

September is National Library Month Kent Library Celebrates Voter Registration Day

Among the backpacks and notebooks, binders and highlighters, there's one item you can add to your back-to-school shopping list that won't cost you a penny—a library card.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and with kids returning to school, it's the perfect time to get a new card or replace your lost or damaged card.

Libraries save residents money by providing free access to books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, digital magazines, online screening sources – and more. In addition, many have free or discounted museum passes available to borrow, and most offer various clubs, programs and entertainment free of charge.

Also, libraries offer quiet spaces for independent or group study, and computer help.

Library Card Sign-up Month began in 1987, when U.S. Secretary of Education William J. Bennett led a national campaign for all kids to obtain and use a library card.



Kent Librarian Carol Donick holds up a voter registration form. The Kent Public Library plans to participate in National Voter Registration Day by making voter registration forms available Sept. 24 – and every day.

At Patterson Library, residents are encouraged to bring a

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driver's license or other form of identification for proof of residency to receive a new or replacement card for free. Plus, every time you use your library card during the month of September, you can enter to win a raffle basket of prizes.

In addition, the Kent Public Library plans to participate in National Voter Registration Day by making voter registration forms available Sept. 24 – and every day.

On Sept. 24, Americans will celebrate the national holiday with a massive 50-state effort to register voters before Election Day this November. More than 2 million Americans have registered to vote on this day since the inaugural National Voter Registration Day.

Fast, Strong Start to Flu Season Predicted

Three Vaccine Clinics Scheduled this Fall

Flu season will arrive in Putnam County soon, and word from experts who monitor the flu's earlier arrival in other parts of the world is not encouraging.

The good news is the Putnam County Department of Health has scheduled its fall flu clinics, and residents can mark their calendars to make sure they get their shots on time.

Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, commissioner of health, strongly recommends getting a flu shot.

"Getting vaccinated is your best option, even if the vaccine is not 100 percent effective," he said. "When you get a flu shot and you still get the flu, your chance of serious complications is reduced, along with the length of time you may be sick."

Clinics are scheduled Monday, Sept. 23 at the Carmel firehouse, 94 Glensida Ave. (Route 52); Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Garrison firehouse, 1616 Route 9; and Monday, Oct. 21 at the Carmel firehouse. Each clinic runs from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Early vaccination is important, since the shot starts to work about two weeks after it is given. Certain people should be extra sure to get vaccinated, including pregnant women, children 6 months through 18 years of age, people older than 50, those with chronic or long-

lasting medical conditions, and those who live with or care for them. Health care workers are also required to get the flu vaccine to protect their patients.

Flu shots are important for other reasons, said Nesheiwat, noting that medical costs and work absenteeism are reduced with a healthier population. Flu immunization is also the right thing to do for the community, he said, as it builds "herd immunity" – protecting those who can't be vaccinated because they are too young or have a specific medical condition.

The public flu clinics are open to all Putnam County residents 18 years of age and older. Proof of residency is required, along with a signed consent form. Forms will be available at the clinics, but residents are encouraged to download one at www.putnamcounty.com/health/immunization and complete it ahead of time.

The fee for vaccination is \$25 for residents younger than 65; those 65 and older, or with a Medicare card, can receive the vaccine free of charge. High-dose flu vaccine is being offered for seniors age 65 years and older, as studies show this vaccine is more effective for this population.

The pneumonia vaccine will not be offered at the flu clinics.



Gordon Feeley

World War II veteran Gordon V. Feeley passed away Aug. 30 in Napa, Calif. He was 97.

Feeley was born May 17, 1922 to Robert and Marie Feeley in New York. He grew up in Riverside, Conn., and spent summers at the family home at the Gipsy Trail Club in Carmel. The Whipple Feeley Putnam County Veterans Memorial Chapel was named for his father, and brother-in-law George Whipple.

Feeley graduated from Greenwich High School and attended the University of Alabama until leaving to enlist in the U.S. Army to serve in WWII. After the war, he returned to Connecticut, building a career in advertising at

his own agency and the Greenwich Time newspaper. He moved to Florida in 1980 for a second career at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

He finally retired at 87 and moved to northern California.

Feeley is survived by his beloved wife, Phillis B. Feeley; sisters Joann Whipple and Margaret Merritt; children Christopher H. Feeley, Brooke F. Connor and Nora S. Feeley; grandchildren Ryan Connor, Patrick Connor, Cayley Connor and Gordon M. Brinckhoff; and loving nieces and nephews. Feeley will be remembered with full military honors and his remains will stay in Putnam County.

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O'Connor, Ellen T., 88, Aug 29. Cargain Funeral Homes, Carmel. (845) 225-3672.

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Bogholtz Jr, Richard, 90, Aug 30. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac. (845) 621-1992.

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Stiebeling, Henry Adam, 78, Aug 30. Dwyer Funeral Home, Patterson. (845) 878-3161.

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