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From the Director

The library is a busy place! You've probably noticed the increasing number of programs and events we now host in the Kiwanis and Rotary rooms. Everything from yoga to gardening, knitting to Mah Jongg, guest authors and speakers to our PALS Pups read-to-a-dog program is happening at PCPL. Or you may have heard about our Youth Services department and their enticing activities surrounding music making, cooking, dance parties, family movie nights, and the ever-popular story times held each week. Maybe your family is part of the Imagination Library and you're thinking of joining our Friends of the Library group. Or you might have joined or are thinking of joining one of our Reference department's many lively book clubs, or perhaps you've visited the Technology Help Desk for some free computer support. Perhaps you're into genealogy or are interested in researching something related to Putnam County and have visited our Local History Archives. Maybe you receive library materials at home through our materials delivery program or perhaps you've even attended a library class in your own community hosted by our Outreach program. Or maybe you just love that you can walk into your public library and checkout any book, movie, game, or other item free of charge and get the friendly help and knowledgeable support you're looking for.

At PCPL, our goal is to not only maintain these and other popular services but to enhance them in order to meet the needs of more and more people in our community. This isn't an easy thing to do, as funding for public libraries generally does not factor much growth into the equation. In order to continue providing such unique and indispensable services for Putnam County, we need your help! Please consider making a donation to PCPL through the Putnam County Community Foundation. You can choose to support specific programs and collections or you can make a general donation to help support a wide range of library initiatives.

Every donation, no matter how modest, means something to us. Thank you for making PCPL such a special place and for supporting your public library!

Grier Carson, Director



Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Dear Friends of the Library,

My guess is you are thinking the same thing we are: "How in the world did it get to be Fall already?!" As we all know, time flies, which is why you need to mark your calendar right this minute to attend the annual Friends of the Library membership meeting!

The date is Thursday, October 12th, from 11 AM to 1:00 PM in the Kiwanis Room. If you are thinking to yourself that you don't have time, or it sounds like a boring annual meeting, read on my Friend!

First of all, it is a terrific opportunity to meet and greet old Friends and make some new ones! Along with good company, you will have the chance to explore all the programs that FOL supports. Curious about the yoga classes? There will be an instructor there to demonstrate a few moves and answer questions! Have you heard about the PUPS program and want to see it in action? This your chance! Imagination Library, Live Local - Think Global, Yarn Perch, Mah Jong, Bridge. There will be a sample of all these programs that your membership helps to support plus more.

If that isn't enough to tempt you, consider this bonus! There will be a preview of the Holiday Book Sale. You will have the chance to do some early shopping and get a look at the best we have to offer.

Feel free to stop in anytime between 11 AM and 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 12th and enjoy some light refreshments, renew your membership or become a new member, and learn something new about Friends of the Library! We look forward to your company!

Sincerely,

Friends of the Library

Do You Have a Library Card?

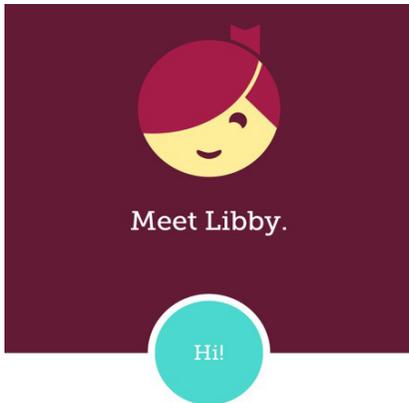


Did you know that you can get a FREE library card at PCPL and have access to all of our books, DVDs, games, CDs, magazines, and more?

If you're a Putnam County resident, all you need is a photo ID with your current address (or a piece of mail with your current address) to get your card today! Just visit our friendly staff at the Circulation Desk, fill out an application, and you'll be on your way to FREE access to our large and growing collection.

So what are you waiting for? Get your library card today!

Meet Libby



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Have an older device that is not compatible with Libby? You're in luck, OverDrive also has the original app, OverDrive, which is available to download in the exact same place in your app store. Overdrive is helpful for older devices or if you need special features such as screen reader support.

Best of all, if you ever have trouble or need assistance, the friendly librarians at your local library are always available to help. Call or stop by any PCPL desk and we can walk you through the entire process.

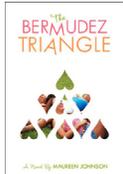
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Book Discussion Groups @ PCPL

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB
Wednesdays at 6:00pm



September 7th



October 5th



November 2nd

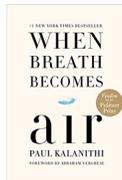
PCPL BOOK GROUP
Mondays at 7:00pm



September 18th



October 16th



November 13th

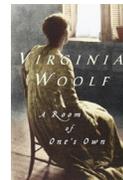
LITERARY LADIES
Fridays at 5:30pm



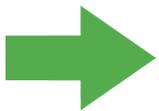
September 29th



October 20th



November 10th



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.

Between Friends

As summer fades away Friends of the Library is busy planning for the fall! If you haven't saved the date for the annual membership meeting, it is Thursday, October 12th from 11 AM to 1 PM. We love making new Friends and hope to see you there!

Our "Buck A Bag" sale in the downstairs Book Sale area was very successful! We have since restocked the Book Sale with lots of new titles and done some rearranging. Stop by on your next visit to the library and check it out!

While you are at the library, don't forget to peruse the Vintage Books for sale in the lobby. You never know what gem you will find there! Our selection of older, worn books for crafting has been very popular and can also be found in the lobby.

Our annual Holiday Book Sale that takes place in the lobby will begin on November 6th. It is never too early to start shopping!! You will find a huge array of like new books for sale at great prices. We will be adding new titles weekly, so we hope you visit and shop multiple times. Plus, you have the added benefit of supporting Friends of the Library with your purchases!

Go Back-To-School with the Library!

FOR YOUNG CHILDREN (0-5 YEAR OLDS)



Getting ready to read? Children begin to develop literacy at birth. Chewing on a book, playing with shape sorters, reading a book over and over again, scribbling, dress-up, silly songs are all part of early literacy.

Taking the time to read, talk, and sing with your child every day and provide them with opportunities to write and play is the best way to ensure your child is ready to begin school ready to read.

FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN (1ST-12TH GRADE)

Need help with Homework? Check out Discover Education: Homework Help (www.discoveryeducation.com/students/), FactMonster (www.factmonster.com/), Online Writing Lab from Purdue (owl.english.purdue.edu/). For even more help homework help sites, ask your librarian!

Need help with research paper and school projects? Check out INSPIRE to find newspaper, magazine, and journal articles. Access the Kids Search (grades K-6) and Student Research Center (grades 6-12) through INSPIRE.



Getting ready for academic and licensing tests? The library can help, we have physical and digital copies of ACT and SAT prep books including practice tests.

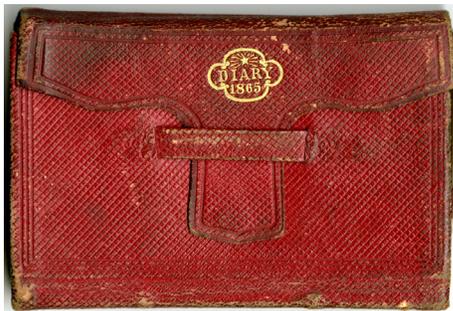
Teach kids the joy of reading. Check out TumbleBookLibrary, an online collection of animated, talking picture books, chapter books, and nonfiction. Also features videos on nonfiction topics, puzzles, and games for children.

Books can be just for fun too! The library has all types of books kids want to read - fantasy, graphic novels, sports, bestsellers and more! If you want your child to develop a love of reading, search our online catalog or visit the library to choose from a great selection of titles. We have reading lists made for various age groups available at the library.

Also, check out our OverDrive collection, a collection of digital books and audiobooks you can read on your tablet, phone, or computer! We have collections for kids and teens, and the books are returned on their own, so you never have to worry about late fees! If you need help finding a book, or downloading to your device, a librarian is happy to help.



Know Your Source!



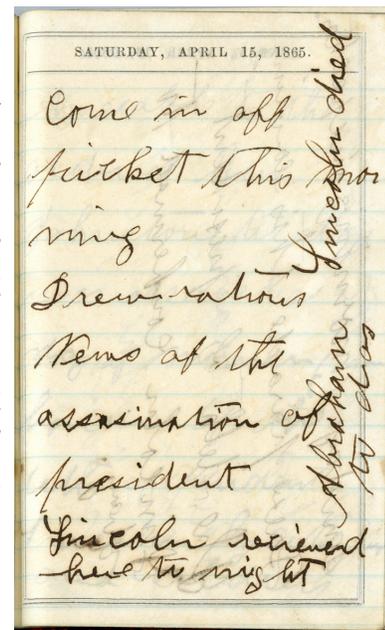
One of the greatest strengths residing at the Local History department is our collection of primary documents. What is a primary document? I think of them as an original source of information that comes in the form of letters, photographs, diaries, and so on. Every historical work that you have ever read or documentary you have watched leads back to primary sources and a repository for historical documents, such as our archive, in which they tend to reside.

Primary documents, also referred to as primary sources, are important for a number of reasons. When you come into the archive and hold the original document it has a greater emotional impact than a secondary source, and therefore the associated event is understood and experienced with greater importance. For instance, if you wanted to know the date of Abraham Lincoln's assassination you need only consult Google or any number of historical texts. However, at our archive you can hold and read the diary entry of a Union soldier who addresses the heartrending event in his own succinct manner and handwriting. Reading about the incident from an individual who lived during the event, and experienced it first-hand adds an importance and immediacy that is difficult to equal.

For the last two years I have had the opportunity to instruct Middle School children on the importance of primary and secondary documents. I have made it my practice to take with me actual documents that relate to Putnam County and Indiana so that the students can have this personal connection with history. The students study the documents and critique their significance with an intensity that I believe would be missing if I were handing them reproductions.

It occurred to me long ago that our collection of primary documents can also be used for many other educational purposes. One of my favorite ideas is to use unidentified photographs and other records as writing prompts for students. The idea is that students are each provided a photograph and they then write a short story about the individual or scene. The understanding that this person truly lived in our community would provide greater inspiration and interest for young writers.

As I have already alluded to, I enjoy reading about history and I sincerely appreciate a well written historical work. Still, one of my favorite indulgences as the PCPL archivist is when I am provided an opportunity to read the letters, peruse the scrapbooks, and study the photographs that make up our collection of primary documents. I often tell patrons that show interest in history that I am more than willing to give them a collection of our primary documents to examine and explore as it will be the best read that they had all week.



I encourage you to make use of the PCPL Local History department's collection of primary resources for your own personal research, as an educational tool, or for simple enjoyment.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a visit to your classroom, please feel free to call or email me. My number is 765.653.2755 ext. 120 and my email is abarger@pcpl21.org.

Anthony Barger, Archivist



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Upcoming Events

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

We'll be hosting two monthly book clubs for kids and tweens beginning in September! The first meeting for kids ages 5 - 8 years will be on September 7th at 2:00 pm and will continue on the first Thursday of every month through November. For tweens (ages 9 - 12 years), the first Book Club meeting will be on September 28th at 2:00 pm. and will continue on the last Thursday of every month through November. Contact the library for more info!

LIVE LOCAL, THINK GLOBAL: ERIN HUANG

Join Erin Huang, Senior Indiana State Director for The Humane Society of The United States (HSUS), on September 20th at 6:30 pm as she discusses issues facing animals and how people can get involved to affect change, which includes getting involved with policy and getting to know those who are making the laws.

FALL COMPUTER CLASSES

Our Fall session of computer instruction starts in September with two of our most popular classes: Introduction to Computers and Tablets and Smartphones. You can learn more about what these classes have to offer and register by visiting our website at PCPL21.org.

LIBRARY YOGA

LibrarYoga is back this fall! Every Thursday evening at 5:30 beginning September 7th we'll have a FREE yoga class led by a certified instructor. Classes are for all levels of students. Participants should wear comfy, stretchy clothes. Yoga mats and blocks are available for your use.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join us for a Spooktacular Halloween Party on October 27th starting at 4:00 pm. Come in costume, and enjoy tricks and treats of all kinds!

ALTERNATIVE HEALING

Marian Patience Harvey is back at the library this fall with a new series on alternative medicine. Alternative Healing will be held every Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:30 pm starting September 6th and ending with a vegan potluck in November. Check our calendar for more info!

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Coming soon to PCPL! Help your child develop early literacy skills and give them the confidence they need to be successful students in the future. Look for more details coming soon!

Library Closings

Monday, September 4th - Labor Day
Monday, October 9th - Columbus Day
Saturday, November 11th - Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 23rd - Thanksgiving