April 2021

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Library News & Events

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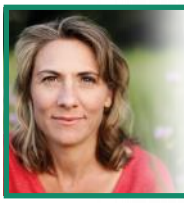
Have you noticed some unusual activity on the library roof in recent weeks? We've gone solar!

With the help of Straight Up Solar, Hawk-Attolo LLC, and SunRay Power, we are reducing our carbon footprint by installing solar panels on our roof. This 290-panel array can generate up to 60% of our electricity needs at a much lower price.

Spending less on utilities helps us focus on providing the best materials and technologies for our community. We're also proud to support state and global goals for creating clean and affordable energy.



April 17 @ 11 am
Live online keynote and Q&A with author Dr. Hope Jahren.

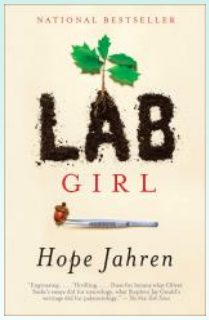
Don't forget to reserve your tree!

As part of the NEA Big Read, for only $5, you can purchase a high-quality tree to plant in your yard (or a friend's yard—just ask first!). All the trees are native to this region and will not only give you the enjoyment of watching them grow, but will also benefit the environment for decades to come. **Pick up an order form at the library or visit bit.ly/3a3UBC8.**

NEA Big Read 2021

Continuing through May

Pick up a program guide at the library or visit chillipld.org for details.



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT for the ARTS BIG READ
Managed by Arts Midwest
arts.gov/neabigread

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment of the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

Videos for recorded virtual programs are posted on the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel and can be accessed at any time after their initial posting dates.

Youth Programs

***Women in STEM Story Time**
March-April
In honor of the NEA Big Read, learn about inspiring women in science through stories read by women who work in science! You can learn a little bit more about STEM fields from the inspiring women in your community who make a difference every day. Watch out for new videos at bit.ly/3jz3asT.

***Take-&-Make Crafts & Virtual Crafternoon**
Mon., Apr 12 & 26 @ 3 pm
In honor of the NEA Big Read, this month's Take & Make Crafts will all feature STEM projects you can experiment with at home. Make a siphon and observe how liquid flows from one container to another. Use upcycled materials and things you find around your house to protect an egg as it falls from a great height! Pick up a Take & Make Craft on designated Mondays and follow along with the video for tips and tricks on how to complete your creation! Videos will be posted to the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Virtual Sign & Sing
Wed., Apr 14 & 28 @ 10 am
Join our friends from Communication Junction for a video story time, filled with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles. Ages 0-5.

Take-&-Bake Kits & Virtual Afternoon Snack @ the Library
Tue., Apr 20 @ 3:30 pm
Pick up a Take & Bake Kit at the library so you can make your own Cool Ranch Oyster Crackers at home! Instructional videos will be posted to the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel. And don't forget to vote for next month's snack at https://bit.ly/3r5UDQx.

Adult & Family Programs

****Lab Girl* Book Chat** | Sun., Mar 28 @ 3 pm
Join this virtual book chat with Ellie Tiley at bit.ly/2MUaRh7.

***Herbarium: A Library for Plants** | Now - May 1
Exhibit at the library curated by Forest Park Nature Center.

Early Voting for the 2021 Consolidated General Election
Tue., Mar 30 @ 10 am - 6 pm
More information at peoriaelections.org.

***NAMI—Ending the Silence** | Tue., Mar 30 @ 7 pm
Register at bit.ly/39SG9hy. Designed for students in grades 6-12, this program aims to decrease stigma around mental health issues.

MVRBC Blood Drive | Wed., Mar 31 @ 12-5 pm
You are eligible to donate at this drive if your last whole blood donation was prior to Feb. 3, 2021. To schedule an appointment, call the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at 800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org.

***Stars over Peoria** | Fri., Apr 2 @ 9 pm
Registration required by noon on 4/1: call 309-274-2719.
Explore the night sky at Tawny Oaks. Meet in parking area.

***Illinois Ag, Medicinal Herbs, and Restoration**
Sat., Apr 3 @ 9-11 am
Tue., Apr 20 @ 9-11 am
Learn about the history of agriculture in Central Illinois from indigenous people through Western technology, medicinal herbs, and restoration ecology on this guided hike at Horseshoe Bottoms with David Pittman (Friends of Rocky Glen). Terrain is mostly flat and can be muddy in places. To confirm the event (in case of weather, etc.) text David Pittman at 309-573-2354. Meet at West end of St Mary's Cemetery, 421 N Sterling, West Peoria.

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**These programs are offered as part of the library's NEA Big Read, exploring* Lab Girl*, a memoir by Hope Jahren. For more information, pick up a program guide at the library, call 309-274-2719, or visit chillipld.org. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment of the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.*

***Local Geology, Native Plant Communities, and More**
Sat., Apr 3 @ 1-3 pm
Tue., Apr 20 @ 1-3 pm
Join David Pittman (Friends of Rocky Glen) at Rocky Glen (176-450 N Kickapoo Creek Rd, Peoria) for a guided exploration of local geology, complex native plant communities, and the impact of invasive species. Terrain is steep and physically challenging. To confirm the event (in case of weather, etc.) text David Pittman at 309-573-2354.

***Cooking with a Low-Carbon Footprint** | Mon., Apr 5 @ 6:30 pm
Register at bit.ly/3aF4KWg. Anita Poeppel of Broad Branch Farm will demonstrate some recipes and discuss how we can enjoy delicious, healthy food while having a lighter impact on the environment.

****Lab Girl* Stroll & Chat** | Wed., Apr 7 @ 10 am
Meet at the library for a rambling, fresh-air book discussion of *Lab Girl*, by Hope Jahren. Masks & distancing required.

***Forest Trees of Illinois** | Fri., Apr 9 @ 10-11:30 am
Registration required by noon on 4/8: call 309-274-2719. Naturalist Kelsey Ernst (Peoria Park District) will lead you on an exploration of the living framework of our local forests at Forest Park Nature Center (809 N Forest Park Dr, Peoria Heights). Flat terrain: stroller & wheel/ powerchair accessible.

****Lab Girl* Book Chat** | Tue., Apr 13 @ 7 pm
Join this virtual chat at bit.ly/2MUaRh7. Facilitated by Mike Contratto and Kristen Gerstner, who ran a test lab together, this discussion will focus on the dynamics of females working in traditionally male-dominated spaces.

***"Moldy Mary"** | Thur., Apr 15 @ 7 pm
Register at bit.ly/36Waee5. Dr. Martha Vaughan (NCAUR) will present the story of Mary Hunt and her role in the development of the mass production of penicillin.

***Keynote Address: Dr. Hope Jahren** | Sat., Apr 17 @ 11 am
Register at bit.ly/3rij4L8. Seven NEA Big Read communities from around the United States will gather online for an insightful and inspiring lecture and Q&A by the author of *Lab Girl*.

***Seedling Swap** | Apr 21-23
Did you start more seedlings than you have space for in your garden? Label each plant clearly and drop them off at the table under the library portico. While you're here, browse the seedlings that others have brought, and feel free to take a few home!

***In Search of Woodland Wildflowers** | Wed., Apr 21 @ 10-11 am
Register by noon on 4/20: call 309-274-2719. Meet at Camp Wokanda in the lower parking area for a guided hike with Program Specialist Cathy Lane (Peoria Park District) and keep your eyes out for those ephemeral jewels of spring.

Meet the Filmmaker—Lisa Merton, *Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai
Wed., Apr 21 @ 7 pm
Register at bit.ly/3p55ARc. Hear how Merton and her filmmaking and life partner Alan Dater met Wangari Maathai and got the chance to make a film about her remarkable life. Watch the movie ahead of time at vimeo.com/223901837 (Password: takingroot4u), and bring your questions!

***Earth Day Hike** | Thur., Apr 22 @ 10 am
Register via the events on the Chillicothe Park District Facebook page. On this naturalist-led hike at Coal Hollow Park (22004 N Yankee Ln, Chillicothe), we'll visit several habitats in search of signs of spring. Wear hiking shoes and bring water and binoculars, if you have them. All ages. Free; donations to Coal Hollow/Chillicothe Park District appreciated.

Books+Tea @ the Library | Mon., Apr 26 @ 6:30 pm
Join our book club for adults on Zoom to discuss *The House of the Spirits*, by Isabel Allende. (If the weather's nice, we'll meet in person on the patio; stay tuned.) Copies of the book are available at the library. Check out the club's Facebook group to connect with other readers and join our virtual discussion at bit.ly/2P8NmBT.

***What Is Forest Bathing?** | Tue., Apr 27 @ 6 pm
Registration required: call the library at 309-274-2719. Broadly speaking, forest bathing or forest therapy (shinrin-yoku, in Japanese) means taking in the forest atmosphere with all of one's senses, to improve physical and mental wellbeing. Join Mike Contratto at Coal Hollow Park to learn more and give it a try!

***Tree-Planting Extravaganza** | Sat., May 1 @ 10 am
Attend a brief tree-planting demo at the library before claiming your reserved tree* and bringing it home to plant. From noon to 2:30pm, reconvene at the library for a picnic on the lawn and a concert by Bones Jugs. Visit chillipld.org for detailed event info.
*Reserve your tree by April 23: pick up a form at the library or visit bit.ly/3a3UBC8.
Rain date: Sun., May 2, starting at 1:00 pm

The Way I See It:
A Personal Look at Autism & Asperger's

THUR., MAY 27 @ 6 PM

Temple Grandin, PhD, is one of the most accomplished and well-known adults with autism in the world. Dr. Grandin addresses the real issues of autism that parents, teachers, and individuals on the spectrum face every day. She offers helpful dos and don'ts, practical strategies, and try-it-now tips, all based on her insider perspective and a great deal of research.

Register for this special online event at bit.ly/39neep2.

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M, W, F, Sa: 9 am - 4 pm
T, Th: 9 am - 10 am (seniors/high-risk patrons)
10 am - 6 pm (general public)

Chilli Bear's Corner

Have you seen the community mural lately? Can you guess what the picture will be? Join the nearly 100 people who have painted a tile for this project, and be part of something big! You don't have to be an "artist"—we'd love for you to add your unique touch. Just stop by the library and ask at the front desk.

Chilli Bear

Did you know we have an e-newsletter?
Sign up by calling 274-2719 or visit chillipld.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All month: • Women in STEM Story Times at bit.ly/3jz3asT • Herbarium exhibit in the Public Meeting Room				1	2 *9 pm Stars over Peoria	3 *9 am Illinois Ag, Medicinal Herbs, & Restoration *1 pm Local Geology, Native Plants, & More
4	5 *6:30 pm Cooking with a Low-Carbon Footprint	6	7 *10 am *Lab Girl* Stroll & Chat	8	9 *10-11:30 am Forest Trees of Illinois	10 *9 am Spring Wildflowers
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25	26 *3 pm Virtual Crafternoon 5:30 pm Library Board Mtg 6:30 pm Books+Tea: *The House of the Spirits*	27 *6 pm What Is Forest Bathing?	28 10 am Virtual Sign & Sing	29	30	***NEA Big Read event. For details, pick up a program guide, call the library, or visit chillipld.org.**

Visiting the Library: Safety Guidelines

You can help us stay open safely!

- **Visitors must wear face masks at all times while in the library. Masks should cover your nose and mouth, and fit snugly around your face.** A mask will be provided to anyone visiting without a proper face covering. We are happy to serve those unable to comply with face mask requirements at our drive-up window.
- General in-library use is limited to two hours per day.
- Please maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others, and limit browsing to one person per aisle.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the library. Visitors are encouraged to clean their hands before and after handling materials or equipment.
- Public computers are available either by reservation (call the library) or on a first-come-first-served basis. Sessions are limited to two hours.
- Study rooms are available with one person per room for up to three hours. For reservations, call the library.
- Café tables available, limited to one person per table.
- Public bathrooms are limited to the single-use facilities near the children's area.
- Library programming continues virtually, with indoor programming postponed indefinitely.
- Curbside service available during open hours.

Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns. We're all in this together!

Public hours:

M, W, F, Sat	9 am-4 pm
Tue, Thu	9 am-10 am—*Reserved for seniors and high-risk individuals*
	10 am-6 pm—*Open to general public*
Sun	*Closed*