

Looking ahead to June, the Putnam County Library District will be closed for June 19th on Wednesday, June 19, and reopen Thursday, June 20.

The library will host the "Illinois Libraries Presents: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin" program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4.

A Zoom link will be available at <https://putnamcountylibrary.org>.

Illinois Libraries Presents is a collection of librarians across the state that is collaborating to showcase author talks on Zoom. Putnam County Public Library District is joining Season 3. Grandin is one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism.

Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. Her memoir, "Emergence: Labeled Autistic," was published in 1986 and she has continued to write about autism and neurodivergence over the decades. Her most recent book is "Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions."

### Smokokey Bear's Birthday

Celebrate Smokokey Bear's 80th birthday with the library district by participating in the Smokokey Bear Reading Challenge. Participants will learn about wildlife and the environment by reading books, taking action and having fun. Stop by any of the branches and pick up a challenge sheet. Follow the directions on the sheet and earn a Smokokey Bear pin and certificate. The challenge will be open through August.

Additionally, visit the Granville branch to view Smokokey Bear collectibles and memorabilia, on loan from staff member Rachael Blomquist, during June and August. Take a photo with a lifesize Smokokey and enjoy a film presentation that chronicles Smokokey's journey from the 1940s to the present day with audio and visual clips.

### Hennepin, 214 N. Fourth St.

The Summer Reading Theme is Read, Renew, Repeat! Summer reading prevents the dreaded summer slide by encouraging good reading habits. Children up to 12 years old can pick up a Summer Reading Sway Bag. It comes with a reusable water bottle and stickers. Pick up a reward from the goody basket when checking out Summer Reading books.

June 10-14: Critic MakerSpace. Come in to learn how to use the Critic Maker on select Thursdays and Fridays.

### 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, and Thursday, June 27: Summer Zen: Mindfulness Lessons for Youth ages 5-18. Sign up before at the library. Programs are Mindful Eating on Wednesday, June 12, and Yoga on Thursday, June 13: Game night, 5 to 8 p.m.

ages 8 to 12. The library has the Nintendo Switch on the big screen, along with crafts and other games.

Thursday, June 27: National Bomb Pop Day. Patrons of all ages can stop by and pick up a free Bomb Pop at the library all day long.

3 p.m. Wednesdays in June: Nature Activities and Recycled Art. Walter Durlay Boyle Park. The library will have a new activity or art project each week. Join the library before the Putnam County School Book Bus stops by at 3:45 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 19: Putnam County Book Club. It meets the third Wednesday every month either at Hennepin or Granville Library. Join the library and share ideas. The club chooses books together and looks forward to completing its list for the next year.

### Granville, 214 S. McCoy St.

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10 a.m. Saturday, June 1: Beaver Alliance. Keeping beavers in watersheds and expanding beaver habitats would improve Illinois water quality, create habitat for other species and increase our floodwater storage capacity.

1 p.m. Tuesday, June 4: Tri-County Social Services. For many Illinois households, energy costs place severe and continuing stress on the family's budget. In some instances, the household is forced to make painful decisions regarding which bills to pay and which necessities to survive without. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIEHAP) is designed to help income-eligible households pay for the rising cost of winter energy services.

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, and 1 p.m. Thursday, June 20: Summer Zen. University of Illinois Extension Office. Sign up at the library before. Growing Gratitude (in the Park) on June 11 and Crafting Calm on June 20.

1 p.m. Monday, June 10, and Monday, June 24: Book Discussion Group. No assigned book to read. Group directed. Instead, share your insights, opinions and views. Make recommendations.

2 p.m. Tuesday, June 18: Succulent Planter Craft Workshop. Get creative with glass yogurt jars by turning them into charming planters in this gifting workshop especially for adults and teens. Assorted craft supplies will be available, and each participant will receive a succulent plant.

11 a.m. Thursday, June 27: Sailboat Adventure. Ahoy, young sailors! Get ready to embark on an adventure by building sailboats out of pool noodles and setting them to sail in this activity, especially for youth ages five and up.

1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays in June: Recycling/Nature Activities. The library will have recycling/nature activities available for all ages.

10:30 a.m. Fridays in June: Friday Fun Story Time. Hopkins Park. Share a story and snack with friends at the park. Stay and play a nature scavenger hunt. Pick a prize between bubbles, chalk and stickers.

Popstick Stick Extravaganza. June through August. Embrace creativity this summer with collaborative art. In this program, which runs through the end of the summer program, participants of all ages can decorate popstick sticks with geometric designs, doodles or inspirational messages. At the conclusion of the summer program, the sticks will be assembled into colorful squares, framed and displayed at the library.

### Putnam, 105 N. Center St.

9 a.m. Saturday, May 4: Books and Brunch. Food, Books, and Friends

### Magnolia, 112 N. Chicago St.

Tuesday, June 4: Alphabet Hunt (Kids) during library hours.

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 15: Make Father's Day cards, children. Tuesday, June 25: Paint pet rocks during library hours.

### McNabb, 322 W. Main St.

9 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 1: Book Sale. During town-wide garage sale

Wednesday, June 12: Make/take a flag for Flag Day during library hours.

9 a.m. Saturday, June 22: Morning Movie Matinee, doughnuts and juice included. Wednesday, June 26: Learn Microscope with insect slides during library hours.

### Standard, 128 First St.

12:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4: D-Day. Historian Jim Gibbons will present the story of D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy. On June 6, 1944, Western Allies, under the leadership of the Supreme Allied Commander, U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, suddenly turned the tide of Hitler's advances and strategy. Gibbons will show visitors the beginnings of what led to be precise on everything, including the month, moon, tides of the ocean and weather. Finally, Gibbons will show the pressure that Eisenhower, a man nicknamed "Ike," McNabb Library is hosting this event.

12:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20: Family Feud. Ready to compete and have some fun with friends? Stop by to play Family Feud.

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