

check it out.....

Golf Mystery Series Writer Visit

Roberta Isleib, author of the Cassie Burdette golf mystery series will visit the Portland Library on May 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary Flood Room.

National Public Radio's Faith Middleton has called her fourth book, *Putt to Death*, a golf mystery set at the "Stony Creek" Country Club in Connecticut, "As light as can be and simply fun!"

"In my non-writing life, I'm a clinical psychologist with a small private practice." says Ms Isleib. "My training was mostly psychodynamic-like Cassie's Dr. Baxter. This means exploring how your family history shaped you and how you might be reacting to the world using old patterns that don't really fit the present. The work of a psychologist is not so different from that of a detective!"

Ms. Isleib will be speaking and signing copies of her book. Books will be available to sell. All are welcome to attend this free event.

Don't Forget to Vote on the Town Budget!

A budget referendum will take place at the Library from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 9.**

Library Closing

The Portland Library will be closed on **Monday, May 30th** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

The Library will reopen on Tuesday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Department Renovations

On August 11, 2001, Portland lost an extremely talented resident, children's book author and illustrator, **Arlene Dubanevich**. Ms. Dubanevich was the author and illustrator of 9 children's books as well as illustrator for many others. Many of her books were translated into several foreign languages.

After her death, Arlene's husband, Jay Seeley, gave a large donation and Ms. Dubanevich's collection of children's literature to the Children's Department of the Portland Library. The donation will be used to enhance the children's department as well as provide a unique memorial to the woman who gave so much of herself to both children and books.

In a fitting memorial, the children's preschool area will be decorated with a mural depicting such classic children's stories as *The Three Bears*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and many more. Portland artist, Kathleen Steele will install the mural in which this beloved literature will come to life. An unveiling of the completed project will coincide with your summer reading visits!

Art Display

There will be no art on display in the Mary Flood Room during the month of May due to town-wide voting.

The lobby display cases will be filled with post cards from John Bulla.



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Library Hours
Monday-Thursday
10:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
10:00-5:00 p.m.
Closed on Sunday

First Selectwoman:
Susan Bransfield
Library Board Chairwoman:
Cathy Probolus
Library Director:
Janet Nocek

Portland Library Career & Job Search Resources

There is nothing like SPRING! to get the old job search going again. Here is how we can help you.

BOOKS (in the reference and career areas of the library)

CareerSmarts: Jobs with a Future

Career 331.7 YAT

Do What You Are

Career 155.2 TIW

Encyclopedia of Careers & Vocational Guidance

REF 331.7 ENC

National Job Hotline Directory

REF 331.7 NAT

Occupational Outlook Handbook

REF 371.425 OCC

Resume Pro: The Professional's Guide

Career 650.14 PAR

What Color is Your Parachute

Career 650.14 BOL

INTERNET SOURCES

Career Builder (www.careerbuilder.com)

Search and apply for jobs, post your resume, and get career advice.

[Connecticut's Job and Career Connection](http://www.ctjobandcareer.org)

(www.ctjobandcareer.org)

Sponsored by the Department of Labor, this site provides not only links to Connecticut job banks, but also career exploration and job searching tips.

JobHuntersBible (www.JobHuntersBible.com)

This site is designed as a *supplement* to the book, *What Color Is Your Parachute?*

[JobStar](http://www.jobstar.org) (www.jobstar.org)

Career information & job resources site created and maintained by the California library system.

Monster (www.monster.com)

Apply online for jobs, get career advice, and re-search companies

[Occupational Outlook Handbook Online](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

(www.bls.gov/oco)

Online version of the Occupational Outlook Handbook. Research jobs and career fields.

GATHER INFORMATION FOR NETWORKING & INTERVIEWS

[FindArticles.com](http://www.findarticles.com) (www.findarticles.com)

Free online source for full text magazine and newspaper articles. Good source for company information.

[Hoovers](http://www.hoovers.com) (www.hoovers.com)

Free source for company and industry information.

[Iconn \(Connecticut's Digital Library\)](http://www.iconn.org)

(www.iconn.org)

Access periodical articles via Infotrac Onefile or General Reference Center Gold. Access newspaper articles via Newspaper resources (Hartford Courant, New York Times, Washington Post.) And look at Business and Company Resource Center for information about companies and industry. Requires a valid CT library card.

[Yahoo Finance](http://www.finance.yahoo.com) (www.finance.yahoo.com)

Free source of information about public companies.

ADDITIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES

Free computer training on using the Internet and Word Processing on Saturday mornings.

Reference questions answered at the Information Desk.

Internet and Word Processing workstations



Kidz Stuff...

Stories with Mrs. Applesauce

Mrs. Applesauce will host a bedtime story time for families with children ages 3-5 years old on **Thursday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m.** No registration is required for this event. Come and spend some quality time with the little ones and have some fun yourself! Mrs. Applesauce, a.k.a Jacqui McMahan, will entertain and delight one and all with stories of the season as you cuddle with your child for a pre-bedtime treat. A craft activity will follow the story time. Future events will take place in September after a summertime hiatus. Please contact the Library at 342-6770 for more information about these fun programs.



Summer Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in helping out with the Portland Library summer reading program as a student volunteer, please call Mrs. L. or Mrs. Coleman at 342-6770.

You must be willing to commit yourself to several hours at a time, on beautiful summer days! We will begin the program on June 30.

You must be going into 6th grade or up to volunteer. Your duties would include helping younger children as they sign up for summer reading, handing out the prizes that they have earned, and helping with preparation for the children's programs.

Freedom to Read!

The 2005 Teen Summer Reading Program, **Freedom to Read**, will feature many new and exciting events this year! Along with weekly prize drawings, there will be a poetry reading, book talks on the new Nutmeg titles, and several book discussion groups. The program will climax with a Reader's Reception (a.k.a., a huge party!) on August 19th. Participants must be in 6th grade or higher to join. Students fill out a review form for each book that they read to enter the prize drawings. Please inquire at the Information Desk for more information.



Notes from the Children ' s Department

Summer is right around the corner and we in the children's department are getting ready to "**Dig into Summer Reading**". Some of the special events we have planned:

Off to Oz

Monday, July 11th. 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 4-7 years old are invited to join Maddie Riselle, on a musical adventure with *Dorothy* and experience some of the magic of Oz. Be swept up in a twister, toss around a witch's hat, and see what the great OZ has in store for you. Come and have fun and be sure to bring along your imagination! Children may come in costume!

Art in Motion

Thursday, July 14th. 10:30 a.m.

Julia Delapp, the early childhood music director for Arts In Motion in Willimantic, will be here to perform a musical story hour **for children ages 2 and up and their parent or caregiver**. Using illustrated songbooks, her guitar, and a variety of rhythm instruments such as castanets, egg shakers, and drums, Ms. Delapp will weave storytelling throughout her songs in a soft, yet playful approach.

The Fossil Hunter

Monday, July 18th. 10:30 a.m.

Children going into grades 1 and up may join Walter Heinz, a.k.a *The Fossil Hunter* for a fun and educational presentation on collecting fossils. Come and learn how fossils are formed and techniques for gathering, and view his extensive collection including a T-Rex tooth, a Wooley Mammoth molar, and more. Participants will receive their own genuine fossil shark teeth as a souvenir.

Crime Lab

Monday, July 25th. 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Children going into grades 3 and up will help Jonah Cohen and his crime lab from the Science Center of CT solve a robbery using fingerprinting and chromatography. Participants will get hands on experience of crime-scene investigation techniques as they set about solving a mysterious burglary. This program will be offered twice.

The Great Sidewalk Chalk Event

Monday, August 1st. 3:00 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to join in the fun creating summertime masterpieces! Children will be designated a section of the sidewalk in front of the library for their original creations. Refreshments and a chalk making session will take place during the judging process.

End Notes

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!



Did You Know...

You can purchase popular books or series books for the Library at a special discounted price and be the first to read them?

See a Reference Librarian for program details. It is kind of a **Win-Win** situation!

Friends of the Portland Library Award

The Friends of the Portland Library will be awarding a \$1000 cash prize to a graduating senior who is entering an accredited college or technical school. The prize may be used for either tuition or books.

Eligibility:

This award is open to graduating senior high school students who are residents of Portland, Connecticut. The student must have a solid academic standing and show active involvement in his or her community. An accredited college or technical school must have accepted the applicant as a full-time student.

Selection Process:

The successful candidate must complete an application which is available at the Portland Library or on the Portland Library website: www.portlandlibraryct.org under "Friends of the Library". Return the application to the Portland Library, addressed to "Friends of Portland Library Award", no later than Thursday, May 12 2005. The application requires two names as outside references. Only one reference may be from a school official. The Friends of the Library will select the award winner based upon the aforementioned criteria and the completed application.

Adult Book Discussion

Join the adult book discussion held at the Portland Library on **Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.** The discussion will be held in the Van Beynum Room of the Library. The featured title for May will be

Into Thin Air
by Jon Krakauer

Copies of the book for the discussion are available for loan at the Library. No registration is necessary; all are invited to attend the discussion. Please contact the Library for more information about this program.



READ & RECYCLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Read & Recycle program of the Friends of the Portland Library is looking for volunteers to help sort and pack donated books for the Friends' book sales. The program is so successful that it's hard to stay ahead of the books! R&R is inviting people who like being around books to join their group. Volunteers can work at the monthly intake on the first Thursday of each month or at "extra sorts" held a couple of times a month at the groups' convenience. If you'd like to join the R&R team, please call Nancy Goodrich at 342-0524.

Read & Recycle

Where: Brownstone Intermediate School (formerly the Middle School)

When: Donations welcomed on the first Thursday of each month

Dates: May 5 & June 2.

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.