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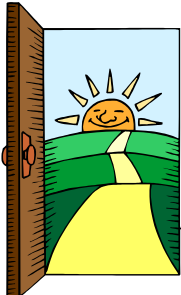
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LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

*Visit the Library
and see what goes on behind the scenes!*

You are cordially invited to attend an open house on Tuesday, May 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Activities will include...

- 📖 Information "scavenger" hunt appropriate for adults and children.
- 📖 Members of the Nifty Knitters group will be on hand to demonstrate their talents and their group's social activity.
- 📖 Go through the seven processes it takes to ultimately bring a book into the hands of you, our patron!
- 📖 Special children's activity
- 📖 Tour of the entire library will be offered.
- 📖 Find out about book discussions at the Library!
- 📖 The Friends of Portland Library will supply refreshments for the open house

Remember to vote! TOWN BUDGET REFERENDUM May 10, 2004 at the Library

Be an informed citizen during the budget process and throughout the year. You may find information at the Library regarding the Town and School Department budgets and minutes of many commission meetings. You may also borrow videotapes of meetings of the Board of Selectmen.

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



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ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Brownsville by Oscar Casares

"Probing underneath the surface of Tex-Mex culture, Casares's stories, with their wisecracking, temperamental, obsessive middle-aged men and their dramas straight from neighborhood gossip are in the direct line of descent from Mark Twain and Ring Lardner." (*Publishers Weekly*)

No registration is necessary; all are invited to attend the discussion group. Multiple copies of this book are available for loan at the Library prior to the evening.

READ AND RECYCLE

Drop off your donations of books, videos, cds, and talking books to the Senior Center on Saturday, Saturday, May 1st and Saturday, June 5th from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.

PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

For Our Seniors

Portland Library is initiating programming to meet the needs of the growing number of citizens of age 50 and beyond. Interesting activities will be provided to retired citizens to take the place of challenges previously encountered in the workplace. The Library is planning to offer mini-courses on selected topics, to be offered at the Library during daytime hours. Topics that patrons have requested to date include genealogy and Portland history.

The library is seeking information from all Portland retirees regarding their interests. To offer your suggestions, you may call Janet Nocek, the library director. Watch for a survey form to be available on the library web's page and at the library. All ideas and suggestions for future programs are welcome!

"**Staying Alive and Lively**", a humorous and informational program on meeting the challenges of aging. If you are retirement age and over, Marcus Brown will provide tips to enhance your lifestyle, on Wednesday May 26th at 10:45 am. Reserve a spot by telephoning the Library at 342-6770.

The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 29th and Monday, May 31st

The Library's regular hours are **Monday-Thursday 10:00-9:00**

and

Friday & Saturday 10:00-5:00

It's time to check out a MUSEUM PASS

The American Clock and Watch Museum

100 Maple Street
Bristol, Connecticut 06010
Telephone: (860) 583-6070
Fax: (860) 583-1862



Hours: Seven days a week 10 am to 5 pm April 1st to November 30th
(Closed Easter and Thanksgiving)

Visitors to the museum will find over 1,400 clocks and watches on display at the present time including "grandfather" clocks, shelf clocks, wall clocks, precision regulators, novelties, alarm clocks, tower/church clocks, jeweled watches, watch keys and fobs, non-jeweled or "dollar" watches, clock and watch making machinery and tools. A number of clocks are kept running and chiming. The museum and its research library are located in the colonial style Miles Lewis house, the historic Ebenezer Barnes wing and the modern Edward Ingraham wing. An authentic early American sundial garden with period flowers and herbs adds seasonal beauty to the grounds.

All passes are provided by the Friends of the Portland Library. Patrons may reserve the passes up to one month in advance.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY AND BOOK SIGNING

Children's book illustrator, Donald Christensen, formerly of Portland, will be at Portland Library on Friday, May 7 at 3 pm.



Enjoy readings from a new book of poetry illustrated by Mr. Christensen and written by Wanda Haan, late editor of the *Weekly Reader*.

Children aged 3 to 5 may participate in an activity showing how a children's book is produced.

The book *Macaroon Moon: a Book of Poems and Rhymes for Children* will be for sale and the illustrator will be available for signing.

Proceeds benefit American Heart Association.

Sign up at the Library's Information Desk, or call 342-6770 for more information or to register for the program. The program will take place in the Wagner Room of the library.



ART DISPLAY

The Portland Library presents "There to Here", a collection of works by Joy Mlozanowski. "There to Here" represents 25 years in Joy's journey as an artist. It is a full exploration of her creative process in a variety of media: paints in watercolor, acrylic and oil; drawings in graphite, ink and charcoal; black and white photography; and three-dimensional plaster works on canvas. Ms. Mlozanowski's works will be on display from May 1st through May 26th. A reception will be held in the Mary Flood Room on Saturday, May 1st. from 2 - 4 pm. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. The public is welcome!



Does Love Last Forever? Come Find Out at the TEEN MOVIE!



On **Tuesday, May 18th at 3:00**, the Library presents the movie about Tuck and his family. "Adapted from Natalie Babbitt's book, this appealing fable focuses on the timeless Tuck family, blessed and cursed with immortality after drinking from a magical spring. The movie is rated PG and lasts 88 minutes.

Reserve a spot by telephoning the Library at 342-6770

FRIENDS OF THE PORTLAND LIBRARY AWARD

Apply today if you are...

- ◆ *A Portland resident*
- ◆ *Graduating from an accredited high school in the spring of 2004*
- ◆ *A student with a solid academic standing*
- ◆ *Planning to further your education*
- ◆ *Actively involved in your community*

A \$750.00 one-time award will be given to the most qualified applicant. The deadline is Friday, May 7, 2004. Applications are available at the Library and from the Library's website.

BEDTIME STORIES WITH MRS. APPLESAUCE

Don't miss your chance, attend the last story time of the season. Popular storyteller, Mrs. Applesauce (Jacqui McMahan) 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 May 20th