

October
2024

Closed October 14
for Columbus Day



Putnam Public Library

It's hard to believe that the library has been in the new municipal complex for three years! We started the process of thinking about a new library in 2012, which led to the town appointing a Library Exploratory Committee to look at the options. Different plots of land in town were investigated, as well as renovate-as-new and demolish/new building on the existing library site. The library received a \$1 million library construction grant from the State Library in 2013, but the referendum to purchase a parcel of land on Church Street did not pass. In early 2015 the Town Facility Committee revived an old idea (actually from 2001) to merge the library, town hall and historical society into one municipal complex. The project developed momentum as LLB Architects was hired in 2016 to create a plan for the complex. The projected location was Tarr Field, a town-owned 7 acre recreational field around the corner from the existing library and town hall. The field used at Tarr Field was moved adjacent to Murphy Park well before construction began on the property. Downes Construction Company was engaged by the Town in 2019 to plan and build the new building. The groundbreaking was in April of 2020, one month after the COVID pandemic began. Thankfully the bids from the subcontractors had been received and approved so that the construction was completed on time despite the pandemic. The town hall, library and historical society moved into the new building in August/September of 2021.



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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
Saturdays 10 am- 3 pm
Closed on Saturday July and August
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OCTOBER PROGRAMS, CHILDREN'S CLOSED MONDAY, 10/14/24

Wonderbook
THE READ-ALONG BY PLAYWAY

*1,000 Books
Before
Kindergarten*



Ages 3-5: Registration required. TUESDAYS.

STORY TIME with Miss Tinal.....4:30-5:00
10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10

Ages 0-3: Registration required. THURSDAYS.

TINA'S TINY TOTS with Miss Tinal.....11:00-11:30
10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12

Ages 3-5: Registration required. FRIDAYS.

STORY TIME with Miss Tinal.....11:00-11:30
10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13

Ages 1 & up: Walk In Program. FIRST Saturday in OCT., NOV.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT with FRC.....10/5, 11/2.....10:00-10:45

Ages 0-3: Registration required. MONDAY.

TINA'S TINY TOTS with Miss Tinal.....11:00-11:30
10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9

Ages 3-8: Registration required. MONDAY—SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

CRAFT TO GO PICKUP.....10/21-10/26.....BUSINESS HOURS

Ages 3-16: Walk In. MONDAY—SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

PRIZE WHEEL OF DOOM.....10/28-11/2.....BUSINESS HOURS

OCTOBER PROGRAMS, PRE-TEEN/TEEN (AGES 8-16) CLOSED MONDAY, 10/14/24



**Putnam Library has the
CT Driver's Manual
Available For Circulation!**



Ages 8-16: Registration required. MONDAY in October.

EDIBLE CRAFT Minecraft Blocks! 10/14.....5:00-6:00

Ages 8-16: Registration required. THURSDAY in October.

WEREWOLF Detective Game! 10/17.....5:00-6:00

Ages 8-16: Registration required. MONDAY—SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

CRAFT TO GO PICKUP.....10/21-10/26.....BUSINESS HOURS

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CRAFT Doorknob Decoration! 10/21.....5:00-6:00

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COSTUME NIGHT! Games, Prizes, Party! 10/24.....5:00-6:00

Ages 3-16: Walk In. MONDAY—SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

PRIZE WHEEL OF DOOM.....10/28-11/2.....BUSINESS HOURS

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Friends of the PPL Book Sale

October 19, 2024
10 am- 1 pm

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October Book Clubs

Afternoon Book Discussion
October 29th at 12:30 pm
The Color of Water
by James McBride

Evening Book Discussion
October 30th at 5:30 pm
The Kite Runner
by Khaled Hosseini

Ella Grasso Book Club
October 18th at 1 pm
The Personal Librarian
by Marie Benedict
(Closed Group)

YMCA Book Club
October 11th at 1:00pm
Demon Copperhead
by Barbara Kingsolver
(Closed Group)

New Books

Killing Time— MC Beaton
What to Cook When you Don't Feel Like Cooking— Caroline Chambers (nonfiction)
In Too Deep— Lee Child
The Message— Ta-Nehisi Coates (nonfiction)
The Waiting— Michael Connelly
The Mighty Red— Louise Erdrich
Revenge of the Tipping Point— Malcolm Gladwell
The Blue Hour— Paula Hawkins
What Does it Feel Like?— Sophie Kinsella

A Christmas Duet— Debbie Macomber
One Big Happy Family— Susan Mallery
The Boyfriend— Freida McFadden
Murder Island— James Patterson
The Grey Wolf— Louise Penny
The Mistletoe Mystery— Nita Prose
Intermezzo— Sally Rooney
The Great Hippopotamus Hotel— Alexander McCall Smith
Triangle— Danielle Steel
Everyone This Christmas Has a Secret— Benjamin Stevenson