

August 2022



Closed on Saturdays from
July 2 to September 3.

From the Director's Desk

It is quite hard to believe that in one more month we will have been in the new building for a year! We opened on September 20 after a quick move, and we're still trying to get Google Maps to send people to the new address! This complex had been a dream for us for quite a few years. The Board of Selectmen appointed a Library Exploratory Committee in 2012 to look at options for an expanded, handicap accessible building and we received the promise of a \$1 million grant from the State Library. After exploring multiple locations and possibilities (expand onsite, demolish and rebuild onsite, locations such as the armory/end of the plaza) we went to referendum in 2013 to purchase the parcel next to the synagogue on Church Street. The referendum failed by 12 votes and the idea languished until 2015 when the Facility Committee proposed the idea of a complex with multiple entities. We were able to extend the state grant until the municipal complex referendum was successful. We could not predict that COVID would hit right before the groundbreaking in the spring of 2020 but that didn't stop or slow down our construction company. They were able to source materials and schedule workers despite the supply chain troubles and the project was completed in the fall of 2021. We are very happy to be in the complex with our Town Hall and Aspinock Society colleagues, and the multi-tasking works out very well for library visitors when they need to transact business or have a senior meal!

Priscilla



Our Mission Statement

The Putnam Public Library serves the needs of the community by providing free access to a diversity of ideas, information and experiences with the goal of promoting the love of reading, the joy of lifelong learning and engagement with the arts, sciences and humanities.

Library Hours:
Monday-Thursday 10 am-8 pm
Friday 10 am-5 pm

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AUGUST PROGRAMS, CHILDREN'S

ALL ABOARD READ!
Putnam Public Library
Summer Reading Club 2022

Ages birth-7: walk ins accepted
MONDAY IN AUGUST **MUSIC & MOVEMENT** RAIN CANCELS **8/1 10:30AM**

Ages ALL: registration required
THURSDAY IN AUGUST **JULIE KNEELAND, AUTHOR**  **8/4 11:30AM**

Ages 5+: registration required
FRIDAY IN AUGUST **LEGO CAMP #2** **LAST CLASS 8/5 11:00AM**

Ages Children: by invitation only: To Those Children That Completed 2022 Summer Reading Club
Miss Tina Will Call You With Time Of Event
WEDNESDAY IN AUGUST  **ICE CREAM PARTY CELEBRATION 8/10 TBA**

Ages ALL: walk in program Join Patrick As He Exhibits His Collection Of Reptiles!
FRIDAY IN AUGUST **MAYHEM HERPETARIUM 8/12 11:30AM**

Ages up to 18: walk in program SONGS FOR EVERYONE 8/10 MAYHEM HERPETARIUM 8/12 **LAST LUNCH 8/12**
MONDAY-FRIDAY IN AUGUST **SUMMER LUNCH 8/1-8/12 11:30AM**

Ages 3-8: registration required
MONDAY-FRIDAY IN AUGUST **CRAFT TO GO PICKUP 8/12-8-19 BUSINESS HOURS**

AUGUST PROGRAMS, TWEENS & TEENS (AGES 9-18)

Summer Reading Ends August 1st!

Ages 9-13: registration required **SANITY & TALLULAH**
THURSDAY IN AUGUST **TWEEN BOOK CLUB 8/11 4:30PM**

Ages 14-18: registration required **CODE NAME VERITY**
THURSDAY IN AUGUST **TEEN BOOK CLUB 8/25 4:30PM**

Ages 9-18: registration required same programs offered on two different nights
MONDAYS IN AUGUST **TEEN GAME NIGHT 8/1, 8/15, FULL 5:00PM**

Ages 9-18: registration required same programs offered on two different nights
TUESDAYS IN AUGUST **TEEN GAME NIGHT 8/16 5:30PM**

Ages 9-18: registration required same programs offered on two different nights
MONDAYS IN AUGUST **TEEN CRAFT NIGHT 8/8, 8/22 FULL 5:00PM**

Ages 9-18: registration required same programs offered on two different nights
TUESDAYS IN AUGUST **TEEN CRAFT NIGHT 8/9, 8/23 5:30PM**

Ages 9-13: registration required
THURSDAY IN AUGUST **LETTERS AT THE LIBRARY 8/4, 8/18 4:30-5:30PM**

Ages ALL: walk in program Join Patrick As He Exhibits His Collection Of Reptiles!
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New Books

Overkill— Sandra Brown
A Dark and Stormy Tea— Laura Childs
Reckoning— Catherine Coulter
Fellowship Point— Alice Elliot Dark
Haven— Emma Donoghue
The Measure— Nikki Erlick
The Many Daughters of Afong Moy— Jamie Ford
The Housekeeper— Joy Fielding
Miss Aldridge Regrets— Louise Hare
Flying Solo— Linda Holmes

Fox Creek— William Kent Krueger
Tick Tock— Fern Michaels
Babysitter— Joyce Carol Oates
The Ninth Month— James Patterson
Carrie Soto is Back— Taylor Jenkins Reid
Girl, Forgotten— Karin Slaughter
The Challenge— Danielle Steel
Midcoast— Adam White
Sugar and Salt— Susan Wiggs
Black Dog— Stuart Woods
Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow— Gabrielle Zevin

YMCA Book Club

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman
September 30 at 1 pm

Senior Book Club

The Reckoning by John Grisham
August 31, 2022 at 12:30 pm

PPL Book Discussion

A Spark of Light by Jodi Picoult
August 31, 2022 at 5:30 pm

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