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From the Director

“Thank You”



For the past four years, I've had the great privilege to serve as your library director. In March, I will be leaving PCPL to take on new challenges and new opportunities, and I will miss the many excellent colleagues and community members who've made my experience here so meaningful. Most of all, I'd like to thank everyone in Putnam County for

supporting the library and for helping us understand how we can better serve individuals, families, organizations, schools, and other groups who look to us for support, instruction, and access to information.

The Putnam County Public Library remains a unique and vital resource for a wide range of users throughout the county, and I'm confident it will continue to enhance services and collections as we head into our century's third decade. I'm proud of the improvements we've made in recent years, from the reimagining and renovation of the children's department to the expansion of our parking lot; from the enhancement of our materials delivery service to critical network infrastructure upgrades; from our unique and invaluable archives and local history services to our growing outreach programs; and from the introduction of technology support and instruction to the recent launch of our adult literacy services. More than anything, I'm excited to see so many passionate librarians and library professionals working together to make PCPL such a special place. The staff here truly make your library experience what it is.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your library director and I wish you all the very best going forward.

Grier Carson, Director

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“That is one good thing about this world...there are always sure to be more springs.”
L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Avonlea*

Friends of the Library

Dear Friends of the Library,

Another exciting year is ahead for the library! We just finished with our bi-annual "Buck-A-Bag" sale. If you missed it, don't worry! There will be another in late June. And of course, you can always visit the Book Sale at the bottom of the stairway any time the library is open. We have just re-stocked and re-organized, so come check out the new inventory!

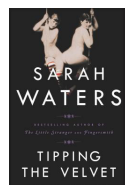
As the new year gets underway, now is also the time to think about your FOL membership and make sure it is up to date. Without your support we cannot fund the library programs we all look forward to. (Check out page 7 for a few upcoming programs currently on the calendar.)

If you're already a member, or even if you're not, please consider making an additional donation. We are always in need of good quality used books to add to our Book Sale and extra funds to support special programs, like Imagination Library, Summer Reading, and holiday book giveaways. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated!

Your FOL Friends

Book Discussion Groups @ PCPL

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB
Thursdays at 6:00pm



March 8th



April 5th



May 3rd

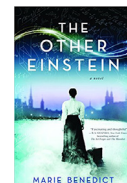
PCPL BOOK GROUP
Mondays at 7:00pm



March 12th



April 9th



May 14th

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.

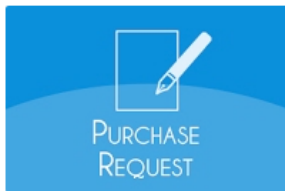
Find New Books First

Want to be the first to check out our new books and movies?

You can be the first to put a hold on any book, movie, audiobook, or video game that we order just by looking at our catalog!

From our website, www.pcpl21.org, click on CATALOG/ACCOUNT to navigate to our catalog. On the menu to the left you will see a drop-down menu from which you can select the latest New York Times Bestsellers, staff picks, and award winners. You can also find all of our newly received titles, and even the titles that are currently on order!

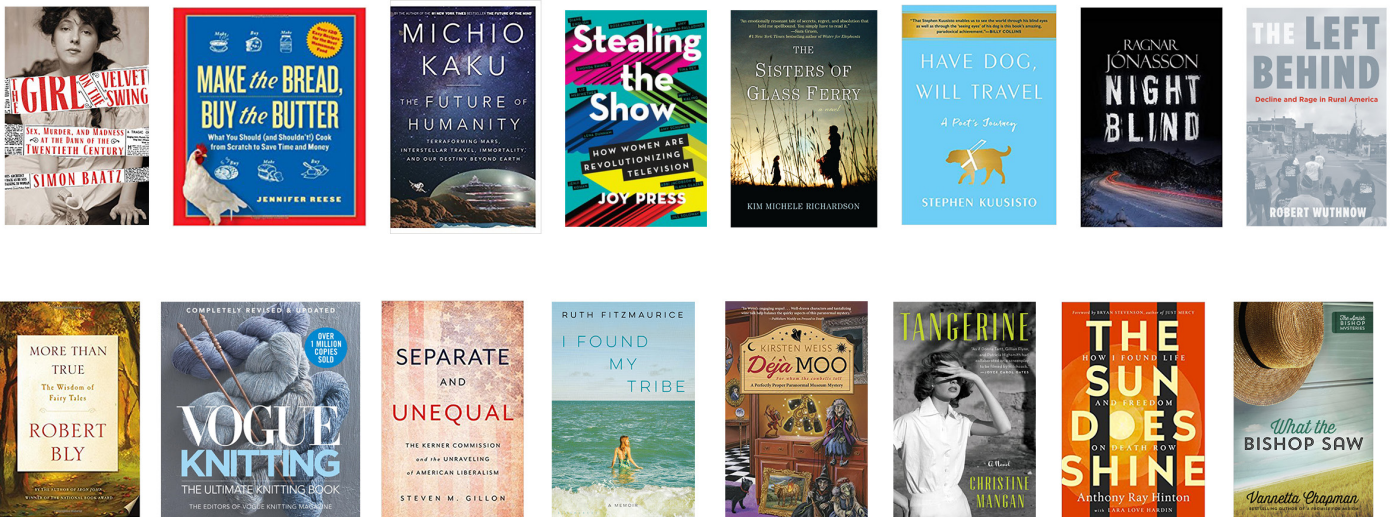
New York Times Bestsellers	+
PCPL Staff Picks	+
Award winners	+
Video Games	+
New Titles	+
On-Order Items	+
New Titles RSS	+



Would you like title we don't have?
Click to submit a purchase request.

Don't see what you are looking for? No problem. Just send us a purchase request and our librarians will happily order it for you. From the catalog home page, simply click on the "Purchase Request" icon and fill out the form. It couldn't be easier to get that new title you are just dying to read!

Here are a few new books to look for:



Every Child Ready to Read at Putnam County Public Library



These five practices will get your child on the way to reading success!

1. **READ** - Reading aloud is the single most important activity for your child's reading success. Remember to keep the interaction around the book a positive one. When children have positive experiences around books and reading, they are more likely to stick with learning to read, even if it is difficult.
2. **TALK** - Giving your child many opportunities to talk helps them build a large vocabulary and increases their ability to describe events and tell stories. Talk to your child when you are playing or running errands.
3. **WRITE** - Children learn about letters, words, and stories when given the chance to try writing on their own. Writing goes through stages of light markings to letter like forms to drawing letters to forming them. When children scribble and then say what it means, they are understanding that what they have written or drawn means something.
4. **SING** - Singing (and rhyming) slows language down and allows children to hear and play with smaller sounds in words. This helps children later sound out words. Some songs even have words that we would not hear in normal conversation with young children, so they are also building vocabulary!
5. **PLAY** - Children learn by doing. Play is a powerful way for children to connect what they know to the world, and it helps them think symbolically. One item represents another - a block might represent a telephone. This kind of symbolic thinking is the same kind of thinking that is used for reading. Pictures and letters represent real things.

Early Literacy is everything a child knows about reading and writing before they can actually read and write. Children begin to develop literacy at birth. Chewing on a book, playing with shape sorters, reading a book over and over, scribbling, playing dress-up, and singing silly songs are all part of early literacy.

Librarians at Putnam County Public Library are trained in the national early literacy initiative, "Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library," which teaches parents, caregivers, and early childhood educators about these five critical practices that boost literacy skills, as well as recent brain research and techniques for reading and selecting books for children.

Using FamilySearch for Genealogy Research

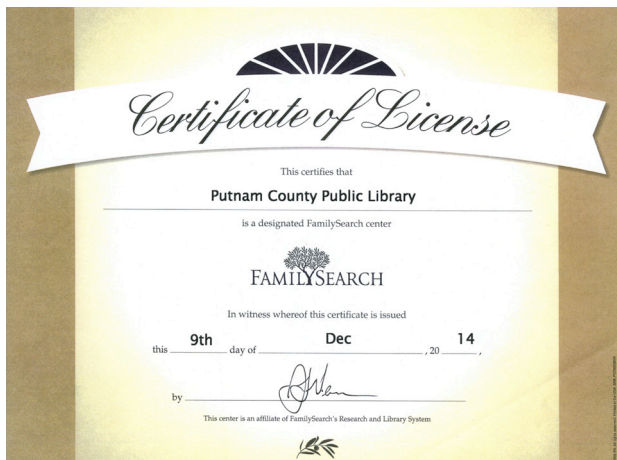


THE BIG ROCK CANDY MOUNTAIN OF GENEALOGY

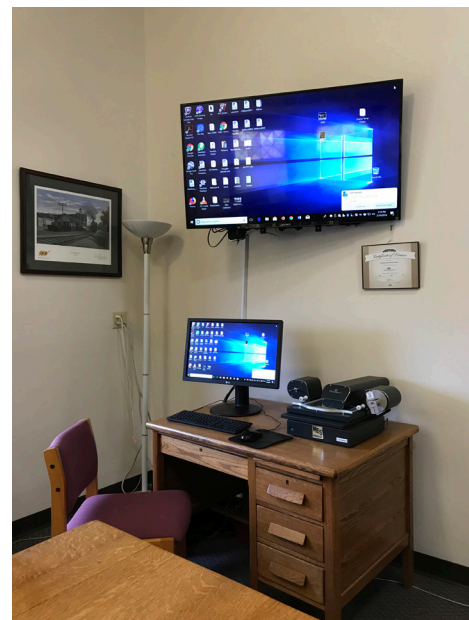
The largest repository of local history and genealogy records is housed in vaults built in a granite mountain located near Salt Lake City, Utah. It was built in 1965 to preserve the records that have been collected through agreements with archives, libraries, and churches from more than 100 countries. The collection is comprised of 3.5 billion images on microfilm, microfiche, and digital media. Its formal name is the Granite Mountain Records Vault, but I like to call it the Big Rock Candy Mountain of Genealogy.

THE MICROFILM LENDING LIBRARY

The vaults in Utah are not open to the public. However, FamilySearch developed a lending system that some genealogists used to borrow microfilm from the facility. Unfortunately, most of the borrowing libraries in Indiana were several miles away and since they were staffed by volunteers, the visiting hours were limited. Listening to the needs of our patrons, the Putnam County Public Library partnered with FamilySearch and became an affiliate library in December of 2014.



Local patrons have ordered microfilm from as far as Germany and Japan for a nominal fee. We replaced our broken microfilm reader with a modern one that allows patrons to edit and save digital images. The Affiliate Program costs the taxpayers nothing. The cost of borrowing the films was nominal and charged to the patron, not the library. We have, as a permanent collection, many microfilms such as the original birth and death records of Putnam County, so our patrons can see images that are no longer accessible to the public.



THE DIGITAL AGE

Microfilm has a long shelf life as far as preservation is concerned, but FamilySearch has been digitizing the collection. They announced that the microfilm lending service would close in September 2017. The rising costs and the fact that their digitization was progressing so quickly (1000 films per day) were determining factors for the closing. Genealogists scrambled to order film before the deadline. Even though the projected completion date for the digitization of all 3.5 billion images is 2020, researchers were anxious. What would they do in the meantime if they wanted records? Many

people cannot afford or have the time to travel to other counties, other states, even other countries where their ancestors lived to search for records.

**AFFILIATE LIBRARY'S NEW ROLE -
WE HAVE SPECIAL POWERS!**

FamilySearch rose to the occasion and decided to give the public libraries in their Affiliate program internet access to a special portal previously reserved in their Family History Centers. Again, this access cost the taxpayers nothing. We now have "Special Powers."

Many FamilySearch records are already accessible from home, but many of them are not due to the legal agreements set up when the records were filmed. For example, you can find most marriage records from across the country. They are photographs of the actual books housed in courthouses and archives. However, deed books are typically not accessible from home. You will see the collection marked with a little key, indicating they are locked. Since we are an affiliate, these images are unlocked when you come to the library. You can

access them from our terminals, or via Wi-Fi, on your laptop, tablet or smart phone. You can print the documents from our computers or save them and print them at home from yours.

ARMCHAIR RESEARCH

If you have been attending our Time Travelin' Genealogy Guild meetings, you already know about this new program. Some of you have been slipping into the library more often to gain access to this portal. Some of you have broken through brick walls because of our newly acquired "Special Powers." I have found it to be a fantastic tool and use it regularly for myself as well as my patrons. You can dig deeper into records from a comfortable seat without climbing ladders and lifting heavy books. And you don't have to leave at 4:00pm when government offices close.

Diana Brumfield
Genealogist

DIGGING DEEPER WITH FAMILY SEARCH

Classes are scheduled for March to learn how to use this service. Using it is not hard, but I have a few tricks to share.. I will demonstrate on the wall monitor in the Local History and Genealogy room. Bring your laptops or ipads and follow along. If you have a particular issue you would like to research, jot it down and we will help you as time allows.

Wednesday, March 7, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 10, 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

And be sure to join us for future Time Travelin' Genealogy Guild meetings, held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Cyril Johnson Room.

Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 2, 6:00 - 7:00 PM



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Upcoming Events

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

March is Red Cross Month, and PCPL has partnered with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on March 5th from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. You can be part of the Red Cross' humanitarian mission by donating blood to bring hope and help for patient emergencies. Blood donors may schedule a time and pre-register at redcrossblood.org, or just drop in.

VEGAN PITCH-IN

Join the Putnam County Public Library's Live Local, Think Global series for a pitch-in lunch on March 12th featuring delicious plant-based foods!

COOKING WITH KIDS

Each month on the second Wednesday at 4:00 PM we prepare a simple, kid-friendly snack, talk about cooking basics, and read some stories while we enjoy our treat. Registration is required. March 14 - Mini S'mores Pies | April 11 - No-Bake Chewy Cookies and Cream Bars | May 9 - TBD

AUTHOR TALK: STU FABE

Please join us for Stuart's 3rd PCPL Authors' Talk, book sale and signing on March 15th at 7:00 PM. Over the last four decades, Stuart Fabe has directed his creative energies to three artistic media: photography, weaving, and writing. *After Evening* is Stuart's third novel. It is a sequel to his popular second novel, *Evening Comes*.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a movie night at the library on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM! All films are rated G or PG and popcorn is provided. March 20 - Coco | April 17 - Ferdinand | May 15 - Paddington 2

LEARN TO CROCHET

Learn the stitches to make a variety of projects including potholders, scarves, slippers, afghans, purses, coats or other! Classes are on Mondays from 3 -5 pm from March 26 - May 21st. Crochet supplies are provided. Students may need to purchase yarn for a final project. Registration is required.

LIFE-SIZE CANDY LAND

Join us for fun and adventure on April 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM as we play the larger than life version of the classic board game Candy Land! Follow the rainbow path through a magical land of sweet surprises and navigate your way through Lollypop Woods on your way to the Candy Castle. All ages welcome.

MAY THE FOURTH

May the Fourth Be With You at PCPL. Stop by the library any time between 5 and 7 p.m. on May 4th for Star Wars related snacks, crafts, and activities for padawans of all ages. Feel free to come in costume!

Library Closings

Monday, May 28th - Memorial Day