


# Check It Out....



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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MONTH

The Friends of the Portland Library is 25 years old this year. This group is one of the largest organizations in town. Formed in 1977, the Friends of the Portland Library is an organization of people interested in quality library service. The goals of the Friends are to improve the facilities and the services of the Portland Library and to help raise funds for such improvements.

This group promotes the Library in the community and raises funds through its membership dues, book sales, and special projects. These funds are used to purchase materials, services, and equipment for the Library.

Are you a member? If not, pick up a membership application form at the front desk or print it off the Library's website at ...

[www.portland.lib.ct.us/friendshowtojoin.htm](http://www.portland.lib.ct.us/friendshowtojoin.htm).

As a member you will receive the Friends newsletter and mailings on special programs ... and you will be helping the Portland Library.



## ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join the adult book discussions held at the library on the first Thursday of each month. The discussions begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Van Bynum Room of the Library.

*Taps* by Willie Morris will be discussed on April 4th. Set in the Mississippi Delta of Morris's childhood, *Taps* is the warm and touching story of Swayze Barksdale and his experiences growing up during the Korean War.

Get ready for the following discussion on May 2<sup>nd</sup> by checking out *More Than You Know* by Beth Gutcheon.

Copies of the books for the discussions are available for loan at the library. No registration is necessary.

All are invited to attend the discussion. For more information call the Library at 342-6770.

## CHIROPRACTICS IN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Join in as Dr. John Mormile lectures on Chiropractics and Acupuncture as they relate to health and wellness on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 pm at the Portland Library. The lecture is free; all are invited to attend.

Dr. Mormile has been in practice for 16 years and has recently moved his practice to Main Street in Portland.



## LIBRARY HOURS

The Library's regular hours are:

Mon. – Thurs. 10 – 9

Fri. and Sat. 10 – 5

## MUSEUM PASSES



### Visit the New England Carousel Museum

A magical place that displays one of the largest collections of carousel art in the country. View antique carousel art, miniature carousels, and an antique carving shop.

The Museum is open Monday through Saturday 10 –5 and Sunday from noon until 5:00.

Free passes to this Bristol, CT museum may be booked by calling the Library. The New England Carousel Museum is part of the Friends of the Library museum pass program. Pick up a Museum Pass brochure at the Library.

## MARSHMALLOW MASQUERS

Thanks to the Friends of the Portland Library, live theater will arrive in town on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center. Children in grades kindergarten and up are invited to attend “Who Stole the Golden Cat”. The audience will help Detective Sam Case and Poochie (his half-man, half-dog sidekick) try to find a rare and valuable stolen library book in this interactive mystery .

Registration begins on Wednesday, April 3rd.

## MEET KIT!

Girls, ages 7—12 years old, are invited to join Miss Lauren for another meeting of the American Girls Club on Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 am.

We will be visiting America in the 1930’s and meeting Kit Kittredge. We explore life during America’s Great Depression and get to know Kit by experiencing some of her favorite pastimes, sampling her favorite snacks, and making a craft project she would have enjoyed.

Registration is required and begins on April 1st for Portland residents and April 8th for out of town families. Please call the Library at 342-6770 for more information or to register.

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

Contact Library Director Laurel Goodgion at [goodgion@portland.lib.ct.us](mailto:goodgion@portland.lib.ct.us) or call her at 342-6770 to make suggestions and comments about the Library.



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - APRIL ACTIVITIES

The following activities are planned in celebration of Friends of Connecticut Libraries Month:

- ◇ Three members of the Executive Board will appear on Comcast’s “Portland on the Move” on Tuesday, April 2nd at 8:00 pm. Linda Cunningham, President; Terri Larson, Treasurer; and Joanne Smith, a recent past-President, will talk about the organization’s role as a support group for the Library.
- ◇ Marshmallow Masquers - Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center. (See adjacent article.)
- ◇ The Friends will host a Book Sale workshop on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 am until Noon at the Library for other Friends’ groups in the area. Lillian Levin of Glastonbury is the featured speaker.
- ◇ Throughout the month, the Children’s Department’s bulletin board will display past activities and events sponsored by the Friends.



## BEDTIME STORIES

**Mrs. Applesauce will host her monthly bedtime story time on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 pm.**

**Join her for this very special evening of stories, songs, and a craft. This delightful time is for children ages 3—5 and their parents and caregivers.**



## APRIL’S ART DISPLAY

Adele Johnson will be exhibiting her works of art in the Mary Flood Room from Saturday, April 6th through April 26th. Come view her collages, oils, and water colors. There will be a reception on Saturday, April 6th from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. All are invited. The Friends of the Portland Library will provide the refreshments.