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20 Years!



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It's been said that we're currently experiencing a television renaissance. Drama, comedy, sci-fi, horror, and reality shows (now called "series") are surpassing feature-length films as the visual entertainment of choice for a large part of the population. The widespread adoption of streaming platforms like Netflix and Hulu seems to have a reorienting effect on our viewing habits, as binge-watching (or marathoning) has quickly become the default mode of consumption. There's a strange sort of virtue in this popular ritual involving prolonged storytelling, focus, and commitment which, in a strange way, is not totally unlike reading a novel. Some of these companies have also gotten into the production game, which means there's even more (and arguably better) content out there to dig into. From classics like *The Wire* and *Sex and the City* to today's *Game of Thrones*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, and *House of Cards*, the list of exciting series goes on and on. With so much to choose from, it's hard to know where to begin.

That's where we come in. The library has an enormous collection of television shows on DVD to choose from. If you're into *Inspector Lewis*, try the Lynley mysteries or (if you're brave enough) take a step into the dark and try *Luther* or *Ripper Street*. If *Breaking Bad* is your thing, then you're probably ready for *Better Call Saul*. Fans of *Weeds* should try *Orange is the New Black*. If you love *Game of Thrones*, well sorry, there's nothing quite like *Game of Thrones*! A rare and personal recommendation: the British series of Sherlock Holmes episodes produced between 1984 and 1994 by Granada Television. Jeremy Brett stars as Holmes, and there's never been anyone so perfectly suited, so obsessively engrossed in the role as he was (he apparently suffered two heart attacks on the set as a result of his intensity). Basil Rathbone is the classic favorite, and Benedict Cumberbatch currently plays a mean Holmes in *Sherlock*. But Jeremy Brett was like no other Holmes, big screen or small.

And what better time than the holidays to revel in this television rebirth? What could be better than the warmth of the TV screen on a cold December evening? Try something new this holiday season and enjoy the "platinum age of television" while it lasts!

Grier Carson, Director

ON THE COVER

Many of you knew Katherine Harbison as PCPL's resident Cat Lady. Katherine passed away in July, but she still graces the library through our memorial to her, the cat statue that now sits on our front lawn. The memorial was recently donated by the Friends of the Library and overlooks our recent parking expansion, made possible by the sale of Katherine's property to the library. Katherine dearly loved all cats and we hope that she would approve.

Friends of the Library

Dear Friends of the Library,

Another year has flown by, and we have lots of news to share with you.

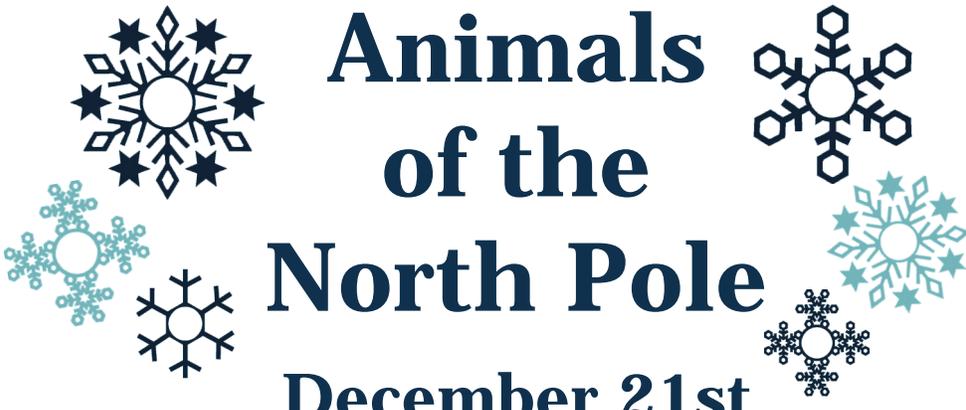
Don't forget the library when you are doing your holiday shopping! Our holiday sale table of new and very gently used books is currently set up in the lobby and will be there until after Christmas. You can shop anytime the Library is open, AND new books are added weekly! Most importantly, your purchases support Library programs.

Mark your January calendar for our bi-annual "Buck A Bag" sale on January 29 and 30. This sale is a great way to stock up for winter reading.

Last, but certainly not least, if you have received your membership renewal please remember to mail it or drop it off the next time you visit the Library. If you are not currently a member please consider joining. We love making new friends, and without your loyal financial support we could not do the things we do!

Happy Holidays!

Your FOL Friends



Animals of the North Pole

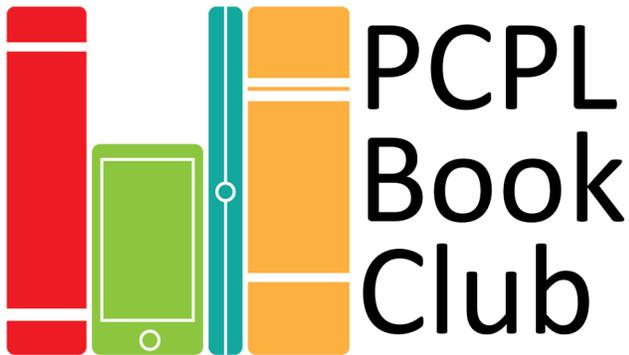
December 21st
at 6:00 pm

**Don't miss a visit from Silly Safaris' real,
live reindeer and his arctic friends
of the North Pole!
Make sure to bring your camera!**



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PCPL Book Club Celebrates 20 Years!



The Putnam County Public Library Book Club is celebrating 20 years of reading this coming year! Our first book club, and longest running program, was started in 1998 by Margot Payne, the library's program coordinator at the time. At its inception, the PCPL Book Club was known as Friends of Books and began as a library sponsored reading group. This group was developed to encourage stimulating conversation and discovery while reading thought provoking novels.

Twenty years later we are excited to introduce you to what our PCPL Book Club looks like now. We meet once a month, generally the second Monday, at 7:00 PM and new members are always welcome. Our reading list for the year includes a variety of genres, all of which are available at the library for checkout or purchase. We are excited to announce that this year we have also created an online community for you to read and talk about the same books. This is an excellent place to join the discussion and record your thoughts as you read. It's also a great way to participate if you are unable to make it to the library on discussion night. Look for our discussion page on Goodreads by searching for the Putnam County Public Library Book Club.

We are also excited to announce a celebration next September to encourage new and current members alike to come and mingle. The event will consist of a social hour before a viewing of our September book turned movie *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this year's discussions!

DECEMBER 11, 2017

The Boat Runner by Devin Murphy

JANUARY 8, 2018

The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy by Karen Abbott

MARCH 12, 2018

Station Eleven by Emily St. Mandel

APRIL 9, 2018

A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline

MAY 14, 2018

The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict

JUNE 11, 2018

The Truth About the Harry Quebert Affair by Joel Dickerson

JULY 9, 2018

The Garden of Evening Mists by Tan Twan Eng

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman



6:00 PM Thursday,
December 7th

Discussing *The Girl on the Edge of Summer* by J. M. Redmann



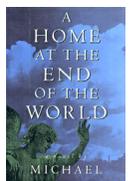
6:00 PM Thursday,
January 11th

Discussing *George* by Alex Gino



6:00 PM Thursday,
February 8th

Discussing *A Home at the End of the World* by Michael Cunningham





Winter Reading Program

December 18th through February 18th

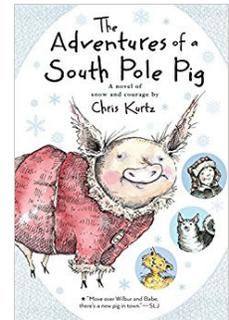
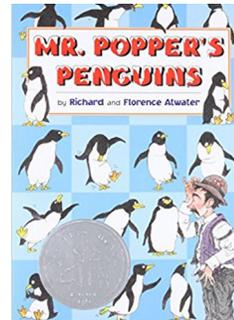
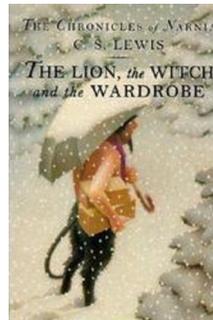
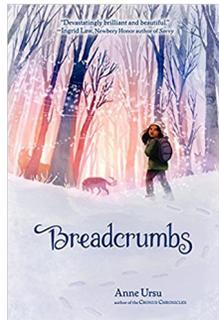
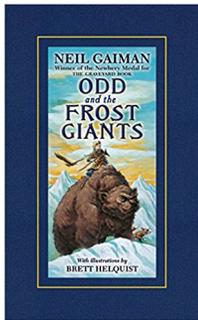
For Kids

Come discover something new to read during the cold winter months and win a “cool” prize! For children ages 3 - 18.

For Adults

Read any 7 books and return your record sheet to the library for a prize! Plus, each book you read will earn an entry into our Grand Prize drawing! Limit 7 prizes per person. For anyone 18 and older.

Cozy Up to Winter Read-Alouds Perfect for the Whole Family



As the weather turns colder, consider reading aloud a winter themed chapter book that will make you want to snuggle up with a mug of hot cocoa and lots of marshmallows. Perfect for car rides over the holidays or winter blizzards rage outside. Most of these are great for independent reads for kids ages 8 and up, but younger kids will appreciate listening to them. Children's listening comprehension is higher than reading comprehension, so don't be afraid to give some of these a try.

Neil Gaiman's *Odd and the Frost Giants* is inspired by Norse Mythology. An unlucky twelve-year-old Norwegian boy named Odd leads the Norse gods Loki, Thor, and Odin in an attempt to outwit evil Frost Giants who have taken over Asgard. This is a great choice for fans of *Percy Jackson*.

Breadcrumbs by Anne Ursu is inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's *The Snow Queen*, and is perfect for kids who love fairytales. Hazel and Jack are best friends until an accident with a magical mirror and a run-in with a villainous queen find Hazel on her own, entering an enchanted wood in the hopes of saving Jack's life. *Breadcrumbs* is also available on as an ebook or online audiobook through OverDrive!

Chris Kurtz's *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig* is just a delight. Flora the pig ditches the sedentary life on the farm for an adventure in Antarctica, where she escapes the knife and lives her dream of pulling a sled with a team of dogs

This Newbery Honor book from 1983 is still as funny today as it was then. *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater tells the story of Mr. Popper and his family who unexpectedly adopt a penguin that changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper. Also available on audio.

The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis is perfect to read aloud this time of year. If you're not familiar with the story: Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter. We have this classic in all the formats you could want: print, audio, ebook and audio, video, and even a picture book version!



Remembering IBM



its culture. Of course images of the building and their workers are included but more importantly, so too are photographs of the workers with their families and friends engaging in many sorts of activities promoted by the company. They range from Halloween parties, Christmas parties, and Easter egg hunts, to picnics and club events. The company did a fine job of recording details of the photographs, such as the event, year, and who was depicted in the photograph. Unfortunately most of the photographs remain unidentified.

Those who remember the IBM years may find themselves feeling nostalgic when viewing the photographs, but they are also sure to find them informative, portraying life among a large company from the 1950s to the mid-1980s. I invite members of the community to visit the Local History Department and spend a little time exploring this collection.

Anthony Barger, Archivist

Historically Putnam County businesses have had a significant impact on who we are as a community. IBM had a particularly significant impact. IBM was officially dedicated on October 30, 1954. It was an important part of the county for more than thirty years before it closed its doors in 1987. The Local History Department offers a wonderful glimpse into its history with our IBM photograph collection.



Our hundreds of photographs in the collection do an impressive job of depicting the IBM community and



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Upcoming Events

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Sign up to participate in our Homeschool Book Clubs! We have one specifically for kids age 5-8, and another for twage 9-12. Each participant will receive a copy of the book to borrow and discuss for each meeting. At each meeting, kids will get a chance to discuss the books and participate in games and activities. Registration is required. For more information, contact Krista Mullinnix by phone (765-653-2755 ext. 121) or by email (kmullinnix@pcpl21.org)

MESSY ART CLUB

Join us on the fourth Wednesday of every month, starting in December, for a fun process-oriented art activity for ages 3 and older.

LIBRARYOGA

LibrarYoga will continue every Thursday evening at 5:30 through the winter months. Each week 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.

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Join us on December 29th at 11 AM as we kick off the New Year family style complete with a balloon drop at noon. There will be crafts, snacks, and dancing.

ALTERNATIVE HEALING

Marian Patience Harvey is back at the library this winter with a new series of sessions on alternative medicine. Alternative Healing will be held every Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:30 pm starting Januray 3rd. Check our calendar for more info!

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Feel free to wear pajamas to this family storytime in the evening of December 14th from 6 - 7 pm, featuring stories, songs, and rhymes. Afterwards we'll enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies.

KIDS ADVISORY BOARD

Our brand new kids advisory board will start on January 8th! Look for more information coming soon!

Library Closings

Saturday, December 23rd - Christmas Eve Observed

Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day

Monday, January 1st - New Year's Day

Monday, January 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Febraury 19th - President's Day