

Peoria Reads! Special Events

Wednesday and Friday, January 10 and 12

OLLI class facilitated by Roberta Koscielski and Wayne Cannon on Station Eleven

Tuesday, January 23

City Council Proclamation for Peoria Reads 2018

Monday, January 29

Delta Kappa Gamma discussion of Station Eleven at Peoria Public Library Lakeview Branch at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 3 through Saturday, February 24

Main Library Gallery 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday

Peoria Reads! presents the Museum of Civilization, modeled after the Museum of Civilization described in this year's selected book Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. Come see objects that would have been familiar just a short time ago but as civilization changes, so do we.

Tuesday, March 6

Bibliophiles book club discussion of Station Eleven at Peoria Public Library Lakeview Branch from 1:30 to 3:00. Open to the public.

Thursday, March 15

Tour of Methodist College Simulation Center with a biology instructor as a speaker, 6 to 8 p.m. (will require reservations)

Sunday, March 18

Discussion of Station Eleven at Peoria Public Library North Branch from 2:00 to 4:00 facilitated by Colleen Karn, Instructor of English & Humanities at Methodist College

Wednesday, March 28

Mature Readers book club discussion of Station Eleven at Humana, 2601 West Lake Avenue, Suite A3, A4, A5. Open to the public

American Red Cross Pillowcase Project fire and tornado preparedness programs for students in grades 3 through 5 (registration required)

Monday, April 2 at Peoria Public Library North Branch from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3 at Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4 at Peoria Public Library McClure Branch from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4

J.M. Hunter Cartoon Workshop at Peoria Public Library North Branch from 5 to 8 p.m. The Cartoon Workshop consists of fun cartooning and drawing basics as well as a bit of color theory. Students will work together with the instructor to learn a few applications in the cartooning process and how to complete a piece that they can work on and take home with them. (will require reservations)

Saturday, April 7

Film showing of "Warm Bodies" followed by discussion led by Colleen Karn, Instructor of English & Humanities at Methodist College, at Peoria Public Library North Branch from 2 to 5 A terrible plague has left the planet's population divided between zombies and humans. An unusual zombie named R (Nicholas Hoult) sees his walking-dead brethren attacking a living woman named Julie (Teresa Palmer) and rescues her. Julie sees that R is different from the other zombies, and the pair embark on an unusual relationship. As their bond grows and R becomes more and more human, a chain of events unfolds that could transform the entire lifeless world. (2013, Rated PG-13). Based on Isaac Marion's novel of the same name.

Sunday, April 8

Biography and Nonfiction Book Club discussion of *Surviving Survival: The Art and Science of Resiliency* by Laurence Gonzales. Free and open to the public. Roberta Koscielski will facilitate this discussion. Gonzales looks deeply into the mental processes that enable us to cope with the trauma that often sets in during and after a challenge to our survival. Gonzales narrates tales of survivors who have suffered war and terrorism as well as falls off mountains and into choppy surf. Those who adapt well to the post-traumatic stress share points in common. Survivors of traumatic events often do not recover without help from others, and this book is an education for those wishing to be of use in a stressful, often frightening world. Drawing on gripping cases across a wide range of life-threatening experiences, the author fashions a compelling argument about fear, courage, and the adaptability of the human spirit.

Tuesday, April 10

Discussion of *Station Eleven* at Peoria Public Library Lakeview Branch from 6:30 to 7:45 facilitated by Dr. Melinda McBee-Orzulak, Assistant Professor, Department of English at Bradley University.

Thursday, April 19

Discussion of the genre of plague literature led by Dr. Lirim Neziroski, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Methodist College from 6 to 8 p.m. at Peoria Public Library North Branch

Thursday, April 26

Program on severe weather presented by Chris Miller, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, Lincoln, IL from 6 to 8 p.m. at Peoria Public Library North Branch