

Granville parishes to host Cinco de Mayo taco dinner

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The Sacred Heart and St. Patrick Parish Hall Altar and Rosary Society is hosting a Cinco de Mayo taco dinner on Sunday, May 4, at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Granville.

Three tacos cost \$10, or a dozen for freezing for \$22. There is curbside pickup only by advance ticket purchase. Tacos are available for pickup from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are available from society members or by calling 815-339-2138.

Illinois Valley Democrats to meet April 24 in La Salle

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The Illinois Valley Democrats, including La Salle, Bureau, Putnam counties, are scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at La Salle VFW, 2325 Donahue St.

Find out what is going on in the region's counties, discuss election results and the turmoil occurring, the group said in a news release.

All democrats are welcome to attend. Food can be purchased through the La Salle VFW.

PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT MAY 2025 SCHEDULE

Putnam County Library District is participating in the Illinois Valley road trip through May 10.

Visit the library neighbors and see what unique collections they offer, and the different services available.

Visit the circulation desk at each library to collect a stamp on your passport. Collect stamps, then turn in your passport at your home library for entry into a drawing.

Visit your home library and get your road trip passport. Visit as many libraries as you can and have your passport stamped. Return your passport to your home library and enter to win.

Prizes for adults who Visit at least one other library in the area, someone who goes to each of Putnam County's branches and a child who participates.

The library district will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

2 p.m. Saturday, May 3: Illinois Libraries Presents: Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat. Santat is the author and illustrator of more than 100 books for young people. Many of his books are New York Times best-sellers, including "The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend," "Are We There Yet?" and "After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)." His latest works include the

bestselling graphic novels, "The Aquanaut" and "A First Time for Everything." Visit https://bit.ly/ILP_DanSantat.

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 13: Illinois Libraries Presents: Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond. He is a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of the award winning book "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City." Desmond's research focuses on poverty in the United States, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality and ethnography. Visit https://bit.ly/ILP_MatthewDesmond.

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6 p.m. Wednesday, May 7: Painting Night, Letter Painting.

6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8: The Journey of Mollie's War: WACs and WWII. Zoom and watch party at the library. Cyndee Schaffer uses excerpts from her mother's letters written home during World War II to provide a romantic yet frightful glimpse into the life of a woman in uniform during this crucial time in history. Schaffer will detail her mother's experiences from basic training in 1943 to a dramatic image of seeing the Statue of Liberty amid darkness in November 1945 when she returned home. May 8 is the 80th anniversary of VE day. Visit

<https://2ly.link/23aJu>.

May 12-16: Cricut Makerspace, during library hours. Come in to learn how to use the Cricut Maker. Call ahead to schedule an appointment. Bring summer shirts to iron on.

6 p.m. Friday, May 30: Summer Kickoff Family Night. The library will be kicking off summer with a party at the library. DJ Mara, Face Painting with Diane Alleman Martin, games and food.

Putnam County Book Club meets at 6:30 on the third Wednesday of every month, at Hennepin or Granville libraries. The group chooses books together and looks forward to completing the list for the next year. Follow the group on Facebook.

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10 a.m. Saturday, May 3, and 4 p.m. Thursday, May 15: Tales with Tails (Read to Rosie). This program allows youth to practice literacy skills. Dogs love stories, even when words have to be worked out, missed or are misspoken.

1 p.m. Tuesday, May 6: Movie Matinee: "Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority." The library hosts a screening of the documentary, "Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority." In 1965, Patsy Takemoto Mink became the first woman of color

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