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SUMMER 2018



Adoption Records

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Enriching Life. Strengthening Community.

SHARE THE DREAM 2018

This summer, PCPL is participating in the Share The Dream campaign sponsored by the Putnam County Community Foundation. The purpose of the campaign is to build the library endowment, the funds from which allow us to serve this community through programming and services based on community needs.

We here at Putnam County Public Library are proud to serve the local community and provide a welcoming space to discover, connect, and create. We serve all residents of Putnam County, and we hope that everyone will see the value in supporting our mission.

We have something to offer everyone! We have books in both physical and digital formats, programs and events for people of all ages, art classes, yoga, help with job applications, an adult literacy program, summer reading programs, an outreach program that delivers books directly to the homes of those who can't come to the library in person, movies, games, and so much more. We strive to meet the needs of our community in every way possible.

Our goals for the future are to continue to meet the growing needs of this community, to grow our services and collections, to provide the community with a space for creativity and learning, and to recruit knowledgeable and friendly staff to assist our patrons.

While many aspects of daily library operations are funded by tax dollars, the vast majority of our unique programs and services are funded by donations from generous patrons like you.

For this year's campaign, we would like to see 100 people make a donation to our endowment. With the community's support, we can achieve anything!

Bikes are Back and Better than Ever!



Did you know you can check out a bike at the library?! PCPL has three bikes available for checkout this summer.

To check out a bike, you must be 18 years of age or older and must sign a usage policy and liability form. Bikes check out for 48 hours. The following fees apply to bike checkouts:

Late bike fee: \$3/day
Lost key fee: \$5/day
Lost bike lock fee: \$15.00
Lost bike fee: \$409.99

Bikes will be available for check out until October. This summer the library will be teaming up with People Pathway, so be sure to stop by the Circulation desk for a map! And look for new bike racks around the downtown area, as the city makes Greencastle a more bike-friendly town!

Any questions? Ask at the circulation desk. You can stop by any time or call 765-653-2755, ext. 100.



Meet Howdy

Howdy is a 3-year-old Chocolate Lab, and she is the fur child of Barbara Fields Timm and Steve Timm. Barbara is the Programs Director here at PCPL.

Howdy loves to play with her brother. She also loves to go swimming and long walks in the woods. Howdy loves being a member of the PCPL Pups, a group of library dogs trained to serve as reading companions for new or reluctant readers.

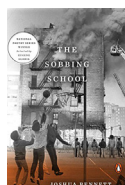
Here are a few of her favorite things:

Favorite Toy: Ball
Favorite Treat: Everything
Favorite Pastime: Playing & Swimming



Authors of Color Book Club

Join us this summer for a book club to celebrate diversity in literature. Putnam County Public Library will be co-sponsoring a summer Authors of Color Book Club with the Bonner Program at DePauw University.

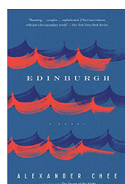


June 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM

The Sobbing School by Joshua Bennett

Kelly Writers Series featuring Joshua Bennett,
October 3 at 7:30 p.m.

This group will be reading one book a month by an author of color who will be coming this fall to speak for the Kelly Writer Series at DePauw.

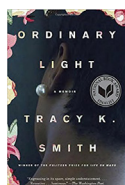


July 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Edinburgh by Alexander Chee

Kelly Writers Series featuring Alexander Chee,
September 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The books will be available for FREE, thanks to our generous co-sponsor, and can be picked up at the PCPL reference desk. Please be sure to mark your calendar for these three special book club events and come to discuss these beautiful works of fiction.



August 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Ordinary Light by Tracy K. Smith

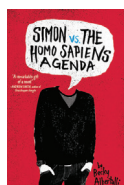
Kelly Writers Series featuring Tracy K. Smith,
November 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Other Book Clubs @ PCPL

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB
Thursdays at 6:00 pm



June 14th



July 17th
5:00 pm

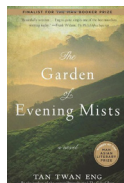


August 9th

PCPL BOOK GROUP
Mondays at 7:00 pm



June 11th

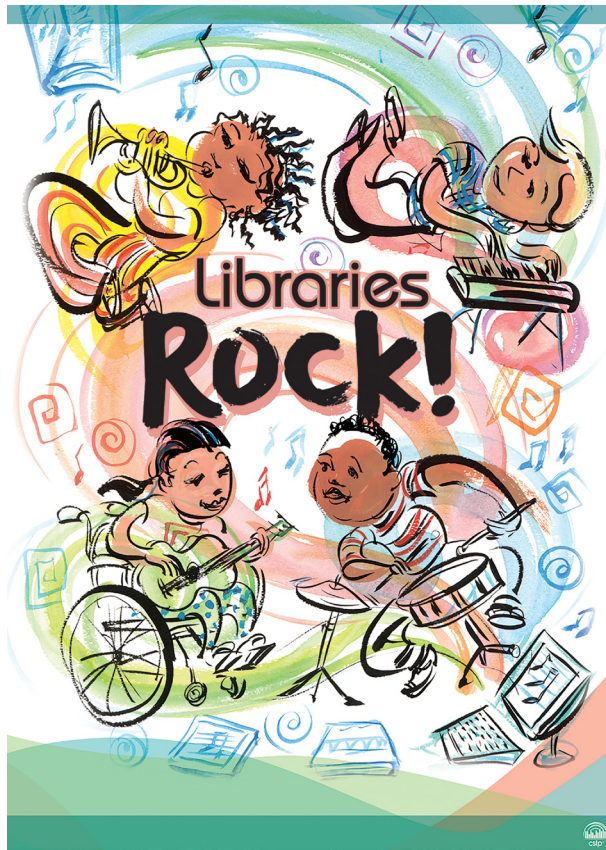


July 9th



August

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.



Why Summer Reading?

Your family is invited to read all summer with Libraries Rock!

The Putnam County Public Library is about much more than fun. Reading over the summer is incredibly important for students and their academic achievement!

The summer reading program will help kids maintain and improve reading levels over the summer while they have fun with books, enjoy reading-related activities, create craft projects, discover something new, and interact with their peers.

Studies suggest that children who don't read over the summer are at risk for learning loss. This is typically known as the "summer slide." The effect is cumulative and can become devastating to a student's learning experience.

However, the summer reading program encourages children to read whatever they want, which helps instill a love of reading for recreation. Additionally, studies show that reading as a leisure activity is one of the most powerful tools to increase reading comprehension, speed, and vocabulary! In fact, children who read for fun often outperform kids who don't in school. So help your child find a book or series of books that grabs their interest.

Finally, the summer reading program and all of its associated activities are absolutely free, offering everyone educational opportunities throughout the summer.

Need help? Ask for fun reading suggestions at the Youth Services Desk.

2017 Summer Reading Program



June 1 - 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. Sign Up!

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

2. Choose Your Age Group

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 a free book of your choice! By completing the whole game board, you can enter to win one of our end-of-summer raffles!



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

Complete our Rockin' Books Bingo and win a book! You are also entered into a drawing for your choice of one of our grand prizes! Gain extra prize entries for additional Bingo's.

Adult Reading Club For adults 18+

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



3. Come to the Library!

Read and attend library events all summer!

Libraries Rock!

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.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF Friday, June 1

Music Makers at 11:00 a.m.

Musical Petting Zoo at 2:00 p.m.

BABIES & TODDLERS

Baby & Me, Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. (except July 31)

Toddler Time, every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime, every Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Yoga Storytime, June 20 at 11:00 a.m.

Messy Toddlers Party, June 9 at 11:00 a.m.

KIDS & TWEENS

Messy Art Club, Thursdays in June at 2:00 p.m.

Kids' Book Club, June 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Tween Book Club, June 26 at 11:00 a.m.

STEAM Mondays, Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

Brick Club, June 14 & July 12 at 4:00 p.m.

BEING HEALTHY ROCKS

Just Dance Party, June 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Cooking with Kids, June 13 & July 11 at 4:00 p.m.

NATURE PLAY DAYS

STEAM Monday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Messy Art Club, June 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Preschool Storytime, June 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Birding, June 15 at 2:00 p.m.

FAMILIES

Family Film Fridays, June 8, June 22, July 6, & July 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Family Dance Party, June 27 at 11:00 a.m.

ADULTS

PCPL Book Club, June 11 & July 9 at 7:00 p.m.

LGBTQ+ Book Club, June 14 & July 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Authors of Color Book Club, June 6 & July 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Art of the Word and Book, Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Vegan Pitch-In Lunch, June 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Ancient Healing, Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

PALS Fund Raiser, July 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Time Travelin' Genealogy Guild, June 6, June 30, July 11, and July 28

END OF SUMMER READING PARTY Thursday, July 26th

Ice Cream Party at 12:00 p.m.

Professor Steve at 1:00 p.m.

*Some events require registration. For details about these programs and to register, please visit our website at PCPL21.org or contact the library at 765-653-2755.



ATTENTION: INDIANA ADOPTEES

INDIANA HISTORY IN THE MAKING

For many Hoosiers, July 1, 2018 is a Red Letter Day, a Day to Remember, a Life Altering Day. It may even be considered a variation of the modern Birth Reveal Day. For that date is the day that many adoptees will be able to file for their original birth certificate and their court sealed adoption records. There is expected to be a large number of people filing, so it will take a bit more time for the adoptees to get these records and to find out the name of their birth mother.

If you were born in Indiana and adopted between July 8, 1941 and January 1, 1994, your court records were closed. You could not find out who your birth parents were. You may be 77 years old and always wondered where you got your curly hair, your hazel eyes, or that quirky laugh. You may have imagined various scenarios as to why you were given up for adoption. In 2016, then Governor Pence signed a law into effect that opens up these closed records for adoptees effective July 1, 2018. Your early history, some say your birth right, will no longer be hidden, locked away in the dusty court archives such as Jones School.

HOW TO GET YOUR RECORDS

The Time Travelin' Genealogy Guild will have two special program times regarding this adoption record law. We will assist adoptees in filling out their requests for their birth and adoption records on Saturday June 2 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and again on Wednesday June 6, between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The estimated cost of printing, copying and mailing is less than \$1. You will need to bring your Driver's license, an envelope and a stamp. You can make copies for 10 cents a page at the library.



INDIANA ADOPTION HISTORY

Adoption records were not always closed, nor were they always formal and handled through the court system. If you were born in Indiana prior to July 8, 1941, your original birth record is still an open record. You may or may not know your birth mother's name or even that you were adopted. If you do not know, DNA tests can help. The Time Travelin' Genealogy Guild members are learning all about this new tool and have attended workshops in Indianapolis and Terre Haute to learn more.

If you do know or suspect a name, there are a number of resources available for searching. Birth records from 1982-1920 are indexed in the WPA books available in the Local History and Genealogy department. In addition, all county birth records from 1882 through as late as the 1960's are searchable on our website. This massive project began over ten years ago by Rita Harlan, proofed twice by Marilyn Clearwaters, a member of the Washburn Chapter NSDAR and finalized in the last couple of years so we could put them on our website. In addition, Governor Pence, at the urging of the State Archivist Jim Corridan, allowed Ancestry.com to digitize and put original birth certificates from 1907 to 1940 online. Ancestrylibrary.com is available free at the library.

DNA DOES NOT LIE!

DNA Genealogists' anthem is "DNA Does Not Lie!"

Strangely enough, you may not even know you were adopted. The increasing number of people getting DNA tests have disclosed many surprises. Therefore, there will be a number of people who lived their entire life clueless. Others find out that the man named as father on their birth certificate, is not really their father. They may find that the woman they called Mother was really grandmother and their youngish "aunt" was their birth mother.

In addition, an adoptee's birth certificate does not always name the father. DNA testing can also help with this. Ancestry DNA is often on sale and for under \$100. This tool can resolve family secrets

and incomplete records. They can be resolved in as little as 2-4 weeks, depending on the pool of people who have tested, because DNA Does Not Lie!

BABY BOOMERS

Indiana had already changed some adoption laws making accommodations for people born after January 1, 1994 to get their original records when they turned 21. So, in 2015, the first of this group were able to start their requests. This law did not address a huge pool of people including the baby boomers. The huge wave of births undoubtedly had a corresponding large number of adoptions.

"Almost exactly nine months after World War II ended, the cry of the baby was heard across the land," as historian Landon Jones later described the trend. More babies were born in 1946 than ever before: 3.4 million, 20 percent more than in 1945. This was the beginning of the so-called "baby boom." In 1947, another 3.8 million babies were born; 3.9 million were born in 1952; and more than 4 million were born every year from 1954 until 1964, when the boom finally tapered off. By then, there were 76.4 million "baby boomers" in the United States. They made up almost 40 percent of the nation's population.

~Diana Brumfield, Genealogist

Upcoming Genealogy Programs

4H GENEALOGY BOOTCAMP

June 4 & 25, 5:00 PM

The Putnam County Public Library will be holding a Genealogy Boot Camp for 4H members interested in becoming family historians, led by PCPL Genealogist, Diana Brumfield. The 2-session class will be held on Monday, June 4th and June 25th in the Local History and Genealogy department of the library. The class will focus on how and where to find documents that prove your lineage. We will also learn how to organize the pictures and information you discover using the ahnentafel numbering system required by 4H.

Those interested in joining should bring a notebook and pencil, plastic page protectors, a 3-ring binder, and your basic pedigree information to start your search. This class is free, but there will be a \$.10-per-page charge for printing.

TIME TRAVELIN' GENEALOGY GUILD

Join a group of local family history gurus to learn tips and tricks, share stories, and discover new resources. The Time Travelin' Genealogy Guild will meet the following dates:

June 6, 5:00 PM - Indiana "Opens" Adoption Records 1941-1986

June 30, 10:00 AM - Genealogy Guidance

July 11, 5:00 PM - Genealogy Basics, Part 1

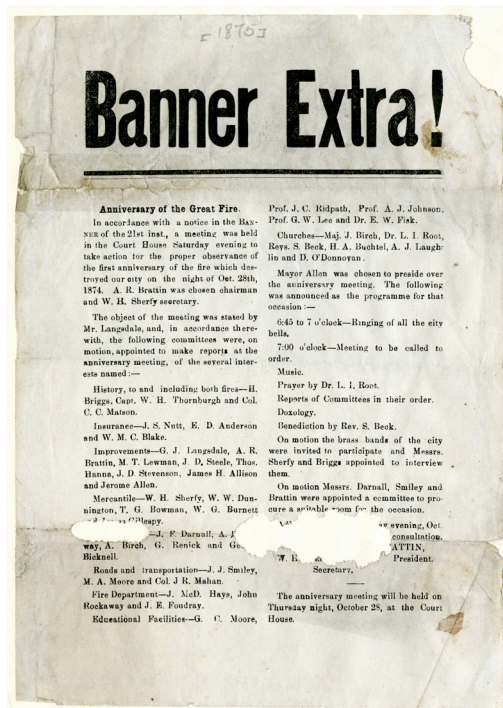
July 28, 10:00 AM - Genealogy Guidance

August 1, 5:00 PM - Genealogy Basics, Part 2

August 25, 10:00 AM - Genealogy Guidance

The Great Fire of 1874

It seems impossible that epic community events would be all but forgotten. Yet, I would venture to say that most residents of Putnam County do not know that a large portion of downtown Greencastle was destroyed by not one, but two large fires in just a matter of months. The first fire occurred on October 28, 1874. In the late evening, not long after most residents had retired, a fire broke out at C. J Kimble & Son's planing mill, the space largely occupied by today's post office and ironically today's fire department. A combination of heavy winds, no fire department, and sleeping townsfolk, allowed the fire embers to spread rapidly.



Within hours much of Greencastle's business district and many private residences were engulfed in flames. Weik's 1910 history of Putnam County relates: "In those few hours were consumed thirty-seven business houses, twelve dwellings, two livery stables, one hotel, a large number of outhouses and a vast amount of personal property fell a prey to the devouring flames." The fire crossed Walnut Street and spread up along the east side of Indiana



Street. It continued past Washington and Franklin Streets, making it as far as Columbia Street. The only place of business that was spared along this path was the National Bank, today's Old National Bank. The residents that occupied the current location of the library would have had full view of the onset of the fire as it raced north up the city blocks.

During that dreadful evening Terre Haute played an admirable role in staunching the destructive fire. When news of the fire reached the mayor of Terre Haute, he, along with 24 volunteers, later called 'the noble 25' raced toward Greencastle, which the Terre Haute Express newspaper referred to as, "a proud and intellectual young city." On a special train carrying a pump and ordered to go full speed, the team of 25 men sped toward the glow of our burning town. News accounts of the attempt to assist Greencastle are both a worthy and spectacular read.

Months later, on March 8, 1875, Greencastle would have yet another fire, though on a smaller scale. This time the fire destroyed most of the business block south of the courthouse. Those two fires, occurring in such a small period of time, were devastating to Greencastle in every respect, and many of the businesses and homes were not insured. However, actions were taken following the disaster to provide for a viable fire department and prevent a recurrence.

As always, I invite you to come visit the Local History department to learn more about our county's fascinating history.

~ Anthony Barger, Archivist

Upcoming Events

ANCIENT HEALING

Wednesdays at 5:00 PM
Beginning June 13th

Each class will begin with medical meditation and end with an affirmation specific to each chakra. We will discuss additional healing practices including sound, colors, and food recommendations to balance each specific energy center, and engage healing practices including Ayurvedic techniques, energy healing, as well as daily routine and lifestyle recommendations. Weekly topics for the month of June include:

June 13 - First (root) Chakra

Earth Survival and Connection

June 20 - Second (sacral) Chakra

Seat of Passion and Creativity

June 27 - Third (solar plexus) Chakra

Individuality and Identity

July 4th - No Class

July 11 - Fourth (heart) Chakra

Center of Compassion

July 18 - Fifth (throat) Chakra

Expression of Will and Truth

July 25 - Sixth (3rd eye) Chakra

Intuition

August 1 - Seventh (crown) Chakra

Spiritual Connection

August 8 - Eighth Chakra

Ascension and Sacred Contracts

VEGAN PITCH-IN LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 6, 11:30 AM

Join the Putnam County Public Library's Live Local, Think Global series for a pitch-in lunch featuring delicious plant-based foods! You can get a taste of how to eat healthier while also positively affecting climate change! Cooks Wanted! If you would like to bring a vegan dish to share at this event, please contact Barbara at btimm@pcpl21.org, call 765-653-2755 x 104, or sign up at the Circulation Desk. We would love to have you and your special dish featured at our event

PALS FUNDRAISER

Friday, July 13th

Join author Abby Chew and local musicians Ron Dye, Gus Moon, and Pravada for an after-hours event to benefit Putnam Adult Literacy Services (PALS). Look for more information coming soon!

Are you interested in a crochet pattern reading class?

Lots of people know how to crochet but can get frustrated when they don't know how to read a pattern. Jo MacPhail to the rescue! Jo will offer a pattern reading class if there is sufficient interest. A prerequisite of the class would be that students already know the basic crochet stitches. If you are interested, please email Barbara at btimm@pcpl21.org, or call 765-653-2755 x104.

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. Summer LibrarYoga sessions will be held the following Thursdays at 5:30 PM:

June 7, 14, & 21

July 5, 12, & 26

August 16, 23, & 30

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.

ART OF THE WORD AND BOOK

The Art of the Word and Book series, sponsored by the Greencastle Arts Council, continues throughout the summer. You can find all of the details, including dates, cost, and registration information, on our website at PCPL21.org.





Putnam County Public Library

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M 9am - 8pm
T 9am - 8pm
W 9am - 8pm
T 9am - 8pm
F 9am - 5pm
S 9am - 5pm
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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

4:00 TO 7:30 PM

TUESDAYS

1:00 TO 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

4:00 TO 7:30 PM

THURSDAYS

1:00 TO 4:00 PM

FRIDAYS

1:00 TO 4:00 PM



Library Closings



Wednesday, July 4
Independence Day