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FRIENDS' OF THE PORTLAND LIBRARY

BEACH BOOK SALE

The sale will be from Tuesday, June 26th through Wednesday July 3rd. Visit the Library and select paperbacks for your trips to the beach and the pool. There are thousands to choose from!

FRIENDS' BOOK SALES GO ELECTRONIC

You can now purchase special books donated to the Friends Read & Recycle program from the comfort of your own home via the Internet. To check out this new year-round electronic book sale go to www.ebay.com and select the Books category. There will be an empty rectangle next to a Search button and enter "Friends of the Portland Library" in the rectangle (be sure to type in the quotation marks). Check the box directly under the rectangle marked Search Titles and Descriptions. Then click Search. The current auction selections will appear. Books available change every couple of weeks and feature old, rare, or collectible items. The Friends are very grateful to volunteer Susan Swift for cataloging, researching, and implementing this new venture. It was a huge undertaking and is already benefiting the Friends and the Library.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join the adult book discussions held at the Library on Thursday, June 6th. The discussions begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Van Beynum Room of the Library.

Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson will be discussed. "This poetic novel, winner of the PEN/Faulkner award as well as American Booksellers Association Book of the Year Award, beautifully captures the painful legacy of war and a community's struggle to deal with that pain. Shortly after WWII, fisherman, Carl Heine, is found dead in the waters off San Pedro, an island of 'damp souls' off the coast of Washington State. Accused of his murder is fellow fisherman, Kabuo Miyamoto, a member of one of the many families of Japanese descent on the island."

Copies of the books for the discussions are available for loan at the Library. No registration is necessary, all

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LIBRARY HOURS
The Library's regular hours are:
Mon. - Thurs. 10 - 9
Fri. and Sat. 10 - 5

Happy Flag Day, June 14th.



JUNE'S ART DISPLAY

This month the Library features the works of the members of the Art Guild of Middletown. The opening day will be on Saturday, June 8th, and the exhibit may be viewed through Saturday, June 29th.



A SUMMER OF FUN AT THE LIBRARY!



Summer Reading Club 2002

This summer, the Portland Library will be going **Buggy For Books!** The 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. Incentives will be offered on a weekly basis, as well as themed special events, to help keep things buzzing all summer!

Registration begins Tuesday, June 25th and is ongoing.



COME ON DOWN TO CAMP MUCKALUCKA WITH T-BONE!

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

Our summer reading program will wrap up this year with a special sing-a-long for the whole family with T-Bone's Camp Muckalucka at the Portland Middle School. If you have never caught this show before, you won't want to miss this fun-filled romp through an imaginary day at summer camp, complete with bug juice, story time, swimming, beach balls and campfire sing-a-longs! Everyone who participates in the summer reading program is welcome to attend, just pick up a ticket in the Children's Department.



PICNIC PALS

Tuesdays at Noon. July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & Aug. 6

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

LUNCH BUNCH



Wednesdays at Noon. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, & Aug. 7

Children going into grades 1 and up are invited to join Mrs. L for a lunch and story time. Enjoy movies, stories and occasional crafts! Don't forget to bring a lunch!

Registration is not required.

SCALY WINGS—BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS

Thursday, July 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Children's book author and illustrator, and bug enthusiast, **John Himmelman**, will be presenting an informative program for children going into grades 1 and up on the butterflies and moths in our area. Children will learn about the life-cycles of these creatures, how to tame wild butterflies to sit on your fingertips and how to enjoy them without harming them. **Registration is required and will begin on Tuesday, June 25th**



PLAY AND SING WITH AMY

Thursday, July 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Children's singer and songwriter, **Amy Rogell** is back by popular demand, for a musical event for children ages 2 years old to kindergarten and their parents or caregivers.

Registration is required for this event and will begin on Tuesday, June 25th



GO BUGGY!

Thursday, July 25th at 2:00 p.m.

Local bat and bug buff, Sue McDougall, will present a program about the insect critters all around us for children going into grades 1 and up. Bring your curiosity and yourself; we will provide a hand lens, books and a good time! We will also be doing an unusual and fun craft.

Registration is required and will begin on Monday, July 15th.

MAGIC TREE HOUSE EVENTS

Tues, July 16th & Tues, Aug. 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Children going into grades 2 and 3 are invited to attend two very special events based on the *Magic Tree House* book series by Mary Pope Osborne. The first event will be based on *The Knight At Dawn* and the second will be based on *Pirates Past Noon*. Each event will include a book discussion, craft activity, games and a snack. Participants must read the book highlighted for each event. Multiple copies will be available to borrow at the Library. **Registration is required and will be held separately for each event. Registration for the first event begins on Tuesday, June 25th.**



KIDS ONLY TAG SALE

Tuesday, July 30th at 2:30 p.m.

Clean out your playroom and make some money to fill it back up! This tag sale is run by and for **Kids Only** and will take place in the Mary Flood Room rain or shine! The **Registration is required and will begin on Monday, July 15th.**



NUTMEG BOOK GROUP

Monday, July 22nd & Monday August 5th at 11:00 a.m.

Children going into grades 4th through 6th are invited to attend a reading and discussion group focusing on the 2003 Nutmeg Award nominees. The book for the July meeting will be *Perloo the Bold* by Avi and the book for August will be *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. Participants may bring a lunch for the July meeting and pizza will be served after the August meeting. **Registration is required and will begin on Monday, July 15th.**

PIZZA PARTY

Thursday, August 1st at 4:30 p.m.

Children ages 4 and up are invited to join Miss Lauren for a story telling/ pizza eating event! We will be reading stories about our favorite foods, making a craft activity and enjoying pizza from some of our areas finest pizzerias for a pizza taste-off! **Registration is required and will begin on Monday, July 15th.**

