



# Peoria Main Library

## Programs & Events

# OCTOBER 2025

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## Youth

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 Baby Time 10:30-11am Sensory Screenings - <i>Hotel Transylvania</i> 2-4pm Teddy Bear Storytime 6-6:30pm	2 Family Storytime 10:30-11am Bilingual Storytime 11:30-12pm Sensory Adventures - String Art 3:30-5pm	3 Lego Club 3:30-4:45pm	4 Music & Movement Storytime 12:30-1pm Observe the Moon Party @ Centennial Park 6-8pm
5 Sensory Adventures - Spooky Magnifying Glass 3:30-5pm	6 Sensory Storytime 9:30-10am Toddler Time 10:30-11am	7 Sensory Storytime 9:30-10am Toddler Time 10:30-11am	8 Baby Time 10:30-11am Teddy Bear Storytime 6-6:30pm	9 Family Storytime 10:30-11am Bilingual Storytime 11:30-12pm Sensory Adventures - Spooky Magnifying Glass 3:30-5pm	10 Lego Club 3:30-4:45pm	11 Music & Movement Storytime 12:30-1pm
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19 Sensory Adventures - Watercolor Trees 3:30-5pm	20 Sensory Storytime 9:30-10am Toddler Time 10:30-11am	21 Sensory Storytime 9:30-10am Toddler Time 10:30-11am	22 Baby Time 10:30-11am Teddy Bear Storytime 6-6:30pm	23 Family Storytime 10:30-11am Bilingual Storytime 11:30-12pm Sensory Adventures - Watercolor Trees 3:30-5pm	24 Lego Club 3:30-4:45pm	25 Music & Movement Storytime 12:30-1pm
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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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# FALL FEST

It is that time of the year again, for Peoria Main Library's 'Fall Fest'! Join us for this fun, free family event and learn all about what the Library has to offer. There will be games, crafts, bounce houses, a scavenger hunt, pumpkins, food trucks, community partners and so much more. Stop on by to see all the Peoria Public Library has to offer!

## 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. Deadline to register is Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.  
<https://forms.office.com/g/FXfaOwRWSe>



**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/>



**Harvest Fest** - It is time for Peoria Main's Yearly "Harvest Fest". Come enjoy Snacks, Crafts, and fun Activities outside in the Prickly Pear Courtyard, located just off Youth Services. Costumes are encouraged. Please note, this program is happening instead of our regularly scheduled Story Times

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

**Paper Airplane Workshop** - Gary Alpert - AKA "The Fly Guy" - teaches about the wonders of flight, known as aerodynamics. Students will make catapult airplanes and learn about the forces that affect things that fly: thrust, drag, lift and weight. Please note, this program is in place of the regularly scheduled "Sensory Adventures".

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

**Pip's 1000 Book Challenge** - Pip's 1,000 book challenge is a fun, independent, and self-paced reading initiative designed to promote a strong literacy foundation in children ages 0-5. Start reading now and read 1,000 books by the time they are school ready and entering kindergarten. Track your progress on our reading logs and earn prizes after 100, 300, 600, and 1,000 books! Reading logs will be available at the Youth Reference Desk.

**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.

- Sep. 29 & Oct. 2 - String Art
- Oct. 6 & 9 - Spooky Magnifying Glass
- Oct. 16 - Paper Caramel Apples
- Oct. 20 & 23 - Watercolor Trees
- Oct. 27 - Fluttering Frames

## PROGRAMS FOR ANYONE!

**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!

**Observe the Moon Party - at Centennial Park** West Valley Astronomical Club (WVAC) is partnering with the Library for a special after-hours stargazing program at Centennial Park. October 4 is International Observe the Moon Night, to celebrate WVAC is bringing professional grade Telescopes so participants can observe the moon in style. Sign up is required for every family member attending, so we know how many people to expect. Registration Link:  
<https://signup.com/go/ditNNPo>



**Sensory Screenings** - A movie theatre experience for all families, including children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other sensory needs. Sensory Friendly Screenings include brightened light levels, reduced sound volume and room for guest interaction. October's movie is *Hotel Transylvania*.

## LITERACY TIP OF THE MONTH

Make reading a daily habit to help your child develop a lifelong love of books. If you have any concerns about your child's language development, hearing, or vision, be sure to speak with their pediatrician or teacher right away.



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). 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.



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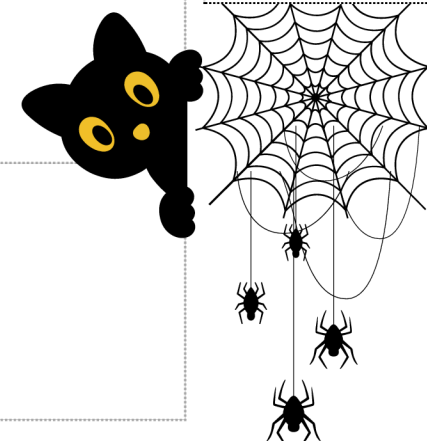
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			Sew Smart 10-1 <sup>1</sup> *Dungeons & Dragons 5:00 - 7:00 (Halloween Special) Branding 101 - 5:30 pm	Canva Basics <sup>2</sup> 5:30 pm	Color Me Calm <sup>3</sup> 11:00 - 12:30 Caregiver Institute 12:30 - 2:30	Observe the Moon Party 6:00 - 8:00 (Centennial Park) <sup>4</sup> *What's Your Story? 2:00 - 4:00 pm
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## 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 **"Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" (1974)**.

**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 "Bring in a spooky recipe. Any type of food made to LOOK spooky or fun for a creepy style. Example: Crescent roll-wrapped hot dogs, all bandaged up - Mummy Dogs."**

**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 Sandman, vol.1, Preludes & Nocturnes" by Neil Gaiman.**

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

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

**Medicare 101** - Join us to have your questions answered by a licensed Medicare insurance agent.

**The Connection Between Cancer and Heart Health** - Dr. Sanjay Shankar with Heart One Associates invites you to a presentation on the connection between cancer and heart health.

**Family, Friends and Neighbors Caregiver Institute** - This free program provides caregivers with essential resources to improve care and support young children's development. Caregivers will explore subjects ranging from fire and water safety, nutrition and safe sleep, early childhood brain/behavior development, and approaches to screen time. **Sign up** <https://tinyurl.com/caregives>

**Learn English with the ACYR** - English language instruction from basic to high intermediate level for 16 and older. The program integrates the components of English learning with job readiness skills such as resume writing and interviewing skills. **Sign up:** <https://acyraz.org/programs/adult-basic-education-program/>

### Computer Related Classes:

**Branding 101** - Come learn how to get your branding ready for your marketing.

**Canva Basics** - Come learn how to use Canva to make flyers, social media posts, etc.

**Apple Devices** - We will discuss downloading apps, taking and transferring photos, using maps

**Marketing Strategies** - Come learn how to market your small business.

**Website Creation Basics** - Learn how to create a website on Wix, Google Spaces, and Wordpress.com. We will help you create an account with these services.

**Android Basics** - This class will remove some of the mystery many of us experience when using Android smart phones and tablets.

**Marketing Basics** - Learn how to use social media and AI to market and brand your business.

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!

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

**Book Buddies** - Does your child need help reading? Book Buddies is a program where we pair your child with a teen volunteer to help gain confidence while reading aloud. This program is suited for students in grades K-5.

**Teen Money Moves** - Teens tackle real-world money challenges and learn budgeting, credit, and smart spending. Come one day or all four; walk away money-smart! Walk Ins Welcome, Registration Preferred. **Register:** <https://signup.com/go/hAWsdBr>

**WHAM Teen Art Night** - Each session features hands-on projects with a variety of mediums like bead crafting, oil pastels, paper quilling, collages, and CD mosaics. Come to one class or attend them all! Thanks to a Peoria Arts & Cultural Commission grant, WHAM is offering a free monthly art class for up to 15 teens. **Register:** <https://signup.com/go/nrnXHih>

## ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

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

**Driftwood Quintet presents: "Nuevo Tango: Ángeles y Diablos"** - This suite of 8 tangos by Astor Piazzolla depicts an angel's journey to save a small town in Buenos Aires and a demon's brash attempt to stop it.

**Hire Ground: Interview Prep** - Librarians will be available for one-on-one, panel, and group mock interviews to help you build confidence and prepare for real-world opportunities. (Teen Hour: 5-6 PM on first Tuesday) **Register:** <https://signup.com/go/FXkiBAB>

**Cafe Flutes** - (Central Arizona Flute Ensemble) enriches, enlightens, and inspires central Arizona residents by presenting interactive concerts

**WHAM Presents: What's Your Story?** - Do you have a story to tell? Memoir, fiction, or non-fiction, this interactive class (ages 16+) will help you bring your words to life. Each session includes guided writing exercises and opportunities to share your work in class or on stage. **Register:** <https://signup.com/go/CctXAtn>

**Resume Ready** - Get one-on-one help and advice on making your resume top-notch! Polish it, power it, and launch your career with confidence!

## PROGRAMS FOR ANYONE!

**Family Video Game Nights** - An evening of bonding with your loved ones. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or a complete newbie, there's something for everyone! Come check out a range of fun video games. No need to sign up, just show up and play!

**Fall Festival** - games, crafts, bounce houses, a scavenger hunt, free pumpkins, food trucks, community partners and so much more. There will also be a costume contest for ages infant to 11 years old and 12 years old and up!

**Observe the Moon Party** - West Valley Astronomical Club (WVAC) is partnering with the Peoria Main Library for a special after-hours stargazing program at Centennial Plaza. Professional grade telescopes will be there so everyone can observe the moon in style. Registration is required for every family member attending.

**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.