

# County Sheriff's Office to award \$500 scholarship

## Deadline set March 14

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The Illinois Sheriffs' Association announced it will be awarding more than \$58,000 in college scholarships throughout Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2025-26 academic year, including in Putnam County.

The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books and fees only. The students

must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within Illinois. Online learning is acceptable.

Putnam County Sheriff Joshua Boedigheimer will be awarding a \$500 scholarship. There will be no restriction on any applicant because of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are as follows:

- Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents
- Scholarships must be used at institutions of higher learning in Illinois, including those offering online learning
- Students must be enrolled full-time

during the 2025-26 school year (excluding summer session).

Applications are available at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office or online at [ilsheriff.org/youth-2](http://ilsheriff.org/youth-2). Students must complete the application, answer the essay question and return all documentation to the sheriff's office in their permanent county of residence by March 14 (must be postmarked by this date). A directory of sheriff's offices is available at [ilsheriff.org/sheriffs-directory](http://ilsheriff.org/sheriffs-directory).

For information, call the sheriff's office at 815-925-7015, high school advising center or college financial aid office.

## Free tree sapling to be available at Granville library

### Neighborhood Forest to supply trees for Earth Day

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The Putnam County Public Library announced participation in Neighborhood Forest's 16th annual Free Tree Program.

Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has mobilized more than 2,000 schools, libraries and youth groups, engaged more than 500,000 volunteers and given more than

197,000 children in all 50 states and six provinces in Canada the opportunity to plant a tree.

The program encourages youth about the importance of environmental stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow, the library said.

To receive a free tree sapling, parents and/or guardians need to register their child(ren) online before March 15. The form can be found at the following link <https://2ly.link/237X8>. The tree saplings will be available to pick up at the Granville branch on Earth Day, April 22. Tree

species will be announced in early April. Neighborhood Forest aims to provide native and/or fruit-bearing trees in all regions they serve.

Additionally, the library will be showing a free film screening of the documentary, "Intelligent Trees," at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, at the Granville Branch, 214 S. McCoy St. This film follows scientist Suzanne Simard and forester and author Peter Wohlleben in investigating the communication between trees. The film is 45 minutes and is not rated.

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

### LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

#### Granville library to host history of rum program

The Putnam County Public Library will host food historian Cynthia Clampitt virtually at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, for a presentation on the history of rum.

Clampitt will share the reason rum arose where and when it did, how pirates got involved, and who really said, "yo-ho-ho" (not the pirates), but also how rum helped united the Thirteen Colonies, why it became one of the issues that led to the American Revolution, how it also led to a revolt in Australia, and how it affected culture and history after that.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Granville Library, 214 S. McCoy St., at 815-339-2038. To register, visit <https://2ly.link/20lcp>.

#### Standard library to host Agatha Christie program

The Putnam County Library District will host "Agatha Christie - Woman of Mystery" at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Standard branch, 128 First St.

Nearly everyone is familiar with the works of British author Agatha Christie, particularly gems such as "Murder on the Orient Express" and "And Then There Were None." But what's not so well-known is Agatha Christie herself. Find out what sort of person the "queen of mystery" was really like, uncover the secrets behind her divorce and sudden disappearance, and find out how she knew so darn much about poisons and how they worked.

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