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50 East Broad
Cookeville, TN 38501

Library Information

Founded in 1939
Consists of the Main Library in Cookeville, with
branches in Baxter, Algood, and Monterey

Main Library in Cookeville

Hours:
Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 526-2416 or 528-3636

Algood Branch Library

Hours:
Monday through Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Phone: 537-3240

Baxter Branch Library

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 858-1888

Monterey Branch Library

Hours:
Monday through Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Phone: 839-2103

Library Website:

www.pclibrary.org
with a link to the Putnam County
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Dana L. Brumbelow

Putnam County Library Director



My home town is Gadsden, Alabama, but I most recently came to you from Dallas, TX. I hold a BS in Secondary Education as well as an MLS in Library Service. Both of my degrees are from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. I also am the recipient of a Library Service and Construction Act scholarship grant, which enabled me to attend library school. While I was in library school, I also held a graduate teaching assistantship, where among my duties I gave tours of the Gorgas Library.

I've held a passion for libraries since I was 12 years old when I was allowed to work in my school's library instead of taking reading classes. Each week I was expected to read at least one Newbery Award winning book, and then I was tested on what I had comprehended. It was a wonderful way to be introduced to the field, and a lot more fun than attending reading class! Since then, I've worked as a professional librarian in four states – Alabama, Georgia, Texas and now Tennessee – and at eight different

library systems. I've held just about every public service position a public library would offer – assistant director, branch manager, reference librarian, children's librarian, library assistant, page, and now, library director. I've also had the opportunity to work with and learn from many fine colleagues, several who are award-winning and/or nationally recognized library professionals.

I'm often asked why I became a librarian, and, truthfully, I believe my reasons to be not that remarkable. But, I will tell you why I chose to stay a librarian. In my experience, libraries actually do change lives and make huge contributions to the quality of life for community members. The lives of everyday community members are, indeed, fuller and richer from the influences of libraries and library users. I consider myself a witness to what libraries are doing for America. And, unlike the image of bun-loving, polyester-wearing, horn-rimmed-glasses-adorned librarians of the day when I first decided to enter library school, being a librarian is considered a hip and happening profession now. We've come a long way, as libraries are now used more than ever before. The best is yet to be experienced!

Mark Your Calendars for April 23

WCTE and the Putnam County Library Friends Present

Mystery Theater and Death by Chocolate

A real murder mystery—and you can help solve it! Come to the Leslie Town Centre Friday, April 23, and take part in the production of “Death by Chocolate,” an Out on a Limb Production directed by Kathy Gilpatrick. The doors open at 7:30 and the mystery begins at 8:00. The cost is \$15 and you can purchase your tickets by calling WCTE (528-2222) or the Putnam County Library (526-2416). Have your dessert and beverage with us, and enjoy a night of fun and intrigue. This event is a fund raiser for WCTE and the Putnam County Library Friends.



News & Notes

Author-Lecture Series a Success

The Putnam County Library Friends' annual author-lecture series offered a well-attended Saturday morning coffee-house format this winter. Attendees were invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and refreshments, courtesy of Poets and Grade-A Catering, while listening to authors speak about their recent books.

The first speakers were Dr. Calvin Dickinson, TTU professor emeritus of history; Dr. Kent Dollar, TTU assistant professor of history; and Dr. Larry Whitaker, TTU emeritus faculty. They spoke January 16 about editing their book of 16 essays entitled *Sister States, Enemy States, Kentucky and Tennessee in the Civil War*.

Jennie Ivey, freelance writer and columnist for the *Herald-Citizen* spoke Saturday, February 20. She has written stories for nine "Chicken Soup" books, and her topic was "Stories from the Heart: Writing for 'Chicken Soup for the Soul.'"

Annual Meeting May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to attend the annual meeting for the Putnam County Library Friends on Tuesday, May 11, at the library. Storyteller Marcial Donovan will present a program about storytelling and will tell one of her stories. Winners of the student poetry contest will read their poems and refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Come and find out what the Friends are doing to support your library.



This year's poetry contest winners are shown here receiving their prizes from Library Director Dana Brumbelow. (from left to right): Dana Brumbelow; Liz Plant, 4th place winner and 5th grader at Prescott Central Middle School; Hayley Herrin, 2nd place winner and 6th grader at Cornerstone Middle School; Kinsley Rector, 1st place winner and 6th grader at Cornerstone Middle School; and Pat Rottmund, PCLF member. *Not pictured*: Mitchell Harris, 3rd place winner and 6th grader at Cornerstone Middle School.

Library Legislative Day

Dana Brumbelow, Pat Phillips, Ed Jared, and Connie Albrecht traveled to Nashville for a statewide Library Legislative Day on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. They met with legislators during lunch at the Doubletree Hotel and in legislators' offices to address the needs of our libraries.

Friends of Tennessee Libraries Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Friends of Tennessee Libraries will meet Friday, May 14, in Crossville's new library. Called Cumberland County's "new community living room" by the Art Circle Public Library Foundation, the library offers 37 dedicated computer stations, a Book Reader's Cafe, and a children's library with a story-time carousel. Knoxville poet Judy Loest will speak, and a catered lunch will be served. Tours of the library are from 8:30 to 9:00, and continental refreshments follow. The registration fee is \$20 and the registration deadline is May 1.

Elizabeth Smith Retires

After 21 years of serving as a library clerk, Elizabeth Smith has retired from the Putnam County Library. She formerly taught for 30 years at Monterey High School where she emphasized the importance of libraries to her students. She has also worked at the Regional Library and at the Algood Library. An avid reader, Smith will no doubt return to the library often to find new reading material.

Quick Quotations

"Life is all memory, except for the one present moment that goes by so quick you can hardly catch it going."
--Tennessee Williams

"The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work."
--Arthur Brisbane

News & Notes

President's Message

Pat Phillips, President
Putnam County Library Friends

After two and half months working with the new director, Dana Brumbelow, I am happy to report that the Library Board Screening Committee's selection of Dana Brumbelow as the new director of the Putnam County Library is a very good choice. Dana brings enthusiasm, energy and excitement to her role as director, and she has many innovative ideas to offer to the library. The PCL Friends are eager to support such advancements and help make our wonderful library even better.

We continue to support programming and pay for library resources such as the McNaughton lease plans for the branches, along with donating half of the book sale funds to the Library each month. PCL Friends will also pay for a monthly subscription to *BookPage*, a book reviewing journal. Through the subscription, the main library and the branches will distribute free copies for the public to find out about the latest new titles, reviews and author interviews. The PCL Friends will also purchase a new Early Literacy computer workstation for the Children's Room. The library is hoping to receive a grant from the state to put one station at each library, but won't know until later whether the grant is funded.

In these very difficult economic times, we thank you for your continuing support of the PCL Friends with your membership and your time and talents. You make it possible for the Friends to support the library, which then supports the community.

Know Your Library Services!

Audiovisual equipment is available for checkout for 24 hours by groups and organizations.

Access to genealogical resources is available in the Tennessee Room.

Free Interlibrary Loan service allows members to borrow books that are not owned by local libraries.

Nonprofit, nonsectarian, educational and nonpartisan groups may use the library's two meeting rooms.

Photocopies are available for 15 cents per page.

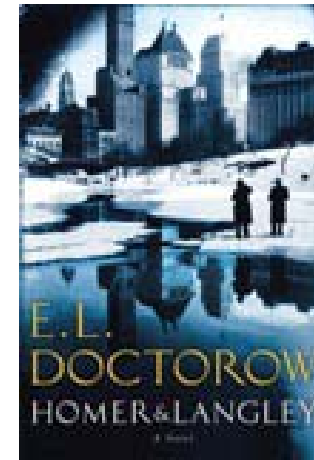
Computer use, including Internet access and word processing, is limited to one hour per person per day.

Donations may be made to purchase books in memory or honor of someone. For each book ordered, a card will be sent to the family.

Book Review

Homer and Langley by E. L. Doctorow

(Random House, 2009)



Reviewed by Jennie Ivey

"I'm Homer, the blind brother," this novel begins. In the course of the next 208 pages, a fictionalized account of the lives of New York City's fabled Collyer brothers unfolds.

The real Homer and Langley were born in the 1880s into a wealthy family who lived in the then-fashionable neighborhood of Harlem.

After the deaths of their parents in the 1920s, the brothers' descent into madness began. Langley, who fancied himself an inventor, began to "collect" things while his older brother Homer slowly lost his sight. As the years passed, both men grew increasingly bizarre and reclusive. When, in the spring of 1947, neighbors reported a horrible smell emanating from the Collyers' run-down home, police responded. Wending their way through ceiling-high tunnels of bundled newspapers and an amazing assortment of other junk, they discovered Homer's emaciated body. Several days later, after tons of detritus from the once-magnificent mansion had been removed, a policeman found Langley. His severely decomposed corpse was being devoured by rats.

Authorities eventually removed 130 tons of "stuff," including 25,000 books, fourteen pianos, thousands of filthy tin cans, broken bicycles, Oriental rugs, and even a Model-T Ford, from the building. It was then declared a health hazard and razed.

Now there's a compulsive-hoarding story that'll grab hold of you and not let go.

As you might guess, Doctorow is not the first author to write about Homer and Langley. He's not even the first to fictionalize their lives, which he did with reckless abandon in this novel—reversing the birth order, sending Langley to the mustard gas-choked trenches of World War I as a young man, and extending the brothers' lives into the 1970s.

But no matter. Once you settle into a reading chair with *Homer and Langley*, you're likely to stay there until the whole horrifying but fascinating tale is told.

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Membership

You are encouraged to join the Putnam County Library Friends (see membership form at end of newsletter). In addition to supporting your library, you receive the newsletter twice a year by mail and have early admission to the book sale on first Fridays of the month from 4:00 to 6:00. As an added incentive, a contribution of \$50 or more enables you to pick up a free book bag at the check-out desk.

Answers to "What Books Do You Know?"

1. glass of milk
2. egg
3. Stephanie Meyers
4. spoon
5. He died

Answer to "Can You Read This?"

The hen has five eggs.

Become a PCLF Member: We Need Your Support!

Putnam County Library Friends Membership Form
The Putnam County Library needs you! We invite your interest and financial support in assisting our fine library. Our fiscal year extends from January 1 through December 31.

I am able to volunteer on an ___ occasional ___ regular basis:
 ___ Membership ___ Hospitality ___ Publicity ___ Program
 ___ Phoning ___ Fund Raising ___ Other DATE _____

NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT LISTED _____

STREET OR BOX NUMBER _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____

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*Mail form and payment to Putnam County Library Friends
 50 East Broad Street, Cookeville, TN 38501*

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 Benefactor \$500 _____
 Sponsor \$250 _____
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 Donor \$50 _____
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Jokes

Q: Why didn't the burglar break into the library?

A: Because he was afraid he'd get a long sentence!

Q: What does the librarian say when she has to leave?

A: Time to book!

Q: Why do authors always get good marks on tests?

A: They know how to copy-right.

Can You Read This?
(from C D B ! by William Steig)



See answer on page 6.



Children and Teen Corner

Top 20 Most Read Teen Books in 2009

by Nicole Pugh

Make no mistake about it, vampires, werewolves, and the supernatural dominated Putnam County teen reading interests in 2009. Whether it was the seemingly ever-popular *Twilight*, a new favorite like *The Awakening*, or a genre classic such as Harry Potter, these books were rarely on the shelves.

Of the top 20 most circulated teen books in 2009, there were still a few titles that fell outside the ghoulish genre. *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist*, which came in at number #16, is a high-energy romance that follows two high-school seniors through a single, music-fueled night in Manhattan. It's a fun, hip read with lots of humor and buzz, and sure to be a cult classic. Likewise, the classic 1967 *The Outsiders*, which is deemed as one of the first true "young adult" novels, showed its relevance with today's teens at #14 on the list and over 70 checkouts...

Here is the list in full – have you read them all?

Twilight by Stephanie Meyer

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling

Brisingsr by Christopher Paolini

The Awakening by Kelley Armstrong

New Moon by Stephanie Meyer

The Summoning by Kelley Armstrong

Masquerade by Melissa de la Cruz

Revelations by Melissa de la Cruz

Eclipse by Stephanie Meyer

Vampire Kisses by Ellen Schreiber

Go Ask Alice by Anonymous

Blue Bloods by Melissa de la Cruz

Chosen by Ted Dekker

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X by James Patterson

Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist by Rachel Cohn

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Wake by Lisa McMann

Evermore by Alyson Noel

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling

2010 Newbery Award Winners

The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to children's literature. Honor books are the runners-up.

Newbery Medal Winner: *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Sneed (Random House Children's Books)

Miranda and Sal, best friends and savvy sixth graders, navigate their Upper West Side neighborhood in 1979. Sal stops talking to Miranda, and Miranda must figure out why.

Newbery Honor Books

Claudette Colvin: Twice Told Justice by Philip Hoose (Macmillan)

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly (Henry Holt)

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin (Little, Brown)

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick (Scholastic)

2010 Caldecott Award Winners

The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. Honor books are the runners-up.



Caldecott Medal Winner:
The Lion & the Mouse
illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney (Little, Brown)

Set in the African Serengeti, this book is a nearly wordless adaptation of an Aesop's fable with amazing illustrations.

Caldecott Honor Books

All the World illustrated by Maria Frazee, written by Liz Garton Scanlon (Beach Lane Books)

Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski, written by Joyce Sidman (Houghton Mifflin)

Book Review

Three Cups Of Tea:

One Man's Journey to Change the World... One Child at a Time

Young Readers Edition by Greg Mortenson

Reviewed by Kids of the P.C.L.

Our Tween group, the self-named "Kids of the P.C.L.," kicked off our program by reading the young readers edition of *Three Cups of Tea*. The story is one of tragedy, endurance, hope, and accomplishment, and one the kids thoroughly enjoyed.

The book takes place in the early 90s, beginning in 1993 when Greg Mortenson was climbing the K2 Mountain in Pakistan. He became separated from his group, ending up lost and sick. Eventually reconnecting with his guide, they came upon the village of Korphe, where the villagers saved his life. He vowed to repay their kindness. After witnessing the local children attending "school" outside, doing their lessons in the dirt with sticks, Greg knew what he was going to do. He made a promise that he would build a school. This began his real journey--getting the funds and materials to accomplish his goal.

The kids were moved by Mr. Mortenson's generosity and kindness, from his original goal of honoring his sister who had passed away by climbing the mountain to place her amber necklace at the top, to the trials and tribulations he went through to get the school built, which included being kidnapped, having to build a bridge, and coming up with the funding in the first place.

It seemed as though everything was against Greg's attempts to build the school for Korphe. He could not find donors, so he sold everything he owned until he ended up sleeping in his car to save his money. His selflessness touched the kids, and made them eager to help others. They also learned the power of perseverance--that having a goal and not letting go of your ambitions will pay off.

After finishing the book, our kids held a bake sale and were able to earn over \$110 in a single day to donate to people in a third-world country to buy basic supplies we take for granted on a daily basis. They are eager to contribute more soon.

by Dale Stapp, Children's Librarian

What Books Do You Know?

1. If you give a mouse a cookie, what does he want next?
2. In Dr. Seuss, what does Horton hatch?
3. Who wrote the Twilight series?
4. What did the dish run away with?
5. What happened to the pilot in *Hatchet*?



Benjamin Smith, age 3, reads his book at the library.

Spin a Tale

The 15th annual Frontier Craft and Storytelling Festival for grades four and up will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3. Professional craft artists and home-school families will present programs that enable children to experience what Putnam County was like during pioneer days. The event is free, but classes should call 528-3636 to register.

Putnam County Pacesetters

Performances by Putnam County Pacesetters were held in the children's library from 10:00 to 10:30 from March 29 to April 1. Storyteller Marcia Donovan and visual artist Merritt Ireland assisted.

Storytime

Preschool storytime is offered Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 to 10:30 by Storyteller Marcia Donovan.

Dial-a-Story

Dial-a-Story, an automated telephone story line is offered 24 hours a day at 526-2040.