home a complimentary treat! Ages 3 to 5. To register, call 497-2600.

Friday, December 6 – 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. Dress for a mess.

Friday, December 6 – 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 0-24 months. To register, call 497-2600.

Monday, December 9 – Lakeview Branch
Tuesday, December 17 – McClure 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 for more information.

Monday, December 9 – Lakeview Branch
Tuesday, December 17 – McClure Branch
Children’s Storytime (open to children ages 3-5)
During the week of December 16, our wonderful staff are back at the library! Join us for stories, songs, activities, and snacks. Children’s Storytime will be held on Tuesday, December 17 at both locations – Main Library and North Branch. To register, call 497-2600.

Thursday, December 5 – Lincoln Branch
Front & Center: Winter Snowman Craft – 4:00-5:00 pm
Join the by fun making a snowman out of Popsicle sticks! We’ll count down to noon by dressing up, enjoying snacks, coloring, and taking silly photos in front of our special New Years Eve backdrop. At noon we’ll have a balloon drop and dance to some favorite songs. Your little ones won’t want to miss this special party.

Thursday, December 5 – Lincoln Branch
Front & Center: Winter Snowman Craft – 4:00-5:00 pm
Join the by fun making a snowman out of Popsicle sticks! This festive decoration will help you deck the halls for the holidays. Please call 497-2600 to register. Ages 6 to 11.

Tuesday, December 10 – Lakeview Branch
Drop In: Christmas Craft – 6:30-7:30 pm
Make a mosaic manger scene to hang up in your home.

Tuesday, December 17 – Lincoln Branch
Front & Center: Christmas Agamographs – 5:00-6:00 pm
Watch as your creation turns from one art form into another.

Wednesday, December 18 – Lakeview Branch
KAB: Kids Advisory Board – 4:30-5:30 pm
Join us for our monthly KAB meeting! KAB members will discuss our new project for this month and vote on new ideas.

Middle School

Monday, December 23 – Lakeview Branch
The Night Sky – 2:00-3:00 pm
Join us at the library for an afternoon of fun! There will be card games, board games, puzzles and much more available in the Children’s Activity Room.

Monday, December 30 – Main Library
Game Day Fun! – 1:30-5:00 pm
Join us at the library for a variety of games! There will be card games, board games, puzzles and much more available in the Children’s Activity Room.

Tuesday, December 31 (at 3:00 pm)
North Branch always closed Tuesday

Grade School

Monday, December 23 – Lakeview Branch
Santa Sleigh Ramp – 3:45-4:45 pm
In this STEM activity, Santa is stuck on the roof of your house because the reindeer have decided not to fly. You need to create a ramp out of various materials provided, as well as a sleigh, so that Santa can successfully travel down the ramp. Please call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

Friday, December 28 – Lincoln Branch
Marvel Trivia Night – 4:00-5:00 pm
Are you ready for Christmas? Have you watched every Christmas movie out there? Come test your knowledge in this STEM activity to create your own free-standing Christmas tree, complete with ornaments! Please call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

Thursday, December 12 – Lincoln Branch
Dear Santa, I can explain... – 4:00-5:00 pm
In the last writing group for the year, we are trying to convince Santa to put us back on the nice list! Participants will have to brainstorm what it was that landed them on the naughty list, and explain why it wasn’t that bad. Participants will also create a small keychain of what they want from Santa. Ages 11 to 18. Please call 497-2600 to register.