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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 will reward you for sharing your favorite book titles. You may use our reader comment forms to turn in brief reviews and thereby enter weekly prize drawings in July and August. The reviewed titles will be displayed for others to enjoy. Information on the program will be posted at the library and on the library website. **You may sign up and obtain comment forms beginning June 16th.**

Participants will enjoy two Booklovers' Social Events in July and August. The first social will take place **on July 15th, at 7 pm.** Come to the Library and share a favorite book or simply get some great reading suggestions. Refreshments will be served while Library Director Janet Nocek and Administrative Assistant Jacqui McMahon (Mrs. Applesauce) present brief talks about some favorite books. All participants are also welcome to share their favorite reads. Registration is not required.

19TH CENTURY LITERATURE BOOK GROUP

Do you love Henry Crawford? (think H.C. is kind of sexy?) Do you think Edmund is downright prissy? We want to know! Come and join us on **Wednesday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m.** We will be discussing Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park* and the Bertrams, including Edmund. Whether you enjoyed the book or hated it, we'd like to hear your opinion. The more varied our views, the better the conversation!. Multiple copies of this book will be available for loan at the Library throughout June. New members to the group are always welcome. Please call Mrs. Lindenfesler at 342-6770 for more information.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join the adult book discussion held at the Portland Library on **Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m.** The discussion will be held in the Van Beynum Room of the Library. The featured title for July will be *Take the Cannoli* by Sarah Vowell. 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.



ART DISPLAYS

Local photographer, Dan Castelli will be displaying a collection of his work entitled, "**You Ought to Take a Picture of That**" in the Mary Flood Room. The show will open on **Saturday, July 12th** with a reception from **2:00-4:00** and continue through August 15th. The Friends of the Portland Library will provide refreshments for the reception and invite the public to attend.

Mr. Castelli has been taking pictures since he was encouraged to do so as a small boy, by his father. His subject matter has always been 'common, everyday encounters'. "The subject matter that I like to photograph is free for the taking. It happens every day in hundreds of little dramas and only takes 1/125 of a second of your time to capture." says the artist.

All of the photographs were taken on 35 mm, black and white film and processed in Mr. Castelli's home dark room. Although he works with computers as a Technology Education teacher at East Windsor High School and is well aware of the technological advances made by Digital Photography, he says that he sticks with his classic 35 mm because of the satisfaction he gets from "creating something that didn't exist on film before (he) pressed the shutter."

"The most important tool in photography that you will ever have is the ability to look, when other people just see." says Mr. Castelli. We invite you to come to the Library and check out Mr. Castelli's special talent for looking.

DISPLAY CASES

Portland resident, Don Orend will be displaying his collection of **Indian Motorcycle Memorabilia** in the display cases throughout July. Check it out!

Stumped for a gift for that special reader?

Consider making a donation to the Portland Library in honor of someone special! A gift made in that person's name to the Library's Endowment Fund will help ensure the Library's future. Another way to donate in someone's name is through a gift to the Library's Memorial Fund, whereby you may request the purchase of a particular title or simply make a gift of any dollar amount. If you have any questions, please call Janet Nocek or Jacqui McMahon at the Library.

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

Janet Nocek

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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



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!



Yippee Yi Yo! 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 slithery 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.**

Ready To Read

Thursdays, at 11:30 a.m.

Session I: July 10th & 17th

Session II: July 24th & 31st

Children going into Kindergarten and 1st grade are invited to attend this enhanced story time to help sharpen their reading and pre-reading skills over the summer. Children will be introduced to some of the phonological concepts necessary for 'beginning reading' through games, activities, crafts and story times. **Registration is required and will be held separately for each session. Registration for Session I begins on Tuesday, June 24th. Registered for Session II begins on Tuesday, July 15th.**

Preschool Rodeo!

Tuesday, July 29th at High Noon

Our regular Picnic Pals meeting with a twist! Children ages 2-5 years old and a parent or caregiver are invited to join Miss Lauren and Mrs. Applesauce for a Preschool Rodeo! Participants will enjoy stories, games, music, dancing, and some down-home treats that are sure to please. **Registration is required and will begin on Tuesday, July 15th**

Picnic Pals

Tuesdays at Noon 7/1, 8, 15, 22, *29, & 8/5

Preschoolers ages 2-5 years old and their parents or caregivers are invited to join Miss Lauren for this special lunch story time. Participants may bring a bag lunch or snack while they enjoy a 1/2 hour program filled with stories, movies, crafts and songs! **Registration is not required, except for 7/29.**

*** Please see listing for "Preschool Rodeo" for more information on this date.**

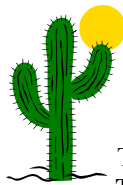
Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays at Noon 7/2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & 8/6

Children going into grades 1 and up are invited to join Mrs. L for a lunch and story time. Enjoy movies, stories and craft projects! Don't forget to bring a lunch! **Registration is not required.**

Go West!

Participants (and their families) in this year's summer reading program are invited to join us on the Town Green on **Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30 pm** for our final event with singer/musician Roger Tincknell. This festive and participatory music program is geared toward families with children of all ages. Roger will teach us how to yodel and entertain us with some traditional cowboy and outlaw songs, and encourage us to get involved with participatory songs, singing games, and dancing. So bring the family, a blanket, and a **portable dinner** and get ready for some good ol' down-home fun! The show will start at approx. 7:00 p.m. so get here around 6:30 to get a good spot! **Special thanks to the Friends of the Portland Library for sponsoring this event!**



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 Betrayed*. 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!