

Peoria Public Library



A progressive educational and cultural center for the community, Peoria Public Library is dedicated to building on the legacy of 137 years of quality service. With five locations, a 24/7 digital library and a Bookmobile, the Peoria Public Library provides cutting-edge, equal library service to Peorians of all ages, in all parts of the city.

In addition to a collection of books, periodicals, movies, music and other materials that circulated well over a million times in 2016, Peorians are able to access many vital library services over the internet. With a library card and PIN, a large collection of downloadable e-books, streaming and downloadable music and movies, and research tools are accessible from any internet connection, making the library as portable as any smart device. The Peoria Public Library website is the gateway to our online library at peoriapubliclibrary.org.

All Peoria Public Library locations offer meeting spaces of various sizes that can be reserved and used by the public or organizations for meetings, trainings, programs and other uses. Computer labs at the Main Library and Lincoln Branch and auditoriums at the Main Library and North Branch provide spaces important to the community for larger meetings or performances. Each building is equipped with

free wi-fi and multiple power ports at seating.

The community is enriched with free programs and exhibits offered for every age throughout the year. From story times for the little ones to reading programs for older adults, assistance with technology, monthly music concerts, gallery exhibits, author talks, STEM programs, poetry competitions and gardening programs, the Peoria Public Library is a vital source of education, information and entertainment for all.

Upcoming Events

Reading by Design: Summer Reading

June 4 – July 22, 2017

All Peoria Public Library locations for all ages

Read to the Rhythm Gala

June 23, 2017

Meet best-selling author Kimberla Lawson Roby and enjoy fabulous food and music.

Peoria Reads!

A One City-One Book Reading Program

Spring 2018

peoriareads.org

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Mission

The Peoria Public Library will provide all residents books, other printed materials, new technologies and programs that stimulate personal intellectual growth and development, and provide a satisfying experience that nurtures a love of reading and the joy of discovery.

Vision

The Peoria Public Library envisions an exciting future... We will provide all residents lifelong learning and recreational opportunities through equal access to books, other printed materials, programs and new technologies. Nurturing the love of reading and the joy of discovery are touchstones for the Peoria Public Library.

How to Help

The Friends of Peoria Public Library financially supports the library with funds for children's programming, the Summer Reading Party, author programs and much more. They operate the Friendly Finds Bookstore at Peoria Public Library Main Library, offering thousands of gently used books at bargain prices, as well as some gift items. Sale shelves are also available at the North Branch, Lakeview Branch and Lincoln Branch. Volunteers are always needed to help with the bookstore, and donations of used books and DVDs are welcomed. Tax-deductible donations made to the Friends will go to support the library. Gifts and memorials sent to Peoria Public Library are also tax-deductible.