

Putnam County library opens little free pantry in Granville

The Putnam County Public Library District has launched a Little Free Pantry at its Granville branch to support community members facing food insecurity or hardship.

The self-service pantry at 214 S. McCoy St. allows community members to leave what they can and take what they need, with no questions asked.

The library accepts donations of non-expired, nonperishable food items, hygiene products and pet supplies such as canned or dry dog and cat food. Donations should be dropped off at the Granville Branch desk unless pantry shelves are empty.

The pantry is designed to provide immediate support to anyone who needs essential items.

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

Putnam County Library to screen Apollo 8 documentary

The Putnam County Public Library District will host a free screening of "First to the Moon: The Journey of Apollo 8" at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Granville Branch.

The documentary follows the groundbreaking 1968 Apollo 8 mission, the first crewed spacecraft to orbit the moon and return safely to Earth. The film uses rare archival footage from NASA, the National Archives and personal astronaut collections to tell the story of humanity's first journey beyond Earth's orbit.

The documentary highlights the courage and precision required for the historic voyage and features the capture of "Earthrise" by astronaut Bill Anders. The unexpected photograph transformed perspectives of Earth and remains one of the most influential images ever taken.

The 120-minute film is rated TV-MA and is made possible through Kanopy. The screening is free and open to the public. The Granville Branch is located at 214 S. McCoy St. For more information, call 815-339-2038.

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