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FALL FOLIAGE GOLF CLASSIC

Save this date! The Library's 5th annual golf tournament fundraiser will be held on **Thursday, September 26th, 2002** at the Quarry Ridge Golf Club in Portland. Early bird registration (before September 4th) is \$115.00 per person thereafter. This includes 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast and buffet dinner. This event will benefit the Portland Library Endowment Fund. Please contact the Library at 342-6770 for more information or stop in and pick up a brochure!



Don't Miss It!



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join the adult book discussions held at the Library on Thursday, September 7th. The discussion begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Van Beynum Room of the Library. The featured title for September will be *Pigs in Heaven* by Barbara Kingslover. 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.

LEARN THE ART OF MEDITATION

Spiritual Counselor and Meditation Practitioner, **Tara Leary**, will be presenting an introduction to meditation and its many different techniques on **Monday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.** She will be discussing the healing qualities of meditation and teaching us how to deal more effectively with stress while bringing more peace, love, and balance into our lives through meditation. A question and answer session will follow the presentation after which, Ms. Leary will lead the audience in a guided meditation. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required.



SEPTEMBER'S ART DISPLAY

This month the Library features the art work of Sue (Draghetti) Hall, a former art teacher in the Portland school system. Mrs. Hall has been a resident of Portland for 41 years and illustrated the "History of Portland" (text used in the elementary schools) in 1969. She has since done work as a commercial illustrator, painting instructor and has been a key person at Wesleyan Potters. The exhibit will open on Saturday, September 7th, and may be viewed through Saturday, September 28th. A reception will be held for friends and family on Saturday, September 7th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Portland Library. All are welcome to attend.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Contact Acting Library Director Anne Calvert at acalvert@portland.lib.ct.us or call her at 342-6770.

LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will be closed on Saturday, August 31st and Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The Library will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd at 10:00 a.m. The Library's regular hours are:

Monday – Thursday 10 – 9
Friday & Saturday 10 – 5



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

In-person registration for the 2, 3, and 4 year old story time series begins on **Thursday, September 19th** for the fall session. Phone in registration begins on **Friday, September 20th**. Programs will begin in late September and continue for 8 weeks. Each program will include an age appropriate theme of stories, songs, finger plays, games, crafts and more! Please contact the Children's Department for more information.



BEDTIME STORIES

Popular storyteller, Mrs. Applesauce will begin her monthly story time series for families with children ages 3 and up on **Wednesday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m.** Events include a magical blend of storytelling and reading and a related craft activity. No registration is required!



TEDDY BEAR TEA PARTY

Your teddy bear is your best friend, but he doesn't get out much. Why not surprise him by bringing him to a special Teddy Bear Tea

Party on **Tuesday, September 17th at 10:30 a.m. ?** Children, ages 3-5 years old, and their favorite stuffed pal are invited to join us for a morning of fun, sharing stories and tea time treats. Phone in registration begins on Thursday, September 5th.

HARRY POTTER EVENT

Can't get enough of Harry Potter? Need something to get you through the dark and gloomy waiting period until book number 5 hits the world? Join Mrs. L on Wednesdays this fall for a magical evening of Harry Potter book talks, trivia and snacks. Events will begin in October, look out for upcoming flyers for more information!



MUSEUM PASSES!

Now that the summer rush is over, it is a great time to visit the **Mystic Aquarium** in Mystic, Connecticut. The aquarium features 24 exhibits and nearly 4,000 specimens representing the world's oceans. The centerpiece is a coral reef stocked with sharks, stingrays and colorful fish. Daily demonstrations feature Atlantic Bottle-nosed dolphins. The pass offers reduced admission for 4 persons. Adults are \$10.00 and children are \$6.00. Please call the Library in advance to reserve this pass. The Museum Pass program is funded by the Friends of the Portland Library.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT NEWS!



We are happy to report that the summer reading program, **Go Buggy For Books** was a smashing success! A whooping 441 children signed up for the program and a record 309 finished! That is a 70% completion rate! We would like to thank all of the outstanding readers in our town and also the following very generous sponsors for providing us with the means of making this program a success:

Women's Fellowship, Friends of the Portland Library, Bank North, Burger King, Amanda's Specialty Gifts, Dunkin' Donuts, Hemlock Grange, Zion Lutheran Church, First Congregational Church, Lion's Club, and Liberty Bank.

We would also like to thank volunteers, Meg Scata, Amber Perretta, Laura Slocum, Sarah Slocum, Carol Gilbert, Terry Sheehan, Kathy Milone, for making both the in-library program and the Chatham Court outreach project run so smoothly.



THE FRIEND'S CORNER

The Friend's of the Portland Library are always busy but this fall seems busier than usual. Here are a few of the upcoming events that they have planned for the next few months.

Basket Raffle

Going on now! Baskets are on display at the Library. Chances are \$1.00 and the winner will be announced at the Portland Fair.

Discussion and Book Signing with Dr. Jerry Labriola

Dr. Labriola will back to sign copies of his newest murder mystery and discuss "America's Fascination with Murders" on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m.



Fall Book Sale

It's the book sale to end all book sales! On **October 18th, 19th and 20th**, the Friends are cleaning house and putting everything on sale! Hard covers, soft covers, children's books, audios, videos and much, much more will be available. Don't miss it!