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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. Forms for registering for the tournament or for sponsorship are available at the library.

ART EXHIBIT

The Portland Library presents an exhibition of the work of T. J. Palmer, Architect. Mr. Palmer was the designer of a number of Connecticut residences and in 1980 designed the Middletown Press building on Main Street in Middletown. The exhibition will showcase many of Mr. Palmer's designs for local residences, some of his commercial commissions, and his own solar energy-barn home in Portland. The exhibition will run from Sept. 11th to Sept. 25th. A reception will be held in the Mary Flood room on September 11th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Friends of the Portland Library will provide the refreshments. The public is welcome.

The exhibit cases in the main area of the Library will have a Portland Boy Scout display through September.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join the adult book discussion held at the Portland Library on **Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** The discussion will be held in the Van Beynum Room of the Library. The featured title for September will be *The End of Vandalism* by Tom Drury. "Drury has a bemused fondness for his characters' foibles and self-destructive impulses. In distinctive and dryly humorous dialogue, he captures the oblique, random chitchat of basically inarticulate people, who converse in a blend of ungrammatical vernacular and old-fashioned formality. His view of rural life is unsentimental: "Family agriculture seemed to be over and had not been replaced by any other compelling idea." And his sense of place and his eye for the particular in the mundane are extraordinary. This is a quiet book that grows in emotional resonance." 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.

LIBRARY HOURS

The Portland Library will be closed on **Saturday, September 4th and Monday, September 6th** in honor of the Labor Day holiday. The Library will re-open on **Tuesday, September 7th at 10:00 am**

The Library's regular hours are:

Monday-Thursday 10:00-9:00

Friday and Saturday 10:00-5:00

Closed on Sunday

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME REGISTRATION

In person registration for the fall Preschool Story Time series at the Library will begin on ***Thursday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m.** Phone in registration will begin on ***Friday, September 17th at 10:00 a.m.** These story times are held weekly for 8 weeks for children ages 2, 3, and 4 years old. They feature age-appropriate stories, games, songs, movement activities and small crafts. Story times begin the week of September 27th. For more information please contact the children's department at 342-6770 or stop by and pick up a brochure.

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"CELEBRATE UNDERPANTS"

Mark your calendars and get ready to have some fun on **Monday, November 8th at 4:00 pm** with everyone's favorite superhero: **Captain Underpants!**

Children in grades 2 and up are invited to join Miss Lauren as we explore yet another wacky children's book series, *The Adventures of Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey. Participants must read at least 2 books from the series prior to this event, multiple copies of the books will be available for loan at the library. Details will be coming soon, registration will begin on October 4th!

CHILDREN'S BOOK DISCUSSION

On **Thursday, October 7th**, we will hold a book discussion on *Survival*, Book Two of the Island Trilogy by Gordon Korman. This is an exciting story about six young people who are stranded on a small, uncharted Pacific island.

If you attended our session this summer, we hope you will come back and offer your views. But if you have just started the trilogy, and are caught up in it, we would love to have you join us. For more information, please call Mrs. L. at the library, 342-6770.

BEDTIME STORIES CANCELED!

The bedtime story time with Mrs. Applesauce scheduled for **Thursday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m.** has been canceled. The next event will take place on **Thursday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m.** as planned.



Please send your concerns, comments, or requests regarding library services to the
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THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The Children's Department would like to extend a thank you to all the people in the community who supported the children's summer reading program, helping to make the Books Ahoy program a success. A big thank you goes out to Burger King and Dunkin' Donuts for their continued generous support. The coupons they provided went into our treasure chests, from which our young readers selected their weekly prizes. Another long time supporter is Liberty Bank, which has helped us for many years to provide the wonderful prize books given to all who complete the program. We would like to heartily thank Country Market and Tri-Town Foods, who offered prize coupons this summer for the first time. Food coupons are definitely enjoyed by the children. Banknorth Connecticut is our major funding source for the summer "Bread and Books" outreach program at Chatham Court. Their generous increase in funding this year allowed us to offer the youngsters a field trip to the Portland Library, in addition to providing funds for prize books given to the children, who earned them through participation in the reading program. Meg Scata and her volunteers, residents both of the Court and the town, supervised lunch provided by the Community Renewal Team of Middletown and also offered the children many activities throughout the summer. Volunteers at "The Court" are Sarah Harris, Kathy Milone, Carol Gilbert, and Terri Gilbert, Marcus Brown, Bill Grimm, Brianna DeKorte, and Jaime Hill

This was our second summer using many pre-teen and teen helpers. It has been a wonderful experience for them and us. The volunteers' enthusiasm and helpfulness are much appreciated. The boys and girls who gave their time are: Kate Bascom, Kaitlin Berube, Dan Caplan, Barney Davis, Christie Deane, Katie Deane, Kate Dillon, Melissa Durkin, Sarah Harris, Grace Hetrick, Emily Jeffers, Keenan Kelley, Catherine Kisiel, Brittany Landers, Marissa LaMalfa, Matthew LaMalfa, Peter LaMalfa, Kate Magnotta, Cassie Malloy, Andrew May and Peter May, Dylan McDougall, Brenna McKinley, Katie O'Brien, Anna Podgorski, Emily Rintoul, Melanie Rossignol, Robyn Rossignol, Brie Schwartz, Elizabeth Slocum, Sarah Slocum, Rachel Stevenson, Emily Stevenson, Amy Thierfeld, Kelleigh Thompson, Kristina Unikewicz, Michael Zapatka, and Matt Ziegler.

Most of all we want to thank the Friends of the Portland Library who provided the prize books enjoyed by all who completed the reading program, and a special final celebration by a seafaring folksinger, Tom Hanford.