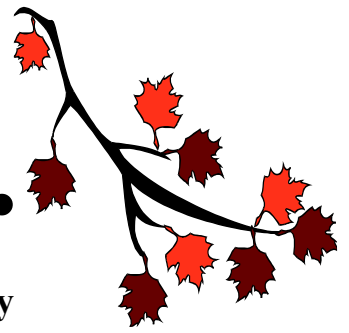


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HOP ON THE 'INFORMATION HIGHWAY'

Attend a demonstration of iCONN at the Portland Library on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 11:00 a.m.** and learn about all the incredible sources that are available to Connecticut's residents!

iCONN, administered by the Connecticut State Library in conjunction with the Department of Higher Education, is part of the Connecticut Education Network. It provides all Connecticut residents with online access to essential library and information resources. Begun in 2000, iCONN is funded by the Connecticut General Assembly.

You can use these databases free of charge from any computer, from the Library or at home or at work with your public library card. Search thousands of popular and scholarly articles, from 1980 to the present including Spanish-language articles, newspapers, business information on over 450,000 companies, health and wellness information, and much more.

- iCONN Newstand ~ full-text coverage of the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Hartford Courant*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Washington Post*.
- Magazines and Journals ~ seven databases geared for students and adults.
- Business & Company Resource Center ~ comprehensive company and industry information.
- Discovering Collection ~ history, literature, biography, science and social studies.
- Health & Wellness Resource Center ~ Medical information for health professionals and general readers.
- Wilson Biographies Plus~ Illustrated profiles of over 120,000 individuals from antiquity to the present.
- What do I Read Next? ~ Readers advisory.

Please register for this event at the Information Desk or by telephoning the Library at 342-6770.

Portland History Buffs and Geologists

Interested in Portland's geology or history?

You will wish to peruse an excellent book that was recently donated to Portland Library by Jeanne Dilworth. *The Great Rift Valleys of Pangea in Eastern North America*, volume 2, edited by Peter M. Letourneau and Paul E. Olsen, contains a chapter entitled "The Brownstone Industry of Portland Connecticut". This chapter was written in a fluid, accessible style by Alison C. Guinness. Illustrations include photographs courtesy of Jack Dillon. A copy of the chapter is available at the Library's Information Desk.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join in the adult book discussion held at the Portland Library on **Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** The discussion will be held in the Van Beynum Room of the Library. The featured title for October will be *Boy's Life* by Robert McCammon. 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 C. LITERATURE BOOK GROUP

Come to the Library for a copy of the book *A Hero of Our Time* by Mikhail Lermontov and join us on **Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m.** for a fun and interesting discussion with some fellow lovers of classical literature. This is a lively group with strong opinions; please come and express yourself.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS...

- 1) Thousands of hardcover, paperback, children's, and audio books will be sold at the Friends' annual **Used Book Sale, Saturday, October 18th from 10:00-5:00 and Sunday, October 19th from 10:00-2:00.** Members of the Friends' of the Portland Library will have a special shopping night on Friday, October 17th from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 2) Drop by the Library and check out the beautiful baskets displayed for the Friends' **Annual Basket Raffle!** Chances are just \$1.00 and the winning tickets will be pulled on Sunday, October 12th at the Portland Fair.

GOLF TOURNAMENT END NOTES...

Please watch the *Rivereast* for a complete list of all donors and sponsors who helped to make the Portland Library 6th Annual Fall Foliage Golf Classic a success. The Library also wishes to express appreciation to all the volunteers, golfers, the Golf Committee, and the Friends of the Portland Library for their major contribution to the Portland Library Endowment Fund. Lastly, thanks to the winner of the \$10,000 hole-in-one, David O'Brien, for his generous donation.

Please join us for....

A SERIES OF SERIES

Children in *grades 3-and up* are invited to join us this fall as we embark upon a **SERIES OF SERIES**. Confused? A HA! Interested? A HA! Now we have you..... Read on my children.

What is better than a series? If you like the first book then you are sure to like the next, and the next, and the next, etc. Ta Da! You always have a great book to read. This fall we will be introducing you to some really great series books for older readers.

Monday, October 20th at 4:00 p.m. : AN UNFORTUNATE EVENT

You guessed it, we will be discussing some of the titles from **A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket**. After the discussion, we will be entering into the malignant world of Mr. Snicket as we partake in a Biting Contest (like Sunny), create wacky inventions, (like Violet) and go on a mini scavenger hunt that Klaus would surely **not** enjoy. You will not have fun. You will not laugh. If you are still interested, come prepared to talk, know your trivia, and, if you are really daring, come dressed as your favorite character. Multiple copies of the books will be available for loan at the Library in September. You must have read at least two books to qualify to attend the event.

Thursday, November 13th at 4:00 p.m. : TIME WARP TRIO

The second meeting in our 'Series of Series' will be to discuss those weird and wonderful Time Warp books by John Scieszka! Are you a fan of that intrepid threesome -- Joe, Sam, and Fred? Come travel with them to ancient Greece, 17th century Japan, the Stone Age, and even the future. **Registration for the Time Warp book group (the second of our Series of Series programs) will begin on Wednesday, October 22.** You must be in third grade and up to join, and have read at least two books from the series.

If you want to add some excitement to the program, you may come as a Neanderthal, a gladiator, a knight, or any other appropriate figure. Everyone will get to talk about his favorite book. We will also enjoy various activities, and be served Vitagorp and Unicola.

ART DISPLAYS



Maureen Mason will be continuing the display of her watercolors at the Library throughout the month of October. Local resident, Joyce Gould will be displaying her pumpkin collection in the Library's display cases throughout October.

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

Janet Nocek

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TEEN CREEP SHOW

Get in the mood for Halloween and join other teens for a *ghoulish* good time in the Mary Flood Room at the Portland Library for the showing of a scary movie on **Tuesday, October 21st at 3:00 pm.** You bring the "screams, gasps and white knuckles" and the Library will provide popcorn and soda.

This movie is set in 1945 on a fog-enshrouded island off the British coast. The film begins with a scream as Grace awakens from some unspoken horror, perhaps arising from her overprotective concern for her young children. The children are extremely sensitive to light and have lived with closed curtains and shutters. When three strangers arrive in response to Grace's yet-unposted request for domestic help, the movie gets even spookier. Please register for this event at the Information Desk or by telephoning the Library at 342-6770.

HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX

Have you been waiting anxiously for the return of Harry Potter? Then join Mrs. L. and other Potter fans on **October 23, at 7:00 p.m.**, for a good time comparing notes and competing for trivia points. **Registration will begin on October 2.** Some copies of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* are available, and more will be arriving in early October.

You must be in fifth grade and up to come to the discussion group, and you must have read at least part of the newest book. You *don't* have to have finished (if you can bear to learn the ending). It is best if you have also read the previous books. Refreshments will be served and the meeting will last for at least an hour. Come dressed for Harry and Halloween, and talk about your favorite young wizard! If you have further questions, you may call Mrs. L. at 342-6770.



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 events will take place at 6:30 p.m. on:

Thursday, October 23rd
Thursday, November 13th
Thursday, December 18th

LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will be closed on **Monday, October 13th** in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. The Library will reopen on Tuesday, October 14th at 10:00 a.m.

The Library's regular hours are
Monday-Thursday 10:00-9:00
Friday & Saturday 10:00-5:00