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Library Programs

Please note: Due to health and safety concerns surrounding COVID-19, most of the library's programs will be virtual until further notice. As always: Program dates and times are always subject to change.

Check out our Virtual Storytimes and “Library On The Go” craft bags:

Watch your favorite Putnam County Library System staff read fairy tales, folk tales, myths and legends from around the world. Archived videos can be found on the library's website: www.FunInPutnam.com. They are also posted to Facebook and added as “missions” on www.funinputnam.readsquared.com. Plus, new videos are released every week (by Thursday afternoon).

If you want to follow along with the themed craft, just be sure to pick up your "Library on the Go" craft bags from the library while supplies last. New craft bags are released each week, in conjunction with the two new storytime and two new craft videos. There are two different storytimes and two different crafts for two different age groups (children 0-5 and children 6-11 years old). So, there's also at least two different kinds craft bags to pick up! Please note: children of any age are encouraged to watch or follow along! There's no “age restrictions.” Age ranges are only included as a guide for parents/caregivers. Each bag contains enough craft supplies to complete one craft. Families with multiple children will want to pick up multiple bags.



Home Ec @ Home and “Grab-and-Go” craft bags:

These videos (and the "Grab-and-Go" bags they're paired with) teach life skills like sewing, crochet, weaving, and more. Watch the videos on the library's website: www.FunInPutnam.com or on Facebook.com/PutnamLib. Then, pick up the bags with the craft tools and supplies you need at the library while supplies last. The tools are yours to keep and some of them are made right here at the library on our laser cutter/engraver. Made possible



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by an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered locally by the Florida Division of Library and Information Services (the State Library).

Putnam County Seed Library:

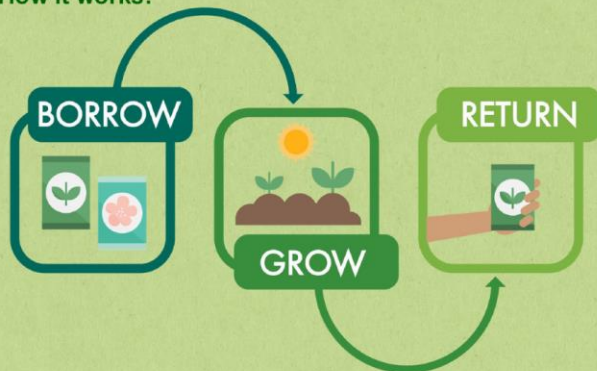
Recently the library system has added a wonderful new collection: The PCLS Seeds of Promise Seed Library.

Informal seed libraries have been around for long time. Community seed exchanges have taken place throughout history. As a children we were told the story of the native people sharing their corn seed with the Pilgrims.

The seed library encourages everyone to take part. Whether you are growing just for your family or are willing to grow a row or two for your community. You are important to this project. The library will be here to help you along the way. We have books, DVDs, and online resources to make your growing experience successful. There is nothing more rewarding than to watch your seeds emerge from the soil, grow into a plant, and produce something wonderful! You can't beat the taste of homegrown.



How it works:



**For more
information about
the PCLS Seeds of
Promise Seed
Library, contact:**

Sheree by email at:
sheree.sims@putnam-fl.com
or
call the Melrose Library
at 352-475-1237



Currently the seed library is small and housed in the Melrose Public Library. But, library patrons in any branch



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can request seeds from the library. We will send the seeds to your branch to be picked up. When your harvest is complete and your seeds have been saved, please share some of your saved seeds with the library. You can put the seeds in an envelope from the library, fill out the outside of the envelope and return them to your library branch. The staff will return the seeds to Melrose branch and our staff and volunteers will prepare the seeds for distribution. Please remember to give the library your name and contact number in case we have a question about the seed.

Because we are just getting started, we ask that you request only 2-5 seed varieties at this time. As the library grows, we hope to be able to offer more seeds in the future. Fall garden seeds will be available in September. Don't forget to get your gardening books, DVDs and other supplies now. If you are getting started in gardening, you will be happy to know that the seeds are labeled easy, super easy, and advanced. You can ask for seed that is easy to grow. We also label each packet if it is a spring or fall garden plant. We offer, vegetables, fruit, herbs and flower seeds.

We will be online with seed ideas and how to save seed in the near future. Can we count you in? Will you be part of the great experiment to grow our community stronger? For more information about the PCLS Seeds of Promise Seed Library contact Sheree at sheree.sims@putnam-fl.com or call 352 475-1237 during library hours.

Accepting submissions now for:

Down Town Melrose 2020-2030: "Our Future" Digital Collection

We are truly inspired by all of the reaching out and caring for each other during this challenging time in our history. We want to know about your experience in 2020 and how it has impacted your vision and hopes for our future here in Melrose. Your entry can take many forms including visual art, video, audio file, or any written document.

Submissions will be accepted digitally September 15th-November 7th only. If you have any questions, please call the library at 352 475-1237. We will try to include all submissions in some form within the project.

Project Rules:

Submissions must be suitable for the whole family, no images of violence or unsuitable for children, language used must be considered suitable for children. Remember to be positive and hopeful. What would your future self (10 years from now) be proud to share with the community?

Participants give the library the right to use and edit your submission as the library deems necessary.

Submit your entries online at <https://putnam.librariesshare.com/ourfuture/> now through November 7.

The digital collection of stories and artwork will be available to view online. Some entries may also be selected for a time capsule (to be opened in 2030).



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Down Town **MELROSE 2020-2030**



"Our Future" Digital Collection

We are truly inspired by the selfless healthcare and other front line workers who are working tirelessly to care for people in need. We are also impressed with our patrons and community members who have been our community's heart. The reaching out and caring for each other during this challenging time has been incredible. We want to know about your experience and how it has impacted your vision of our future.

Your entry can take many forms!

- 1) Visual file (photo or scanned art work)
- 2) Video (including short documentaries)
- 3) Audio file (oral history, spoken word, a song, or poetry reading)
- 4) Any written document, story, or letter.

This project will be a representation of the Melrose's experience in 2020 as well as our hope for the future.

We will try to include all submissions in some form within the project. Because we want the project available to the community before 2021 it is important that deadlines are met. Please be aware submissions will be accepted September 15th-November 7th only. If you have any questions, please call the library at 352 475-1237. Otherwise, you can submit your entries online at: <https://putnam.librariesshare.com/ourfuture/>

This digital collection will be powered by:

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Special Notice:

As of Monday, October 12: the Putnam County Library System has resumed normal operating hours. Please note: Occupancy is limited to half capacity. Patrons can also reserve the meeting rooms during library hours and non-profit groups can reserve the meeting room after hours when necessary. Occupancy is also limited to half capacity in the meeting rooms and social distancing is expected for all meeting attendees/participants.

Headquarters (Palatka) Library:

- Closed Sundays
- Mondays and Wednesdays: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Fridays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bostwick Library:

- Closed Sundays and Mondays
- Tuesdays: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Thursdays: 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Fridays: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Interlachen, Crescent City, and Melrose Libraries:

- Closed Sundays and Mondays
- Tuesdays-Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Please note: Hours are subject to change at any time or in the event of an emergency.

Free public WiFi will be available 24 hours a day.

Attention all visitors:

In an effort to minimize any impact to Putnam County governmental operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, County Administration is requesting those who are sick or who are currently diagnosed with COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or were recently exposed to someone with COVID-19 to stay home and not enter any of our facilities.

Safety tips for you to consider:

- Practice Social Distancing
- Try to avoid touching items others have touched.



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- Consider wearing a mask when social distancing measure are difficult to maintain.
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Fine Free Month continues through October 31, 2020

That's right! Return your overdue materials to any branch of the Putnam County Library System during the month of October and we will waive those fines! Please note: Fine amnesty does not cover lost or damaged materials and the library cannot waive pre-existing fines already on your account prior to Fine Free Month.

Limited Services:

Patrons are free to browse the shelves and check out books inside. However, we are asking that all returns be deposited in the metal book returns outside. Staff will not be able to accept returns at the desk at this time. All returned library materials are quarantined for at least 72 hours before they are checked in.

We have around 11,000 eBooks and 1,100 audiobooks for you to download and enjoy on your computer or mobile device. There's even 77 popular eMagazines! Go to www.FunInPutnam.com and click on the "eBooks" button at the top to get started with OverDrive or Libby.

To maintain social distance, there is a limited number of computers available at each library. Library patrons are asked to limit computer use to a single 1-hour computer session per day to ensure as many people have a chance to use the computers as possible. Library card holders are able to walk up to any available computer and sign on with their library card number or reserve a computer in advance online at:

<https://cybrarian2.com/putnam>. Those without a card need a guest pass. Please note: library staff cannot assist with one-on-one computer help at this time as that would require us to breach the CDC-recommended six foot social distancing guideline. Instead, we can now offer help through a "chat" function or by taking remote control of the computer screen (with the patron's permission). To get started with chat or to request staff take remote access, patrons need to press the "Help" button in the lower right hand side of the screen.

All prints will need to be paid for in advance before they are released from the printer. Please bring exact change or small bills if you can. At this time, we can only accept cash or check and we cannot accept \$20 bills or anything larger.

Magazines, newspapers, and microfilm will not be available at this time as we don't have a way to sanitize them between uses.

How to place a hold:

1. Access our catalog online at www.FunInPutnam.com
2. Search by title, author, or subject in the search bar in the upper right hand corner of the website. You'll then be taken to our dedicated online catalog.
3. When you find a title you'd like to check out, click on the "Place Hold" button. You'll then be prompted to log in.
4. You can also click on the "Log In" button in the upper right hand corner of the catalog screen. From there, you can view your check outs, holds, fines, etc.



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5. To log in to your account, you will need your library card number (found on the back of your card under the barcode) and PIN. If you've never logged in before, you may not have a PIN set up. You can set a four-digit PIN number by calling the library. You can always change the PIN later (after you log in) or set up an "EZ Username" and "EZ Password" that only you know. When your hold is available, we'll give you a call. Please make sure we have your updated phone number on file.
6. After that, you can pick up your hold at the Front Desk during normal operating hours. Please note: if you are requesting a book from one library to be delivered to another, it may take a week or longer. If the book is already checked out to another borrower, it may take much longer as we are extending due dates.