

IVCC to welcome new students with revamped orientation

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Illinois Valley Community College will welcome incoming students to campus Friday, Aug. 15, with Eagles Launch, a revamped orientation featuring breakout sessions, games and refreshments. It begins in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre at 1 p.m. and continues with optional breakout sessions on topics including financial aid, textbooks, support resources, study-abroad opportunities, online security, college culture and communication with instructors.

The agenda was developed with input from students and staff and modeled after events at other community colleges, IVCC's Dean of Student Success Crystal Credi said in a news release. "We were looking for options to be sure students have the tools to be successful in their first semester at IVCC," Sno Cones, will be on-site. Student government representatives will distribute student planners and promote activities such as Spirit Day. "Eagles Launch is all about getting students prepared for the fun that is retention Ashlee Fitzpatrick said. allowing students to attend what fits their interests, Associate Director of Retention Ashlee Fitzpatrick said.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Granville American Legion Post 180 to meet Aug. 12

American Legion Post 180 will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the Post, 209 N. McCoy St. in Granville.

Putnam County Methodist Churches to host blood drive Aug. 11

The Putnam County Methodist Churches will host a Community Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 11, at Goldasich Hall in the McNabb Fire Department, 391 N. redcross.org.

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Learn textile art Aug. 7

The Putnam County Public Library District invites crafters, creatives and curious beginners to a hands-on textile art workshop, Knot & Design: Textile Art, at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Granville branch.

Participants will learn how to create a unique yarn wall hanging using lark's head knots - a simple macramé technique perfect for all skill levels. With endless possibilities in color, shape and design, attendees can craft a piece that reflects their style, whether bold and vibrant or soft and understated. The program is free and open to the public. For information, call 815-339-2038 or visit the Granville branch at 214 S. McCoy St.

'Tales with Tails: Reading Dogs' returns to Granville library

The Putnam County Public Library District welcomes back two certified reading dog teams to the Granville branch in August as part of the "Tales with Tails" program. This literacy initiative provides children with

a unique and supportive opportunity to practice reading aloud to certified therapy dogs. The calm, nonjudgmental setting helps build confidence, improve fluency and make reading a fun and rewarding experience. The program will be offered at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9; at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19; and at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26.

The "Tales with Tails" program is free and open to the public. All programs will be held at the Granville branch, 214 S. McCoy St. For information, call 815-339-2038.

Putnam County libraries win 'micro-grant'

The Putnam County Public Library District has been selected to receive a micro-grant from WETA as part of the national engagement campaign for "The American Revolution," the upcoming documentary by acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns. Out of more than 440 applicants nationwide, only 38 organizations were chosen to participate. The grant will support the creation of community-focused programming

These programs are designed to bring history to life and foster reflection on core themes including liberty, democracy, civic engagement and storytelling. As the nation prepares to commemorate this major milestone, the Putnam County Public Library District is thrilled to help its community explore the legacy and future of the American experience. For information, call 815-339-2038 or visit putnamcountylibrary.org.

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