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TAX FORMS ARRIVING AT THE PORTLAND LIBRARY



IRS tax forms, instructions, schedules, and publications are beginning to arrive; these are available for patron use in the Reference area.

Later in the season, notebooks of forms as well as a CD-ROM are available that patrons can use to photocopy the pages they need; ask for them at the Information Desk.

If patrons want to get forms and publications for federal taxes from home using the Internet, use the web site <http://www.irs.gov>.

The Connecticut Department of Revenue's website is <http://www.drs.state.ct.us>.

If you seek other states' tax forms, use <http://www.taxsites.com/state.html> has links to them.



ART DISPLAY

The Portland Library presents "Rosi's Art", the art of Rosibel Hazera Wittman. Ms. Wittman has painted for many years and has exhibited her works in many areas in Connecticut. She has won numerous awards at both the Guilford and Durham Fairs. She will display her work in the Mary Flood Room of the Portland Library from February 7th through February 26th. A reception will be held for her on **Saturday, February 7, 2004**. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Portland Library. The public is invited.

The Portland Garden Club will use both display cases for their exhibits for the month of February.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join in the adult book discussion held at the Portland Library on **Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.** The discussion will be held in the Van Beynum Room of the Library. The featured title for February will be *Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. "Young Lily Owen, neglected by her father and isolated on their South Carolina peach farm, spends hours imagining a blissful infancy when she was loved and nurtured by her mother, Deborah, whom she barely remembers.



These consoling fantasies are her heart's answer to the family story that as a child, in unclear circumstances, Lily accidentally shot and killed her mother. All Lily has left of Deborah is a strange image of a Black Madonna, with the words "Tiburon, South Carolina" scrawled on the back. The search for a mother, and the need to mother oneself, are crucial elements in this well-written coming-of-age story." No registration is necessary; all are invited to attend the discussion. Multiple copies of this book are available for loan at the Library.



LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will be closed on **Monday, February 16th** in honor of the President's Day holiday. The Library will reopen at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17th. The Library's regular hours are **Monday-Thursday 10:00-9:00, and Friday & Saturday 10:00-5:00**



CHILDREN'S MOVIE

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag –of popcorn) to the Library on **Tuesday, February 17th at 10:30**, and enjoy a showing of a current ‘mystery’ movie!

Here is what it is about...‘Eliza loves the African wilds, where she lives with her film-maker parents. She also enjoys the animals around her and has discovered that she can talk to them! Her grandmother thinks she should ‘come home’ to England. Will she be able to stay in her real home and protect the animals she loves from evil poachers? This movie is based on the popular TV series, *The Wild Thornberries*, and is rated PG. All ages are welcome to attend. No registration is necessary.



BEDTIME STORIES WITH MRS. APPLESAUCE

Popular storyteller, Mrs. Applesauce (Jacqui McMahon) has been delighting audiences of young and old with a series of bedtime story times for **children ages 3-5** and their parents or caregivers. No registration is required. The next story times will take place at 6:30 p.m. on:

- February 19th
- March 18th
- April 15th

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME REGISTRATION



In person registration for the spring session of the preschool story time series will take place on **Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m.** Phone in registration will begin on Friday, February 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Preschool story times are for children ages 2, 3 and 4 years old. Programs will begin during the first week of March and will continue for 8 weeks. Each program will include an age appropriate theme of stories, songs, finger plays, games, crafts and more! Stop by the Library and pick up a brochure for more information.



TEEN MOVIE

The Library will be sponsoring a ‘freaky teen movie afternoon’ on **Tuesday, February 10th at 3:00 p.m.** Teens will enjoy a funny and heartwarming Walt Disney comedy which is rated PG. Dr. Tess Coleman (Jamie Lee Curtis) and her teenage daughter Anna (Lindsay Lohan) don’t relate to each other on anything. On a freaky Friday morning, this busy psychiatrist and her daughter wake up to find they have magically switched bodies. Until they can figure out what to do, they attempt to carry on with each other’s daily routines. Will they find a way to switch back in time? Come to the movie and find out! Reserve a spot by telephoning the Library at 342-6770.



MUSEUM PASS

This month’s featured museum is the *Science Center of Connecticut* located in West Hartford, CT. This hands-on museum allows children to explore science, nature and technology. There is a Planetarium with daily shows and a wildlife sanctuary and marine touch tank to explore. A special exhibit will be on display throughout February entitled *Jaws, Claws and Paws: Animal Predators*. The pass admits 4 persons for free.

The museum’s hours are:
Tuesday-Friday 10:00-4:00
Thursday 10:00-8:00
Saturdays and Holidays 10:00-5:00
Sunday 12:00-5:00.

Please call the Library to reserve a pass. The museum pass program is sponsored by the Friends of the Portland Library.



Please send your concerns, comments, or requests regarding library services to the Library Director,

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