

Check it out...



A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library March 2016

Friday, March 11th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

The Art of Zentangle

Zentangle is drawing with simple patterns that are combined in unique ways to form beautiful images while engaging the mind and relaxing the body! No art experience required! Participants will be provided with all materials needed and additional materials may be purchased to take home for those interested. This free workshop will be led by Kelley Kelly, Certified Zentangle Teacher and a graduate of Smith College with a degree in music and Fine Art Photography.

Registration required for this free adult program.

Monday, March 21st, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Organizing: A Plan of Attack for Any Space

Learn proven steps for tackling any of life's organizing challenges, the three main causes of clutter, the how to's for simplifying your space, and the process of working with a Professional Organizer. See before and after pictures! Sarah Soboleski, LCSW, is the owner of Classically Organized, a professional organizing business serving homeowners in central Connecticut. Connect with her at www.ClassicallyOrganized.com.

In addition, she is a licensed clinical social worker and specializes in working with persons struggling with mental illness and at-risk families. She is a member of The Connecticut Hoarding Working Group.

Registration required for this free adult program.

Saturday April 9th 10:30-12 noon

Household Waste Management:

It's more than Recycling!



Earth Day reminds us it's time to **RETHINK** how we use our resources. Join Lynn Kochiss, Project Learning Tree and CT FE3 facilitator, National PLT Outstanding Educator 2013, as she shares ways you can **REDUCE** waste, **REUSE** materials, and **RECYCLE** better! All are welcome!

**Library Closed: Friday, March 25, 2016
for Good Friday**



Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 12:00-1:00 p.m.

***The Children Act* by Ian McEwan**

Fiona Maye is a respected high court judge specializing in family law. During a crisis in her private life, she is called upon to rule in the case of Adam, a seventeen year old boy with leukemia who refuses a blood transfusion as a member of Jehovah's Witnesses' religion. Should the secular court overrule sincerely expressed faith? Fiona's hospital encounter with Adam has emotional repercussions that lead to her momentous decision.

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

**Save the date: Lunch & Learn Tuesday, April 12th —
The Art Forger by Barbara Shapiro**

Student Art Month at the Portland Library



The visual arts instructors for the Portland Public Schools are pleased to present an exhibit of student work through the month of March in celebration of Youth Art Month. Drawings, paintings, prints and ceramics created by Portland students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 will be showcased. You are cordially invited to attend the **opening reception sponsored by the Friends of the Portland Library** which will be held in the Mary Flood Room on **Thursday, March 10th from 4 to 6 p.m.** Please come see the wonderful work of our young artists and support the visual arts program in our schools.

Youth Services News and Events



Our springtime story sessions will begin during the week of March 7, 2016. **Registration is required and will begin on February 22nd.**

Bouncy Babies (ages 0-24 months)

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14

Enjoy stories, songs, finger plays 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.

Stories for Twos

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

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

Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5)

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

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

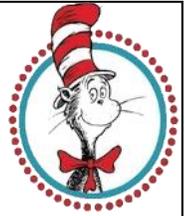
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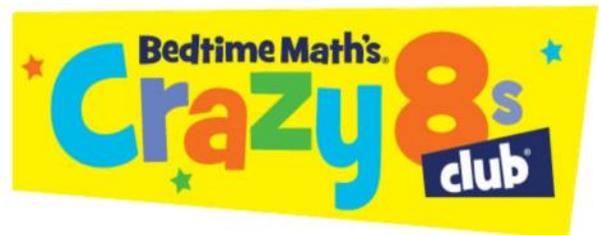
Put on your pajamas and come to the library for an hour of lively songs, stories and more in this evening program best suited for kids ages 1-8.

You may register for story times by calling the library at 860-342-6770 or going to our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org.

**Birthday Party for
Dr. Seuss
Wednesday, March 2
at 6:30 p.m.**



You could not, would not, want to miss a celebration such as this! Come celebrate Dr. Seuss's life and legacy as we read some classic stories, do some crafts, play games and enjoy some silly Seuss fun on his 112th birthday! **Registration is required.**



Grades K-2

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

March 10– May 5

March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31,
April 7, April 14, April 28 & May 5
(no program during April vacation)

Portland Library has been selected to participate in Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club. Kids in grades K-2 are invited to join us as we build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess...it's a totally new kind of math club. You'll get to do exciting activities like Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry, Bouncy Dice and Toilet Paper Olympics, and you'll get to take home some cool gadgets, too.

Registration is required and limited to 12 kids. Participants must do their best to make EVERY session of the program.

Weekly Sessions:

Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry

Let's Get Loud

Time of Your Life

Toilet Paper Olympics

Spy Training

Flying Marshmallows

Zip Line Zoo

Bouncy Dice Explosion

Youth Services News and Events

April Vacation Activities

Stuffed Animal Pet Show

Monday, April 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Dress your pet in its very best and bring it to the library for our first Stuffed Animal Pet Show! Your pet will get a new collar, strut down the runway, and possibly win an award, such as Most Lovable or Best Smile. **Registration is required and limited to 30 pets.**



Harry Potter Mystery Party

Wednesday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m.

It's up to you to solve the mystery concerning a character from the books. Costumed actors will intermingle with our guests and give you the clues necessary to solve this mystery. You must pay attention, ask questions, and have a working knowledge of the series to be victorious. Good luck! **Grades 5 and up only. Registration is required.**



Lego® Movie and Building Event

Thursday, April 21st at 10:15 a.m.

Everything is awesome in this morning program featuring one of America's favorite toys! We'll spend some time doing construction with the library's Lego® collection and then enjoy some light snacks while we watch *The Lego Movie*. **Registration is recommended, but not required.**



2016 Best Fiction for Young Adults List Released

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), announced its 2016 Best Fiction for Young Adults list at the American Library Association mid-winter meeting in January.

The list of 64 titles, drawn from 114 official nominations, is presented annually at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. The full list can be viewed at www.ala.org/yalsa/best-fiction-young-adults.

In addition to the full list, the committee has also chosen the following titles as the top ten:

- **Albertalli, Becky.** *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda.*
- **Bardugo, Leigh.** *Six of Crows.*
- **Brooks, Kevin.** *The Bunker Diary.*
- **Crowder, Melanie.** *Audacity.*
- **Older, Daniel José.** *Shadowshaper.*
- **Reynolds, Jason.** *The Boy in the Black Suit.*
- **Ruby, Laura.** *Bone Gap.*
- **Shabazz, Ilyasah and Kekla Magoon.** *X: A Novel.*
- **Shusterman, Neal.** *Challenger Deep.*
- **Silvera, Adam.** *More Happy than Not.*

Call the library to reserve your copy of these books today!



Teen Advisory Board

Portland Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will have their next meeting on **Monday, March 14 at 3:30 p.m.** New members are always needed. Contact a Youth Services staff member for more information or attend a monthly meeting.



**Portland Library
Teens**

More News...

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, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

***The Secrets of Mary Bowser* by Lois Leveen**

All her life, Mary has been a slave to the wealthy Van Lew family of Richmond, Virginia until Bet, the willful Van Lew daughter decides to send Mary to Philadelphia to be educated. With the nation edging towards war, Mary defies Virginia law to return home to care for her ailing father and to fight for emancipation. Posing as a slave in the Confederate White House in order to spy on President Jefferson Davis, Mary deceives even those who are closest to her to aid the Union.

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

***The Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian**

When college student Laurel Estabrook is attacked while riding her bicycle through Vermont's back roads, her life is forever changed. Laurel withdraws into her photography and begins to work at a homeless shelter where she meets Bobbie Crocker, a man with a history of mental illness and a box of photographs he won't let anyone see. When Bobbie dies suddenly, Laurel discovers he was once a successful celebrity photographer, and she soon learns the truth about his former life.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *Miss You Already*

Starring: Drew Barrymore, Toni Collette, Dominic Cooper; directed by Catherine Hardwicke; Lionsgate; PG-13; 2016; 113 minutes.

Two best friends, Milly and Jess navigate life's highs and lows.

Inseparable since they were young girls, they can't remember a time they didn't share everything, but nothing prepares them for the day Milly is hit with life-altering news.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, March 14th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *Suffragette*

Starring: Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter, Brendan Gleeson, & Meryl Streep; Universal; directed by Sarah Gavron; PG-13, 2015, 106 minutes.

In early 20th-century Britain, the growing suffragette movement forever changes the life of Maud Watts. Galvanized by political activist Emmeline Pankhurst, Watts joins a diverse group of women who fight for equality and the right to vote. Maud and her dedicated suffragettes risk their jobs, homes, family and lives for a just cause.

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

Thank You

Recent Donations:

Book/Audio Donations:

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**In memory of Jean Bastura:
Edmund & Gail Grzegorowicz**

**READ & RECYCLE
SAVE THE DATE!**



The Friends of the Portland Library's next intake date of gently used books & DVDs is **Saturday, April 2nd 10-12.**

Closing: March 25 for Good Friday

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, March 7th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, March 17th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

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From our special displays in March, check out **DVDs** and **CDs** with an Irish theme in celebration of St. Patrick's Day!



Books on Display

In March, the Library will have a display of newly arrived materials, short stories and books featuring Women's History Month.