



# Peoria Main Library

## Programs & Events

# AUGUST 2025

## Youth

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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
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3	4 Sensory Adventures - Back to School Craft 3:30-5pm	5 6 <div>STORYTIME BREAK 8/3-8/9</div>		7 Sensory Adventures - Back to School Craft 3:30-5pm	8 Lego Club 3:30-4:45pm (returning to later time)	9
10	11 *Raising a Reader 10-11am  Sensory Adventures - Straw Rockets 3:30-5pm	12 Sensory Storytime 9:30-10am  Toddler Time 10:30-11am	13 Baby Time 10:30-11am  Teddy Bear Storytime 6-6:30pm	14 Family Storytime 10:30-11am  Bilingual Storytime 11:30-12pm  Sensory Adventures - Straw Rockets 3:30-5pm	15 Lego Club 3:30-4:45pm	16 Music & Movement Storytime 12:30-1pm  Paws 2 Read 1-2:30pm  Learn As We Grow 1-2pm  *Learn to Code 3-4:30 pm
17	18 *Raising a Reader 10-11am  Sensory Adventures - Button Flower Art 3:30-5pm	19 Sensory Storytime 9:30-10am  Toddler Time 10:30-11am  Family Board Game Night 3:30-5:30pm	20 Baby Time 10:30-11am  Teddy Bear Storytime 6-6:30pm	21 Family Storytime 10:30-11am  Bilingual Storytime 11:30-12pm  Sensory Adventures - Button Flower Art 3:30-5pm  Family Video Gaming Nights 4:30-6:30pm	22 Lego Club 3:30-4:45pm	23 Music & Movement Storytime 12:30-1pm  *Esports Tournament 1:30-4pm
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31	*Registration required, see back for more info **Dates/Times/Programs subject to change					

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<b>WEEKLY STORYTIMES</b> <b>Sensory Storytime</b> (ages 2 - 3) Tuesdays at 9:30 am <b>Toddler Time</b> (ages 2 - 3) Tuesdays at 10:30 am <b>Baby Time</b> (0 - 18 months) Wednesdays at 10:30 am <b>Teddy Bear Storytime</b> (ages 2 - 6) Wednesdays at 6pm <b>Family Storytime</b> (ages 3 - 5) Thursdays at 10:30 am <b>Bilingual Storytime</b> (ages 3 - 5) Thursdays at 11:30 am <b>Music &amp; Movement Storytime</b> (ages 2 - 6) Saturdays at 12:30 pm
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Updated: 7/21/25

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Book Buddies** - Book Buddies pairs teens and kids with the goal of improving kids' confidence in their reading skills. Kids in grades K - 5th are matched with teen volunteers and spend 30 minutes each week reading aloud during the 6-week series.

- 1st Session Sept 3-Oct 8.

Deadline to register is Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>.

<https://forms.office.com/g/mQrjbkbFrG>

- 2nd Session Oct 22-Dec 3.

Deadline to register is Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

<https://forms.office.com/g/FXfa0wRWSe>



**EcoRobotik** - Interested in robotics? EcoRobotik hosts different robotics workshops on the 4th Monday of every month. 4th - 8th Grade students will discover basic robotics and its applications. Registration is required as is a parental consent form. Both can be accessed via the EcoRobotik website at: <https://ecorobotik.com/librarypartnerships/>



**Esports** - Super Mario Kart 8. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners! For kids 7 - 17.

ALL PLAYERS PLAY IN THE SAME BRACKET\*\*\*

Registration required: <https://signup.com/go/yOGnMFv>



**Jungle Jill's Animal Encounters** - Jungle Jill will bring different animals from around the world. Amazing adaptations will be revealed about each animal in this fun interactive show. Seating is limited, tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the show.

**Learn to Code** - Live demos + hands-on fun learning how to code with Minecraft, Roblox, robots, and drones! Learn about their Summer boot camp and Fall classes. Register here:

<https://icodeschool.com/peoria-az/events/>



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

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

**Raising a Reader** - Designed to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of early literacy skills. Parents may attend eight weekly early literacy workshops with their children 0-5 years-old. Families who participate in the program receive 12 high-quality children's books to build their home libraries and are connected to local resources! Register here: [swhd.org/raising-a-reader/](http://swhd.org/raising-a-reader/)



**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.

- Aug. 4 & 8 - Back to School Craft
- Aug. 11 & 14 - Straw Rockets
- Aug. 18 & 21 - Button Flower Art
- Aug. 25 & 28 - Mini Banjos

## PROGRAMS FOR ANYONE!

**Family Board Game Night** - Tired of battling over too much screen time? Wish you could just sit down and play a game IRL (In Real Life)? Then try out Peoria Library's monthly Family Board Game Night! Gather around to play Classics like Candy Land, Uno, or Jenga. For the more adventurous, try out a Family-Friendly Strategy Game like "Oregon Trail-The Card Game", "Outrun the Bear" or "Exploding Kittens". Come on and enjoy a Game Day every 3rd Tuesday over at the Library.

**Family Video Gaming Night** - Whether you're a seasoned gamer or a complete newbie, there's something for everyone! Come check out a range of fun video games from Spiderman 2, TMNT: Wrath of the Mutants, and Princess Peach Showtime!

**Learn As We Grow** - Do you want to garden but don't know where to start? Join us at our 'Learn as We Grow' Program, where we will teach you all the basics, from planting, to water conservation and how to grow things in this Arizona climate! Don't have the materials, don't worry we will provide for you. Everyone of any age is welcome to join us, so come Learn as We Grow!

## EARLY LITERACY TIP

*Betty borrowed books before Ben baked bread.* Singing songs, reading rhymes, and saying tongue twisters can help kids become tune into the sounds of words. By hearing and playing with the sounds words make, these silly activities help kids create a strong foundation for reading success!



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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10	11 *Get the Gig: Career Discovery 4:00 - 5:00 pm  Monday Night Melodies 6-7pm	12 *Get the Gig: Resumes and Cover Letters 4:00 - 5:00 pm	13 Sew Smart 10 - 1pm  *Get the Gig: Dress to Impress 4:00 - 5:00 pm  Read it & Eat it Cookbook Club 5:00 - 6:00 pm	14 *Get the Gig: Mock Interviews 4:00 - 5:00 pm  Basic Excel 5:30 pm	15 Color Me Calm 11:00-12:00	16 Learn As We Grow 1:00 - 2:00 pm  *Learn to Code 3-4:30 pm
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### CHECK OUT OUR EXPLORE-TO-GO KITS

- Giant Jenga
- Disc golf kit
- Croquet kit
- Coding kit
- So much more!

### Explore-To-Go

- 1 week  
checkout
- Check out on  
adult (18+)  
library card  
only.

Over 80 kits to  
choose from for  
all ages!





## ADULT PROGRAMS

**"Made in Arizona" Film Series** - Watch Arizona made movies. Each film is accompanied by a discussion moderated by Jeannie Berg, a film professor at Glendale Community College. August's film is **"McClintock" (1963)**

**Read It & Eat It** - Find a cookbook that matches our theme, cook the dish, and bring it to the group to share! **This month's theme is "Cold Recipes" any recipe that is meant to be served cold.**

**Novels @ Night Adult Book Club** - Join the Novels @ Night Book Club! Join us in-person or virtually on the 3rd Thursday of each month. **"The Woman They Could Not Silence" by Kate Moore.**

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

**Medicare 101** - Have your questions answered by a licensed Medicare insurance agent. Join or change plans during Open Enrollment.

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

**Hire Ground** - Sharpen your interview skills. Librarians will be available for one-on-one, panel, and group mock interviews to help you build confidence and prepare for real-world opportunities. <https://signup.com/go/FXkiBAb>



### Computer Classes:

**eBooks Basics** - Learn how to use our online eBooks and Music Services.

**Basic Excel** - Learn the basics of Excel Including how to create, edit, and format data in a spreadsheet.

**Advanced Excel** - Learn how to Sort, filter, freeze panels, conduct basic math functions, and create charts.

**Marketing & Branding Basics** - Learn how to market and brand your business using social media etc.

For more information about our programs please visit our website:



## TEEN PROGRAMS

**Anime Club** - Are you a fan of anime/manga like Jujutsu Kaisen, Demon Slayer, or My Hero Academia? Come watch anime, discuss manga, and even try authentic Japanese snacks at the Peoria Public Library! For ages 12 - 17.

**EcoRobotik Workshop** - Gabriela Gabaldon teaches robotic applications in Introduction to Robotics. Grades 4 - 8. Registration required: <https://ecorobotik.com/librarypartnerships/>

**Mario Kart Tournament - E-sports Tournament** - Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners. Ages 7-17. Registration required: <https://signup.com/go/yOGnMFv>

**Get the Gig** - 'Get the Gig' is a free, teen-focused workshop series designed to give you the tools to succeed, from exploring career options to practicing real interview skills. <https://signup.com/go/YThCnvS>

Aug. 11 - Career Discovery. Find out which jobs fit you.  
Aug. 12 - Resumes and Cover Letters. Build your own and make it stand out.  
Aug. 13 - Dress to Impress. Look good, feel confident.  
Aug. 14 - Mock Interviews. Practice your skills and get friendly feedback.

**Deck Out Your Notebook** - Bring your own notebook - or use one of ours - and turn it into a work of art! We'll provide everything you need: stickers, washi tape, markers, scrapbook paper, magazine clippings, and more. <https://signup.com/go/VDprnHf>

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Applications due August 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign up today!

## ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

**Dungeon & Dragons** - Play Dungeons & Dragons at the Peoria Public Library! Pre-generated characters and Dice are provided! Ages 13 and up. **Registration is required.** <https://signup.com/go/gphttbU>

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

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

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