

## 140 Things to do at the Library

1. Ask a staff member for a tour of the library.
2. Use our Low Vision Reader.
3. Help out with the Community Puzzle.
4. Find the picture of old-time Putnam painted by local artist Dorcas Couri.
5. Join the library's annual, all-ages Summer Reading program.
6. Practice speaking English at the Eastconn English Language Learner class.
7. View the wildlife that visits the property. The groundhogs are shy!
8. Read and relax in a comfortable chair and look out the back windows.
9. Bring a preschooler to story time designed especially for 3-5 year olds.
10. Get books delivered to you or loved ones who are housebound.
11. Attend a Library Trustees meeting.
12. Browse our Local History section to learn about Putnam history.
13. Donate some books to the Friends of the Library.
14. Get to know your elected officials in the Town Hall offices.
15. Pick up a monthly library newsletter.
16. Download the Libby app for ebooks from Overdrive.
17. Take out a local cultural attraction pass for ticket savings.
18. Read the hardcopy Norwich Bulletin in the library.
19. Buy a library tote to carry home those items you just checked out.
20. Got a hero? Find his/her biography!
21. Use our catalog computer to access the millions of materials available through the Bibliomation network.
22. Find resources to write or rewrite your resume.
23. Format your resume on the patron computer using the templates in Microsoft Word.
24. Visit our digital display in the foyer to see what's new in our resources and programs.
25. Host a meeting of up to 23 people in one of our two program rooms.
26. Catch up on the latest news and gossip with our magazine collection.
27. Consult Consumer Reports to make informed decisions on your next purchase.
28. Take home a new or classic DVD- you can take up to 8 at a time!
29. Bring your children to a Family Resource Center playgroup held at the library.
30. Buy a gently used book for your collection at the Friends Book Nook.
31. Sign up to volunteer with the Friends of the Library.
32. Visit the rain gardens on the property.
33. Follow Putnam Public Library on Facebook or Instagram.
34. Read a book found in our "New Books" section.
35. Read a book that is less than 150 pages.
36. Read a book from our Teen room- not just for teens!

37. Download an eAudiobook using the Libby app from Overdrive.
38. Read Putnam newspapers from 1905-1949 online on Chronicling America.
39. Use our free wifi throughout the library- network is "Putnam Public Library Guest".
40. Have lunch behind the library at one of our picnic tables.
41. Meet one of our great staff members.
42. Use one of our public computers to browse the web, email or print.
43. Attend one of the Library's monthly book clubs, like the Afternoon or Evening Book Discussions.
44. Check out the brochure rack at the entrance for community news and programs.
45. Join our Stitches needlework group on the first Monday of the month.
46. Use one of our study carrels to write the Great American Novel.
47. Check out some Wonderbooks that will read the story to you.
48. Stop and smell the flowers around the building's perimeter.
49. Find the tree mural in the Children's room.
50. Take a selfie with the outside tree sculpture on the south side of the library.
51. Ask a children's staff member about Gertrude Chandler Warner.
52. Play with the Legos in the Children's section.
53. Attend Tina's Tiny Tots with your birth to three year old.
54. Snap a pic of you using one of our resources and put it on our Facebook page.
55. Use Universal Class, our online learning resource, to learn something new.
56. Reduce your carbon footprint by walking to the library and chilling in our air conditioning.
57. Go to the cooking section, pick a random page and challenge yourself to make the recipe there.
58. Sign up for a library card or renew your existing one.
59. Ask to use one of our quiet study rooms.
60. Check out the far corner of the back yard under the trees in the summer.
61. Meet Tina Aubin, our longest serving staff member and Nicole Nichols, our newest employee.
62. Read to Sophie the Therapy Dog who visits several times a year.
63. Scan your documents to a USB using our copier to attach to an email or save.
64. Vote in the Community Rooms on Election Day if you live in Putnam.
65. See what Putnam has been reading with our annual list of top circulating titles.
66. Pick up a 1040 form or instruction booklet during the tax season
67. Make an appointment with VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) to submit your taxes.
68. Submit an interlibrary loan request to get material that is not in our library.
69. Check out the artwork in the Corridor Gallery coordinated by the Putnam Arts Council.
70. Read the inscription on the far wall of the adult room- Read. Learn. Connect.
71. Checkout a graphic novel and see what all the fuss is about!
72. Charge your cellphone at one of our charging stations.

73. Get lost reading one of our books of poetry.
74. Take a trip down memory lane by going through the Putnam High School yearbooks, available to read at the library.
75. Read the library's mission statement.
76. Advance your career using the books from our business section
77. Get ready for your professional or academic aptitude test using one of our test prep books.
78. Improve your foreign language skills by checking something out from our foreign language collection.
79. Request help with your digital device with our Tech Help sessions.
80. Sign up for a Take Home craft for ages 3 to 8.
81. Check out a book on CD to make your commute or long drive fly by,
82. Suggest an item we should purchase for our collection.
83. Login to the Bibliomation catalog to renew and request items on your account.
84. Plan your next adventure using our collection of travel guides.
85. Checkout a documentary film from our nonfiction DVD collection.
86. Ask a librarian for a guest pass to get on one of the patron computers if you forgot your card.
87. Get a document notarized 42 hours a week- call ahead to make sure a notary is available.
88. Meet some friends for a game of Scrabble on Monday nights at 6 pm.
89. Take a picture of your child with the seasonal photo-ops in the Children's section.
90. Find the picture of two children exploring nature in the Children's section.
91. Bring your laptop, plug in and do some work if you lost power at home.
92. Make an appointment at the DMV or renew your license/registration using the library computers.
93. Create a new email account.
94. Enjoy a delicious Free Summer Lunch (ages 0-18 plus parent/guardian) from June to August under the tent on the back lawn.
95. Explore your ancestors using Ancestry Library Edition on the library computers.
96. Color a picture with your child at one of our coloring stations.
97. Do a scavenger hunt with your child in the Children's section.
98. Check out a STEAM kit for hands-on learning with your child.
99. Curl up with your child in a cozy spot with a soft "stuffy".
100. Play a fun and educational game on the AWE computers in the Children's section.
101. Play with puzzles, trains and the doll house.
102. Sign up a child or teen for maker programs such as origami, weaving or knitting.
103. Chill out at a Monday meditation session held monthly at the library.
104. Reserve a room for your condo or organization's small meeting.

105. Find out what street your grandparents lived on by looking at the old street directories.
106. Check out the CD with 100 Photos of Putnam's History from the Aspinock Historical Society.
107. Learn how to play Bridge on Thursday afternoons!
108. Play a game, learn a craft or choose your own writing adventure in a Teen/Tween program.
109. Read the Putnam Villager and Putnam Town Crier to check up on local news.
110. Meet a friend and have a quiet chat!
111. Read the library's User Policy.
112. Put on a puppet show with the plush puppets in the Children's Room.
113. Make a photocopy on our photocopier.
114. Does your houseplant need CPR? Check out our gardening collection!
115. Hunt for a 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary golden ticket.
116. Check out an origami book and make a bird.
117. Get ideas about future books to read by checking out the Staff Pics.
118. Have a delicious Senior lunch in the Community Room (ages 60+).
119. Return your books in the book drop near the playscape if we're not open!
120. Give a gift to the Friends of the Library to help support library services in the community.
121. Check out digital magazines on the Libby app.
122. Stroll along the Story Walk on the Putnam River Trail.
123. Ask a librarian for a book recommendation.
124. Sign up for text message notification to keep track of your holds and overdues.
125. Register online for a new library card!
126. Try out the Talking Book demonstration machine from the State Library.
127. Learn a language with your child using books from our Bilingual collection.
128. Enroll your toddler in the Thousand Books before Kindergarten program.
129. Borrow the Kill-A-Watt meter to assess the efficiency of your electrical appliances.
130. Visit the playscape after (or before) your library visit.
131. Buy your trash stickers before July 1.
132. Let the library know if you are ill and need items delivered (Putnam only).
133. Watch the train go by behind the library!
134. Pick up some seasonal picture books from the monthly display.
135. Find out what's happening on the website calendar- [putnamlibrary.org](http://putnamlibrary.org)
136. Take home a flyer with upcoming events for all ages.
137. Check out our display case- a new topic every month!
138. Pick up your Quiet Corner Reads book to read before the author visit.
139. Investigate a topic using the ResearchIT CT databases on our website.
140. Just sit and read a good book!