



# Peoria Main Library

## Youth Programs & Events

# APRIL 2024

## Youth

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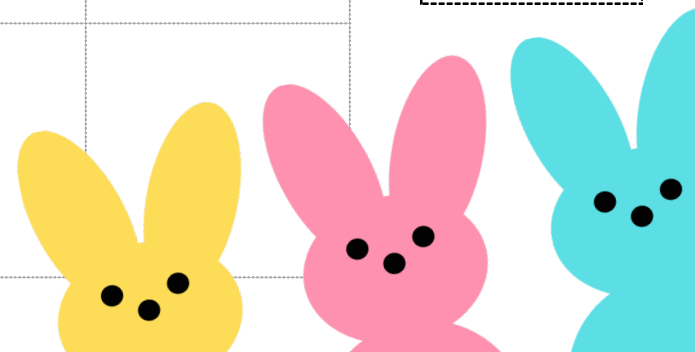


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**WEEKLY  
STORYTIMES**  
**Sensory Storytime**  
(ages 2 - 3)  
Tuesdays at  
9:30 am  
**Toddler Time**  
(ages 2 - 3)  
Tuesdays at  
10:30 am  
**Baby Time**  
(0 - 18 months)  
Wednesdays at  
10:30 am  
**Teddy Bear  
Storytime**  
(ages 2 - 6)  
Wednesdays at  
6pm  
**Family Storytime**  
(ages 3 - 5)  
Thursdays at  
10:30 am  
**Bilingual Storytime**  
(ages 3 - 5)  
Thursdays at  
11:30 am

SUNDAY CLOSED	MONDAY 9:00AM- 7:00PM	TUESDAY 9:00AM- 7:00PM	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM- 7:00PM	THURSDAY 9:00AM- 7:00PM	FRIDAY 11:00AM- 5:00PM	SATURDAY 11:00AM-5:00PM
	1 Sensory STEAM Adventures - Loony Moon & Sun Light 3:30-5pm	2 Sensory Storytime 9:30am  Toddler Time 10:30am	3 Baby Time 10:30am Sensory Screenings- Peter Rabbit 2pm  Teddy Bear Storytime 6pm	4 Family Storytime 10:30am Bilingual Storytime 11:30am  Sensory Adventures - Spring Flower Craft 3:30-5pm	5 Lego Club 3:30pm	6
7 Solar Eclipse Viewing Party 10:30am-12pm  Sensory STEAM Adventures - Desert Plants 3:30-5pm	8	9 Sensory Storytime 9:30am  Toddler Time 10:30am	10 Baby Time 10:30am  Campfire Singalong 6pm	11 Family Storytime 10:30am Bilingual Storytime 11:30am  Sensory Adventures - Dig for Dinos 3:30-5pm	12 Lego Club 3:30pm	13 Concerts in the Courtyard 4pm  Last day to turn in your completed In-N-Out reading log!
14 Sensory STEAM Adventures - Robotics & Circuits 3:30-5pm  *EcoRobotik 4:30pm	15	16 Sensory Storytime 9:30am  Toddler Time 10:30am	17 Baby Time 10:30am  Teddy Bear Storytime 6pm	18 Storytime in the Garden 10-11am Bilingual Storytime 11:30am  ABT Presents "Flight School The Musical" 3-4pm	19 Lego Club 3:30pm	20 Library Con 10am-1pm  PAWS 2 Read 1pm
21 Sensory STEAM Adventures - Mining & Minerals 3:30-5pm	22	23 Sensory Storytime 9:30am  Toddler Time 10:30am	24 Baby Time 10:30am  Teddy Bear Storytime 6pm	25 Family Storytime 10:30am Bilingual Storytime 11:30am  Sensory Adventures - CNC Preview 3:30-5pm	26 Lego Club 3:30pm  City Nature Challenge 4-5pm	27 City Nature Challenge 11am-12pm  *Youth/Teen Esports (Super Smash Bros) 1:30-4pm
28 Sensory STEAM Adventures - Flood Safety 3:30-5pm	29	30 Sensory Storytime 9:30am Toddler Time 10:30am  Poetry Contest Awards & Readings 5-7pm				

\*Registration required, see back for more info



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

**ABT Presents "Flight School The Musical"** - Arizona Broadway Theatre is coming to Peoria Library. This month enjoy Theatre for Young Audiences bring to life "Flight School". Stay for a Meet-and-Greet/Q & A time with the cast after the show.

**Campfire Singalong** - Mr. Zac will be joined by Ms. Kathy on guitar and Mr. Ron on banjo. Gather on our outdoor patio to sing songs around a pretend campfire, make a campfire craft, and eat a S'mores snack mix.

**EcoRobotik** - An introduction to robotics workshop. For kids grades 4-8. Registration and consent form can be accessed at: <https://ecorobotik.com>



**In-N-Out Cover to Cover Reading Program** - Children ages 4-12 who read five books, or for 300 minutes, will earn an Achievement Award for 1 Free Hamburger or Cheeseburger at In-N-Out Burger. Pick up your Reading Logs at Peoria Library starting Saturday, March 2. You have until Saturday, April 13 to bring back the completed logs to earn your prizes.

**LEGO Building Club** - Build Lego projects with a new theme each week. A separate sensory space is also available.

**Super Smash Bros** - Join us for a videogame tournament! Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners. For ages 8 - 17. Registration required: <https://signup.com/go/tCeVcLq>



**PAWS 2 Read** - Children read aloud to therapy dogs to improve reading skills and gain confidence.

**Sensory Adventures** - All are welcome, including those with Autism Spectrum Disorder and sensory needs, to drop in anytime between 3:30-5pm for activities that foster creativity and exploration skills.

- Apr. 4 - Spring Flower Craft
- Apr. 11 - Dig for Dinos
- Apr. 18 - ABT Presents "Flight School The Musical" (show begins at 3pm)
- Apr. 25 - City Nature Challenge

**Sensory STEAM Adventures** - April is Citizen Science Month so every Monday will be Sensory STEAM adventure with a different guest speaker touching on different Science topics with hands-on activities.

- Apr. 1 - Fun with the Sun: Loony Moon & Sun Light Properties
- Apr. 8 - Peoria Water Services Presents: Desert Plants and Drought
- Apr. 15 - Robotics and Circuits:
  - 4th - 8th Grade - EcoRobotik Presents: High Five Robot
  - 4th Grade and Under - Easy Paper Circuits
- Apr. 22 - UA Rocks and Minerals Presents: Rock Properties and Uses
- Apr. 29 - Maricopa County Flood District Presents: Flood Safety

**Sensory Screenings** - A movie theater experience for all families, including children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. April's film is *Peter Rabbit*.

**Solar Eclipse Viewing Party** - Come join us on top floor of the Library's Parking Garage (Along 85th Avenue) to watch this rare celestial event along with enjoying some eclipse-themed activities.

**Storytime in the Garden** - Family Story Time is relocating just down the street to the Peoria Community Garden at 83rd Ave. and Madison Street (near the Axiom playground). Listen to stories, sing songs with Miss Jenni. Then enjoy a craft, snack, and learn how to plant seeds with Master Gardener Tony.

## PROGRAMS FOR ANYONE!

**City Nature Challenge (CNC)** - Do You like Observing Nature? The CNC is a family friendly worldwide competition among cities to see whose residents can spot and identify the most wildlife. Come to the library on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning for a training on how to download and use the free app iNaturalist. Then we will take it all outside to "BioBlitz" Peoria's City Hall campus and join in the CNC!

**Concerts in the Courtyard** - This month's performer is John La Porte.

**Library Con** - It's the return of Library Con! We will be celebrating all things fun and geeky with family crafts, a cosplay competition, trivia, tabletop gaming, VR experiences... and so much more! Whether you love Star Wars, K-Pop, or Dungeons & Dragons, there will be something for every fan in your family.

- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Cosplay Contest.
- 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. - Lightsaber Combat Performance by Syndicate Saber United.
- 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. - Random Dance Party hosted by Arizona K-Pop Dance Crew.

**Poetry Contest Awards & Readings** - Join us as we celebrate the winners of our inaugural poetry contest with readings on-stage in our Willow Room!

## LITERACY TIP OF THE MONTH

Want to create a reader? Let your child see YOU reading for pleasure. They want to do anything you do! Share the enjoyment of reading together!



The Peoria Main Library and Sunrise Mountain Library are Certified Autism Centers (CAC), which statuses are granted by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). With 1 in 44 children diagnosed with autism in the US (according to the CDC), the training and certification of our staff greatly helps us to better assist and communicate with autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals during their visits to our facilities.

For more information about our programs please visit our website:





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7  Solar Viewing Party 10-12:30  Monday Night Melodies 6pm	8	9	10 Great Beginnings Book Club 9am Sew Smart Club 10am-1pm Read It & Eat it Cookbook Club 6pm	11 Back Issues Comic Club 5:45pm	12 Color Me Calm 11am	13 Spice it up, Peoria! 1-3:30pm VR Experience 1- 3pm Concerts in the Courtyard 4pm
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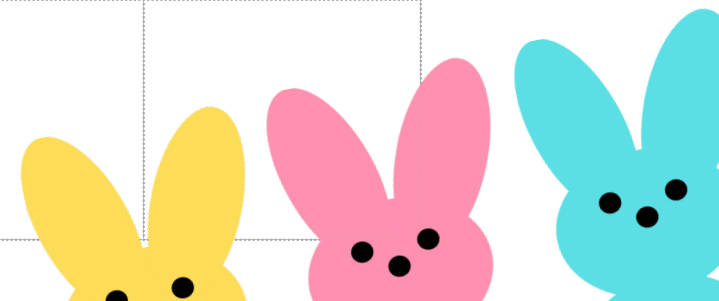
SPRING IS HERE!  
HOP INTO OUR



- choose from a selection of herbs, flowers, and vegetables
- 3 seed check outs per week
- free and yours to keep!

Growing guides  
and other planting  
resources are  
available.

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## ADULT PROGRAMS

**Birding & Bird Feeders-** Come learn about birdwatching! We will also make toilet paper roll and milk carton birdfeeders with peanut butter and bird seed. Registration required:  
<https://signup.com/go/OeasbfF>



**Sew Smart Sewing Club** - Use our machines or bring your own. Experienced adult (18+) sewers please.

**Great Beginnings Book Club (Virtual)** - Join us on the second Wednesday of each month on Zoom to discuss some great books! April's book is "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict.

**Read It & Eat It Cookbook Club** - Once a month, find a cookbook that matches our theme, cook the dish, and bring it to the group to share! April's theme is: any dish from a country that touches the Mediterranean Sea.

**Novels @ Night Adult Book Club** - Join us in-person or virtually on the 3rd Thursday of each month for a lively discussion. April's Novel is "The Peach Keeper" by Sarah Addison Allen.

**Color Me Calm** - Adults, enjoy a relaxing morning, coloring and drinking coffee with new friends. All supplies provided.

**Back Issues Comic Club** - Come and discuss the most popular graphic novels. We will meet the second Thursday of the month. April's Novel is: "The Shadow: Year One." Check out the novel on the ComicsPlus app!

**Spice it up, Peoria!** - Chef's Odyssey: The World's Most Luxurious Foods- Chef Larry shares how to navigate your way through some of the less familiar ingredients trending now in restaurants.

For more information about our programs please visit our website:



## TEEN PROGRAMS

**Esports Tournament Super Smash Bros-** Join us for Super Smash Bros! Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners. For ages 8 - 17. Register:  
Case Sensitive Link: <https://signup.com/go/tCeVcLq>



**Anime Club** - Are you a fan of anime/manga like Jujutsu Kaisen, Demon Slayer, or My Hero Academia? Come watch anime and discuss manga. For ages 12 - 17.

**Teen Art Night** -Come visit us every month to learn and create art with WHAM (What's Happening Art Movement), thanks to Peoria's Arts Grant Program! For ages 12 - 17. Space is limited and registration is required.  
<https://signup.com/go/GaBxjmQ>



**EcoRobotik** - Introduction to Robotics. Grades 4 - 8. Registration required:  
[Ecorobotik.com](https://Ecorobotik.com)



## ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

**VR Experience** - Teens and adults, come enjoy a blend of fun and education with VR at your local library! - This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For ages 13 and up.

**Dungeons & Dragons** - Play Dungeons & Dragons at the Peoria Main Library the first Wednesday of every month from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Pre-generated characters and dice are provided. For ages 13 and up. Registration is required <https://signup.com/go/gphttbU>



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**Solar Eclipse Viewing Party** - Meet us on top of the parking garage at 10 am for a solar eclipse viewing party. The solar eclipse will begin at 10:08 am and end at 12:34 pm. Come join us!

**City Nature Challenge (CNC)**- The CNC is a family friendly worldwide competition among cities to see whose residents can spot and identify the most wildlife. Come to the library for training on how to download and use the free app iNaturalist.

**Monday Night Melodies** - A free concert featuring Country and Bluegrass music.

**Tuesday Night Jam Session** - A free acoustic jam session open to everyone. Stop by and make some music!

**Poetry Contest Awards & Readings**- Join us as we celebrate the winners of our inaugural poetry contest with readings on-stage in our Willow Room!

**Concerts in the Courtyard** - Audiences are encouraged to unwind and take a musical journey during our last concert in the series.