

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a pink polka-dot shirt and blue jeans, is riding a yellow bicycle with a white basket on the handlebars. She is positioned in the foreground, riding from left to right. Behind her is a wide set of stone steps leading up to a brick building with a large arched wooden door. The building has a classical facade with columns and a pediment. Two blue benches with white frames are on either side of the steps. Two tall, blue, ornate lamp posts with white globe lights stand on the sidewalk. The background is a clear blue sky.

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PUTNAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER 2017

Build a Better World

Share the Dream

P.A.L.S.

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Putnam County
Public Library

From the Director



Parking at the PCPL is about to get a lot easier! Library patrons have long expressed hope that we'd eventually expand our parking lot to accommodate the growing number of visitors we see every day. Of course, there are only two ways to grow a parking lot: up or out! The former has always been cost-prohibitive (just ask anyone who's ever built a parking garage). The

latter well, you need to own more property to build out. And so the goal of expanding the library's parking lot has remained a back burner issue until a very recent development brought it to the forefront.

In the summer of 2016, a long-time patron and dear friend of the library agreed to sell her property to us. Knowing that the house and related structures would need to be demolished, we set to work clearing the property and preparing it for eventual expansion of our existing lot. We've worked with local engineering firm Civil Engineering Consultants, Inc. on a design that would add the most number of new parking spaces while maintaining the safest possible traffic flow. Spiker, Inc., who've done countless projects for the City of Greencastle and completed the demolition of the house and related structures back in December, submitted the winning bid for the project and began work in early May. Now, in late Spring 2017, we're in the middle of a parking lot expansion and renovation project that will greatly improve access to the library for drivers and pedestrians alike!

Once completed, the new parking lot will feature:

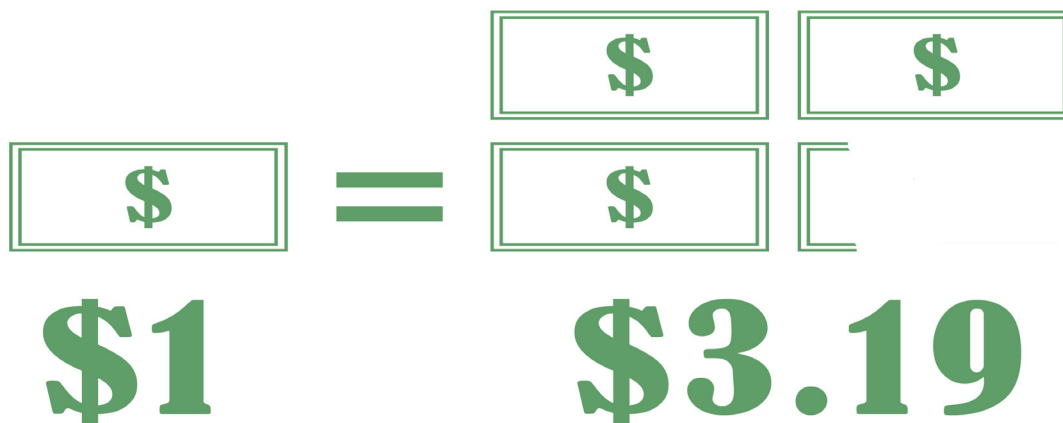
- 44 total spaces (up from our current 27)
- A new entrance off of Walnut St (this includes closing the current entrance on S College to allow for additional spaces)
- A new sidewalk along the east wall of the library connecting the expansion area from Walnut St to the Poplar St entrance
- A newly renovated sidewalk along S College
- A "softened" and safer right turn in the middle of the lot
- Complete resurfacing and repainting of the existing lot

We're excited to finally expand and improve our parking lot for all who visit PCPL. We're also grateful to the former owner and passionate library user who felt strongly that her property should go to the library she loved. So, whether you're parking in our lot this Summer or just walking by the library, we hope you enjoy the new lot as well as the new and improved view of our building!

Grier Carson, Director

PCPL Return on Investment

Your dollar goes further when you give to PCPL



For every **\$1** PCPL spends, Putnam County residents receive **\$3.19** in economic value.

ROI estimate determined via the National Network of Libraries of Medicine online ROI calculator, U.S. Census data, and information from the PCPL Annual Report.



PCPL has been serving Putnam County residents for over 100 years now, and we've never been more vital to our community than we are today! While popular materials such as books, movies, and music recordings continue to circulate, new media and new ways of engaging with the world have taken hold. Today, your public library is just as likely to serve as an internet access point as it is a book repository. Library patrons are just as likely to take a yoga class, learn how to make their own soap, or attend a workshop on using social media as they are to read a newspaper, check out a new novel, or download tax forms. In short, your public library is changing with the times, and they are exciting times at that!

This summer, we're embarking on a fundraising campaign to help support our continual efforts to serve the evolving needs of our community. New initiatives such as the current parking lot renovation and expansion project as well as new staff positions and associated programs such as the forthcoming Putnam Adult Literacy Service (PALS) and the ever-popular Computer Classes all place increased demands on library funding sources. As part of the Putnam County Community Foundation's Share The Dream 2017 program, PCPL is asking you to support these and other efforts by making a tax-deductible donation to the library. Your donation will directly fund the programs and services that make PCPL so vital. Whether it's the Imagination Library Program, the Local History and Genealogy department, or one of the many other engaging programs and services we provide, a donation to the Putnam County Public Library can make an enormous difference.

Please consider making a donation to PCPL this year through the PCCF Share The Dream program, and thank you in advance for your support!

Putnam Adult Literacy Services (P.A.L.S.)



The Putnam County Public Library began exploring the idea of creating an adult literacy program in 2016 after seeing a need for such a service within our community. Putnam Adult Literacy Services (P.A.L.S.) was created by a small group of dedicated staff and community members shortly thereafter. As of May 2017, P.A.L.S. has been in the developmental stages - gathering information, funding, and volunteers. On August 4, 2017 P.A.L.S. will officially launch within the community.

We will provide interested students with one-on-one tutoring by trained volunteers, host soft skills programs at the library to teach computer literacy

and job skills, and have trained and certified reading dogs ("P.A.L.S. Pups") to provide a non-judgmental, non-threatening audience for self-conscious or reluctant readers.

The most recent government statistics on literacy rates in the United States are from 2003. At that time, 10% of Putnam County's population qualified as "illiterate". Literacy affects every aspect of a community. Healthcare, unemployment rates, and family life are just a few areas that can be deeply affected.

By creating P.A.L.S., the Putnam County Public Library hopes to make an impact throughout the entire community by attempting to reach those who all too often fall outside of its patron base.

For more information about volunteering, student referrals, or making a financial donation to P.A.L.S., please contact Sarah Myers at smyers@PCPL21.org or by phone at 765-653-2755.

Free Admission to Indiana State Parks!

Once again, the library has received a Indiana State Park Pass courtesy of Indiana State Parks and the Indiana State Library to make available for checkout to our patrons.

The pass is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and can be checked out for a one-week period. The pass provides access to all of Indiana's 32 state park properties, as well as any state forest recreation areas where entrance fees are charged.

Although this pass covers the entrance fee into Indiana State Parks, it does not include camping fees, cabin rentals, user fees or other fees associated with the use of Indiana's State Parks.

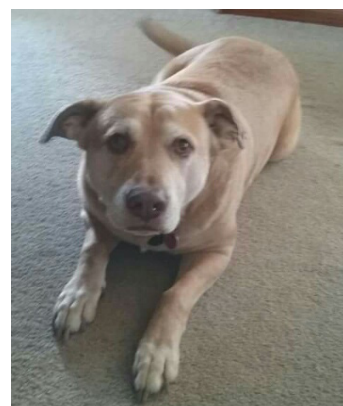
Passes must be returned to the library with 7 days or fines will be incurred.





Meet Buddy

Buddy is an 11-year-old Golden Retriever mix, and he is the fur child of John and Conni Wrightsman. Conni is the Circulation Manager here at PCPL. Buddy loves to stay busy and he is excited to be a member of the PCPL Pups, a group of library dogs trained to serve as reading companions for new or reluctant readers.



Buddy is a friendly guy and he loves to make new friends both animal and human. He is looking forward to getting to know more of our Patrons here at the library through the PCPL Pups program.

Here are a few of his favorite things:

- Favorite Toy: Rope - For tug of war
- Favorite Treat: Hot Dogs
- Favorite Pastime: Playing in the Creek
- Favorite Trick: "Bringing us his baby" (little stuffed toy)



Book Discussion Groups @ PCPL

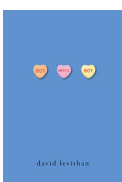
LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB
Wednesdays at 8:00pm



June 1st

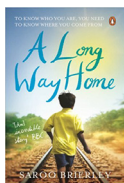


July 6th



August 3rd

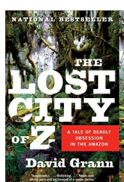
BASED ON THE BOOK
Wednesdays at 8:00pm



June 6th



July 11th



August 8th

PCPL BOOK GROUP
Mondays at 7:00pm



June 12th



July 10th

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Meeting

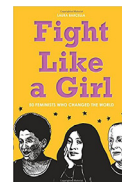
LITERARY LADIES
Fridays at 5:30pm



June 23rd



July 21st



August 25th



Look for more details about upcoming book group selections on our website (www.PCPL21.org) or contact Sarah Myers at smyers@PCPL21.org or at 765-653-2755 x107.

2017 Summer Reading Program

BUILD A BETTERTM WORLD

June 3 - July 31

You're invited to join PCPL's Summer Reading Program and participate in a summer full of events and activities for all ages. This year's theme promotes reading and encourages creative exploration, active skill-building, and critical thinking.

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Register

You can register online at www.PCPL21.org/summerreading, or in person at the library

2. Track your activities

Find your age group below, then follow the instructions to keep track of all that you read and do this summer! Game sheets and reading logs are available at the library or online.



Rubber Ducky Readers For young children ages 0-3

Complete 2 game sheets that foster building important early literacy skills in early childhood and win a Rubber Ducky and a board book.

Children's Reading Club For kids ages 3-12



Complete activities on game sheets to earn stickers and Lego bricks to help us build a giant community tower in the Imagination Portal, and a free book from our selection!



Middle and High School Reading Club For teens ages 12-18

Check out and read books from the library to be entered into a raffle drawing each week.

Adult Reading Club For adults 18+

Read books to earn prizes and be entered into end-of-summer raffles.



3. Come to the Library!

Bring us your game sheets and reading logs and check out some of the awesome events we have scheduled!

Build a Better World

SUMMER READING EVENTS

Here are just a few of the fun activities we have planned for June and July.
For more information about this summer's programs, please visit our website or contact the library.

Sat, June 3 Silly Safaris 2:00 p.m.

All ages. Join Silly Safaris for some summer fun with your favorite animal friends!

STEAM Mondays 2:00 p.m.

June 5 - July 24

A summer reading event for children ages 8-12. Tinker, make, and create at the library on Mondays. Explore arts and crafts, simple circuits, chemistry and more! Each week will feature a different project but there will always be something to make, build, create, or discover!

- June 5 - Fruit DNA Extraction
- June 12 - Monarch Butterfly Garden
with the Indiana Children & Nature Network
- June 19 - Marble Run
- June 26 - Sidewalk Paint
- July 3 - Rockets and Chemical Reactions
- July 10 - Boats and Buoyancy
- July 17 - Circuits
- July 24 - Gravity and Egg Drop

Mons, June 5 - July 3 Planning

Adults. The library will be holding several planning sessions this June. Planning is the process of crocheting recycled plastic bags into mats for the homeless. PCPL is excited to be partnering with the Creative Change Project in Indianapolis for this program. Jo MacPhail will be leading the efforts and providing instruction along the way.

Weds, June 7 - July 26 Ancient Practices for Modern Healing

Adults. Join Marian Patience Harvey, RN/BSN Health Educator, for a new series as part of our Build a Better World program. Whether facing health challenges or struggling with challenging times, this series will teach practices that promote healing power from within and optimal health for you or your loved ones.

Family Film Fridays 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a movie at the library! All ages are welcome. The movies are rated PG and snacks will be provided.

- June 16 - Double Feature: The Lego Movie followed by The Lego Batman Movie
- June 30 - Kubo and the Two Strings
- July 7 - The Jungle Book
- July 21 - TBA

Mon, June 12 Teen Lego Block Party 3:00 p.m.

Ages 11 to 14. Join us for a LEGO Block Party! We'll free build and participate in some timed building challenges.

Tue, June 13 Stop Motion LEGOs 2:00 p.m.

Children grades 3-5. Using LEGOS and the app, Stop Motion Studio, we'll work in teams to create a short animated video. Use the library's LEGOs or bring your own. Space is limited, so please register by June 10.

Storytimes

Baby and Me - For early talkers (newborns to 24 months)

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. (May 30-July 25)

Sing songs, read stories, play with toys, talk, and laugh with your baby.

Toddler Time - Ages 12 to 35 months

Every Thursday at 10 a.m. (June 1-July 27)

Sing songs, hear stories and nursery rhymes, move around to music and action songs, and make a craft.

Preschool Storytime - Ages 3 to 5 years

Every Thursday at 11 a.m. (June 1-July 27)

Hear theme-based stories, move around and sing action songs, make a craft, and have a small snack.

Yoga Storytime - Caregivers & children ages 3 to 10 years

June 20 & July 18 at 11 a.m.

Stories accompanied by playful and gentle yoga stretches.

We will laugh and be silly with our bodies. No previous practice needed. Feel free to bring your own mat or use one of ours.

Music Makers

June 13 and July 11 at 11 a.m.

Join us on the second Tuesday of every month as we sing, dance, and play with our parachute and percussion instruments! Babies, toddlers, and preschool-aged children are welcome.

Fri, June 16 Monarch Butterfly Talk 2:00 p.m.

Families. Learn about monarch butterflies, bees, and insect gardens with the Indiana Children & Nature Network.

Mon, June 26 Interactive Harry Potter Movie Night 5:00 p.m.

Ages 11+. Join us for an interactive viewing of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Follow a script and relive the magic as Harry discovers he's a wizard. Everyone will receive a gift bag packed with props to help act out the scenes in the movie. Pizza will be served as part of the feast. Costumes encouraged! Please register by June 23.

Fri, July 14 Family Fort Night 5:30 p.m.

Families with children 3 & up. Build your own family fort at the library! Join us for stories and snacks! Don't forget to wear your pajamas. We'll provide some supplies, but feel free to bring some pillows and blankets from home and even a flashlight! Because this is an after-hours event, registration is required.

Library Outreach Brings Free Computer Classes and Technical Support to Cloverdale

In a continuing effort to bring computer classes and technical support to areas of Putnam County outside of Greencastle, Putnam County Public Library will be offering five free computer classes and 3 Community Help Desk sessions at the Knoy Resource Center located in Cloverdale High School in June. Tuesday, June 6th will begin a three-part, hands-on computer basics course as well as classes focusing on tablets and smartphones and basic Internet use.

- Tuesday, June 6th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Introduction to Computers Part One will help you understand how the computer works and will give you the confidence to tackle future tasks on your own. Topics covered, Basic Computer Operation, and Mouse Exercises.
- Tuesday, June 13th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, part two of our Introduction to Computers series will get patrons used to navigating the computer and understanding the why and the how. Topics covered: Applications, Operating Systems, and Hands on with our Graphical User Interface, Windows 10.
- Tuesday, June 20th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, part three of our Introduction to Computers series will build on part two by walking you through the most important parts of your operating system, managing your installed applications, and organizing your personal computer files. Topics covered: Files and folders, copy and paste, and adding and removing applications.

On Friday, June 16th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Tablets and Smartphones class is for those who need help with a new device, or are considering making a purchase. We will discuss the different types of devices available including the Apple iPad, Microsoft Windows tablets, Android-based Google tablets and smartphones. Attendees will learn basic skills needed to connect to the Internet as well as how to use interactive maps, install applications and games, listen to music, and watch movies.

On Friday, June 30th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Introduction to the Internet will introduce patrons to search engines, browsers, and some of the best websites on the Internet.

The library will provide a computer technician at The Knoy Center for Community Help Desk sessions on Friday, June 9th from 11:00 am to 1:00 PM, Friday, June 23rd from 11:00 am to 1:00 PM, and Tuesday, June 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. All classes are for beginners and are free and open to the public but registration is required since space is limited. Community Help Desk Sessions are first-come first-served assistance with your computer or electronics, no appointment necessary. To sign up for any of the upcoming classes, you can view the library website at pcpl21.org, call Mike at 765-653-2755 Ext. 118, or stop by our circulation or reference desks at the library.

Donate Your Used Tech!

The FOL are currently accepting donations of used electronics, including:

Laptops
Desktops
Tablets

Cell Phones
Flat Screen Monitors
Computer Cables
Wireless Routers

Computer Components
Printers
eReaders



The Value of Telephone Directories

This might come as a surprise to many of you, but one item that we are in great need of are telephone directories. Unfortunately, since 1996, when the first directories became available on-line, there has been a dramatic drop in its importance in our daily lives. However, prior to that, almost every home and business in America had at least one. The information contained in these old tomes was valuable then, and now provides a plethora of information for the historian and genealogist alike.



directory is listed by the husband's first name, then his wife's name, and their occupation. Additionally, it tells you if they owned the home or not and even the ages of the minors living in the dwelling! In one instance I found that one gentleman was a painter, who owned the home and had listed all of the names of his children, plus the years that they were born. Directories have such a vast amount of information in such a small publication.

One reason that telephone directories are so useful is because the national census is only published every 10 years. The directories, though not always precise, were published annually. The directories are a valuable, and often underused, resource for historians and genealogists. In fact, a patron and I once obtained an account of every person that had ever lived in their Victorian era home from the time it was built to present day. It's pretty amazing if you think about it.

In this single resource, one can find out much about their community. Telephone directories provide a wealth of information, not only about individuals and where they lived but also a list of the churches, clubs and organizations, county officials, schools, and the 'Street and Avenue Guide', where you could see, for each street, who lived where and their telephone number. As you can imagine, this is a valuable resource for many patrons and researchers. In our 1972 directory, as well as in other years, the

Unfortunately, our collection is rather incomplete. Our earliest directory is 1895, it then skips to 1903, jumps twenty years to 1923 and so on. It is not until the 1970s that we have been able to obtain a consistent collection. So, before you toss that old directory, you might want to contact us and we will find a home for it here in our archive for present and future generations.

Anthony Barger, Archivist

Community Help Desk

The PCPL Community Help Desk has a computer technician available four days a week to provide you with one-on-one assistance using software and electronic devices. Our technician can also help diagnose and repair problems with your computer or electronic device. Community Help Desk hours will continue at PCPL throughout the summer. You can always find a helpful hand during the following hours:

Mondays from 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 PM
Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Fridays from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Upcoming Events

AUTHOR'S TALK: ROSEMARY GARD

In the tradition of writers such as Ernest Hemingway and Boris Pasternak, Rosemary Gard writes powerful and compelling works of fiction based in reality. Her works feature richly drawn fictional characters, created upon a canvas of historical fact. Join us for a lunch talk at noon on June 5th to learn more!

AUTHOR'S TALK: K. L. MONTGOMERY

K.L. Montgomery, author of *Green Castles*, *Fat Girl*, and *Given to Fly*, will give an author's talk followed by a book sale and signing on Thurs, July 27th at 7:00 PM. Montgomery is a romance and women's fiction author who grew up in Greencastle, Indiana. She attended South Putnam High School and the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities. She later received a bachelors degree in psychology and a masters in library science from Indiana University. After a ten-year career as a research librarian that began at DePauw University, she now writes novels when she's not tied up with her full-time job in higher education and part-time job as a social media manager.

YARN PERCH

Need crochet or knitting help or companionship? Jo MacPhail will take her Yarn Perch (located on the balcony above the lobby) every Thursday evening from 5 - 8 PM, to help those in need.

LIBRARYOGA

Free Yoga sessions led by certified instructors. For all levels of students. Participants should wear comfy, stretchy clothes. Yoga mats and blocks are available for your use.

ORGANIC GARDENING

Build a Better World through gardening! Join Constance Ferry of Hobbit Gardens to learn the basics of organic gardening. More information coming soon!

PCPL BLOOD DRIVE

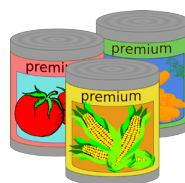
Build a Better World by giving back! PCPL is currently scheduling a Red Cross Bloodmobile visit for sometime this summer. Check back soon for more details!

WEEKLY MAH JONGG GAME

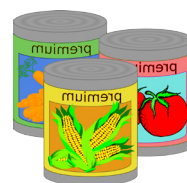
For those who know the game and want to play, or for those who want to watch and learn. Wednesdays at 12:30 PM.

PUP TALES

Everyone knows that dogs make the best reading companions. Now you can read to a dog at the library! Join our P.A.L.S. Pups for their first ever Pup Tales event on June 17th at 1:00 PM. Sign up for your 10-minute slot by contacting the library.



Food For Fines



During the months of June and July, receive \$1.00 off your current fines for every non-perishable food item you donate.

Food for Fines applies to fines only, and cannot be used towards replacement costs or collection agency fees. Offer good for adult cards only.

Read Away Fines

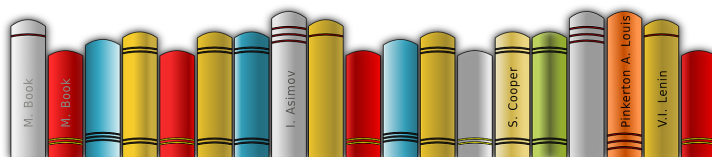
From June 1st through July 30th, patrons 18 years or younger can read away their fines! For every fifteen minutes you read, we'll take \$2.00 off your library fines.

Be sure to check in at the Youth Services desk before you begin. You can read any book, magazine, or newspaper of your choice!



Fuzzy Friday

Join us on Friday, June 16th, from 5 to 7 PM in the library parking lot for our second annual Fuzzy Friday! You'll get the chance to see animal demonstrations, meet shelter animals, and be introduced to our very own PALS Pups! Don't miss this chance to get up close and personal with all of these loveable creatures!



Friends of the Library

Between Friends

Friends of the Library is ready for summer – are you? Visit the Book Sale and stock up on books for your vacation or just some quiet reading time on the porch. Remember that we have sales in both the lobby and downstairs.

Mark your calendar for “Touch A Truck” on Saturday, June 17th from 10 AM to 2 PM in the GHS lower parking lot. This fundraiser not only supports Imagination Library but gives families an opportunity to explore the world of trucks and vehicles. Name a child, or adult for that matter, who wouldn’t love to climb aboard a fire truck, race car, big rig, dump truck or backhoe! Admission is \$5.00 per person or \$15. per family of four.

If you have an Instagram account, follow FOL @PCPLfriends. If you need help setting up an Instagram account the library is the perfect place to learn how!

Watch for upcoming announcements about our annual FOL membership meeting date and time. We look forward to this chance to meet our new members and greet old friends. If you haven’t joined FOL or renewed your membership now is a great time to do so. You can pick up a form at the Circulation Desk or visit the PCPL website. We love making new friends!

Meet Ollie!

The next time you are in the Circulation lobby stop and see if Ollie is in the bookdrop. Ollie lives here at the library, and he enjoys reading the books in the book drop. His other hobbies include gardening and helping sick animals. One recent rainy day, I was told by one of our younger patrons that Ollie was cozy in the book drop reading because his hat would fall apart in the rain!

Ollie also loves holidays, at Christmas he surprised us by getting into the spirit of the season and decorating a Christmas tree in the book drop. He has also decorated for St. Patrick’s Day and Easter; who knows what he’ll do next!

Ollie agreed to allow me to take a rare picture of him for the newsletter. He is very shy and as you can see, he has an escape door in the book drop in case he needs to make a fast getaway. He loves it when people drop by and check on him. He even let us install a peephole, but he keeps the door locked! We have asked Ollie for help putting away books but so far he has declined.

Ollie has a little brother named Olin, I’ve seen Olin in the bookdrop napping from time to time, be sure to check on Ollie the next time you visit the library.



Conni Wrightsman, Circulation Manager



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HOURS:

M 9am - 8pm
T 9am - 8pm
W 9am - 8pm
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Library Closings



Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day