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Veterans' Display

Please be sure to take a look in the display cases located in the front of the library when you next visit. This month will feature a Veterans display. Items in the horizontal display case have been provided by Reg Farrington. They include a signed Iraqi flag from Paul Johnson, an Iraqi uniform from Kenneth Fletcher and a WWII uniform from Andrea Farrington. Items featured in the vertical display case are courtesy of Andrea Farrington. Included are the three essentials of a soldier: helmets, canteens, and entrenching tools.



Audio Book Download Service

Did you know that as a Portland Library cardholder you can download audio books for free? This growing collection features a variety of popular books for both adults and children. Each audio book can be downloaded to Windows® PCs and laptops, Pocket PCs, and can also be transferred to WMA/MP3 players. Many of the titles may also be burned to CD.

And a new updated version of the software is now available. The Transfer Wizard, one of the new features, allows users to transfer OverDrive Media files to supported portable devices in just a few clicks! Also, two versions of a title are available for download. The 'Standard' version is best for use on a PC. The 'Mobile' version has been optimized for use on portable devices.

To check out materials, visiting the Library's homepage, select a title, then enter a valid library card number to download the digital book. If a title is not available, you can place a hold and will receive email notification when it is available. After 14 days, the items are automatically returned to the system. For help in using this free service, inquire at the Information Desk.

East of the River READS!

Have you read *Girls of Tender Age*? More than 80 patrons have checked out this title recently. The author, Mary-Ann Tirone Smith, writes about growing up in 1950's Hartford. If you haven't read this engrossing memoir, there are still multiple copies available. This program has been funded in part by a grant through SBM Charitable Foundation.

Lecture and Discussion: Surviving Tragedy: On November 15th at 1 pm Psychologist William Boylin will speak about surviving tragedy. For those who would like to bring a lunch, the Mary Flood room will be open at 12:30. A desert and a beverage will be provided. This is the last event in the East of the River READS program.

Library Closings

Monday, November 6: the Library will be closing an hour early, at 7 pm, to prepare for voting.

Tuesday, November 7: the Library will be open for voting only. Regular operating hours will resume on Wednesday, November 8th.

Saturday, November 11: the Library will be closed in observance of Veterans' Day.

Wednesday, November 22: the Library will close at 5 pm for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thursday, November 23: the Library will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 24: the Library will remain closed in observance of Thanksgiving and will reopen on Saturday, November 25th at 10 am.

Computer Lessons

Confused about the computers? Then sign up for a one-on-one computer session. These are held on Saturday mornings, before the library opens, and are taught by one of several staff members. Learn how to search the library catalog or the Internet, type letters, or create a spreadsheet. Sign up at the Information Desk or call the library to schedule a lesson.

Children's Page

Nutmeg Book Award

Chosen by Connecticut's Youth

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 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. November's books are *Macaroni Boy*, *Gifts from the Sea*, *Becoming Naomi Leon*, *The Boy Who Saved Baseball*, and *The Warriors*.

Registration for this program begins on November 1st and is ongoing. Read one or read them all. Cop-

Story Times Series

Our drop-in story time series will be coming to end in November. These are the remaining programs:

Say, say OH BABY! For children ages birth to 17 months and a parent or caregiver. Wednesday mornings, **November 8, 15** from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Toddler Time! For children ages 18-36 months and a parent or caregiver. Tuesday, **November 14**, 10:30-11:15 a.m.


The Story Garden! Children ages 3-5 years old. Thursday afternoons, November 2, 9 from 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Family Story Time! Families with children of all ages. Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. **Nov. 14, 21.**



Holiday Programs

The sleigh bells are ringing in the distance, are you listening? We are! Check out the programs we have planned for December:

 **Make a Gift Monday!** A drop-in craft program for all ages! Stop in at the Library on **Monday, December 4th from 3:00-5:00** and make a special gift for a special someone.

Merriment & Mistletoe! Children ages 2-5 years old and a parent or caregiver are invited to join us on **Tuesday, December 12th at 10:30 a.m.** for a holiday story time! There will be crafts, caroling, stories and more! *Registration is required and will begin on November 30th.*



Family Story Time! Families with children of all ages are invited to join us for a drop in story time on **Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.** Holiday cheer is guaranteed!

Holiday Tea & Cookie Party! Children in grades K and up are invited to a drop in holiday event on **Thursday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.** We will be making a snack, listening to stories and making a craft to take home. *Registration is required and will begin on November 30th.*



Holiday Movie! Come one, come all to a special showing of a holiday movie on **Friday, December 22nd at 3:00 p.m.** Title TBA. Please call the Library for more information.

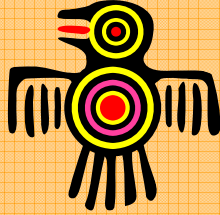
"HOOKED ON PHONICS" IS HERE!

Do you want to help your child read with confidence? If you have been thinking about trying "Hooked on Phonics", check out our copies of this comprehensive reading program. We have recently purchased kits for Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2. Kits include books, CD's, flashcards, a workbook, posters, and a parent's guide. These kits are available now.

Children's Programs for Vacation & Half Days!

Mohegan Tribe Cultural 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.

Shane will present a woodland flute performance and Native American storytelling experience for children, followed by a Tribal dance exhibition.

The program will wrap up with an interactive dance participation activity, an opportunity to view some Indian artifacts, and a question and answer session.

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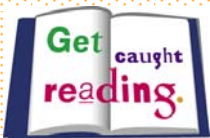
Free tickets are available at the Library now!

Drop-In Craft Program!

Stop in the Library anytime between

2:00-5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20th and make a seasonal craft in the Wagner Room.

Children of all ages are welcome to express their artistic side in a kid-friendly space full of lots of creativity inspiring supplies!



**Get Caught Reading
@ your Library**

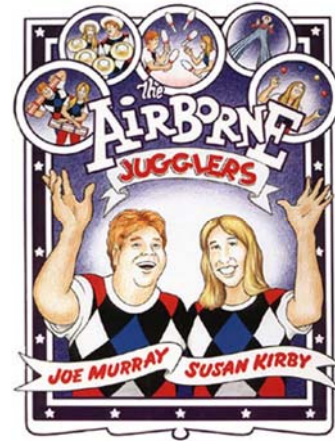
Help us celebrate **Children's Book Week** !

All you have to do is "catch" someone reading, take a photo, and submit it to the Library sometime before **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!**

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



The fantastic 'Airborne Jugglers', Joe Murray and Susan Kirby, will be here for an amazing, juggling extravaganza!

The 30 minute juggling / comedy / magic performance will be followed by a hands-on workshop so that you too can learn the graceful art of juggling!

Free tickets are available now at the Library!

All ages are welcome.

Ready to Read!



'Ready to Read' is a new program series for children in kindergarten and 1st grade who are 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 for the November event is going on now. The event list is as follows:

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!

End Notes!

Museum Pass Program

Museum passes provide free or reduced admission to many area attractions. Call the Library or visit our website to reserve one of the laminated reusable one-day passes. The Friends of the Portland Library supports this popular service.

Recent recommendations from patrons include the New Britain Museum of American Art. This month (until the 26th) features an exhibit by Hartford-based *I Spy* photographer Walter Wick entitled Games, Gizmos and Toys in the Attic. Wick's books for children (and adults!) are long-time best sellers. Featured will be examples of his sets, set-ups and props. "The works will be enlarged to five or six feet wide with details, colors and tones not possible in book reproductions," says Wick, noting that the exhibition will present a "playful sense of scale, space and the unexpected."

The New Britain Museum of American Art pass allows free admission for up to four visitors (one adult must accompany children under 16 years of age).

Music at the Library

Music is in the air! Why not check out one of the Library's recently acquired CDs?

12 Gardens Live by Billy Joel

Slow New York by Richard Julian

The Color Purple music from the Broadway show
by Brenda Russell

Sondheim Sings by Stephen Sondheim

Our New Orleans, a benefit album

Brokeback Mountain, an original motion
picture soundtrack

Memoirs of a Geisha by John Williams

America recorded by the Boston Pops Orchestra

To Love Again by Chris Botti

Amarantine by Enya

Confessions by Madonna

Blessed Are by Joan Baez



Adult Book Discussion Group

Multiple copies of the December book discussion title are now available for checkout.

The Birth of Venus by Sarah Dunant will be the topic of conversation on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 pm. This fascinating and sensual portrayal of love and art in fifteenth century Florence has been extremely popular here at the Library. If you have already read *The Birth of Venus*, perhaps you'll join the discussion!

No registration is required and new members are always welcome.

It's Show Time!!

Movies in the afternoon continue through the month of November. Shows take place on selected Wednesdays at 1 pm in the Mary Flood Room. No registration is required. Bring a friend and enjoy the show! Light refreshments are provided. The upcoming schedule includes:

November 1: Click

November 8: The Lake House

November 15& 22: Sorry, no shows these weeks

November 29: To be announced

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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