

Putnam County Public Library launches book club about American Revolution

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Putnam County Public Library District is launching a new teen book club focused on American history and civic engagement.

"Chapter250: Reading America's Story Together" will meet Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 5 p.m. at the McNabb Branch. The group is open to participants ages 13 through 19, with a virtual option available via Zoom.

This month's selection is "Chains" by Laurie Halse Anderson. The novel follows 13-year-old Isabel, who is enslaved at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War and determined to secure freedom for herself and her sister.

"Set at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, the novel follows 13-year-old Isabel, who is enslaved and determined to secure freedom for herself and her sister," the library said. "After her sister is sold away, Isabel takes extraordinary risks, secretly spying on those in power in hopes of gaining liberty for them both."

Before the discussion, participants will watch a 26-minute preview from the 2025 PBS documentary "American Revolution," directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt.

Copies of the book are available at the McNabb Branch, located at 322 W. Main Street, McNabb. For information, call 815-339-2038. To participate via Zoom, register at <https://shorturl.at/uyXwx>.

OBITUARIES

NANCY LOUISE STARKEY

Born: February 15, 1961 in Spring Valley, Illinois
Died: February 12, 2026 in Mark, Illinois



Nancy Louise Starkey, 64, of Mark passed away on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at her residence.

A service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at

Dysart - Cofoid Funeral Chapel 208 S. McCoy St. Granville, IL. David Parmenter will officiate. The family is honoring her wishes to be cremated.

Nancy was born on February 15, 1961 in Spring Valley to Rollo and Nancy Parmenter. She married Jeffrey Starkey on September 17, 1993 in Tonica, IL. He preceded her in death on December 03, 2021.

Nancy graduated from Putnam County High School the class of 1979 and was also the class clown. She will be remembered for her belly

laughs.

She loved her dog "Buddy". Nancy enjoyed coloring, puzzles, mushroom hunting, bingo and scratch off tickets.

Survivors include one daughter, Angela Starkey of Mark; adopted son, Brandon Blakeney of Mark; two brothers, David Parmenter (Patti) of Grass Valley, Ca. and Don Parmenter (Sherri) of Springfield, Mo. four sisters, Velma Vowels of Peru, Il., Vera Klinger (Bob) of Mena, Ar., Carolyn Jones (Marty) of El Dorado, Mo. and Bonnie Turpen of Henry, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Vaden, Carl, Craig, Dan, and her husband, Jeffrey.

In lieu of flowers contribution may be made her family.

Online condolences may be made to her family at www.dcfunerals.com



Elmer and Adolph Pletsch Char. Scholarships Available

Members of the Elmer and Adolph Pletsch Char. Committee are announcing the availability of sch 2026-2027 school year. Eligibility is limited to applicar Putnam County High School. Both current college/ students and current Seniors at Putnam County High Sc an undergraduate degree in agriculture or agriculture re college/university that has an agriculture program or ag 2026-2027 school year are encouraged to apply. Scholar to be applied to the cost of tuition, textbooks, fees, and associated with attending undergraduate courses of stu Committee. The Scholarship Committee reserves the i on whether applicants have satisfied all scholarship r from Putnam County High School is a requirement. and Application forms may be obtained from the Putn Guidance Counselor's office or printed from the PCH website which is accessible through the Putnam Count under PCHS - Guidance Services. Completed applica returned to the office of the Putnam County High Sch located at Putnam County High School, 402 E. Silver Illinois no later than Monday, March 16, 2026.

Trustee: Gayle Reno
Attorneys: Gary Peterlin & Enrico Ea
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