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Putnam County third grade students pose with their new personal dictionaries presented Sept. 19 to them by PC Rotarians. Pictured are (back row, from left) PCES Principal Courtney Balestri, Rotarians Karen Karczewski, Sue Motley, Matt Miller, Club Literacy Chair Adriane Shore, Club President Cheri Adrian and School Superintendent Clay Theisinger.

Putnam County third graders receive dictionaries from Rotarians

Distribution is the 18th year of participation in the Dictionaries Project

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Putnam County third grade students were presented with personal dictionaries on Sept. 19, compliments of the Putnam County Rotary Club.

Rotarians were on hand not only to distribute the books, but also to challenge the students with word-find games and a guided tour of the other treasures to be found in their dictionaries. Students

were eager to compete to follow word clues and enjoyed finding and learning new words during the presentation.

Rotarians also explained the bookplate on which each wrote his or her name, bearing the Rotary "4-way test," which emphasizes the importance of being truthful, being fair to all concerned and being friendly, while always acting in a manner that will be beneficial to all concerned. And if students did not know the meaning of the word "beneficial," they can now look it up.

PC Rotary, in partnership with the Putnam County Library, also will make dictionaries available to home-schooled students. Families may contact Rotarian Matt Miller at PC Library's Hennepin headquarters at 815-339-2038.

This marks the project's 18th year of participation in the Dictionaries Project, a part of Rotary's worldwide support of literacy and learning. Spanish-English dictionaries are made available as well, for bilingual students.

Volunteers are needed for additional literacy projects, including Rotary Readers in the primary and elementary schools. To volunteer, email PutnamCountyRotary@gmail.com and all are invited to attend Rotary's Oktoberfest from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Lost Duck Tavern in Granville to learn more about Rotary and how you can help as a volunteer or member, with free pizza and German pretzels, mustards and beer cheese, and a cash bar with German and domestic beers and German root beer available.

Granville library to host screening of 'Flyways'

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The Putnam County Public Library will host a film screening at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, of the PBS documentary, "Flyways," at the Granville branch, 214 S. McCoy St.

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called flyways. More than 200 species, such as Far Eastern Curlews, Lesser Yellowlegs, Red Knots and Hudsonian Godwits, travel from feeding

grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic and back again, flying up to nine days nonstop without food or water. Their populations, however, are crashing amid climate change and urban development. The documentary invites the public to follow a conservation movement of bird-loving expert and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds.

This program is the first of four in a program series made possible through a grant

opportunity from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and SciStarter that focuses on bird migration and citizen science. Information on bird migration and citizen science will be available. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Note that the Granville branch will be closed during the program. Arrive no later than 5:45 p.m. in order to guarantee admittance to the program.

For more information, call the Granville library at 815-339-2038.