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The Portland Library
presents
Chef Michelle McMahon
demonstrating:
"The Sauté Method of
Cooking"

Vegetarian and meat dishes
will be presented.

DATE: JUNE 29

TIME: 7 pm

PLACE: Mary Flood

Room,

Portland Library

Please register at the Library's
Information Desk.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join the adult book discussion held at the Portland Library on **Thursday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** The discussion will be held in the Van Beynum Room of the Library. The featured title for June will be *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. 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.

If you are over 50 years of age, the Library wants to know what your interests are!

Portland Library is initiating programming to meet the needs of the growing number of citizens of age 50 and beyond.

For example, the Library plans to offer activities that provide intellectual challenges that retirees may have previously encountered in the workplace.

To offer your suggestions, please call Janet Nocek, the library director, fill out the survey form on the Library web's page, or come to the library to complete a survey form. The Library welcomes all ideas and suggestions for future programs

COLLECTION NOTES...

New Talking Books on Special Display

New talking books, both books on audiocassette as well as CD, are in a special display area near the new fiction books. Patrons often inquire about what items are new so this arrangement should make it easier to browse and then locate the Library's new items.

Planning your summer or fall vacation?

Portland Library recently has updated its collection of travel books. Please ask at the Information Desk for anything you do not find on the shelf. In addition, the Library may borrow items from other libraries or purchase new items for our collection and your use.

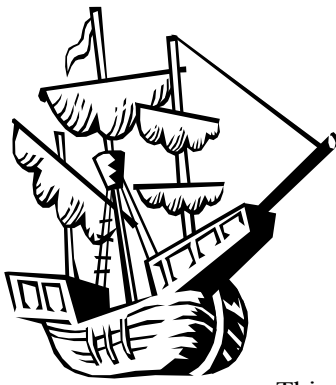


Please send your concerns, comments, or requests regarding library services to the Library Director,

Janet Nocek

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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 beginning **Wednesday, June 23rd**. Keep a look-out for these great events all summer long!

Picnic Pals

Tues. at Noon. June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27

Preschoolers ages 2-5 years old and their parents or caregivers are invited to join Miss Lauren for this special lunch story time. Participants may bring a bag lunch or snack while they enjoy a 1/2 hour program filled with stories, movies, crafts and songs! **Registration is not required, except for 7/20.**

Lunch with Mrs. Lemonsqueezer

Wednesdays at Noon. June 30,

July 7, 14, 21, 28, & Aug. 4

Children going into grades 1 and up are invited to join Children's Librarian, Mrs. Lindenfesler, for a lunch and story time. Enjoy movies, stories and craft projects! Don't forget to bring a lunch! **Registration is not required.**

Schooner Sound Learning

Thursday, July 1st at 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Come and meet whelks, horseshoe and hermit crabs, moon snails, and spooky spider crabs. Learn about our own Long Island Sound and get up close and personal with some of the creatures that live there. The 10:30 a.m. program is open to children ages 4 and up and the 11:30 a.m. program is open to children going into grades 3 and up. **Registration is required and will begin on Wednesday, June 23rd.**



Making Music with Little Ones

Monday, July 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Kathy Flanagan of *Happy Notes* fame, will entertain and musically interact with tots and toddlers during a morning of music and movement! Kathy accompanies the children on keyboard, giving everyone a chance to participate in the music making with puppets, instruments, microphones and more! Children ages 2 and up with a parent or caregiver are welcome to attend. **Registration is required and will begin on Wednesday, June 23rd.**



So You Want To Be A Pirate

Monday, July 19th at 4:00 p.m.



Avast ye Maties! Pirate wannabes going into **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** may come and learn sure-fire techniques and some hilarious 'tricks of the trade' of commanding their own ship and crew! We will be playing games, going on a treasure hunt for some yummy treats and making treasure chests to store our loot! Swabs should come dressed appropriately in pirate gear! **Registration is required and will begin on Monday, July 12th!**

Journey 'Under The Sea'

Tuesday, July 20th at Noon

Our regular Picnic Pals meeting with a twist! Children ages 2-5 years old and a parent or caregiver are invited to join Miss Lauren for a special afternoon of games, music, stories and fun. Due to the nature of this program, space restrictions will apply. **Registration will be required and will begin on Monday, July 12th.**

Friday Afternoon at the Movies

Fridays, July 2nd, 16th, 30th at 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a blockbuster movie on the big screen in the Mary Flood Room at the Library! Licensing does not permit us to advertise the names of the films, but children of all ages are invited to explore new worlds and meet new friends as we watch the very best of recently released films. Come and enjoy our **BIG** screen and air conditioning! **Registration is suggested but not required and will begin on June 23rd.**

Tales From the Sea

Thursdays, July 8th, 22nd & 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. We will meet three times and begin our discussions with a past "Nutmeg" book, *Wind-catcher*. The story takes place on the Connecticut shore, and is about an 11-year-old boy who sails around the Thimble Islands. Multiple copies of this book will be available for loan at the Library beginning on Wednesday, June 23rd. Subsequent books will be announced soon. Children going into grades 4 and up are invited to attend this reading and discussion group. **Registration is required and will begin on Wednesday, June 23rd.**

Pirate Stories

Thursdays, July 15th & 29th at 11:30 a.m.

Children going into grades 2 and up are invited to join Miss Lauren for a series of exciting, reading adventure groups. Each group will discuss a book read prior to the meeting, do a planned activity, make a related craft and enjoy some grub made special for the topic. For our first meeting we will be exploring the world of secret codes. Our second meeting will focus on every pirate's favorite pastime, treasure hunting. We will be learning the ins and outs of mapmaking and going on a massive treasure hunt. Books will be available for loan at the library beginning on June 23rd. **Registration is required and will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd.**



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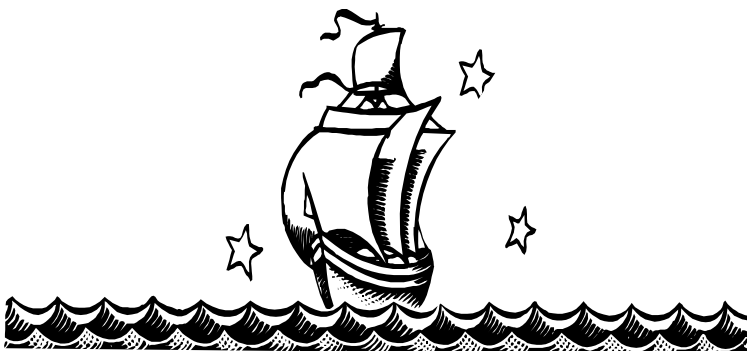
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Cartooning for Kids

Monday, July 26th at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Cartoonist and local artist Bill Dougal will be here to host two cartooning workshops for children going into grades 1 and up. The first class will be held at **10:30 a.m. and is open to children going into grades 1-3.** Students will have fun drawing their own cartoon characters. They will learn how cartoonists make eyes, noses, and mouths and bring their characters to life!

The second class will be held at **11:30 a.m. and is open to children going into 4th grade and up.** This class will focus on cartooning and caricature. Students will invent carton faces with different shapes and features. They will also do caricatures of particular people, and learn how to exaggerate and add humor to their drawings. **Registration is required for these events and will begin on Monday, July 12th**



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 **Love at Work** (musicians Tom Hanford and Kath Bloom Bronski). These unique stylists and songwriters 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 and The Herring's Head.*** 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**



Students, who are entering Grade 6 and higher, can sign on for the adventure. Read a book and fill out A review card during the five weeks of the program. The cards will be placed in a weekly drawing to win prizes like movie tickets and gift certificates. After the drawing, the reviews will be posted for other readers to view your recommendations. **Sign-ups begin on June 23rd.**

Drawing Dates

ONCE A WEEK THE PIRATE'S CHEST IS OPENED! Hand in your reviews in the week prior to each date and join in a drawing for the weekly prize. Increase your chances of being selected; the more books you read and report on, the more likely it is that your card will be chosen. **Drawings will be held at the sound of eight bells (at 12:00 noon) on each of these dates!** June 30th, July 7th, July 14th, July 21st, July 28th You need not be present to win! The following events will be held in conjunction with this program:

Treasure Island Book Discussion at the Library Friday, July 9th 11:00 a.m.

If you're entering grades 6 and up, you are invited to attend a book group to discuss Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*. Climb aboard for the swashbuckling adventure of a lifetime. The names Long John Silver and Jim Hawkins are destined to remain pieces of folklore. With its dastardly plot and motley crew of rogues and villains, it will be quite an adventure.

Multiple copies of the books will be available for loan at the Library. Registration is required and will begin on Wednesday, June 23rd.

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!"

The Friends Corner

"June is a time of ending for many programs, but not for the **Friends of the Library**. It feels like a three-ring circus with the Main Event being the Books For the Beach sale. We also award a \$750 scholarship to a Portland resident going on to higher education. Last, but certainly not least, we try to show the library staff and volunteers our gratitude for the service they provide on a daily basis. They get treated to lots of food and, I hope, lots of thank you's. You, in turn, get to see and to read books chosen by them to be added to the Library's collection." - Linda Cunningham, Friends of the Portland Library President
Here is a list of the books chosen by the staff to be added to the collection in honor of Staff Appreciation Week 2004!

Janet: *Educating Alice* by Alice Steinbach
Anne: *The Usual Rules* by Joyce Maynard
Jacqui: *Angels and Demons* (audio book)
by Dan Brown
Gloria: *Earth From Above*
by Yann Arthus-Bertrand
Chris: *Hard Rain* by Barry Eisler
Patti: *Two Princesses of Bamarre*
by Gail Carson Levine
Coral: *On Noah's Ark* by Jan Brett
Lauren: *Mister Seahorse* by Eric Carle
Gail: *Brundibar* by Tony Kushner
Lynne: *The Outcasts of 19 Shuyler Place*
by E.L. Konigsburg
Peggy: *Little Raccoon's Big Question*
by Miriam Schlein
Ruth: *Blood on the Wood* by Gillian Linscott
Karen: *Paths of Desire*
by Dominique Browning
Noreen: *The Tale of Three Trees*
by Angela Elwell Hunt
Jerry: *Napalm and Silly Putty* (cd)
by George Carlin

ART DISPLAYS

The Portland Library presents "Quiet News", the art of Yonne Brickey. Yonne Brickey's art is a response to "Listening" to the images she encounters. Every Painting has a story. Each is a split second slice of life or a brief encounter with the beauty of the mundane. She hopes that her audience will feel changed for having viewed her art.

She has studied at Lyme Academy of Fine Arts and taken classes at Gallery 53 and Middlesex Community College. Her work has been displayed mainly in the towns along the Connecticut shoreline. Yonne's art will be on display in the Mary Flood Room from June 5th through June 25th.

A reception will be held for her on **Saturday, June 5th from 2-4pm**. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Portland Library. The public is welcome

LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will be closed on **Saturday, July 3rd & Monday, July 5th** in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The Library will reopen on Tuesday, July 6th at 10:00 a.m. The Library's regular hours are:

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

READ AND RECYCLE

Drop off your donations of books, videos, puzzles, CD's, and talking books to the Senior Center on:

Saturday, June 5th from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.
Saturday, July 3rd from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.
Saturday, August 7th from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.
Saturday, September 4th from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.
Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.
Saturday, November 6th from 9:00 until 12:00 noon.

BOOKS FOR THE BEACH

The Friends of the Portland Library will hold their annual paperback book sale, **Books for the Beach**, from Wednesday, June 23rd to Wednesday, June 30th at the Library. All books will be only **25 cents** and will include books for both children and adults! Don't miss it!