

# Putnam County library offers free May programs

McNabb branch hosts documentary screening and teen book club exploring the Revolution

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The Putnam County Public Library District announced Monday a series of free educational programs taking place throughout May at the McNabb branch.

• Docs & Dialogue: Mr. Polaroid – 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 13

Mr. Polaroid tells the little-known story of the visionary behind the instant camera: Edwin Land, a Harvard dropout who imagined a camera people would use as naturally as a pencil or a pair of eyeglasses.

Running time: 53 minutes. Not rated. Made possible through Kanopy.

• Chapter 250: Reading America's Story Together – Teens – 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 27

Teens ages 13 to 19 are invited to join, in-person or virtually, a hybrid community book club exploring the American Revolution through shared reading, conversation and film. Each month, participants watch a preview from the PBS documentary The American Revolution along with short companion videos connected to the featured book, followed by an informal guided discussion. The program runs approximately 45 to 60 minutes. To attend virtually, register at: <https://shorturl.at/MH55v>.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 815-339-2038 or visit the McNabb branch at 322 W. Main St.

# Condit library in Putnam offers free May programming

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The Putnam County Public Library District is pleased to announce three free, educational programs taking place in May at the Condit Branch, open to the public at no cost.

• Docs & Dialogue: Family Recipe – Jewish American Style at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 14

Brisket, blintzes, bagels – Jewish cooks have been adding flavor to the American melting pot since their arrival, but Jewish food is far more than delis and diners. Running time: 54 minutes. Rated G. Made possible through Kanopy.

• Docs & Dialogue: The Brooklyn Bridge at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 21

At the time of its completion, the Brooklyn Bridge was the largest bridge ever built – a technical accom-

plishment of unparalleled scope, marked by enormous construction challenges and equally ingenious solutions. Director Ken Burns captures both the physical majesty of this landmark achievement. Running time: 58 minutes. Rated G. Made possible through Kanopy.

• Chapter 250: Reading America's Story Together – Youth at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 28, In-Person & Virtual

Youth ages 8 to 14 are invited to join a hybrid community book club exploring the American Revolution through shared reading, conversation, and film. Program runs approximately 45–60 minutes. To attend virtually, register at: <https://shorturl.at/bXyd4>.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 815-339-2038 or visit the Condit branch at 105 N. Center St., Putnam.

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