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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

2016

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Canning and Preserving

The Friends of the Portland Library will host the program **Canning and Preserving**. Chris Bassette of Killiam Bassette Farm in South Glastonbury will be the presenter. Be ready for those Spring & Early Summer fruits!



New



We have a new Internet based educational service: Universal Class

provides video-based courses for patrons interested in professional or personal growth

- Learn on your own time at your own pace
- Wide range of subjects from personal finance to yoga 101
- Expert instructors giving continual feedback

Over 500 courses are offered, including recreational and self-help classes. A completion certificate is available when the course is completed with the specified time frame. RB Digital gives CEUs for the professional courses; these would be subject to an employer's acceptance. Many enriching classes are included on subjects from bird watching to de-cluttering. Anyone with a mobile device or connected computer need only have a Portland Library card to access this educational service.

Read & Recycle



The Friends of the Portland Library's next intake date is **Saturday, January 16, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. The Friends of the Portland Library will collect gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games. Thank you for your support.

Library Open Thursday, December 31st

10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon

Library Closed Friday, January 1st

Open Saturday, January 2nd

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Library Closed Monday, January 18, 2016
for Martin Luther King Day**

Lunch & Learn



Tuesday, January 12th, 2016

12:00-1:00 p.m.

A Book Discussion with something added!

Enjoy a discussion of a book with a Downton Abbey era tie-in. A proper tea will be served!

***Birds of a Feather* by Jacqueline Winspear**

Maisie Dobbs is back and this time she has been hired to find a wealthy grocery magnate's daughter who has fled from home. What seems a simple case at first becomes complicated when Maisie learns of the recent violent deaths of three of the heiress's old friends.

Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion. **Registration appreciated!**



ART ON DISPLAY



Members of The Art Guild of Middletown will have their art on exhibit at the Portland Library during the month of January. The art featured will be in a variety of media such as oil, watercolors, acrylic and pastel; many will be available for sale. Members of The Art Guild of Middletown live in all parts of the State, not just in Middletown. The Art Guild offers classes and workshops in various media. You are invited to the **Artist Reception, Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. which is hosted by the Friends of the Portland Library!**

Youth Services News and Events



PASSPORT TO READING! January 4—February 29

Our Winter Reading Club was a hit last year, so we're bringing it back this year! The theme for 2016 is "Passport to Reading!" Even if the cold weather keeps you stuck indoors, you can travel to faraway and exotic (and WARM!) places through the books that you read. Everyone who participates will be given a "passport" to fill in; the more times you visit the library, the more stickers you earn to fill in your passport book.

Visit the library to see our display of books on faraway (and not-so-faraway) places and pick up a flyer for more information on the **Passport to Reading program** and our special programs for school-age and teen participants or visit the Portland Library website at www.portlandlibraryct.org.

The Cryptid Case Files

Grades K-2 Thursdays
at 3:30 p.m.
January 21, February 4
and 18



Cryptozoology is the study of animals that are rumored to exist. Some, like the gorilla and giant squid, are no longer legend but real creatures.

Others, like Mermaids and the Loch Ness Monster, continue to allude scientists. We will read the legends and do our own explorations to decide what is real or make believe!

Registration is required.

WINTER STORYTIMES

Our Winter Story Times will start during the week of January 11, 2016. Registration is open now and can be done by calling the library at 860-342-6770 or visiting our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org.

Bouncy Babies (ages 0-24 months):
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25
(no program on February 18)

Enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays and more with your little ones at the library as we nurture a love of books and reading! Each week a new theme facilitates fun and learning. Structured playtime builds valuable motor and social skills.

Terrific Twos

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24

Two-year-olds are invited to enjoy stories, songs, and activities in this eight-week interactive program that will help them get ready for preschool. A craft and playtime are provided each week.

Preschool Power (ages 3-5)

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 23

(no program on February 16)

This program helps your preschoolers prepare for kindergarten through listening and learning. Each week features stories, songs, rhymes and movement, as well as a craft and playtime.

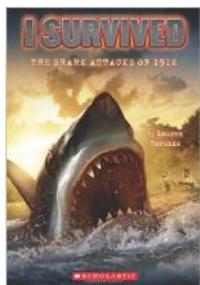
Family Story Time

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17

Put on your pajamas and come to the library for an hour of lively songs, stories and more in this evening program best suited for kids ages 1-8.

Youth Services News and Events



Will You Survive?

Grades 3-5, Thursdays at
3:30 p.m. January 28,
February 11 and 25

Hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and floods. The *I Survived* books by Lauren Tarshis are filled with excitement and adventure to make history's most terrifying moments come alive! We will explore three of the scenarios in the series—shark attacks, the Titanic, and a tsunami—to learn what is was REALLY like to survive in the face of danger.

Registration is required.

Reading Road Trip



"Take a Road Trip Across the USA"

this winter, one region at a time.

Every book has a setting.

A place where the story happens.

Many books have settings that are in various places in the USA. For each book you read that takes place in the USA fill out a quick *Road Trip Challenge* ticket and enter to win one of our great raffle prizes! Check out our monthly displays of books from different regions and states.

You may start your **Reading Road Trip** on Monday, January 4th. **Enjoy the ride!**

Raffles will be drawn on February 29th.

Raffle #1 \$25.00 Gift Card to Amazon

Raffle #2 \$20.00 Gift Certificate to the Board Room in Middletown

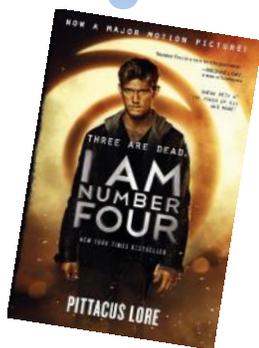
Raffle #3 \$15.00 Gift Card to Starbucks

Teen Movie Night

**Friday, January 22
from 6:45—9:00 p.m.**

Due to popular demand, we are bringing back our AFTER-HOURS movie night for teens. This month, we will be showing the sci-fi adventure thriller *I Am Number Four*.

John Smith seems like an ordinary teenager, but he is an alien on the run from merciless enemies hunting him and the eight others like him. Always changing his identity and moving to different towns with his guardian, John discovers love, powerful new abilities, and a connection to others of his kind. Books from the *I Am Number Four* series by Pittacus Lore will be available at the library all month. Light refreshments will be served. **Space is limited; registration is recommended.**



Teen Advisory Board

Portland Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will have their next meeting on **Monday, January 11 at 3:30 p.m.** We will be planning our January movie night and Take Your Child to the Library Day. New members are always needed. Contact a Youth Services staff member for more information or attend a monthly meeting.



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Monthly Book Discussions



All are welcome to attend the adult book discussion held one Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. Titles are available to borrow; no reservations are necessary.

Thursday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m.

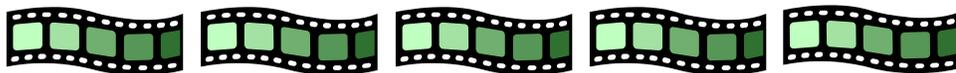
***Where'd You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple**

When her notorious, hilarious, volatile, talented, troubled, and agoraphobic mother goes missing, teenage Bee is desperate to find her. While examining her mom's emails, private correspondence, and other evidence for clues, the portrait of a woman Bee never knew begins to emerge along with a secret that could explain everything.

Thursday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m.

***The Memory of Running* by Ron McLarty**

Smithson "Smithy" Ide is an overweight, friendless, chain-smoking, forty-three-year-old drunk. By all accounts, especially his own, he's a loser. Then, within one week, Smithy's beloved parents are killed in a car crash, and his long-lost sister, Bethany, has turned up in a morgue. Unmoored by the loss of his entire family, Smithy rolls down the driveway of his parents' house on his old Raleigh bicycle into an epic journey that will take him clear across the country as he relives old memories and encounters humanity at its best and worst.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: ***Ricki and The Flash***

Starring Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline, Rick Springfield, and Mamie Gummer; Sony; directed by Jonathan Demme; PG-13; 2015; 101 minutes.

Ricki Rendazzo, a guitar heroine has made a world of mistakes as she followed her dreams of rock-and-roll stardom. Returning home, Ricki gets a shot at redemption and a chance to make things right as she faces the music with her family.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, January 25th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: ***The Intern***

Starring Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway, & Rene Russo; Warner Brothers; directed by Nancy Meyers; PG-13; 2015; 121 minutes. 70-year-old widower Ben Whittaker has discovered that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be. Seizing an opportunity to get back in the game, he becomes a senior intern at an online fashion site.

No reservations necessary! The Friends of Portland Library supports the Library's DVD collection.



Recent Donations:

Book Donations:

Carolyn Freeman
Martha McCabe
Dr. Peter Gletzakos

Endowment Donations:

Gerald & Eileen Burke
Middlesex Aeromodelers

Closings:

Thursday, December 31st at 12 noon

Closed Friday, January 1st

Closed Monday, January 18

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Portland Library:

Monday, January 4th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, January 21st at 7 p.m.

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January: cold and desolate?

Bring some color into the month with a DVD or music CD!



From our special displays in January, check out **DVDs and CDs** that have a color in their title.



Books on Display

In January, the Library will have a large display of newly arrived materials and will also feature Winter Reads and Cozy Fiction and nonfiction about canning and preserving foods.