Coming up This Week at the Library

Friday, February 21:

- Board Games for the Little Ones,
 Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- <u>Feature Fridays (Movie Screening)</u>, Interlachen Library, 4pm
- <u>Code Club</u>, Crescent City Library, 4pm
- Swamp Stomp OBOP Dance, 6pm at Beef O'Brady's in Palatka

Saturday, February 22:

- <u>Rotary Blood Screening</u>, Interlachen Library, 7:30-9am
- <u>Fun Films</u>, Crescent City Library, 10am
- <u>Coding for Kids</u>, Interlachen Library, 10am

Monday, February 24:

- <u>Toddler Time (for ages 0-2)</u>,
 Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- <u>Diabetes Empowerment Education</u>
 <u>Program</u>, Headquarters Palatka
 Library, 1:30-3:30pm (continues
 every Monday until March 2)

Tuesday, February 25:

- <u>Children's Movies</u>, Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- Every Child Ready to Read Library Storytime (for ages 0-5), Melrose Library, 10am
- **SHINE Medicare Help**, Interlachen Library, 1-3pm
- <u>Digital Memory Project</u>, Palatka Library, 3-5pm
- <u>Teen Life Skills: Time Management</u>, Interlachen Library, 4pm
- <u>Tobacco Cessation Class</u>, Palatka Library 6-7:30pm

Special Notices:

Adult Literacy Services:

We still are looking for volunteer tutors to meet with adult learners at our libraries. Volunteers will need to sign up for Proliteracy Tutor Training sessions. This training can be completed online, at home in roughly 12-15 hours (at your own pace). To get access, please contact Mischa Johns at mischa.johns @putnamfl.com. Those wishing to complete their training in person may do so at our in-person workshops (total of 7 hours of training). The first two-part workshop series will be held at the Palatka Library Friday, February 28 from 1-4:30pm and Saturday, February 29 from 9:30am-1pm. Attendance at both workshops is required as the material covered each day is different.

Tentative dates for Crescent City Library: Tuesday and Wednesday March 17 and 18 from 10am-2pm. Tentative dates for Interlachen Library: Tuesday and Wednesday March 24 and 25 from 10am-2pm. There will also be two evening workshops scheduled at the Palatka Library. Tentative dates are Tuesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 2 from 5-8:30pm.

Volunteers must agree to meet with at least one adult learner once (or twice) a week. The How To Center at the Headquarters Palatka Library will serve as the heart of Adult Literacy Services for the Putnam County Library System. However, we are also looking for volunteers in South and West Putnam who will meet with adult learners at the Crescent City and Interlachen Libraries. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact us at jeremy.yates@putnam-fl.com or mischa.johns@putnam-fl.com. Adult learners may also call the Palatka Library at 386-329-0441 or stop by the front desk to get on the waiting list for a tutor. Learners will be matched with trained tutors soon after the training workshops.

The training, books, workbooks, resources, and

Wednesday, February 26:

- <u>Children's Storytime (for ages 3-5)</u>,
 Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- Ancient Board Games, Palatka Library, 3-5pm
- YA Chess Club, Interlachen Library,
 4pm

Thursday, February 27:

- <u>Children's Movies</u>, Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- Every Child Ready to Read Library Storytime (for ages 0-5), Interlachen Library, 10am
- Infant and Toddler Storytime (for ages 0-2), Crescent City Library, 10:30am
- <u>Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)</u>,
 Crescent City Library, 11am
- Learn to Code with Dr. Joe (ages 9-15), Melrose Library, 12 noon (continues every Thursday through March 12)
- Every Child Ready to Read Library
 Storytime (for ages 0-5), Bostwick
 Library, 1pm
- Yu-Gi-Oh Card Game Club, Interlachen Library, 4pm
- <u>Theatre Thursdays (Movie</u>
 <u>Screening</u>), Interlachen Library, 4pm
- <u>Family Board Game Night</u>, Palatka Library, 5-7pm
- Tobacco Cessation Program,
 Crescent City Library, 5:30-7:30pm
 (and continuing every Thursday through March 12)

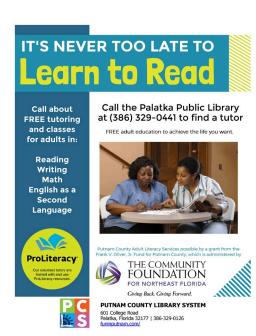
Friday, February 28:

- Board Games for the Little Ones, Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutor
 Training (day one of two), Palatka

 Library, 1-4:30pm
- A Visit to Magnolia Lake State Park

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(History Program), Melrose Library, Friday, 2pm

• <u>Feature Fridays (Movie Screening)</u>, Interlachen Library, 4pm

Saturday, February 29:

- Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutor
 Training (day two of two), Palatka
 Library, 9:30am-1pm
- <u>Fun Films</u>, Crescent City Library, 10am



Movie in the Park:

Join us at "Movie in the Park" on Friday, March 6 at 6:30pm at the football field at 120 Carter Road in Palatka. We're showing Frozen 2! Free entry and snacks. Bring your own chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Putnam County Parks and Recreation Department, Putnam County Library System, and the Palatka PAL (Police Athletic League).

A Look at Next Week's Programs

Monday, March 2:

- Toddler Time (for ages 0-2), Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- Diabetes Empowerment Education Program, Headquarters Palatka Library, 1:30-3:30pm

Tuesday, March 3:

- Children's Movies, Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- Every Child Ready to Read Library Storytime (for ages 0-5), Melrose Library, 10am
- SHINE Medicare Help, Crescent City Library, 10am-12pm
- **Digital Memory Project**, Palatka Library, 3-5pm
- Teen Life Skills: Time Management, Interlachen Library, 4pm
- <u>Tobacco Cessation Class</u>, Palatka Library 6-7:30pm

Wednesday, March 4:

- Children's Storytime (for ages 3-5), Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- YA Chess Club, Interlachen Library, 4pm

Thursday, March 5:

- Children's Movies, Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- Every Child Ready to Read Library Storytime (for ages 0-5), Interlachen Library, 10am
- Infant and Toddler Storytime (for ages 0-2), Crescent City Library, 10:30am
- Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5), Crescent City Library, 11am
- Learn to Code with Dr. Joe (ages 9-15), Melrose Library, 12 noon (continues every Thursday through March 12)
- Every Child Ready to Read Library Storytime (for ages 0-5), Bostwick Library, 1pm
- Yu-Gi-Oh Card Game Club, Interlachen Library, 4pm
- Theatre Thursdays (Movie Screening), Interlachen Library, 4pm
- Family Movie (first Thursdays), Melrose Library, 5pm
- <u>Tobacco Cessation Program</u>, Crescent City Library, 5:30-7:30pm (and continuing every Thursday through March 12)

Friday, March 6:

- Board Games for the Little Ones, Headquarters Palatka Library, 10am
- Cursive Writing for Kids (ages 8+), Melrose Library, noon
- Feature Fridays (Movie Screening), Interlachen Library, 4pm
- Movie in the Park, John Theobold Sports Complex (120 Carter Rd, Palatka), 6:30pm

Saturday, March 7:

- Rotary Blood Screening, Crescent City Library, 7:30-9am
- Fun Films, Crescent City Library, 10am
- Family Movie (First Saturdays), Melrose Library, 10am

- Cursive Writing Crash Course, Bostwick Library, 10am
- Coding for Kids, Interlachen Library, 10am

Upcoming programs watch out for this month:

- One Book One Putnam Finale, Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30pm at the Woman's Club of Palatka
- Melrose Book Discussion Group: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah, Melrose Library, Wednesday, March 11 at 10:30am
- Meeting with the Greats: The Charms of Vietnam, Cambodia and the Mekong River, Crescent City Library, Wednesday, March 11 at noon
- Fiber Arts and Books Club: Making Comfort Dolls and Drawstring Bags for Domestic Violence Survivors/Lee Conlee House, Palatka Library, Wednesday, March 11 anytime from 2-6pm
- <u>Living History Workshop</u>, Palatka Library, Wednesday, March 11 anytime from 2-6pm (same place and time as FAB Club)
- <u>Life Skills for Teens and Young Adults: Hand-Lettering for Bullet Journals</u>, Bostwick Library, Wednesday, March 11 at 5pm
- Dr. Holly's Super Science Friday, Melrose Library, Friday, March 13 at noon
- Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutor Training (two-part), Crescent City Library, Tuesday and Wednesday March 17-18 from 10am-2:30pm (with a break for lunch)
- <u>Visit the Library's Booth at Touch-A-Truck, John Theobold Sports Complex (120 Carter Road, Palatka)</u>, Monday, March 16 from 11am-1pm
- Friend's Used Book Sale, Interlachen Library, March 17-21 during normal operating hours
- Al Burt Literary Festival with Mike Adams as William Bartram, Melrose Library, Thursday, March 19 at 2pm
- <u>Learn Hand Lettering at the Library with instructor Pam Harween</u>, Melrose Library, Friday, March 20 at noon
- Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutor Training (two-part), Interlachen Library, Tuesday and Wednesday March 24-25 from 10am-2:30pm (with a break for lunch)
- <u>Cursive Writing for Kids, Bostwick Library</u>, Thursdays starting March 26 at 1:30pm (after library story time)

Please continue reading further down into the "Press Releases" section – which includes more upcoming events/programs. Or see the events calendars on our website: FunInPutnam.com.

Press Releases for Current and Upcoming Programs



One Book One Putnam:

Copies of the One Book One Putnam 2020 County-Wide Read Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens are available for check out now at all five libraries in Putnam County. The OBOP Committee is hosting "The Swamp Stomp" dance and fundraiser at Beef O' Brady's on February 21 at 6pm. They'll have music with DJ Buffalo Munn, karaoke, and lots of great

company!

The OBOP reading season will conclude Tuesday, March 10 at the GFWC Woman's Club of Palatka with a staged reading by the group Readers' Repertory of Palatka. They will present five major "scenes" from the book covering different times in Kya's life. Doors open at 5:30pm. Refreshments will be served by the generous ladies of the Woman's Club. For more information about One Book One Putnam or any of its events, contact Jeremy Yates at jeremy.yates@putnam-fl.com.



"The Wild Life: A One Book, One Putnam Digital Art and Writing Collection"

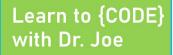
Submit your original photos, poems, paintings, short stories, personal essays, and more to our virtual literary and art magazine! We're soliciting work that celebrates nature and the role of humans in it. This is a non-juried magazine. As long as the work fits the theme and is appropriate for all audiences, it will be included in the collection. Everyone who submits a piece to the collection will also receive a raffle ticket at the One Book One Putnam Finale on Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30pm at the Palatka Woman's Club. A "winner" will be chosen by random drawing to win a special gift basket.

Entries due by March 2. Submission accepted online only: https://putnam.librariesshare.com/thewildlife
For help digitizing work or for any questions, please contact jeremy.yates@putnam-fl.com.

Learn to Code at your Library:

Learn the basics of computer science – building websites, apps, interactive animation, and games – through fun, group activities and self-paced online modules. Most modules take less than an hour to complete. Or, join one of our coding clubs and work on a larger project over a few weeks or months!

This program is made possible in part from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services – administered locally by the Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services (State Library).





Join us for a six week coding workshop for children ages 9-15 years old.

Melrose Public Library

312 Wynnwood Avenue (behind the Post Office)
Thursdays at noon starting February 6
through March 12

*Please note: Library programs are open to all. Age included as a guide. This program is made possible in part from the Library Services and Technology Act (ISTA) Grant from the institute of Museum and Library Services – administered locally by the Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services. For more information, call Sheree Sims at 352-475-1237.

{CODE} CLUB FOR KIDS;



Kids ages six and up: Join for fun, online games teaching the basics of computer science. Learn how to create games, apps, websites, and interactive stories]!

Crescent City Library

10 N Summit Street, beside the Woman's Club

Friday March 13 at 4pm Tuesday March 24 at 4pm Wednesday, April 1 at 4pm

*Please note: Library programs are open to all. Age included as a guide. This program is made possible in part from the Library Services and Technology Act (ISTA) Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services – administered locally by the Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services. For more information, call Blanca at 386-692-2000.

{CODE} CLUB FOR KIDS:



Kids ages six and up:
Join us on two Saturdays
a month for fun, online
games teaching the
basics of computer
science (how to create
games, apps, websites,
and interactive stories)!

Interlachen Library

133 N County Road 315, Interlachen (across from the High School)

Saturday March 7th and 28th at 10am

*Please note: Library programs are open to all. Age included as a guide. This program is made possible in part from the Library Services and Technology Act (LISTA) Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services – administere: locally by the Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services. For more information, call Krister at 136–684–1800.

Code Club at the Crescent City Library:

Join us at the Crescent City Library every month for beginner classes on creating games and animations using block-based programming on scratch.mit.edu. Clubs meet from 4-5pm several days a month. Call Blanca at 386-698-2600 for more information. Upcoming meetings:

- Friday, March 13
- Tuesday, March 24
- Wednesday, April 1

Learn to Code with Dr. Joe:

Join us at the Melrose Library Thursdays at noon starting February 6 through March 12 for an intro to computer science/coding class open to homeschool kids/teens ages 9 to 15 years old. This coding class also involves a 3D building project. Week one, the children started with Blockly Coding, learning what each block does and how to group the blocks. Shortly they will learn how to code templates and use the templates to make real, wooden picnic tables. The tables will then be given to Melrose Elementary School to replace their old picnic tables. Each table to be made is made by a team of students from the class consisting of 3 or more students per team. Please note: All safety precautions have been taken. Any part of the manufacturing of the tables required the use of power tools will have taken place off site, away from the students. The boards will be cut, drilled, and sanded elsewhere and brought to the library for the children to fasten with nuts and bolts and set some screws. The children will learn to use a wrench, someone may use a small tap hammer to set a screw and some may finish sanding some of the boards.

Space is limited. The library has partnered with staff and teachers at the Melrose Elementary School to bring students to the public library during the day (as a "walking field trip"). However, the program is also open to home school students. Call Sheree at 352-475-1237 for more information.

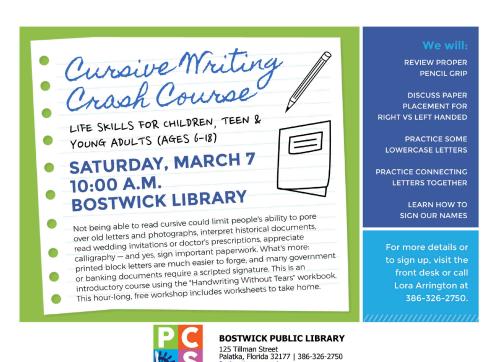
Coding for Kids at the Interlachen Library:

Kids ages six and up: Join us on two Saturdays this February to learn about loops and other computer science basics! Group meets two Saturdays a month. Next meetings: March 7 and 28.

Cursive Writing Workshops at the Library:

Not being able to read cursive could limit people's ability to pore over old letters and photographs, interpret historical documents, read wedding invitations or doctor's prescriptions, appreciate calligraphy — and yes, sign important paperwork. What's more: printed block letters are much easier to forge, and many government or banking documents require a scripted signature. This is an introductory course using the "Handwriting Without Tears" workbook. Cursive writing workshops will be coming to all five libraries in the Putnam County Library System (by summer 2020).

These programs are made possible in part from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services – administered locally by the Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services (State Library).

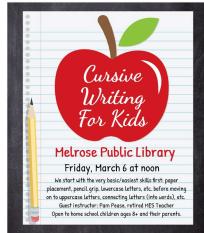


Cursive Writing Crash Course at the Bostwick Library (for ages 6-18):

Join us at the Bostwick Library on Saturday, March 7 at 10am. This hour-long, free workshop includes worksheets to take home. We will:

- Review proper pencil grip
- Discuss paper placement for right vs. left handed
- Practice some lower and uppercase letters
- Practice connecting letters together
- Learn how to sign our names

Call Lora Arrington at 386-326-2750 for more information.







Hand-Lettering for Bullet Journals

Wednesday, March 11 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Bostwick Public Library

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Cursive Writing for Kids at the Melrose Library

Join us at the Melrose Library on Friday, March 6 at noon. This hour-long, free workshop includes worksheets to take home. We will be joined by guest instructor Pam Pease, a retired Melrose Elementary teacher. Open to homeschool children ages 8+ and their parents. Workshop covers:

- Review proper pencil grip
- Discuss paper placement for right vs. left handed
- Practice some lower and uppercase letters
- Practice connecting letters together
- Learn how to sign our names

Call Sheree Sims at 352-475-1237 for more information.

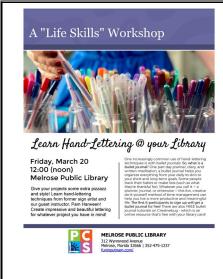
Hand-Lettering for Bullet Journals (for teens)

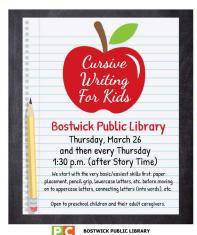
Join us at the Bostwick Library on Wednesday, March 11 at 5pm to learn more about bullet journals as well as handlettering/cursive writing. Give your DIY-Planner that extra pizzazz and style! You might just find that you use your planner more frequently when you allow your creativity to soar!

What is a bullet journal? One part day planner, diary, and written meditation, a bullet journal helps you organize everything from your daily to-do's to your short and long-term goals. Some people track their habits or make lists (such as what they're thankful for). They are a great way to set, track, and reach your personal, academic, or professional goals. Whatever you call it — a planner, journal, or otherwise — this fun, creative do-it-yourself method of time management can help you live a more productive and meaningful life. Because they are fully customizable, it's a great medium in which to express creativity. Call Lora Arrington at 386-326-2750 for more information.

Learning Hand Lettering at Your Library:

Join us at the Melrose Library on Friday, March 20 at noon to learn Hand Lettering with guest instructor Pam Harween, a former sign artist. Give your projects some extra pizzazz and style! Create impressive and beautiful lettering for whatever project you have in mind! For more information, contact Sheree Sims at 352-475-1237.





One increasingly common use of hand-lettering techniques is with bullet journals. So, what is a bullet journal? One part day planner, diary, and written meditation, a bullet journal helps you organize everything from your daily to-do's to your short and long-term goals. Some people track their habits or make lists (such as what they're thankful for). Whatever you call it — a planner, journal, or otherwise — this fun, creative do-it-yourself method of time management can help you live a more productive and meaningful life. The first 6 participants to sign up will get a bullet journal for free! There are also FREE bullet journal tutorials on Creativebug - which is an online resource that's free with your library card!

Cursive Writing for Kids:

Join us after Story Time at 1:30pm at the Bostwick Library starting March 26 for a series of cursive writing workshops for preschoolers. We start with the very basic/easiest skills first: paper placement, pencil grip, lowercase letters, etc. before moving on to uppercase letters, connecting letters (into words), etc. Call Lora Arrington at 386-326-2750 for more information.



Life Skills for Teens and Young Adults:

Join us at the Interlachen Library on Tuesday, March 3 and 10 at 4pm for a Life Skills class on basic health/self-care for teens. Learn how to self-diagnose simple illnesses, how to check a person's temperature, and other things you can do to prevent or treat things like the common cold or the flu. These programs are made possible in part from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services – administered locally by the Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services (State Library).



Super Science Friday with Dr. Holly Thomas:

Join us Friday, March 13 at noon at the Melrose Library for Super Science Friday, a hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) workshop with Putnam County Library System's unofficial scientist-in-residence, Dr. Holly Thomas. Please note: Dr. Holly's programs are suitable for and open to patrons of all ages but home school children (ages 9-13 years old) and their parents are encouraged to attend this program. Space is limited as we will also be joined by a class from Melrose Elementary. Please call Sheree Sims at 352-475-1237 for more information or to sign up.



TO REGISTER:

Diabetes Self-Management Workshop:

Learn how to manage your Type 2 Diabetes or help a friend or family member with the disease. Group meets every Monday for six weeks from 1:30-3:30 (through March 2) at the Headquarters Library in Palatka.

- February 24: Preventing Diabetes Complications. Your brain, teeth, eyes, kidneys, and feet feel the negative effect of our of control diabetes. How do you prevent, delay, or stop the damage?
- March 2: Medications for Control of Diabetes.
 Understand how and why it works. Plus: Stressed,
 Downhearted, and Diabetic. Ideas for how to cope.



A Visit to Magnolia Lake State Park

Join us at the Melrose Library on February 28 at 2pm for a special local history presentation. Magnolia Lake State Park, a vestige of segregation, was closed and abandoned in the 1970s. It was one of four segregated State Parks in Florida. Today, an Historic Marker stands nearby in Clay County as a reminder of those who sacrificed so much fighting for equality and as remembrance of our history and how far we've come. Special guest Ken Cooper will talk about his uncle's experience working at Magnolia Lake State Park. We'll also be joined by Robert Dews, the historical researcher who worked on the park's historic marker. Plus: local chef Shevon Cooper-McNeal will be preparing picnic desserts for refreshments. This program is sponsored by the Melrose Library Association.





Help us fill the bags!

For survivors of domestic violence who have escaped with nothing but their lives, basic items such as toothbrushes and shampoo are essential and often in short supply. Your Putnam County Library System is teaming up with the Lee Conlee House to provide as much as we can for our survivors in need!



Children from our homeschool life skills Children from our homeschool life skills group will be sewing drawstring totes and comfort dolls to donate to the shelter, and we'll be stuffing those totes with toiletries donated by our library patrons. If you can sew and want to make a tote or doll to donate, join us on Wednesday, Feb 12th or March 18th anytime between 2:00 and 6:00 PM to use our machines or pick up a pattern to take home and drop the finished doll or bag off at the front desk.

We're looking for:

- mpoo/Conditioner Toothbrushes/Floss
- Toothpaste/Mouthwash
- Soap/Body Wash Brushes/Combs/Scrunchies
- Pads/Tampons

travel-sized, such as complimentary toiletries from hotels. Make sure any donated items are new and unused. We will be accepting donations until March 31st.



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Archives and Genealogy Programs:

Join Archivist Mischa Johns at the library for public programs on local history, family history/genealogy search, and living history. Contribute to the Putnam County Archives. Learn how to start your family history research. Or learn how to make a costume for living history/reenactments.

- Living History is the art of keeping history alive and accessible to the public by presenting it as something more than just words in a textbook. Join us every second Wednesday of the month to talk techniques, sew historical costumes, and ask questions. Next meeting: March 11 from 2-6pm at the Palatka Library (in the How To Center).
- FAB (Fiber Arts and Books) Group: Join us this March for a special "Sewing for a Cause" project! For survivors of domestic violence who have escaped with nothing but their lives, basic items such as toothbrushes and shampoo are essential and often in short supply. Your Putnam County Library System is teaming up with the Lee Conlee House to provide as much as we can for our survivors in need! We will be sewing drawstring totes and comfort dolls to donate to the shelter, and we'll be stuffing those totes with toiletries donated by our library patrons. If you can sew and want to make a tote or doll to donate, join us on Wednesday, March 18th anytime between 2:00 and 6:00PM to use our machines or pick up a pattern to take home and drop the finished doll or bag off at the front desk. If you'd like to donate items for the bag, here's what we're looking for: Items can be full-sized or travel-sized, such as complimentary toiletries from hotels. Make sure any donated items are new and unused. We will be accepting donations until March 31st. Group meets every second Wednesday of the month from 2-6pm at to talk fabric, thread, yarn, books and anything else that's on your mind. Sewing, quilting, crochet, knitting, cross stitch... it's all FAB to us!

For more information, contact Mischa Johns, County Archivist at mischa.johns@putnam-fl.com. Or call (386) 329-0441.



Children's Programming at the Headquarters Library every weekday:

Attend one of our children's program – now every weekday at 10am at the Headquarters Library. *Please note: Age ranges included as a guide. Children of any age are welcome at any library story time with their parents and caregivers.

- Mondays are Toddler Time*. It's an infant and toddler story time (ages 0-2) that includes 15 minutes of stories, rhymes, and songs followed by 30 minutes of social time and play.
- On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we're showing family friendly films in the Children's Room!
- On Wednesdays, we've got the Children's Story Hour*.
 This story time (for ages 3-5) will feature 30 minutes of stories and songs followed by a themed craft.
- On Fridays, we have Little Games with fun board games (appropriate for ages 3+).



Family Board Game Nights:

Join us on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 5pm at the Headquarters Palatka Library for our new family board game nights! Next meetings: February 27, March 12 and 26. We'll have at least two games for ages 3+ and two games for ages 10+ set out in the meeting room. We have several classic games like Monopoly and Guess Who, but we've also got some titles that you may not have heard of before. For more information, contact Mischa Johns at mischa.johns@putnam-fl.com or call her at 386-329-0441.



Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) Kids:

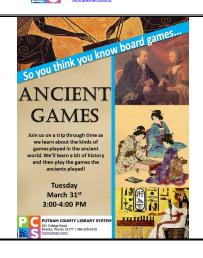
Are you ready to embark on an adventure that you create while making new friends and battling fierce enemies? Dungeons and Dragons Kids is a fun, interactive storytelling experience where every choice you make changes the outcome and everyone must work as a team to solve puzzles, finish the story, and win the treasure!

These sessions are geared for adventurers 8-12 years old. Join us at the Palatka Library every first and third Wednesday at 4:30-6pm. Next meetings: March 4 and 18. For more information, contact Mischa Johns at mischa.johns@putnam-fl.com or call her at 386-329-0441.



Dungeons & Doughnuts (Dungeons & Dragons for Teens):

Our Dungeons & Doughnuts role-playing game every month on the third Thursday at 5pm at the Headquarters Palatka Library (next game: March 19). We've got rules and dice for Dungeons and Dragons (5th edition) and Monster of the Week, and we're setting up beginner games for those just starting out. Plus, there will be doughnuts! Intended for ages 12 and up. Families are welcome. These games are all about storytelling, problem-solving, imagination, and teamwork. For more information, contact Mischa Johns at mischa.johns@putnam-fl.com or call her at 386-329-0441.



Ancient Board Games:

The Putnam County Archivist Mischa Johns is hosting Ancient Games on Tuesday, March 31 at 3pm at the Headquarters Palatka Library. You'll learn about ancient board games, how archaeologists figured out how they work, and then play a few yourself. For more information, contact Mischa Johns at mischa.johns@putnam-fl.com or call her at 386-329-0441.





Story time at your library:

Join us at the library every week for fun story times! These interactive programs include fun songs, make and take crafts, and practice with writing letters.

Headquarters Palatka Library
Mondays at 10am: Toddler Time (ages 0-2)*
Wednesdays at 10am: Story Time (ages 3-5)*

Bostwick Public Library
Thursdays at 1pm (ages 0-5)*

Crescent City Public Library
Thursdays at 10:30am (ages 0-2)*
Thursdays at 11am (ages 3-5)*

Interlachen Public Library
Thursdays at 10am (for ages 0-5)*

Melrose Public Library
Tuesdays at 10am (for ages 0-5)*

*Please note: all children are welcome at any library story time with their parents/caregivers – regardless of age. Ages are only included as a guide. Programs for ages 0-2 are typically 20-30 minutes in length and involve simpler crafts and activities. Programs for children ages 3-5 are often 30 minutes to an hour in length and involve crafts and activities that are more suitable for toddlers/preschoolers.

THE CHARMS OF VIETNAM, CAMBODIA, AND THE MEKONG RIVER Wednesday, March 11 at noon at the Crescent City Public Library View dramatic landscapes and the cities of Vietnam! Gain insight into the cultures and foods of Vietnam and Cambodia. Vicki will share her experiences from Siem Reap's Angkor Wat, the worlds largest religious monument, to glimpses of the dynamic force of the Mekong River, which winds through the two countries with a photo slideshow and presentation. Original art works and Southeastern crafts will be program is sponsored by the Crescent City Library Board.

Meeting with the Greats:

Members of the Crescent City Library Board invite special guests to present and discuss different topics each month! Participants are welcome to bring a bag lunch (optional). Meeting with the Greats meets on the second Wednesday of each month at noon. Call the Crescent City Public Library at 386-698-2600 for more info.

March 11: The Charms of Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Mekong River with Vicki April 8: Local Author James Williams



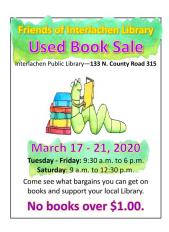
Melrose Library Book Discussion Group:

Meeting monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am.

March 11: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah April 8: The Golden Hour by Beatriz Williams

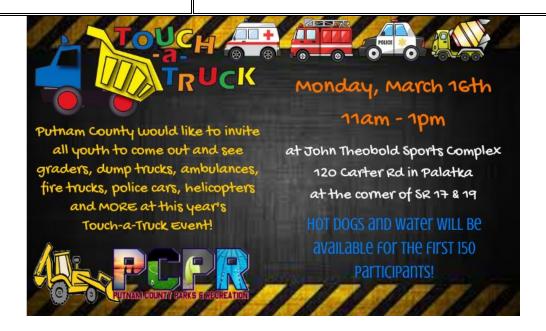
May 13: Fly Girls by Keith O'Brian

Call the Melrose Library at 352-475-1237 for more information.



The Friends of the Interlachen Library to host a Used Book Sale:

Stop by the Interlachen Library Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-6pm March 17-20 or Saturday, March 21 from 9am-12:30pm for a used book sale. No books over \$1. All proceeds benefit the Interlachen Library. For more information, contact Kristen Lowrie at 386-684-1600.



Touch-a-Truck:

Putnam County would like to invite all youth to come out and see graders, dump trucks, ambulances, fire trucks, police cars, helicopters and MORE at this year's Touch-a-Truck Event! Monday, March 16th from 11am - 1pm (during Spring Break) at the John Theobold Sports Complex at 120 Carter Rd in Palatka (corner of State Roads 17 & 19). Hot dogs and water will be available for the first 150 participants! This is a free, family-friendly event. While you're there: be sure to visit the library's booth and pick up information about our upcoming programs including Fine Free Month (coming in April) and our "Imagine Your Story" Summer Reading Program (running June 6 through July 25).



There will be no DCF Representative at the Library until further notice:

Please note: The Library System is a DCF Community Partner location that offers free computer/internet access. Due to the personal/private information requested on these forms as well as HIPAA law and county/library policy, library staff are unable to assist patrons with completing these or other applications that contain any personal/private information. Library staff can assist patrons with navigating to a website, basic troubleshooting, or with printing issue but not with completing applications.

Only these visiting trained/authorized DCF representatives may assist the public with filling out these applications at the library. However, patrons are able use the library's computers or the e-gov laptops at any time to complete applications on their own (or with the assistance of a trusted friend or family member). Other DCF community partner locations like Island Doctors on 200 Mission Road in Palatka (behind Goodwill) can assist patrons with some aspects of online or paper applications but cannot provide in-person interviews or customer authentication. Call Kaylee Strunk, Senior Social Services Coordinator, at Island Doctors at 386-530-3120 for more information.

For a current list of DCF Community Partners, visit: http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/access/CPSLookup/search.aspx

For more help with the benefit process including in-person interviews for food assistance (SNAP) or customer authentication, an authorized DCF Representative is required. You can meet with one at:

- Tuesdays from 10am-4pm at the Hastings Library located at 6195 S. Main St. Suite B in Hastings.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-4pm at the St. Johns County Social Services located at 200 San Sebastian View (upstairs, Suite 2300) in St. Augustine.
- Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm at Flagler County Free Clinic at 700 E. Moody Blvd. in Bunnell.

- Tuesdays 10am-3pm at Grace Marketplace at 3055 NE 28th Avenue in Gainesville.
- Wednesdays 8:30am-1:30pm at St. Francis House at 413 S. Main Street in Gainesville.

Or visit the main DCF Office at 1000 NE 16th Ave. Building J in Gainesville. For more information, visit ACCESS Florida

Website: www.myflorida.com/accessflorida

DCF Customer Call Center:

Phone: 866-762-2237 | Fax: 866-619-5720

Get Medicare Help from SHINE at the Library:

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) is a local, free program designed to help people with Medicare and is offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and your local Area Agency on Aging. For more information, contact the local liaison: Cheryl Harris. For more information or to find out what other locations/dates volunteers appear in Putnam County, contact them at: 1-800-96-ELDER or 1-800-963-5337.

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<u>Please bring with you</u>: Driver's License or Photo I.D.; any letters from Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid which you may have received; Medicare and Social Security cards; a printout of medications from the pharmacy or the bottles; and proof of annual household income to determine if you qualify.

Crescent City Library: First Tuesdays, 10am-12pm Next three months: March 3, April 7, May 5

Palatka Library: Third Tuesdays, 10am-noon

Next three months: February 18, March 17, April 21

Melrose Library: Second Thursdays, 10am-noon Next three months: March 12, April 9, May 14

Interlachen Library: Fourth Tuesdays, 1-3pm Next three months: February 25, March 24, April 28



Tobacco Cessation Programs:

The Suwannee River Area Health Education Center will be offering a Tobacco Cessation classes at our libraries.

Join us at the Headquarters Palatka Library February 18, and 25 and March 3 at 6-7:30pm.

Or join us at the Crescent City Library on Thursdays starting February 20 from 5:30-7:30pm (through March 12).

For information or to register, call (866) 341-2730. This program is a part of the Tobacco Free Florida AHEC Cessation Program.