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## GOLFERS: IT'S THAT TIME!

Portland Library 6th Annual Fall Foliage Golf Classic will take place on **Thursday, September 25th, 2003** at Quarry Ridge Golf Club, Portland.

Brochures with registration forms are available at the Library. The golf tournament will benefit the Portland Library Endowment Fund.

For more information, call Portland Library at 342-6770.

**Please note: Sponsorship at many levels is needed. If you would like sponsor, volunteer or donate prizes or refreshments, please call George Law, 342-4022.**

## A Note from the Library Director

It is almost one year since I became the Director of the Portland Library. It has been a pleasure to become acquainted with many fine members of the community, and I wish to thank all those who made themselves known to me or who offered support. I appreciated the support of the Library Board Chair, Luva Mead Hoar, and all of the members of the Library staff and the Library Board. The support of Linda Cunningham and all of the members of the Friends of the Portland Library was also very much appreciated. The members of the Board of Selectmen and the First Selectman, Ed Kalinowski were all very welcoming and helpful to the new director. My experience becoming acquainted with the community had reinforced my initial impression that Port-

We are now in full swing ordering some great new titles. Here is a sampling of some of the newest arrivals:

### New Fiction

*Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown (2 copies available)

*The Dirty Girls Social Club* by Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez

*Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood

### New Non-Fiction

*Monsoon Diary: A Memoir with Recipes* by Shoba Narayan

*Ambulance Girl: How I Saved Myself by Becoming an EMT* by Jane Stern

*Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books* by Azar Nafisi



## ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Join in the adult book discussion held at the Portland Library on **Thursday, September 4th 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 **Long Time, No See** by Susan Isaacs. 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. For more information, call the Library at 342-6770.

## 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY LITERATURE BOOK GROUP

Come to the Library for a copy of the book *Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James and join us on **Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m.** for a fun and interesting discussion with some fellow lovers of classical literature. This is a lively group with strong opinions; please come and express yourself.



## ART DISPLAYS

Maureen Mason will be displaying her watercolors at the Library from September 6th through September 27th. A reception will be held in her honor on **Saturday, September 6th** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Portland Library. Local resident, **Bryan Fuchs** will be displaying his collection of baseball memorabilia in the display cases throughout the month.

## LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will be closed on **Saturday, August 30th** and **Monday, September 1st** in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The Library will reopen on Tuesday, September 2nd 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



## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME REGISTRATION

In-person registration for the fall Preschool Story Time series for children ages 2, 3, and 4 years old, will begin on **Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m.** Phone-in registration will begin on Friday, September 19th at 10:00 a.m.

These story times are held weekly for 8 weeks and feature age-appropriate stories, games, songs, movement activities and small crafts.

Story times begin the week of September 29th, for more information please contact the children's department at 342-6770 or stop by and pick up a brochure.

Please Join us for....

### A SERIES OF SERIES

Children in *grades 3-and up* are invited to join us this fall as we embark upon a **SERIES OF SERIES**. Confused? A HA! Interested? A HA! Now we have you..... Read on my children.

What is better than a series? If you like the first book then you are sure to like the next, and the next, and the next, etc. Ta Da! You always have a great book to read. This fall we will be introducing you to some really great series books for older readers.

### Monday, October 20th at 4:00 p.m. : AN UNFORTUNATE MEETING

You guessed it, we will be discussing some of the titles from **A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket**. After the discussion, we will be entering into the malignant world of Mr. Snicket as we partake in a Biting Contest (like Sunny), create wacky inventions, (like Violet) and go on a mini scavenger hunt that Klaus would surely **not** enjoy. You will not have fun. You will not laugh. If you are still interested, come prepared to talk, know your trivia, and, if you are really daring, come dressed as your favorite character. Multiple copies of the books will be available for loan at the Library in September. You must have read at least two books to qualify to attend the event.

### Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. : TIME WARP TRIO

The second meeting in our 'Series of Series' will be to discuss those weird and wonderful Time Warp books by John Scieszka. We will be traveling from the stone age, to ancient Greece, to the year 2095 –and enjoying lots of talk and activities along the way. Participants must read two or more of these wacky books before the meeting.

Registration for each event will be held separately.  
Registration for **AN UNFORTUNATE EVENT** begins on **Monday, September 29th for Portland residents** and on **Monday, October 6th for out-of-town families**.  
Registration for the 2nd meeting will be in late October.

## SUMMER READING ROUND-UP

What an amazing summer! The new teen program, 'Prospecting for Books' was wildly successful with **50 participants** and tons of reviews of current teen literature being submitted. The 'Read Stampede' program for children birth to 5th grade had **450 participants** and Mrs. L and Ms. Lauren held an astonishing short weeks. The programs were the 31 programs in 6 figures for these best yet with 80- to weekly story rollments for all of The Library also did outreach programs to Chatham and Recreation's 'Kiddie Kamp' program and "yes, we are very tired but we loved every minute of it!" said Lauren Coleman, Assistant Children's Librarian.



Before Mrs. Lindenfelser and Ms. Lauren head out to Cape Cod for a much needed rest, they would like to again thank all of their volunteers that signed everyone up, passed out weekly prizes, and helped them with their craft preparation. "We would also like to add **Michael Cote** to this list of volunteers, as his name was left off in error," remarked Coral Lindenfelser, Head of Children's Services. "Thanks Michael!" Thanks also goes out to all the sponsors: **Burger King** and **Dunkin' Donuts** for the coupons for free stuff, **The Friends of the Portland Library** for providing the weekly prizes and finale books, **Bank North** for sponsoring the Chatham Court outreach program, and to **Meg Scata** for organizing it in her free time. "Without their help, the over 520 children, from preschoolers to teenagers, that joined a summer reading program or attended an outreach this summer would have been very disappointed," commented Coral Lindenfelser.

### BEDTIME STORIES WITH MRS. APPLESAUCE



Popular storyteller, Mrs. Applesauce (Jacqui McMahon) has been delighting audiences of young and old with a series of bedtime story times for **children ages 3-5** and their parents or caregivers. No registration is required. The next events will take place on:

**Thursday, October 23rd**  
**Thursday, November 13th**  
**Thursday, December 18th**

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