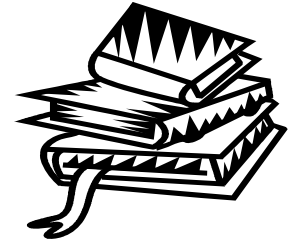


# Check it out...



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## A Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 29th at 1:00 p.m.

Get into the Halloween "spirit" with a specially designed family concert and Halloween parade with award winning national recording artists, Peter & Ellen! Peter and Ellen have released seven recordings and won numerous awards, including two Parents' Choice, a Parent's Guide, & 6 Children's Music Web Awards. Armed with a guitar and a bundle of energy, get ready for some spooky, magical, musical chills and thrills with these beloved entertainers. Children are invited to come to the concert **in costume** and will get an opportunity to march in a Halloween parade. Registration is required and will begin on Tuesday, October 11th, 2005. Please call the Library to register. A "Spooktacular" time will be had by all!

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Portland Library.



## Art Horn to visit Library

NBC30's Art Horn will present his traveling weather show: *The Wonders of Weather* at the Portland Library on **October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.** in the Mary Flood Room. Please join us for this visual presentation on extreme weather throughout the Earth. After a description on how weather works in easy to understand language, Mr. Horn will take us on a weather safari with spectacular color slides that will likely cause us all to look at the sky in a very different way! There will be time for questions after the slide show.



Art Horn was born in New London, Connecticut and raised in the ship building town of Groton. He has had an interest in weather since the young age of 6 when he began collecting weather maps. Mr. Horn has 25 years experience in meteorology and television and radio broadcasting, including stints in Boston, West Palm Beach and, in recent years, at Channel 30, West Hartford. He has forecast the weather in such diverse places as Florida and the deserts of Iran. He has investigated the aftermath of deadly hurricanes and reported live from the peak of blizzards like the 'Storm of the Century'. We look forward to bringing his unique experiences to Portland during this interesting show.

### Children's Librarian Reception

Saturday, October 29th, 2005

Immediately following the program, please join us in the children's area and help us to welcome our new Children's Librarian, Terry Turner!

Light refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

**REMINDER: THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH.**

### Library Hours

Monday– Thursday  
10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Closed on Sunday

### Contact Information

Questions or concerns about the library may be directed to  
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# Programs at the Library

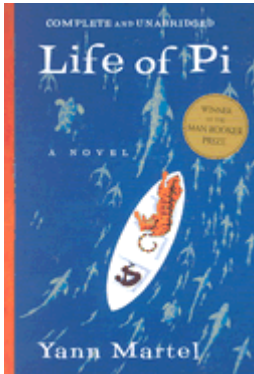
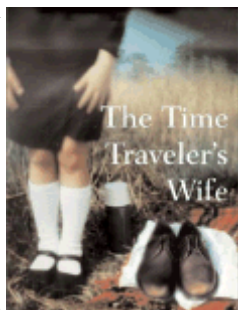
## Book Discussions

**October 6th at 7:00 pm**  
***The Time-Traveler's Wife***  
**by Audrey Niffenegger**

Join in the adult book discussions held in the Van Beynum Room at the Library. Here is what Amazon.com had to say about our October selection, ***The Time Traveler's Wife***.

“ This is a seamless, soaring love story.

As the last pages of this 500-page novel loom closer, you will feel all of the wonderful emotions of having read an unabashed, brilliantly written love story. ***The Time Traveler's Wife*** is not a Christmas story, but it is the perfect read for the holiday. Like the emotions of the season it will leave you laughing, crying, and babbling incoherently to your family and friends.”



**November 3**  
**at 7:00 pm**  
***Life of Pi***  
**by Yann**  
**Martel**

“Yann Martel's imaginative and unforgettable *Life of Pi* is a magical reading experi-

ence, an endless blue expanse of storytelling about adventure, survival, and ultimately, faith.” raves Booklist.

**Copies** of the books for the discussions are available for loan at the Library. No registration is necessary for these programs; all are invited to attend the discussions.

Please contact the Library at 342-6770 for more information about these programs.

## ***Stretch Marks, Thongs, and the Oven Stuffer Roaster***

On **October 19th**, the Portland Library will have a book talk and signing with local author, Jill Deane! Many remember Jill when she had her own pottery business in Portland known as "Jilly's Dinnerware". She has now ventured into the "writing world" telling of her experiences about being a mom with her first published book entitled "***Stretch Marks, Thongs and the Oven Stuffer Roaster, My Life as a 39 year-old Mother of Five***". She will be sharing her frustrations and humor with other moms about raising her children and the quirky situations that arise in family life. This fun program will begin at **7:00 pm** in the Wagner Room of the Library. Books will be available for purchase.

## Art Exhibit

The Portland Library welcomes the artists of **Wesleyan Potters** as they celebrate their 50th anniversary of exhibiting high quality and unique handcrafted items.

The exhibit at the Library will include Portland and area residents such as Carrie Anderson, Sue Hall, Alice Schumacher, Ann-Marie Szerejko and Linda Staphos Wosczyzna among others. Their items will be on display in the Mary Flood Room as well as in the display cases in the main area of the Library from October 1st to October 28th. **There will be a reception held on Saturday, October 1st from 2-4pm.** Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Portland Library. All are welcome!



## Knifty Knitters

Whether you are an experienced knitter or a beginner, this group is for you. Come and join this eclectic group of craftswomen every **Saturday morning** from **10-Noon** and enjoy companionship as you knit, instruction if you are learning, and guidance if you are not sure how to proceed with your project. No registration is required!

## Read and Recycle

Don't forget the Friends of the Library's Read and Recycle collections on **Thursdays: October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st.** Donations will be accepted from **3:00-6:00 p.m.** at the Brownstone Intermediate School.

## Plan a Special Outing!

Visit museums thanks to the Friends of the Library museum pass program. Call the Library or look at the Library's website for details and instructions.

**Pick from...** American Clock & Watch Museum, Children's Museum of SE CT, Connecticut River Museum, Dinosaur State Park, Florence Griswold Museum, Lutz Children's Museum, Maritime Aquarium and Imax, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Mystic Aquarium, Mystic Seaport, New England Air Museum, New England Carousel, Peabody Museum, Roaring Brook Nature Center, Roger Williams Park and Zoo, Science Center of Connecticut, and Wadsworth Atheneum.

# Children's Page!

## Baby Groups Forming



In addition to our fall preschool story-times, we will be adding two new programs for infants and toddlers. Ms. Terry will be running our first **Books and Babies** program on **October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.**

In this fun-for-all story-time there will be finger-plays, songs, bounces, and books. This program is appropriate for pre-walking babies and their caregivers. Space will be limited, so please register ahead by calling 860-342-6770 or by dropping by the Library.

December is a busy month for everyone, but come take a break and bring your babies and toddlers for a hand-clapping good time at **Baby Pandemonium**. Baby Pandemonium is a drop-in program on **December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am** for children up to age 2 years with a caregiver. No registration, no expectations, just an all-around, fun and chaotic time with books, songs, finger-plays and games.

## Story Time for Two, Three, and Four Year Olds

Preschool story hours for children ages 2, 3, and 4 years old will begin in October and run for 8 weeks. Sign ups for these age-appropriate programs are going on now. These programs feature small class size, incorporation of the American Library Association's 'Ready to Read' initiative components, modeling of pre-reading fundamentals, and of course... age-appropriate stories, crafts, games, music, rhymes. Story times begin the week of September 26th.

Story Time for 2's on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

Story Time for 3's on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Story Time for 4's on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

## Bedtime Stories with Mrs. Applesauce

Mrs. Applesauce will be gracing us with her AWESOME stage presence during her Family Story Time for families with children ages 3-5 years old, held on select evenings throughout the year. No registration is required for these events. The next program will take place on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



## The Yo-Yo Show!

Coming to the  
Portland Library

November 16th!

Details coming soon!



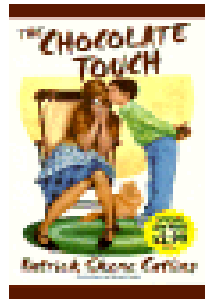
## Welcoming Reception

Please join us after the Allard's **Halloween Spooktacular** for light refreshments in the children's area.

Help us to welcome our new Children's Librarian, Terry Turner!

## ...for the Love of Chocolate!

We are going *crazy* for chocolate this fall with a two part reading series for children in grades 3 and up! The first event will take place on **Thursday, October 20th at 4:00 pm** For this event we will be reading and discussing *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling.



After the discussion we will be working with chocolate plastic, making edible sand art and holding a "Name that Candy Bar" contest!

The second event will take place on **Thursday, November 17th at 4:00 pm.** For this event we will be reading and discussing *Chocolate Fever* by Robert



Kimmel Smith. After the discussion, we will continue on our quest for anything CHOCOLATE as we design our own candy bars! There will be a pot full of chocolate on hand and an array of fabulous stir ins for us to create our own cocoa

concoctions!

Registration is required for each event! Registration for the first event will take place on **Monday, October 3rd.** Registration for the second event will take place on **Monday, October 24th.** Please call the Library at 342-6770 to register Multiple copies of the books for discussion will be available for loan at the Library.

# End Notes!

## Huge Increase in Use of iCONN, the Connecticut Digital Library



Over the past year the number of searches in iCONN increased 32% to over 11 million. Since the program's inception in 2001,

Connecticut residents and students have conducted over 30 million searches in iCONN. Among the most frequently used databases are iCONN Newspapers; Discovering Collection (for middle schools and up); Health and Wellness Resource Center; InfoTrac OneFile; Expanded Academic Plus and Academic Universe (for colleges); and Kids InfoBits (for elementary schools).

Today, iCONN provides an extensive set of information resources available for all its citizens at [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org). Portland Library patrons can link to this from the Library's website at [www.portlandlibraryct.org](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org).

Log onto iCONN to find magazine articles, reference books, newspaper articles, images and more. iCONN serves a variety of needs including student homework, business and consumer health research, and genealogy. Among the resources are the full-text of *The Hartford Courant* back to 1992, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and biography, science and history databases. There also are dictionaries and encyclopedias, subject guides to Internet resources, and a statewide catalog of library holdings.

Log on now at [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org) to explore this free resource available to you and your children. In addition to using iCONN at school and at the public library, students, parents and teachers may access the databases from a home computer with Internet access using their public library card number. For more information, ask at the Library's Information Desk.

The Connecticut State Library administers the Digital Library in conjunction with the Department of Higher Education.

## World Book Encyclopedia has gotten even better!

Imagine, you're at dinner and your family is discussing "whatever". Suddenly, someone has a question and you'd like to find the answer. Why not try WorldBook Online?

WorldBook Online Encyclopedia is available for use at the Library and from your homes. It includes all of the articles from the print version of the World Book Encyclopedia, plus thousands more. It has more than 9,500 hundred pictures and maps, 115 videos and animations, 9,300 sounds, 129 panoramic 360-degree views, and more than 100 simulated historic web sites. Please inquire at the Information Desk.



## Golf Tournament Success!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic for the Portland Library Endowment Fund took place on September 29, 2005, at Quarry Ridge Golf Course.

Despite gusty winds and heavy sprinkles, nearly 100 golfers helped to raise funds for the Library's Endowment, which provides funds for special projects that are beyond the scope of the library's operating budget.

Guests included First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, who, with her husband Tom, was a sponsor of the Golf Tourney.

### Golf Committee Members – 2005

Peter LaMalfa, Jr. Honorary Chairman

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Luva Hoar

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Joseph McQuade

Suzanne Schultz

Laurie Kelley

Cathy Probolus

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### Special Thanks

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**Thanks to all our generous sponsors and to those who donated prizes or cash support.**

**Please watch the Rivereast advertising for a complete list of all who supported the event.**

## Computer Lab

Sign up for individualized computer instruction, internet training, or help with many computer software questions at the Library's information desk, or by calling 342-6770. A staff member will schedule you for a free 'private' lesson on select Saturday mornings.