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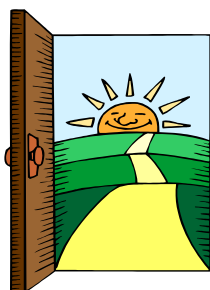
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LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE



See what goes on behind the scenes at the Library!

Visit the Library on Tuesday, May 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Activities will include an 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.

In the Wagner Room, you will discover what it takes to make a book part of the Library's collection. Go through the seven processes it takes to ultimately bring a book into the hands of you, our patron!

The Friends of Portland Library will supply refreshments for the open house, and a children's activity and a tour of the entire library will be offered.

READ AND RECYCLE

Drop off your donations of books, videos, cds, and talking books to the Senior Center on Saturday, April 3rd and Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.

One for the Money by Janet Evanovich

"Spontaneity and financial desperation push Stephanie Plum into the life of a bounty hunter. Maneuvering around the scrappy environs of Trenton, New Jersey, Stephanie runs the gauntlet of recalcitrant criminals and puts up with a match-making Jewish mother to boot. A witty, well-written, and gutsy debut." (*Library Journal*)

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.

Celebrate Libraries!

NATIONAL LIBRARY

WEEK

APRIL 18TH - 24TH



The Library will be closed on Friday, April 9th and Saturday, April 10th. The Library's regular hours are Monday-Thursday 10:00-9:00 and Friday & Saturday 10:00-5:00



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.

SILENT AUCTION OF BOOKS

During the month of April, the glass display cases in the lobby of the Library will be filled with special books collected through the Read & Recycle program of the Friends. They may be old, rare or a set of unusual books.

You will be able to view them throughout the month of April and have a chance to submit silent bids on any of your choices toward the end of the month.

Be sure to see if there is something there you'd like to put in your library!

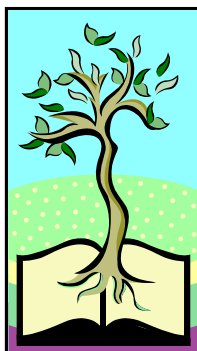


Thank you
Friends of the Library for
all the wonderful things
that you do!

APRIL IS FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES MONTH

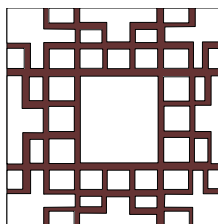
Friends of the Portland Library invite you to celebrate by attending programs offered to the public during April.

Friday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.



Tom Kemp, Associate Director of Godfrey Memorial Library, will demonstrate how to do genealogy research using a computer. His topic, "Virtual Roots: Finding Your Family History Online", will teach you how to search census records, newspapers, books and much more.

Thursday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

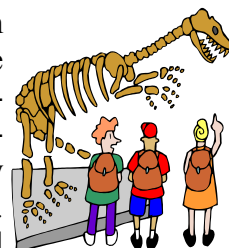


Ghia Khalsa, Feng Shui Consultant, of Middletown, will talk about this ancient Chinese science which is a method of organizing surroundings to encourage a healthy atmosphere. Ghia, with 30 years of experience, lectures, instructs, and consults clients in

ways to make feng shui user friendly and accessible.

MUSEUM PASSES FEATURED

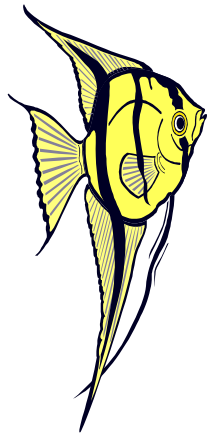
Do you like to find new places to take your children or grandchildren? Do you want to do it in an inexpensive way? During April, the Friends will feature a display of the many Museum/Park/Zoo passes they fund for your use. Portland Library has as many or more passes than most libraries in Connecticut. Plan to peruse the bulletin board above the children's computers to better acquaint yourself with the many opportunities for family fun. Other Friends' information will also be on display.





MUSEUM PASS

Maritime Aquarium and Imax
 Norwalk, CT (203)
 852-0700



Explore the marine life and maritime culture of Long Island Sound. Aquarium has sharks, seals, jellyfish, river otters and 125 other species and IMAX movies.

Pass admits a total of 6 people
Pass is for \$2 off combination ticket of the Aquarium & Imax
 Regular price/combination ticket: \$12.00 adults and \$9.50 Children
This may not be used for the aquarium admission only

Open Daily: 10:00 - 5:00
Summer Hours: 10:00 - 6:00
Closed Christmas and Thanksgiving

Call for specific times for Imax and animal feedings.
 Passes may be reserved up to one month in advance. The museum passes are funded by the Friends of the Portland Library.



TOWN INFORMATION

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.

ART DISPLAY

The Portland Library presents the art of Kate Castelli. Kate is currently a senior at Portland High School, but she began her art career even before kindergarten. She has been accepted to the Art Institute of Boston, the Massachusetts College of Art and the Corcoran College of Art and Design. Her intended major is editorial design.

Kate has taken art courses at the Lyme Academy of Fine Art, the Hartford Art School, and Wesleyan Potters.

She has exhibited in the Charter Oak Conference Annual Student Art Show, the Wadsworth Atheneum, the Hartford Art School and most recently at the Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards Show. This is her first solo show. Kate also exhibits and sells pieces at the Wesleyan Potters annual sale.



Much of Kate's influences come from her travel experiences. She has traveled extensively in North America, has visited southern England and recently returned from a solo trip to Australia. A reception will be held for Kate on Saturday, April 3, 2004 in the Mary Flood Room from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend. Her work will be on exhibit from April 3rd through April 23rd.

PORTLAND LIBRARY IS ABOVE AVERAGE! ~ Portland Library can boast outstanding amounts of materials being checked out.

2001 - 2002	Portland Library	State Average
Number of items circulating per capita	19.5	8.3
Turnover of materials	2.0	1.3
Books held per resident	6.5	4.7
Visits per capita	11.8	5.8
Average Circulation per service hour	64.0	24.0

Data from the State Library's Annual Statistical Report (www.cslib.org/statprofile.htm)

FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Proud parents of children under two years:
It's not too early to begin encouraging a love of reading that will enrich your child's life and ensure his/her success in school.

Tips for developing your baby's ability to read:

An infant **aged 6 to 12 months** can turn pages and look at pictures.

Pictures of faces are a baby's favorite. To encourage a love of books:

- Hold your child comfortably
- Use face-to-face gaze
- Point and name pictures

At **12-18 months** your child is able to sit up and hold a book right side up with a little help.

Board books are great for helping the child to turn the pages.

- Respond to your child's prompting to enjoy a book
- Let your child control the book
- Expect a short attention span
- Ask "Where's the...?" and allow your child to point at something on the page.

The above information comes from the Reach Out and Read National Center in Somerville, Massachusetts and was distributed at the New England Library Association Conference 2003.

For more tips, visit

www.reachoutandread.org/resource.html.

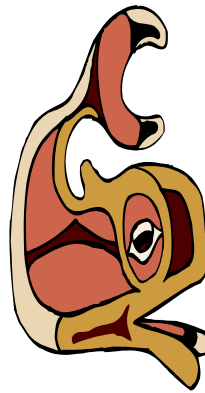


BEDTIME STORIES WITH MRS. APPLESAUCE

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 story times will take place at 6:30 p.m. on:

April 15th

VACATION TIME ~ TEEN MOVIE



On **Tuesday, April 20th at 1:00**, the Library presents the movie about Pai. "One of the most charming and critically acclaimed films of 2003, this New Zealand hit effectively combines Maori tribal tradition with the timely "girl power" of a vibrant new millennium. Despite the discouragement of her gruff and disapproving grandfather (Rawiri Paratene), who nearly disowns her because she is female and therefore traditionally disqualified from tribal leadership, 12-year-old Pai (Keisha Castle-Hughes) is convinced that she *is* a tribal leader, and sets about to prove it."

The movie is rated PG13 and lasts 101 minutes. Reserve a spot by telephoning the Library.

VACATION TAG SALE

Parents, this is a great spring cleaning opportunity! On Wednesday, April 21, the Portland Library will hold a tag sale from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The tag sale is for children only; they may sell toys, games, books, and clothes, but no adult items.

Kids, take advantage of a chance to make money and have fun while you're doing it. You may register beginning Wednesday, April 7; registration will be limited. You will receive more information when you sign up.

If you have any questions please call Mrs. L.

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

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