

Check it out...



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Poetry Reading

The Friends of the Portland Library will host a reception and reading for Sheila Murphy on **Saturday, October 17th**, to celebrate the publication of her poetry chapbook *View from a Kayak in Autumn*. The reception, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, will feature a reading at 3:00 of some of her award-winning poems. Sheila Murphy, a long-time Portland resident, is a retired teacher who has offered workshops in memoir-writing and poetry for the Portland Library and for the Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education at Middlesex Community College. She is co-editor, with Marilyn Nelson, of *Fair Warning: Leo Connellan and His Poetry*, a forthcoming collection of essays about Connecticut's second Poet Laureate.

On November 2nd, Sheila will present the pilot of a monthly Poetry Circle discussion group at the Library. She will answer questions and take suggestions about the Poetry Circle at the reception.

Friends Fall Book Sale

It's that time again! The Friends of the Library are once again sponsoring their yearly book sale and it's as big as ever!

You'll find thousands of items for children and adults, all at great prices. DVDs will be offered at \$3.00 each; CDs, hard cover and trade paperbacks, \$1.00 each; and all paperbacks, children's books, puzzles, games, videos and tapes, \$.50 each. The sale will take place in the library and at the Senior Center, located on Waverly Avenue, across the parking lot.

- Friday, October 23rd, 6:00-8:00 -Special preview for Friends only (You may join at the door.)
- Saturday, October 24th, 10:00-4:00
- Sunday, October 25th, 10:00-12:00 (\$1.00 per bag/clearance)



Small Business Program

The Portland Library Board, in partnership with Connecticut Community Investment Corporation and Portland Business Excellence Club, will sponsor a small business program. This free event will take place on Tuesday, October 27th, at 7:00 pm at the library. The program, "How to Survive as a Small Business in an Economic Downturn," will feature a presentation by Lisa Powell, Business Development Specialist with the Small Business Administration of Connecticut. Among the topics of discussion will be the availability of SBA loan programs and ways to increase sales and develop marketing through government contracting. Some time will be allowed for questions.



To register for this timely, and what is sure to be informative, program, please contact the Portland Library at 342-6770 or visit www.portlandlibraryct.org and click on Calendar of Events. Everyone is welcome.

Coming Soon-Save the Date!!

Monday, Nov. 9th— *Post Impressionism: A Discussion of Art with Jackie Peterson*

Thursday, Nov. 12th— *Be Bear Aware!*

Artist Display

The Friends of the Portland Library will host an artist reception on Saturday, October 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Mary Flood Room, for an exhibit of art works by members of the MOMS Club of Portland. A variety of works will be displayed, including photographs, paintings and drawings. All are welcome to attend. The exhibit will be on display for the entire month of October.

The display cases in the entrance of the Library will be filled during the month of October with pottery by Portland Middle School teacher Ann-Marie Szerejko.

Wasn't one myth enough for anyone, enough for a lifetime?



TAB, Portland Library's Teen Advisory Board, is presenting a series of book-related programs for teens.

If you are in grade 7 or higher, you are invited to join in the excitement.

The first event will be a discussion comparing the *Twilight* series of books to other popular, vampire series, to take place on November 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Teens who participate in the activities will be invited to view *New Moon*, the latest movie related to the *Twilight* series, showing at Destinta Theatre in Middletown.

Details and more information will be available soon!
Registration is required, and will begin on October 26th!

A Healthy Community/Healthy Youth grant provides funding for the related books and activities planned by TAB members.



Empowering Teens as Community Partners

Library Children's Programs

The Green Gal



Tara Brophy to Perform!

It's time for us ALL, tall and small to GO GREEN! The *Green Gal*, Tara Brophy, an Earth-friendly Super Heroine with a green cape and a green guitar, will be flying our way on **Tuesday, October 13th at 1:00 p.m.** to teach us all how to be more green!

The ever-growing *Green Gal* show is a storytelling sing-along with a Go-Green twist! Get ready for original Earth-friendly songs, recycled instruments, and a simple straightforward message about the simple ways that we can actually help the Earth and ourselves to grow healthy and be strong! All ages are welcome. **Registration is required and is going on now.**

This event is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Portland Library.



The next business meeting for **TAB** is scheduled for **Monday, October 19th at 3:00 pm!** We will be finishing up our planning of the grant funded programs.

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of local teens going into **grades 6-12** who help to provide the "teen voice" to the selection of the Library's teen books, music and programming. New members are always welcome!

Once Upon a Halloween

What would Halloween be without some chillin' tales for the spookiest time of the year? Professional Storyteller, Diane Edgecomb, will present her show, *Once Upon A Halloween* at the Library on **Thursday, October 29th at 4:00 pm.**



Once Upon A Halloween is a fun-filled, Halloween event - complete with a huge cauldron bubbling over with fog for the last dramatic story! This family program contains some old chestnuts as well as great new Halloween stories full of surprises.

All tales are appropriate for family audiences and contain a well-rounded blend of suspense and humor. **Registration is required and is going on now.** All ages are welcome. This program is sponsored by the **Friends of the Portland Library.**



Reading Programs

Magical Stories: Children ages 2-5 years old are invited to stop in for weekly story and craft times. Themes will change every week! **Registration is required and is going on now.**

Programs will take place on

Tuesdays at 10:30 am,

October 20th-November 10th

and repeat on **Wednesdays at 1:00 pm**

October 14th-November 4th.

Please register for Tuesday or Wednesday sessions.



Ready to Read! A creative, literacy program for children in K-1st grade, who have recently made the transition into reading will be held on **October 8th at 4:00 p.m.** Our theme will be *Moonlight and Witches* and we will be reading stories and creating a cool Witches' Broom to take home.

Registration for this program is going on now.



More News...

Thank You to Special Patrons!

The Library would like to thank all those who have made contributions recently:

Adopt an Author: Mrs. Carolyn Freeman

Gift Books: Dr. Sally Irons, Mrs. Janet Poet, Ms. Robin Richardson, Mrs. Sari Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. George Scheer, Mrs. Valerie Schmidt, Mr. Doug Welch

Gift Books in Memory of Thomas Gallagher: Memoir Writing Group

Gift DVDs: Mr. Herbert Duey

Material Donation: Mrs. Mary Certo



Family Film on the Big Screen

Portland Library's next "Movies in the Afternoon" will be held on **Wednesday October 14th, at 1:00 pm**. Join us one Wednesday a month for big screen entertainment with films recently released on DVD.

All are invited to watch the hilarious romantic comedy *Confessions of a Shopaholic*, starring Isla Fisher, Krysten Ritter, and Joan Cusack. Rated PG, 104 min.

Registration is not required to attend film showings. The Friends of Portland Library group supports the library DVD collection. All films shown may be borrowed.

Book Discussion

The adult book discussion is held one Thursday each month at 6:30 pm. Please join us on October 1st to discuss *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen.

The title for November 5th is *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez.

In rich, imaginative prose, Nobel Prize winner García Márquez chronicles the irreconcilable conflict in the Buendia family between the desire for solitude and the need for love.

Multiple copies of this title will be made available beginning at the October 1st discussion. No registration is required to attend and all are welcome!

Online Resources @ Portland Library

Find a link to each of these free resources at www.portlandlibraryct.org

Expert job coaching advice is available through the **JobNow** program from Brainfuse, Inc. Patrons of all ages can access this service from public computers in the library or from home with a valid Portland library card. The JobNow service offers resume and cover letter templates and examples, live interview practice, online resources, local job search websites, and more.

Find product ratings, updates on product availability, and other information not included in the monthly magazine **Consumer Reports** at www.ConsumerReports.org.

Downloadable audio books are now available from the State Library at www.iconn.org. The service includes over 1300 digital audio book titles that can be downloaded to a PC or Mac. From your computer, you can then transfer titles to iPods and select MP3 players. This is in addition to the thousands of titles already available from our website.

Your library card keeps increasing in value!



The next **Friends' Read & Recycle** drop-off date will be Thursday, November 5th, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Brownstone Intermediate School on Main Street.

Library Hours

Mon. - Wed. 10 am - 8 pm
Thurs. - 12 noon - 8 pm
Fri. & Sat. - 10 am - 5 pm

Library Closings

Monday, October 12th

Library Meetings

Friends of the Library Executive Board: Monday, Oct. 5th

Library Board of Directors:
Thursday, Oct. 1st
Thursday, Oct. 22nd

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