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Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Friends of the Library's volunteers have been hard at work to bring you this year's fall book sale. Books, games, puzzles, tapes, CDs, and videos will be offered for sale at the library beginning Friday, October 13th from 6-8. This is a member-only preview, but new members may join at the door. For the general public, the sale will continue at the Library on Saturday, October 14th from 10-4. On Sunday, all items will be offered at \$1.00 per bagful, from 10-12. Come and browse and support your Library!



Homework Assistance

New iCONN Databases for Your School Projects:

Check out the Connecticut State Library's research engine and database resources at www.iconn.org. Go directly there or link from the Portland Library's website: www.portlandlibraryct.org.

History Reference Center for High School students and older.

Science Reference Center for High School students and older.

Student Research Center for Middle School students and older. This is a student-friendly version of the History and Science Reference Center databases.

InfoAnytime: a 24/7 Reference Service

InfoAnytime is now available from the Library's website. This service allows students and patrons to connect via online chat to a professional librarian 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no special software required and it's free. You can receive answers to your questions at any time, day or night!

East of the River READS!

Join the many participants in this regional reading program who have read *Girls of Tender Age* by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith, a Connecticut author of mysteries. This memoir is set in 1950's Hartford. The author's immigrant family struggled to meet the special needs of Mary-Ann's brother, and neither they, nor their community, found a method to help young Mary-Ann come to terms with the tragic murder of a schoolmate. Women's roles, family dynamics, crime, and interpersonal communication issues are some of the possible discussion topics related to this engrossing book. The program is funded in part by a grant through SBM Charitable Foundation. Multiple copies of *Girls of Tender Age* are now available at the library.

Currently Scheduled East of the River READS

Events: The author will speak at Manchester Community College at 2 pm and at the Douglas Library in Hebron at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 4th.

Events to be held at the Portland Library: Attend a book discussion of *Girls of Tender Age* on **Thursday, October 19th**, at 7 pm, in the Wagner Room. On **Wednesday, October 25th**, beginning at 1 pm in the Mary Flood Room, enjoy a film that is related to the book. *Big Night* depicts an Italian immigrant experience. On **Wednesday, November 15th**, participate in a lecture at 1 pm; Psychologist William Boylin will speak about surviving tragedy. All are welcome to this event. You may arrive at 12:30 and you may bring a lunch. An Italian dessert and a beverage will be provided.

I Recommend

Keep your recommendations coming! We now have our first bookmark listing all the great new titles readers have recommended in the last few weeks. Fill out an "I Recommend" form and your title will be listed on the next bookmark!

Children's Page

Nutmeg Book Award

Chosen by Connecticut's Youth

Teen Nutmegs and Teen Read Week

This year's Teen Read Week runs from October 15 through October 21. To celebrate teens' right to read and to encourage teens to read the Teen Nutmeg nominated books, we're inviting students in 7th and 8th grade to a Nutmeg Book Discussion on Tuesday, October 17th at 4:00 p.m. Whether you've read one or a few, or all, come ready to talk about what you liked or didn't like about the book (s). We will be enjoying snacks and activities based on the 10 nominated titles. The list of titles and copies of the books are available at the Library. Registration begins on October 2nd.

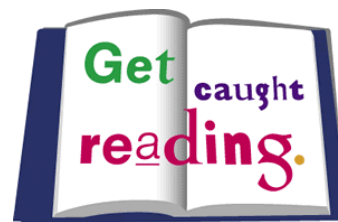
Nutmeg Book Discussion

It won't be long before January rolls around and the voting booth will be back at the Library recording our choice for the Nutmeg Awards. Join Mrs. Martin at 4:00 on October 19th and November 16th for a chance to talk about the nominees, participate in some book-related activities, and enjoy a snack based on one of the books being discussed. Books for October's discussion are: *Kensuke's Kingdom*, *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*, *Brain Boy and the Death Master*, *Half and Half*, and *Thunder from the Sea*. November's books are: *Macaroni Boy*, *Gifts from the Sea*, *Becoming Naomi Leon*, *Boy Who Saved Baseball*, and *The Warriors*. Registration for the first program begins on October 2nd, and registration for the second program on November 1st. Read one or read them all. Copies of all titles are available at the Library.

Children's Bulletin Board Display

Non-profit organizations are invited to sign up for an opportunity to advertise and educate about their efforts by creating a bulletin board display. The children's bulletin board offers a prime location inside the Library to reach children, parents, and families. If you would like to discuss the possibility of creating a display, please contact Debbie Martin at 342-6770.

Get Caught Reading@ your Library



Help us celebrate **Children's Book Week** !

All you have to do is "catch" someone reading , take a photo, and submit it to the Library between October 11th & November 8th. All photo submissions will be displayed at the Library during November 13-17. Three photos will be chosen to be made into posters for display at the Portland Library. So get out there and be **Creative!**

**Special Events for School
Vacation and 1/2 Days!**

Airborne Jugglers

Friday, November 10th @ 11:00 a.m.

Joe Murray and Susan Kirby will be here for an amazing, juggling extravaganza! The 30 minute performance will be followed by a hands-on workshop so that you too can learn the graceful art of juggling!

Free tickets will be available at the Library beginning on October 23rd. All ages are welcome. This program is recommended for children ages 4 and up.

Mohegan Sun Event

Friday, November 17th @ 3:00 p.m.

Join us in the Mary Flood Room at the Library, for a Tribal welcome ceremony with **Shane Long** of the Mohegan Tribe.

We will enjoy a woodland flute performance, examine some Indian artifacts, listen to Native American storytelling , and thrill to a Tribal dance exhibition. The program will wrap up with an interactive dance participation activity, followed by a question and answer session. WOW!

Free tickets will be available at the Library beginning on October 23. All ages are welcome. Recommended for children ages 5 and up.

Children's Page

Family Story Time

Come and join us as we set aside a special time during the busy work week to share, laugh, interact, and reconnect with our children. Families of all sizes and ages are invited to attend a weekly evening of songs, rhymes, crafts, and of course stories!

No registration is required. Story times will take place on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.**

October 3, 17, 24, and November 14, 21.

Say, say Oh BABY!

Children **ages 0-18 months and their caregivers** are invited for a busy morning at the Library.

Each Wednesday morning will begin with 10 to 15 minutes of rhymes, songs, bounces, and books. The remaining time is for caregivers and babies to play, interact, and enjoy. No registration is required.

Story times will take place on

Wednesday mornings at 10:30-11:15 a.m.

October 4, 18, & 25, November 1, 8, 15

Toddler Time

Children ages 18 to 36 months and their caregivers will enjoy this lively program of songs, rhymes, movement, imaginative activities and book sharing. This program introduces children to the literature and rhymes of early childhood and encourages participation. No registration is required. Story times will take place on **Tuesday mornings at 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and November 14.

Ready to Read!



'Ready to Read' is a new program series for children in kindergarten and 1st grade making the transition into reading. This monthly program is designed to enhance the core components a child needs to learn to read in a fun and lively atmosphere. We will be reading more advanced picture books, playing literacy-oriented games, and creating a craft or snack together. Registration is required and will begin on October 2nd for the first event. Registration for subsequent programs will take place during the previous month's event.

The event list is as follows:

Thursday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Theme: Spiders and Monsters, and Skeletons, Oh My!

Thursday, November 30th at 4:00 p.m.

Theme: Pie, Pie, and more Pie!

Thursday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Theme: Holiday Tea & Cookie Party!

Movie Showings



Children of all ages are invited to join us for a showing of

The Shaggy Dog starring Tim Allen on **Tuesday, October 10th @ 1:00.**

This outrageously funny film will be shown on the big screen in the Mary Flood room at the Library.

Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

All ages are welcome. This film is rated PG due to some mild rude humor. Parental Guidance is suggested.

The Story Garden

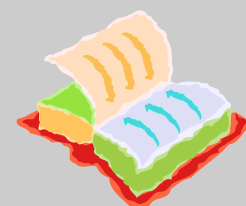
Finally, a special story time for the big kids, ages 3 - 5, who are ready to participate in group activities on their own. Story times offer the best in books, music and movement activities to encourage children to become lifelong readers. (Parents / caregivers must remain in the Library building during these programs.)

No registration is required.

Story times will take place on **Thursday afternoons at**

2:00-2:45 p.m.

**October 5, 12, 19, 26,
and November 2, 9.**



End Notes!

Movies in the Afternoon

Enjoy "really big shows" on our big screen for a total cinematic experience! Join us at the Portland Library for film shows on selected Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm in the Mary Flood Room. Shows are currently scheduled for October 18th and 25th, and November 1st and 8th.

October 18th --Garrison Keillor, Meryl Streep, and Kevin Kline are some of the stars of this film about a certain Americana radio show. Enjoy homespun humor and poignant moments from the last broadcast. The set is populated with comic cowboys, earnest folkies and an angel that will take them all away, eventually.

October 25th --Tony Shalhoub, Alison Janney, Ian Holm and more great actors star in this warm and thoughtful movie about immigrant brothers trying to grasp the American dream while serving good Italian food at their restaurant. They prepare their one big night to introduce the restaurant to a famous person who can bring them their longed-for success. This movie will be shown as part of the *East of the River READS* program.

Titles of the films to be shown are available at the Library and on the Library website. All films have been purchased through donations by the Friends of Portland Library or fine money collected for overdue videos. Licensing is possible through gifts to the Portland Library Memorial Fund.

Read and Recycle

Bring your gently used books, games, puzzles, tapes, CDs, and videos to the next Read & Recycle collection, Thursday October 5th from 3 to 6 pm at the Brownstone Intermediate School on Main Street. Friends of the Library's volunteers will be in front of the building to assist you with your donations. Tax forms are available upon request. Proceeds from the sale of donated items benefit library programs and materials. This is the last collection before the book sale beginning on October 13th!



Adult Book Discussion Group

Have you thought about joining a book discussion but never gotten around to it? Well, perhaps you'll join us this month! No registration is required! Discussions are usually held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm and multiple copies of the title are available for checkout at the library.

On October 5th, we'll be discussing *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* by Anne Tyler. In the absence of her husband, Pearl Tull has struggled to raise her children. Now, in her eighties, as she lays dying, her grown children relive their difficult childhoods and try to deal with their resulting resentments.

The November 2nd book discussion will feature *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac. Copies will be available beginning at the October 5th discussion. First published in 1957, Kerouac lyrically chronicles his cross-country trips in this loosely autobiographical novel associated with the Beat movement.

Artist Display

Artist Kathy Basso will be displaying her paintings in the Mary Flood room during the month of October. The glass display cases near the circulation desk will feature astronaut and space items from Michelle Ziegler's collection.

Library Hours

Monday– Wednesday
10:00 am-8:00 pm
Thursday 12 pm-8:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm

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