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20 Year Celebration

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After-School Fun

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From the Director



As I sat under a library tree listening to the energetic sounds of Indianapolis rock band Pravada last month, I scanned the local skyline and pondered what the library could do to help amplify the buzz of pride and progress that can be felt throughout Putnam County.

We had earlier heard a passionate plea from Ron Dye and Gus Moon for Putnam Adult Literacy Services (PALS) and experienced the power of Putnam County literacy as Reelsville

native Abby Chew read from her second published book of poetry. The power of literacy hit home.

Few things excite an individual like the ability to read. It is estimated that nine percent of our population has difficulty reading. That was our motivation for founding PALS.

The ability to read greatly increases one's ability to get good employment and leads to higher wages. The ability to read decreases accidents and leads to more confidence and a greater sense of well-being. Importantly, the ability to read means that one can learn for themselves and not have to rely on others. This kind of progress affects all of us in Putnam County.

Here are a few ways we can improve literacy in our county-

- 1). Read to your children from the time they are young. Sound out words. Point to pictures. Your children will feel your love for them and reading. They will want to read themselves.
- 2). Read where your children can see you read. They will emulate your example.
- 3). Encourage your children in their schoolwork. Reading at home means better reading at school.

The child who learns to read young, will never need to learn it later. However, there are adults who, for whatever reason, were unable to learn to read as children. Therefore, we have the PALS program at the library. It provides confidential, nonjudgmental tutoring for those adults who want to read. It is as simple as a phone call to coordinator Cheryl Hayes at the library.

Of course, we continue to carry a full range of reading materials for readers of all levels, as well as video and audio materials for enjoyment and learning. I look forward to seeing you at the library.

Brian Briscoe, Director

Upcoming Events

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY...

VEGAN PITCH-IN LUNCH

Tuesday, September 4th

11:30 - 1:30

Tuesday, October 9th

11:30 - 1:30

Tuesday, November 5th

11:30 - 1:30

Join us for our monthly lunch sampler of healthy, cruelty-free, plant-based foods that are also better for the environment! Sign Up to bring a vegan dish at the Circulation Desk, or call Barbara at 765-653-2755, ext. 104.

It isn't necessary to bring a dish in order to attend, but is very much appreciated! This Live Local, Think Global series program is co-sponsored by Food Not Bombs, whose goals include ending hunger.

CROCHET PATTERN READING

Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Lots of people know how to crochet but can get frustrated when they don't know how to read a pattern. Jo MacPhail will teach this necessary skill in this 6 week program series, and she makes learning fun! Prerequisite: Attendees need to know the basic crochet stitches for this program. Please sign up at the circulation desk, or contact Barbara at 765-653-2755, ext. 104, or btimm@pcpl21.org.

FACES OF ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

Monday, September 17th

6:00 - 7:30 PM

September 17 through September 23, 2017, is Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week. This panel discussion will focus on the reasons behind addiction, the impact of addiction on families and communities, and the recovery process including what is working and what steps can be implemented to improve the recovery process, including Q&A. It will also present follow up information from the Putnam County Addictions Task Force panel discussion last January.

PRINCESS IN BLACK PARTY

Thursday, October 6th

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate the release of the newest book in the series *The Princess in Black and the Science Fair Scare* with snacks, crafts, and activities. Costumes are encouraged.

TRAVEL TALK:

LEARNING TO QUIET: TEN MONTHS IN COSTA RICA

Wednesday, October 10th

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Joe and Jenny Heithaus will present a slide show and talk about the natural and human wonders they encountered while traveling in Costa Rica and Nicaragua and living in Monteverde, a mountain village named by Quakers in the early 1950s. In their time in Costa Rica, they encountered incredible flora and fauna. They lived a short walk from the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve. His daughters attended the Monteverde Friends School and they all became part of a vibrant, ecologically aware Quaker community. Joe wrote essays about their time and kept a weekly blog about his encounters. He'll read from some of his work and share photos he, his daughters, and his wife, Jenny, took along the way.

COOKING WITH KIDS

Wednesday, October 20th

4:00 - 5:00

Wednesday, November 14th

4:00 - 5:00

Each month we prepare a simple, kid-friendly snack, talk about cooking basics, and read some stories while we enjoy our treat. Check back to see each month's unique culinary creation.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Please join us for our annual Halloween Party! Wear a costume, observe some spooky science, and grab a book and some treats!

Books generously donated by the Friends of the Library!



Another Year with the PCPL Book Club!

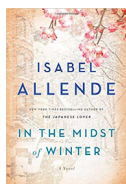
The PCPL Book Club is starting a new year with new books this September!

Mark your calendar to attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration of our Book Club on September 10. We will be hosting a social hour from 5:00 -6:00 PM for new and old members to mingle and learn more about the books we read. At 6:00 we will be showing *The Zookeeper's Wife*, a 2017 film based on Diane Ackerman's novel by the same name. Pick up a copy of the *The Zookeeper's Wife* at the library to read the book before you see the movie or just come and enjoy fellow book lover's company!

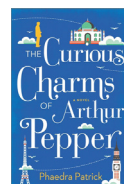
If you aren't able to join us on September 10th, we welcome new members to every meeting. You can learn more about our Book Club and the upcoming books for the year at the reference desk. We hope to see you this autumn!



September 2018 - *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman



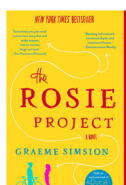
January 2019 - *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende



May 2019 - *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick



October 2018 - *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan



February 2019 - *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion



June 2019 - *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel



November 2018 - *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas



March 2019 - *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng



July 2019 - *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See



December 2018 - *This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!* by Jonathan Evison



April 2019 - *A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy* by Sue Klebold

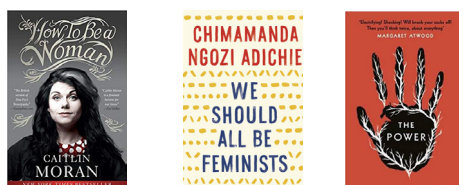
Literary Ladies is Back!

We're happy to announce that our Literary Ladies book club is back! Literary Ladies was created in March of 2017 to explore issues facing women in modern society, as well as those they have faced throughout history. In reviving the club, we took member suggestions into consideration and have decided to make a few adjustments to the format.

We've picked three books for each month, all pertaining to a similar theme. Members can pick any one of the three to read and discuss with the group. There will also be a fiction option for each month!

We're also changing the day and location of our meeting. We'll be meeting on Thursdays at 7:00 PM instead of Friday evenings. We're also taking it outside the library! Each meeting will rotate between the many amazing restaurants here in Greencastle.

We're excited for the return of Literary Ladies, and we hope you'll join us at our first meeting on October 18th at 7:00 in The Fluttering Duck. All are welcome!



October 18th
7:00 PM

We'll be reading *How to Be a Woman* by Caitlin Moran, *We Should All Be Feminists* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, and *The Power* by Naomi Alderman.



November 15th
7:00 PM

We'll be reading *Shrill* by Lindy West, *Feminist Fight Club* by Jessica Bennett, and *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer.

Books will be available at the library Reference Desk. For more information, contact Sarah Myers at smyers@PCPL21.org or by calling 765-653-2755, ext. 115.

Thanks for a Rockin' Summer of Reading!

We had such a rockin' summer this year during our Libraries Rock summer reading program! This year, 377 kids participated in our summer reading program, and everyone who finished received a free paperback book of their choice to keep forever!

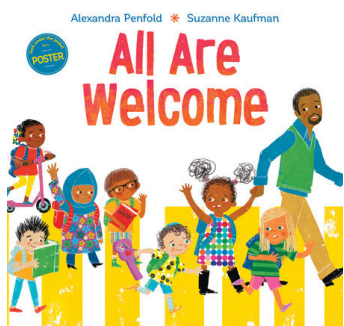
Our summer was packed with a full slate of free programming that encouraged reading, creative exploration, active skill-building, and critical thinking from our STEAM Mondays to our Messy Art Club series to our Being Healthy Rocks series. We had such a great time celebrating summer with the community and providing fun and enriching activities for kids.

We hope you will be able to join us for our exciting new fall programs! We will be offering more after-school programs for elementary-aged children. These programs are a great opportunity for kids to get creative, learn something new, and connect with their peers. Whether it's our STEAM Powered Wednesdays, where we'll make, create, and discover something new each month; our Techsplorers program where we'll explore new technologies, programs, and websites; or our Monday Crafternoons where we will craft everything from papercrafts to needlecrafts and more, there's certainly something for every kid to get involved in!

Finally, we want to wish everyone a wonderful new school year, and we cannot wait to hear about the new things you are learning!



RECOMMENDED BOOK



All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold, illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman.

Perfect for back to school season, *All Are Welcome* follows a group of children through a day in school where they learn from each others traditions.

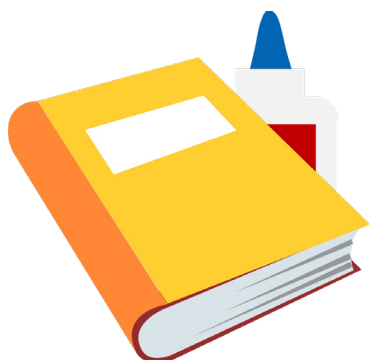
EARLY LITERACY TIP

Singing songs helps children get ready to read. Listening to rhymes help them hear the smaller sounds in words. Try changing the words in a familiar song to make something new. Instead of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," sing about a quiet star or a great big star. Use your voice to help illustrate the new adjective.

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.

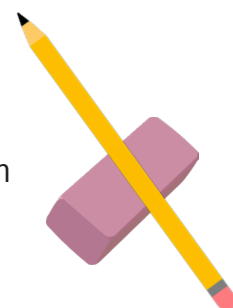
Getting ready for academic and licensing tests? The library can help, we have physical and digital copies of ACT and SAT prep books including practice tests.

Teach kids of 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 to enjoy. The library has all types of books kids want to read - fantasy, graphic novels, sports, bestsellers and more! If you want your child to read more, 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. Just ask at any of our public desks.



4H Genealogy

Greetings from the Genealogy Corner at the Putnam County Public Library! In June, I hosted a couple of workshops for the 4H Genealogy program. This turned out to be a very interesting mix of ages and experiences. Some of the 4H members had completed their first year, so they had the advantage of knowing how to follow the requirements laid out in the 4H Fairbook, as well as getting feedback the previous year from judges.

A couple of the children were in their first year. They had started gathering their sources, interviewing their grandparents, and typing up their results. All of the kids brought their mothers. Well, technically, their mothers brought them since the children were all so young.



One of the first year 4H mothers was a member of our Time Travelin' Genealogy Guild, so her son was ahead of the game. By ahead of the game, I mean he would not be scrambling to get the project finished on time, because his mother taught him where to get proofs, had software on her computer, and knew her way around ancestry.com, familysearch.org, and our "top secret" free online newspaper repositories.

The other mother was new to the game and by new, I don't mean completely new to family history, but she was new to 4H and specifically 4H Genealogy. We were throwing out all kinds of website and software program names that she wasn't familiar with, which is why she sent me a few questions for clarification. It looks like she has been bitten by the genealogy bug! (See her query on the next page.)

I remember when my son started his first 4H Genealogy project. I was already an experienced genealogist and a veteran 4H mother, but 4H Genealogy was very confusing at first. We were given a sheaf of papers that looked impossible to fill out over the summer. I



discovered that they gave us enough stuff for 10 years of projects and he only had to fill out a bit of it. It also looked as though we were going to have to find a typewriter. Fortunately, upon asking the 4H office, my son could use the genealogy software we already had to print out the various reports for his project.

My son completed his project on time. Meeting a deadline is one of the most important life lessons you learn via 4H. More importantly, our family built some great memories as we traveled to cemeteries, libraries, and courthouses searching for documents. It was so endearing to see him interviewing the oldest members of both sides of the family. Genealogy became one of his standard 4H projects. History was his favorite subject in high school and his major at Indiana University.

Diana Denny Brumfield, Genealogist

DID YOU KNOW?

4H Genealogy is such a specialty! It is one of only three projects listed under Leadership and Citizenship along with Jr. Leaders and Leadership. It definitely is an awesome character building project. On top of that, it strengthens and builds family bonds.

Quarterly Query

I recently received this question from one of the 4H Genealogy mothers:

“So my daughter’s 4H project has stirred my curiosity and proclivity for researching things. As I told you at last night’s workshop, I have a distant cousin who’s done some of the genealogical work for the family. He uses Geni.com. What are the differences between Geni.com and Ancestry.com or Rootsmagic.com? Is one better than the other? If so, why? Thanks in advance!”

GENEALOGY SOFTWARE PROGRAMS V. ONLINE RESEARCH DATABASES

Roots Magic is a software program, available for both PCs and Macs, that is inexpensive (there is also a free version) and is installed on your computer. Other software programs include Reunion (for Macs only), Family Tree Maker, and Legacy. At the library, we have magazine subscriptions for Family Tree, Internet Genealogy, and Your Genealogy. These magazines typically have articles that compare the various software programs.

Geni.com and Ancestry.com are online research databases, with various costs. Roots Magic is designed to interact, or sync, with Ancestry.com, as well as other online databases including FamilySearch.org, FindMyPast.com, and MyHeritage.com.

I strongly suggest people use a software program, rather than using an online database alone, so that they always have the fruits of their research stored safely on their computer. With a software program, you can also print awesome reports and add photos of your ancestors to these reports. Many genealogy software programs have a free version, allowing you to try before you buy.

Some online database are profit-oriented and require a monthly subscription. These include Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com, Fold3.com, and Geni.com. There are also a few free websites, the best of which, in my opinion, is FamilySearch.org. At the library we have a special version of Ancestry called AncestryLibrary.com. A lot of people come to the library and use this to avoid the expense of maintaining a monthly subscription.

Geni.com is an online database where they are trying to build one huge family tree from all of the people accessing it. On this site, you do not “own” your tree. Others can make changes to your ancestors.

FamilySearch.com is similar to Geni.com, as far as trees are concerned. However, they have free access to records and proofs. Their records are in the form of microfilm which is stored in Utah and has been gathered from all over the world. Most of the genealogists I work with do not like the tree part but love that you can get free access to public records.

With Ancestry.com, the tree you build is yours. You are the only one who can change details on the people you add.

If you have a query you wouldn’t mind sharing in this corner, email me at dbrumfield@pcpl21.org with “QUERY” in the subject line. It can be about anything Putnam County or genealogy or how to research.

Historically speaking,

Diana Denny Brumfield, Genealogist

TTGG

Remember, the Time Travelin’ Genealogy Guild (established in February of 2015) meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:00 PM in the Local History and Genealogy Department.

The Telephone Book: A Valuable Research Tool

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.



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 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 provide

so much information given that it is such a small publication.

Another 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.

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 1970's that we have been able to obtain a consistent collection.

If you have some old phone directories that you wouldn't mind parting with please feel free to contact me and we can make arrangements to either have you drop them off or I might even be able to drive out to you and pick them up.

You can reach me by calling 765.653.2755 ext 120 or email me at abarger@pcpl21.org.

Anthony Barger, Archivist



Registration is Open for Fall Computer Classes

Putnam County Public Library will be offering four computer classes in late September & October. On Friday, September 28th will begin a three-part, hands-on computer basics course.

Friday, September 28th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Introduction to Computers Part One will help you understand how the computer works will give you the confidence to tackle future tasks on your own. Topics covered, History of Computers, How a Computer Works, Basic Computer Operation, and Mouse Exercises.

Friday, October 5th , from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, part two of our Introduction to Computers series will build on part one by teaching you to understand the words people use when talking about computers. We will get used to navigating the computer and understanding the why and the how. Topics covered: Applications, Operating Systems, and Hands on with a Graphical User Interface.

Friday, October 12th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 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. We will get used to creating folders, saving files, and learning how to cut, copy, and paste. Topics covered: Files and folders, copy and paste, and adding and removing applications.

On Tuesday, October 30th, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, our Tablets and Smartphones class is for those who need help with a new smartphone or tablet, or are considering making a purchase. We will discuss the different types of devices available including the Apple iPad, Android-based Google tablets, and smartphones. Attendees will learn basic skills needed to connect to the Internet as well as how to take pictures and videos, use interactive maps, install applications and games, listen to music, and watch movies. There will also be a demonstration on how to download free content from the library's website including eBooks, and audiobooks.

All classes are for beginners and are free and open to the public but registration is required since space is limited. Classes are two hours long with a break. 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.

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 & WEDNESDAYS

4:00 TO 7:30 PM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

1:00 TO 4:00 PM



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Library Closings

Monday, September 3
Labor Day

Monday, October 8
Columbus Day

Monday, November 12
Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 21
Library Closes at 5:00

Thursday, November 22
Thanksgiving Day