

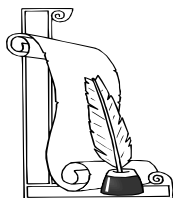
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BOB STEELE AND THE WORD FOR THE DAY

**A talk and book-signing by
Bob's son and co-author, Phil Steele**

Phil Steele will be here on Monday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. to talk about his father, how they came to write *The Word for the Day* and about what went into the book.

In *The Word for the Day* the legendary radio humorist and lexicologist Bob Steele identifies hundreds of frequently mispronounced words that sometimes trip up even the best speakers.

Radio Hall of Fame broadcaster Bob Steele was well-known to millions in Southern New England as the morning voice of WTIC for over half a century. Last fall, at age 91, Bob was still broadcasting his morning radio show the first Saturday of the month March through November.

Last September, Bob and his son Phil published *The Word for the Day: 65 Years of Wit and Wisdom on Mispronunciation*. By Christmas it was sold out, but a new edition is now available. Phil will have copies available for purchase and will be happy to autograph them. Don't miss this interesting and fun event at the Portland Library.

BOOKS FOR THE BEACH

The Friends of the Portland Library will hold their annual paperback book sale, **Books for the Beach**, from Tuesday, June 24th to Tuesday, July 1st at the Library. All books will be only **50 cents** and will include books for both children and adults! Don't miss it!



The Portland Library **6th Annual Fall Foliage Golf Classic** will take place on **Thursday, September 25th, 2003** at the Quarry Ridge Golf Club in Portland. The golf tournament will benefit the Portland Library Endowment Fund. Watch for upcoming brochures with the details on registration, including early bird discounts!



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join the adult book discussion held at the Portland Library on **Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m.** The discussion will be held in the Van Beynum Room of the Library. The featured title for June will be *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell. 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. For more information, call the Library at 342-6770.

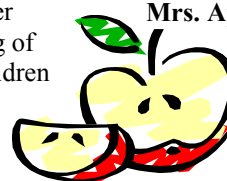
19TH CENTURY LITERATURE BOOK GROUP FORMING

Do you want to forget today's headlines and perhaps the whole 21st century?

The Library is beginning a new book discussion group, which will read only 19th century literature. The first meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m.** We will talk about Hardy's *Far From The Madding Crowd*, whose heroine Bathsheba Everdene brings disruption into her Wessex village, and into the lives of the three men who love her. Copies of this book will be available for loan at the Library throughout May. Later books will be chosen by the group, from male and female authors of any country.

BEDTIME STORIES

Popular storyteller a spirited evening of families with children **Thursday, June** registration is



Mrs. Applesauce will be hosting stories and crafts for ages 3-5 years old on **19th at 6:30 p.m.** No registration required for this event.

LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will be closed on **Friday, July 4th** and **Saturday, July 5th** in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The Library will reopen on Monday, July 7th at 10:00 a.m.

The Library's regular hours are:

Monday-Thursday 10:00-9:00

Friday & Saturday 10:00-5:00 / Closed on Sunday



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Join the Read Stampede!

We will be traveling to the wild, wild west this

summer as we embark upon the **Read Stampede**, this year's summer reading theme. The summer reading club is for readers and pre-readers of all ages. Participants agree to read or be read to at least 10 minutes a day and record their achievements in weekly blocks. Weekly incentives and themed events are planned to help keep things rolling throughout the summer. **Registration begins Tuesday, June 24th and is ongoing.**

Listed here are just a few of the events that we have planned; please pick up a copy of the summer reading brochure in the Children's Department for descriptions and the complete list of special events.

Cowboy Carl's Kids Corral

Wednesday, July 2nd at 10:30 a.m.

Specializing in tunes kids love, Cowboy Carl leads the young'uns in sing-alongs, dance-alongs, and laugh-alongs. This event is for children ages 2-8 years old and is sponsored by the Friends of the Portland Library. **Registration is required for this event and will begin on Tuesday, June 24th.**

Pig Out On Reading!

Friday, July 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Farmer Minor and Daisy, the famous pot-bellied pig, will be entertaining children in grades kindergarten-5th grade. After telling the story of how Daisy came to live with the Minors, Farmer Minor will read some of Daisy's favorite books. **Registration is required and will begin on Tuesday, June 24th.**

Mystery Outlaw Camp Out

Monday, July 14th from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Children going into grades 2 and up are invited to join Miss Lauren for an evening of marshmallows and mayhem. We will be playing a game of Outlaw "Clue" to discover who shot Sheriff McClyde in the dead of night and celebrate his capture with some special treats by the 'fire'. **Registration is required and will begin on Tuesday, June 24th.**

Martial Arts Workshop

Saturday, July 19th at 10:30 a.m.

Sensei Cordone, an 8th Degree Black Belt, from Connecticut Shorin Ryu Karate will be here to present a participatory workshop for children in grades 3 and up. **Registration is required and will begin on Tuesday, June 24th.**

Snakes Alive!

Monday, July 28th at 11:00 a.m.

One thing that the Wild, Wild West had plenty of was SNAKES! Children going into kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to join us as we learn more about our slithering friends. Jay Kaplan, from the Roaring Brook Nature Center, will be here with some of his no-legged friends for a talk and presentation about what else? Snakes! **Registration is required and will begin on Tuesday, July 15th.**



Prospecting for Books!

This summer, the Portland Library will present a **TEEN** summer reading program for students going into grades 6 and up!

Teens read books and fill out review cards at their own pace throughout the six weeks of the program. The cards are then placed into a weekly drawing for participants to win prizes like movie tickets and gift certificates. Drawings will be held at High Noon on July 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th and August 5th. You need not be present to win!

After the weekly drawings, the review cards will be posted in the Library for other readers to view as recommendations. **Sign-ups begin on Tuesday, June 24th in the Children's Department.**

The following events will be held in conjunction with this program:

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Thursday, July 3rd, 17th & August 7th at 11:30 a.m.

Teens going into grades 6 and up are invited to attend a reading and discussion group focusing on the Haddix trilogy, *Among the Hidden*, *Among the Imposters*, and *Among the Be-trayed*. Multiple copies of the books will be available for loan at the library. **Registration is required and will begin on Tuesday, June 24th.**

Clementine's Soiree

Wednesday, August 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Participants in the teen summer reading program are invited to attend a closing reception. Refreshments include pizza and soda. Activities include a Grand Drawing, Certificates and fun! **RSVP to the Library so we can count you in!**



Adult Reading Club!

While the children enjoy a summer vacation and special library programs, adults may enjoy coming to the library for a cool break from daily responsibilities or for materials to help make vacation more enjoyable. Once again, the library invites you to share your favorite book titles. You may turn in reader comments and qualify for weekly prize drawings. **Signup for the club begins June 16, 2003.**



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

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