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## From the Director



Mark Twain wrote- "It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

Spring affects me this way. I step out the door and want to run because I have been shut up inside for so long. I want to jump. I want to do new things. But, alas, I am often not sure where I want to run or what I want to do. I just know that I want to do it so

badly. I want to explore places I have never been and meet people I have never met. I want to learn things I have never learned before.

Putnam County has a lot of places to run, jump, climb and explore. But, in my opinion, the best place to explore new worlds, meet new people and learn new things is the library.

There was a time when only the most elite, most educated and most wealthy had access to information. We commonly refer to those times as the Dark Ages. When reformers took the written word out to the people and taught them to read, the result was a blossoming of arts, literature and learning. The world became a brighter, more beautiful and free place. The light of discovery provided meaning to people and it is that light of exploration, discovery and learning that libraries have sworn to protect.

Many years ago, I found myself laid off from work. Although I had not been a frequent visitor to the library, it was visits to the library that changed my life. It was there that I found the resources to become employed again. It was there that I met new friends and began a new spring for my life.

How can the library thaw your winter and give you rebirth? We have computers where you can learn to create a new resume. We have tutoring to help you learn to read better. We have free assistance to help you understand your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone better. We have

travel books that will allow you to staycation to places throughout the world. We have handicraft classes, author programs and a variety of other activities waiting for you.

Every spring, the publishing industry flourishes with new things to explore. Every spring, the library adds as many of these new things to our collections as we can afford. We add new e-books ; we add new spoken and musical CDs ; we add new print books and videos. We purchase the materials that we believe you will enjoy. We buy them in an attempt to make your life shine.

When your heart gets that spring ache, come see us, give us a call, or send us an email. We would love to help direct you to that warm light where you can thaw and celebrate the rebirth of spring.

Brian Briscoe, Director

## Meet the New Faces at PCPL



If you've visited the library recently, you may have noticed some new faces. PCPL has recently hired four new staff members, and we would like to take a moment to introduce them to all of you (in the order pictured, from left to right).

Kathy Shigeta has recently taken over the position of P. A. L. S. Coordinator. She has been a Greencastle resident since December of 2017. Prior to moving here, Kathy lived in Champaign, Illinois; Okayama, Japan; and her hometown of Fremont, California. She has degrees in English and Asian Studies, has been a university English instructor, production and research editor, and university administrator. Kathy and her husband have three grown children in Boston, Los Angeles, and Rome.

Arlene Tincer is the new face of technology here at PCPL. Arlene has lived in Putnam County all her life and has been working in the technology field for the last twenty years. Her most recent position was with the Clay Community School System in the Brazil area, where she was the support technician for six elementary schools, handling all hardware, software, and user needs for the school. Arlene and her husband, Michael, have been married for 39 years and have two sons and daughter-in-law's, as well as three grandchildren.

Brian Dowd is the new Circulation Assistant. Brian comes to the library after many years as a Document Control Supervisor in medical manufacturing and then several months as a stay-at-home dad. He was a high school teacher in Missouri right after college, then spent several years in the service industry. His family recently returned to Greencastle in 2017. Brian's wife grew up here and served as a library volunteer when she lived on Poplar Street.

Haley Hamm is the new Youth Services Assistant. She is an undergraduate student at IU studying Technical and Professional Writing. Haley is from Cloverdale, Indiana and graduated from Cloverdale High School.

## Shifting Perspectives

The Adult Reference department is going through some changes! During the months of January and February, the Adult Reference staff worked hard to shift the book collection in order to make the fiction, non-fiction, large print, and biography sections easier for patrons to navigate. The original placement of fiction had patrons going to different areas of the library to find their books, now the fiction books will be placed next to each other throughout the stacks. This will help improve the ease of searching for your favorite Stephen King, Nora Roberts, James Patterson, and other novels.

The new location of non-fiction books 000 through 636 are along the walls, which were previously where the fiction A through C were placed. Non-fiction from 636 through 900s will be located on the back four stacks near the front of the library, where the fiction MEA through Z were. After the Non-fiction ends the biographies will be placed directly after. Fiction will now start where nonfiction previously started, near the computer area. If you're having trouble navigating the new stacks, please ask the reference staff where to find your next read.

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## What's New in Reference?



- Blu-Rays are being purchased to add to PCPL Audio and Visual collection. There is a small selection of new releases available now.
- Check out the Liberation from Auschwitz display. It contains personal memoirs of survivors, emotional Hollywood films, fiction and non-fiction books.
- The DVD collection is displaying period films, like *Pride & Prejudice*, *A Knight's Tale*, *Robin Hood*, and other great watches.



Both state and federal tax forms are now available in the reference department. They are located next to the reference desk. The reference desk can print out any additional schedules for .10 cents a page in black and white. To print additional schedules you will have to provide the correct schedule title or form number for the reference desk to print. The reference staff can not provide tax form preparation assistance or give advice on what types of forms you will need.



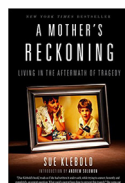
# Adult Services

## Book Clubs

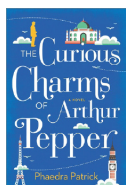
PCPL has two book clubs that meet each month. The PCPL Book Club reads recently released fiction and non-fiction titles in a variety of genres. Currently in its 20th year, the PCPL Book Club offers something for everyone and always welcomes new members!



March 11 at 7 PM  
*Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng

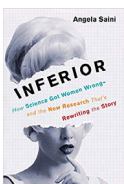


April 8 at 7 PM  
*A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy* by Sue Klebold



May 13 at 7 PM - *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

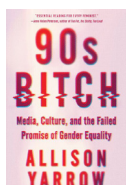
The Literary Ladies Book Club explores issues facing women in modern society, as well as those they have faced throughout history. Not just for women, the club strives to bring awareness and understanding to all of the struggle for equality women around the world face every day.



March 22 at 5 PM  
*Inferior* by Angela Saini



April 26 at 5 PM  
*Text Me When You Get Home* by Kayleen Schaefer



May 24 at 5 PM  
*90s Bitch* by Allison Yarrow

Can't make it to the meeting in person? No problem! You can join in the discussion online through the library's Goodreads online book club. Just visit the Putnam County Public Library Book Club group at [www.Goodreads.com](http://www.Goodreads.com)!

*Copies of the books will be available at the PCPL Reference Desk for checkout or purchase. For more information, contact Masada Sparrow at [msparrow@PCPL21.org](mailto:msparrow@PCPL21.org) or by calling 765-653-2755, ext. 7196.*

## Collection Changes

This winter the Youth Services team spent some time evaluation our Easy Reader (EZ) books. This change resulted in more clearly defined and consistent reading levels. The collection has been re-named Early Readers to better reflect that learning to read is not easy and to emphasize these books are for kids who are just starting their independent reading journey.

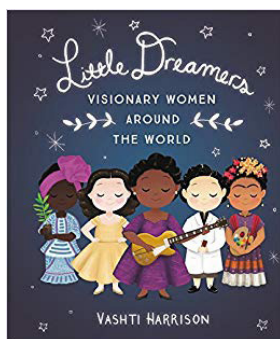
The books have also been labeled with a color-coded system that will make this collection more browsable and simpler to use. The four colors (orange, red, blue, and purple) correspond with our four reading levels: emerging readers, growing readers, independent readers, and confident readers, respectively. Orange books feature simple vocabulary, word repetition, and picture clues; red books feature longer sentences and new vocabulary; blue books are on high-interest subjects with complex plots and more challenging vocabulary; and purple books have exciting themes, paragraphs, and the perfect bridge to chapter books. The collection is now organized by their respective color, so it is much easier to find the books that best support your child's early reading journey.

Please let any Youth Services librarian know if you have any questions or need help finding materials.

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## Recommended Book

*Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World* by Vashti Harrison



From the author of *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History*, *Little Dreamers* features the true stories of 35 women creators, ranging from writers to inventors, artists to scientist. Reader will meet trailblazing women like Mary Blair, an American modernist painter who had a major influence on how color was used in early animated films, actor/inventor Hedy Lamarr, environmental activist Wangari Maathai, and physicist Chien-Shiun Wu. Some names are known, some are not, but all of them women had a lasting effect on the fields they worked in.

The charming, information-filled full-color spreads show the Dreamers as both accessible and aspirational so readers know they, too, can grow up to do something amazing.

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### EARLY LITERACY TIP

Babies love to learn about themselves and other babies. Look in a mirror together and help your baby find each body part, or get creative and help your child draw a picture of his or her face. Talk about each adorable part.

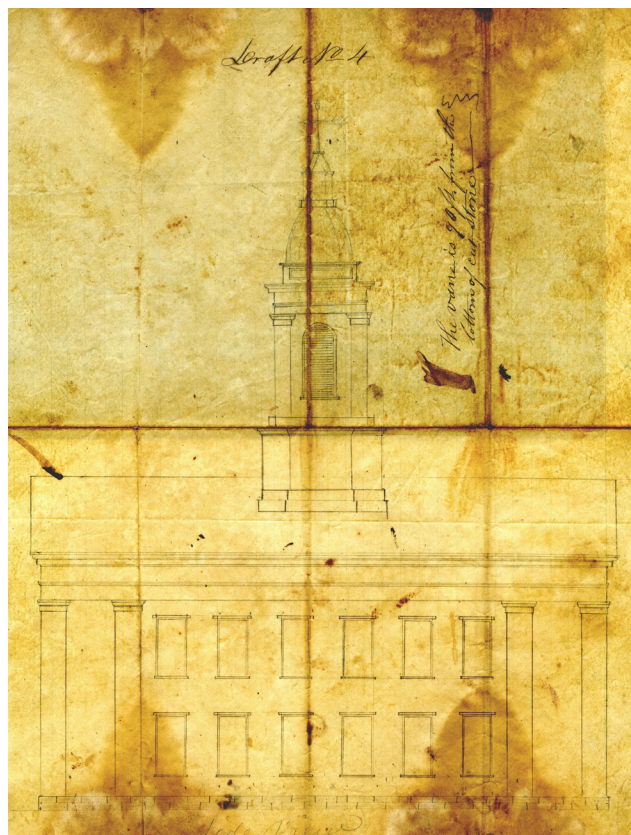
## An Open Invitation to Discover

Most of the items in our archive are appropriately sitting on the shelves within the archive or simultaneously housed in archival boxes. This can give the impression that everything in the archive has already been looked at and closely examined. That is not the case. My main duty as an archivist is to make the items in the archive accessible to patrons. In order to make the collections accessible to patrons I do need to understand what we have but it is impossible for me to scrutinize every photograph, book, or record that resides in the archive. That I happily leave to researchers and the general public.

At the time of this writing I am currently working with a collection that is presently labeled "Putnam County Court Records 1822-1883" accession number 1990.043. It is difficult to speculate why this lovely and informative collection has gone largely unnoticed. Nevertheless, I encourage patrons to come by and examine its contents. Indeed the records date back as early as 1822 and go later than the given date of 1883. Those interested (and able to read hand writing) will unearth facts and insights into early life in Putnam County. Similarly there is more detail about the building of the various court houses we have had, specifically the third one (our current court house is the 4<sup>th</sup>) and the controversy surrounding it being built. The image below is a proposed illustration and similar to the one approved. The 3rd building would not have the steeple.

As always, I welcome anyone that is interested to come by Local History and I will happily make these records available to you for both research and enjoyment. I look forward to what you discover! You can reach me by calling 765.653.2755 ext 120 or email me at [abarger@pcpl21.org](mailto:abarger@pcpl21.org).

Anthony Barger, Archivist



Draft for a new courthouse. Circa 1846.

### Time Travelin' Genealogy Guild

Join a group of local genealogy fanatics on the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 PM. This year we're focusing on stories. Discover your family's story and learn how to record it for future generations.

March 6th at 5:30 PM

April 3rd at 5:30 PM

May 1st at 5:30 PM



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#### HOURS:

M 9am - 8pm  
T 9am - 8pm  
W 9am - 8pm  
T 9am - 8pm  
F 9am - 5pm  
S 9am - 5pm  
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# New Hours for Community Help Desk

Beginning this April, Community Help Desk will have new hours. We will be adding daytime help hours, while maintaining evening hours. The new hours will be:

Mondays 4:00 to 7:30 PM  
Tuesdays 1:00 to 4:00 PM  
Wednesdays 1:00 to 7:30 PM

The PCPL Community Help Desk has a computer technician available to provide you with one-on-one assistance using software and electronic devices. Our technicians can also help diagnose and repair problems with your computer or electronic device.



## Library Closings

Friday, March 29  
Staff Training

Monday, May 27  
Memorial Day