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ATTENTION! Golfers & Library Supporters

Portland Library's 7th Annual Fall Foliage Golf Classic will take place on **September 23, 2004** at Quarry Ridge Golf Club. Eighteen holes of golf, green fees, and golf cart are included. A continental breakfast, grilled lunch and buffet dinner will be served. In addition, participants automatically are entered into a drawing for varied prizes of goods and services donated by local businesses. All proceeds benefit the Portland Library Endowment Fund, which ensures that Portland Library will continue to grow to serve the needs of the community. No donation is too big or too small. You may stop by the library to contribute by placing your dollars in the golf bag. Please contact the Library Director or members of the Golf Committee if you wish to become a sponsor or wish to donate prizes or other support. Forms for registering for the tournament or for sponsorship are available at the library.

New Online Catalog Feature!

You may now find out whether a new item has been purchased by the library before it is received. When you look up a title in the library's catalog, an **on order** item will have a call number beginning with XX. Click on **details** and you will see under **location** "Being acquired by the library". You may place a hold on the item from the online catalog or by contacting the Information Desk staff. The computer system will tell the staff the item is on hold, and it will be processed quickly and held for the first person who placed a hold. However, there is no way to know when an ordered item will be available at the time you place a hold.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join the adult book discussion held at the Portland Library on **Thursday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m.** The discussion will be held in the Van Beynum Room of the Library. The featured title for August will be **Three Junes** by Julia Glass. 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.

READ AND RECYCLE

Drop off your donations of books, videos, puzzles, CD's, and talking books to the Senior Center on:
Saturday, August 7th from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.
Saturday, September 4th from 9:00 until 12:00
Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.
Saturday, November 6th from 9:00 until 12:00

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 10:00-9:00
Friday & Saturday 10:00-5:00
Closed on Sunday

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

Janet Nocek

Phone: (860) 342-6770
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Books Ahoy!

Children's Summer Reading Program 2004

This summer the Portland Library will be traveling the high seas looking for treasure and battling pirates during this year's summer reading club, *Books Ahoy!* The summer reading club is for readers and pre-readers. Participants agree to read or be read to at least 10 minutes a day and record their achievements in weekly blocks! Just sign up in the Children's Department, registration is ongoing.

Picnic Pals

Tuesday at Noon. August 3

Preschoolers ages 2-5 years old and their parents or caregivers are invited to a special lunch story time. Participants may bring a bag lunch or snack. This will be the last lunch program of the summer! **Registration is not required.**

Lunch with Mrs. Lemonsqueezer

Wednesday at Noon. August 4

Children going into grades 1 and up are invited to join Children's Librarian, Mrs. Lindenfelser, for lunch and a story time. Don't forget to bring a lunch, this will be the last lunch program of the summer! **Registration is not required.**

Tales From the Sea

Thursday, August 5th at 11:30 a.m.

Ahoy, mates! Enjoy pirate stories and other tales from the sea, Then join Mrs. L. and your friends to talk about the wild and weird characters you meet. Children going into grades 4 and up are invited to attend this reading and discussion group. **Registration is required.**

Songs of the Sea

Participants (and their families) in this year's summer reading program are invited to join us at the Portland Middle School on **Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m.** for our final event with Tom Hanford This unique stylist and songwriter will use instruments and song to create an interactive show that takes us on a musical journey over the high seas! Enjoy some of the songs created for the OP Sail 2000 Tall Ships Festival, including: *The Mermaid, The Sailor's Alphabet, & Captain Kidd.* Singing along, role playing, and other audience participation is encouraged. This festive and participatory music program is geared toward families with children of all ages. **Special thanks to the Friends of the Portland Library for sponsoring this event!**

TREASURE TROVE OF BOOKS: TEEN SUMMER 2004 READING PROGRAM



CALLING ALL READERS!

Thursday, August 5th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Join the other members of the crew for a Readers' Reception. Activities include lots of fun and certificates! Refreshments, of course! RSVP to the Library so we can count you in! ... Or you might have to "walk the plank!"

and the winners are....

The thirty-five participants handed in their review cards and on Wednesdays at the sound of eight bells, a card was chosen. The winners were Melissa Durkin, Emily Rintaul, Katie Dillon, Marissa LaMalfa, and Kristina Unikewicz.

THANKS...

The Library thanks all those who responded to the recent survey on programming services to retired people.

The results indicate a variety of interests. Computer instruction, health, and consumer issues were popular topics. Educational films and discussions related to the humanities were also frequently noted. In terms of response to the survey, the programs in the planning stage include consumer lectures, film programs, and a journaling group.

Please continue to share your ideas and requests. You may contact the library director via telephone or e-mail, or fill in a "How are we doing" form, available at the library service desks.

One-on-One Story Times

Sign-up for One-on-One, a series of four story times for children ages 12 through 23 months, will begin **Thursday, August 19**, at the Portland Library. The first meeting will be on **Thursday, September 2**.

You and your child will share books, nursery rhymes, music, and finger plays in a warm, relaxed atmosphere. Your child will become familiar with the library and all it has to offer, while you meet other moms and caregivers To register call 342-6770 or come into the library beginning August 19. Registration is limited. For more information, call Coral Lindenfelser, Children's Librarian, at 342-6770.