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Putnam County libraries to host activities in May, including 'Wizard of Oz' program

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The Putnam County Library District will host virtually "Illinois Libraries Presents: The Many Lives of Kal Penn" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7.

A Zoom link will be available on the library's website at putnamcountylibrary.org. Kal Penn (kalpenn.com) is an actor, writer, producer and former associate director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. He is known for his starring roles in "Designated Survivor," "House," "Mira Nair's The Namesake," the Harold & Kumar franchise, and the Christmas comedy The Santa Clause for Disney+. His first book "You Can't Be Serious" was released Nov. 2, 2021, from Simon and Schuster/Gallery Books. He also narrates the audiobook.

Putnam County libraries will be closed Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day and reopen Tuesday, May 28.

The following other activities will take place in May in the Putnam County Library District.

Hennepin, 214 N. Fourth St.

11 a.m. Thursdays: Library of Things Demos. The library will be demonstrating with patrons an activity from the library of things.

May 13-17: Orient MakerSpace. Learn how to use the Orient Maker on select Thursdays and Fridays. Crafty adults and teens welcome. Call ahead. This month's theme is bleach T-shirts.

STEAM 2 Go! The STEAM craft to go project will be an egg container bird feeder, available all month. Pick up during library hours.

May 13-17: Bee Rocks, make a bee rock for your garden

May 20-24: Make Bee Baths

Granville, 214 S. McCoy St.

Every Tuesday and Saturday, May 11 and Saturday, May 25: Paint a Pot during library hours.

Coloring is not just for kids! Visit the Granville branch during open hours in April and May to express your creative side and reduce stress while creating one-of-a-kind art. You can choose to turn your artwork into a personal set of note cards.

Make and take: Will be available to pick up or materials will be available to complete at library.

11 a.m. Fridays: Library of Things demos. A demonstration for patrons from the Library of Things.

1 p.m. Monday, May 13: Book Discussion Group. No assigned book to read. Group directed. Instead, share insights, opinions, and views. Make recommendations.

11 a.m. Wednesdays: Story time. The library will share a story, learning based activities and a snack. The children's room offers educational games, puzzles and blocks.

Putnam, 105 N. Center St.

9 a.m. Saturday, May 4: Books and

Brunch. Food, Books, and Friends

Magnolia, 112 N. Chicago St.

Saturday, May 11: Mother's Day craft during library hours

Thursday, May 16: Pipe cleaner flowers for kids during library hours

Saturday, May 25: Moon phase craft for kids during library hours

McNabb, 322 W. Main St.

3:30 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday: Homework helper

4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1: May Day or Mother's Day baskets make and take

4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 15: Flowers and Veggies Day

4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 29: Movie Night and popcorn

Standard, 128 First St.

12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9: The Wizard of Oz: The Making of the Movie. This year, the 85th anniversary of the making of the movie will be celebrated this year. However, what audiences often do not realize, the production path down the yellow brick road was not an easy one. It was not always rosy and bright. There was life-threatening danger, sorrow, tears and disgust, connected to that extremely rocky, bumpy path leading to the Land of Oz. Historical presenter Jim Gibbons will journey down the yellow brick road with all its twists and turns. In the end, Gibbons will prove that Dorothy was right — there is no place like home.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

PCHS Interact Club, PC Rotary to host blood drive at high school
Putnam County High School Interact Club and Putnam County Rotary will host a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday April 26, in the Putnam County High School Gymnasium, 402 E. Silverspoon Ave., Granville, for students, staff, faculty and the public. In addition to saving lives, donations

2767. Donors also may sign up using RapidPass at redcrossblood.org.

Sacred Heart Altar, Rosary Society to host Cinco de Mayo taco dinner

The Sacred Heart Altar and Rosary Society will host a Cinco de Mayo Taco Dinner on Sunday, May 5, at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Granville.

Henry United Methodist Church to host Whale of a Sale

The Henry United Methodist Church, 225 Lincoln St., will be hosting Whale of a Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4.

Spring cleaning for church and community members has gathered merchandise, which includes household goods,