

# Check it out...



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## FRIENDS STAFF RECOGNITION PICKS FOR 2005

Thanks to the Friends of the Portland Library for all it does. The Friends presented the following titles to the Library in honor of its staff members.

Staff	Title	Author
Sharon Anderson	<i>Travel Guide to Heaven</i>	Anthony Destefano
Ruth Buckley	<i>1776</i>	David McCullough
Anne Calvert	<i>Kira-Kira</i>	Cynthia Kadohata
Lauren Coleman	<i>To the Beach</i>	Linda Ashman
Linda Cunningham	<i>Ultimate Filmmaker's Guide to Short Films</i>	Kim Adelman
Chris Frank	<i>American Brutus</i>	Michael W. Kauffman
Lynn Gildersleeve	<i>Quiltmaker's Journey</i>	Jeff Brumbeau
Becky Heath	<i>Josh Groban Piano Vocal Chorus</i>	Josh Groban
Patti LaMalfa	<i>The Innocent</i>	Harlan Coban
Coral Lindenfelser	<i>Oh No, Gotta Go!</i>	Susan Middleton Elya
Cindy May	<i>Wounded Buzzard on Christmas Eve</i>	John Erickson
Jacqui McMahon	<i>Where's the Dragon?</i>	Richard Hook
Noreen Mierzejewski	<i>The Next Place</i>	Warren Hanson
Janet Nocek	<i>Classical Music for Dummies</i>	David Progue
Gail Pititto	<i>Papa, Do You Love Me?</i>	Barbara M. Joosse
Gloria Schultz	<i>Sunshine on My Shoulders</i>	John Denver
Karen Slocum	<i>I Can't Tell You</i>	Hillary Frank

In addition, the Friends provided lunch to the staff on June 21st. Yum!

## Looking for something to do? Plan a special outing!

Visit area museums for little or no charge, thanks to the Friends of the Library museum pass program.

### Pick from...

- American Clock & Watch Museum
- Children's Museum of SE CT
- Connecticut River Museum
- Dinosaur State Park
- Florence Griswold Museum
- Lutz Children's Museum
- Maritime Aquarium and Imax
- Mashantucket Pequot Museum
- Mystic Aquarium
- Mystic Seaport
- New England Air Museum
- New England Carousel
- Peabody Museum
- Roaring Brook Nature Center
- Roger Williams Park and Zoo
- Science Center of Connecticut
- Wadsworth Atheneum



## Play Chess?

Become a member of the new Portland Library Chess Club. The club will meet on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.**

The club is open to all players who are familiar with at least the basic moves of the game. Please register.

**Please note that the Friends of the Library's Read and Recycle will not be held on July 7th.**



## Adult Book Discussion

Join the adult book discussion held at the Portland Library on **Thursday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m.** The featured title for June will be *The Giver* by Lois Lowry.

Copies are available for loan at the Library. No registration is necessary; all are invited to attend the discussion.

## Library Hours

Monday - Thursday  
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Closed on Sunday

## Portland Library

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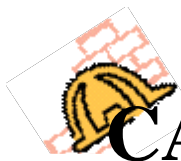
## Library Board Chair:

Cathy Probolus

## Library Director:

Janet Nocek

**REMINDER: THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, JULY 2ND AND MONDAY, JULY 4TH.**



# CAUTION! Readers at Work!

## Sign up for Freedom to Read!

Readers, going into 5th grade or higher, may join. Fill out review forms for each book that you read and return them to the Library to enter the weekly prize drawings, receive incentives, and help create a flag.

### July Events:

#### Freedom for Teens to Talk Books

On **Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. - July 5, 12, 26 and August 2nd** – Preview the 2005 Nutmeg Books and have a chance to discuss the other books you've been reading during the summer. A poetry reading will take place during the July 26th program and book discussions for *Hoot* will be featured on July 12th. Multiple copies of this book will be available for loan at the Library.

## We Dig Children's Summer Reading



Join in the excavation of some good books. The summer reading club is for readers and for pre-readers. Participants agree to read at least 10 minutes a day and record their achievements in weekly blocks. Join the club today and receive weekly incentives.

## Art Display

The Portland Library presents "Portland By Air: A Virtual Helicopter Tour of Portland." Aerial photographer, Stephen J. Giarratana, Town Building Inspector and weekend photographer, has assembled his best images of Portland, taken from his small helicopter over the past two years. Aerial photographs present "a bird's eye view", capturing the beauty and historical essence of the Town of Portland. A reception will be held at the Library on Saturday, July 9th from 2-4 p.m. and refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. The public is welcome! The art exhibit of over thirty 8" by 11" prints will run through July 28th.

The cases will display Lynda Juda's Indian baskets.

## Movies for Adults

Join us at **1:30 pm** in the air-conditioned Mary Flood Room on...

July 14th *The Aviator*

July 20th *Hotel Rwanda*

July 28th *Hitch*

Drinks and snacks supplied! All films have been purchased through donations by the Friends of Portland Library or by fine money collected for overdue videos.

You have time to join in ...

## We Dig Summer Reading!



Exciting July events include...

### DROP IN for... Trucks, Trucks, and More Trucks!

Join us in the Library parking lot on the following dates from **10:30-Noon** and explore and learn about...

**Friday, July 8:** Three vehicles including a roller, Portland Public Works

**Friday, July 15:** Men in Blue...Portland Police cruisers.

**Friday, July 22:** Fire trucks and more...

Portland Volunteer Fire Dept.

**Friday, July 29:** RESCUE!

Portland emergency vehicles will be on hand.

**Saturday, August 5:** 'East of the River' antique fire trucks. Cellar Savers Museum.

**Picnic Pals** Tuesdays at Noon  
on July 5, 12, 19, & 26

Children, ages 2 & up and a parent or caregiver are invited to a lunchtime storytime. Bring a bag lunch or snack.

**Lunch Bunch** Wednesdays at Noon  
on July 6, 13, 20, & 27

Children, going into grades 1 and up are invited to a lunchtime storytime. Don't forget to bring a lunch!

RESERVE YOUR SPOTS for...

**Off to Oz** Monday, July 11th at 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. Children may come in costume!

**Art in Motion** Thursday, July 14th at 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.

**The Fossil Hunter** Monday, July 18th at 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.

**Crime Lab** Monday, July 25th at 1:00 & 2:00 p.m.

Children, going into grades 3 & up, may join Jonah Cohen and his crime lab from the Science Center of CT.

**Constructive Reading** Thursday, July 21st at 11:00 a.m.

Children, going into grades 2 and up, may join in the book discussion of *Twister on Tuesday* by Mary Pope Osborne. Copies of the title are available.