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Passport to Connecticut Libraries

April 1-30, 2016 Join the adventure!

A library card opens up the world to you through books, audio books, music CDs and DVDs. Now let your library card open the doors of Connecticut libraries by participating in the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program! 123 Connecticut libraries are proud to participate in the Connecticut Library Association's

Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program.

Visit each CT library which has its own architecture, vibe and collection to explore and browse! The program is open to adults and children, and the hope is that it encourages residents to explore the amazing diversity of our public libraries.

To participate, visit Portland Library to pick up your Passport. A staff member will stamp it and give you a token gift to get you started. Then, take your Passport along as you visit other participating libraries. At each visit, you must show your library card, and then the library will stamp your passport and give you another small gift.

If you visit at least five participating libraries and return your passport to a participating library by May 6th, then you will be entered into one state-wide drawing for a chance to win a \$150 Visa gift card for adults (18 and up) and a \$100 Visa gift card for children (under 18). There is also drawings for participants who visited the most libraries. For more details and a full list of participating libraries, ask for a copy at the Portland Library.



Starting April 1st, patrons may use this database from Portland Library's web site. It features skill building tools for reading, writing, math, and science. There is test preparation for high school equivalency and college admissions exams. The workplace resources include tools for job searching, exploring new careers, and preparing for occupational licensing exams. Change your life today with **LearningExpress Library!**



Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 12:00-1:00

The Art Forger by Barbara Shapiro

On March 18, 1990, thirteen works of art worth today over \$500 million were stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, the largest unsolved art heist in history. Claire Roth is about to discover that there's more to this crime than meets the eye. Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion. Bring a lunch if you like. Dessert and beverages will be served. **Registration appreciated!**

Save the date: **Tuesday, May 10th** Lunch & Learn program is *Housekeeping* by **Marilynne Robinson.**

Thursday, April 28th, 2016 at 1:00 pm

All You Ever Wanted to Know about Your Android Phone

Max Rowe, Library Connection, Inc., will demonstrate how to use an Android Phone! Topics include how to make a call, how to add contacts, how to text and email, how to take photos, how to connect to WiFi, and how to download Apps. Max will be happy to answer individual questions.

Registration required at this free workshop!

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!

Read & Recycle



The Friends of the Portland Library's next intake date is **Saturday, April 2nd 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.



One Book on the Riverbend

Original Painting of the Connecticut Riverbend by Patrick Shugrue, used by permission

One Book on the Riverbend brings the communities of Middletown, Cromwell, and Portland together through common reading of a seminal novel: *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

There is something for everyone at One Book's 14th annual series of events, which will take place **April 4 – May 21, 2016** in Middletown, Cromwell, and Portland. With the classic by Harper Lee at its center, this year's program is designed to get neighbors talking, spark conversations across generations, and provide safe spaces for respectful debate.

Portland & Cromwell adult activities include

Book Discussion at Cromwell Library, April 7, 7:00 pm

Film show of *Hey Boo* & discussion at Cromwell Library, April 20, 6:00 pm

Book Discussion at Waverly Center, Portland, April 27, 1:00 pm

Book Discussion at Portland Library, May 5, 7:00 pm.

Marsha Bansavage is an experienced AP English and Film Study teacher and a member of the Connecticut Humanities Council who brings excitement to discussions of the book. She previously has facilitated discussions for One Book programs and other events at our libraries.

All ONE BOOK events are listed on posters and on the ONE BOOK ON THE RIVERBEND website:

<https://onebookriverbend.wordpress.com/>

ONE BOOK on the Riverbend is sponsored in part by a grant from CT Humanities and the Rotary Club of Middletown.

CT Humanities is a nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, that supports cultural and historic organizations that tell the state's stories, build community and enrich lives.

One Book on the Riverbend Programs for Families

One Book Outdoor Family Event: Bike Parade and Treasure Hunt Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for this family event honoring the joy of children playing in the outdoors, as they did in the classic book *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Gather at Riverfront Park on Middlesex Avenue and enjoy a leisurely walk along Portland's new StoryWalk™ trail or decorate your bike and take part in a bike parade. Kids will also have the chance to hunt for treasure in the trees. In the book, Scout and Jem found treasures in a tree that were left behind by Boo. This event is part of ONE BOOK on the Riverbend, a community read sponsored in part by a grant from Connecticut Humanities and Rotary Club of Middletown.

One Book on the Riverbend Programs for Kids

One Book Discussion Group:

I Kill the Mockingbird

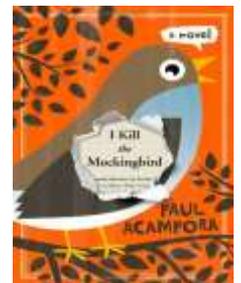
Young readers interested in taking part in the One Book activities happening throughout Portland, Middletown and Cromwell are invited to read

I Kill the Mockingbird and join us on **Tuesday,**

May 3rd at 3:30 p.m. for a book discussion. Written by Paul

Acampora, a native of Bristol, Connecticut, this book tells the story of three students assigned to read *To Kill a Mockingbird* for a summer assignment. To drum up excitement about the book, the kids devise controversial ways to get people talking that soon threaten to spiral out of control.

This book is recommended for grades 5 and up.



Portland Library's Board of Directors Invites You to an **Afternoon Tea**

Sunday, the First of May, 2016
at
Two o'clock
at the **Waverly Center**
7 Waverly Avenue, Portland, CT



*THE ULTIMATE TEA
COUPLE PRESENTS
THE ROMANCE
OF HATS*

**Donna and Ron Lasko present the History of Hats
from Jane Austen's Time to Today, utilizing their extensive
collection from 1800 to 2015.**

**Willing audience members are encouraged
to model the hats or to wear their own.**

**Serving Courtship Tea, a unique blend of black teas
and flavorings, and desserts.**

Admission price per person: \$25.00

**Proceeds to go to the Portland Library
Endowment Fund to support special projects.**

Donations appreciated.

Tickets are available at

Portland Library

20 Freestone Avenue Portland, CT 06480

860-342-6770~www.PortlandLibraryCT.org



Youth Services News and Events



Jedi Academy
Wednesday,
May 4th
6:30-7:30 p.m.

May 4th has become known as an unofficial Star Wars holiday because of the fun of saying “May the Fourth Be With You.” Celebrate your love of everything Star Wars in this evening program that honors Hans Solo, Luke Skywalker, Chewbacca, and even Darth Vader! We’ll save Princess Leia from Stormtroopers, work on our lightsaber skills, and create some Star Wars artwork to take home. **Registration is recommended but not required. Costumes are encouraged!**



Spring Storytimes

Our springtime story sessions began in March and run through the second week of April. There are still openings in the following programs: Preschool Story Time (Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.); Stories for Twos (Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.); and Family Storytime (Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.). Call the library to register for these programs or for more information.

The Week of the Young Child

Portland Library and the Portland Early Childhood Council will celebrate **The Week of the Young Child from April 25-29, 2016**. Join us for a special family story time on April 27 at 6:30 p.m., during which we will create artwork to be featured in the Week of the Young Child Annual Art Show. The art show will be on display to the public in the library’s Wagner Room through early May.



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.



Youth Services News and Events



NUTMEG VOTING

begins this year on
April 1st!

Finish up those titles because
YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

This is the only book award in the state where KIDS pick the winner. Let your favorite authors know how much you like their work by voting on your favorites!

Voting on the 2016 Nutmeg Nominees will take place at the Portland Library and in the Portland schools throughout the month of April. Nominees have been divided into four categories: Elementary (Grades K-2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Teen (Grades 6-8), and High School (Grades 9-12). Visit the Portland Library website for a complete list of nominees.

Winners will be announced on May 15th and next year's nominees will be announced on May 1st.

Happy voting!

April is National Poetry Month!

The Children's Department has a great collection of poetry books for kids that includes everything from limericks to sonnets and two-voice poems that you can read aloud between friends. Look for our display of poetry books throughout the month!



Our children's department will also feature a display of Beverly Cleary's books in honor of her 100th birthday on April 12, 2016.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities at the Portland Library

The Portland Library's 2016 Internship Program is a volunteer program for students in grades 7 and up with the intent of providing an enriching work experience for successful applicants.

- * If you are selected into the Portland Library's 2016 Internship Program, you will be expected to attend the mandatory training session on **Thursday, May 19th at 3:30 p.m.**
- * Intern duties will consist of light office duties, event preparation and assistance, program promotion, and the registration and reporting of readers' progress with summer reading.
- * All 2016 Interns will receive a certificate of service from the Library after successfully completing the program.
- * Please come into the Portland Library and fill out an application if you are interested.

Applications must be received no later than the May 13th deadline to be considered.

Coming Soon: StoryWalk™!

Portland will soon have its very own StoryWalk™. This short hiking trail located at the Portland Riverfront features book pages mounted on wooden posts so families can read a story as they walk. The StoryWalk™ will be unveiled at the Portland Early Childhood Council's Little Hikers walk on Saturday, April 30th. Call 860-342-6758 for more information.

Teen Advisory Board

Portland Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will have their next meeting on **Monday, April 11 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, April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Working at a homeless shelter, student Laurel Estabrook encounters Bobbie Crocker, a man with a history of mental illness and a box of secret photos, but when Bobbie dies suddenly, Laurel embarks on an obsessive search for the truth behind the photos.

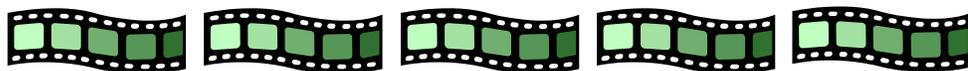
Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.

One Book on the Riverbend events

***To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee**

Back by popular demand, Marsha Bansavage will lead a discussion on *To Kill a Mockingbird*, chosen as the title for the community read, **One Book on the Riverbend** that inspires many activities throughout the communities of Portland, Cromwell and Middletown.

Be prepared to be drawn in as the group discussion makes the characters come alive and the themes resonate. This program will take place in the Mary Flood Room. **Registration is requested.**



Movies in the Afternoon

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

Showing: *Brooklyn*

Starring: Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen, & Domhnall Gleeson; Fox Searchlight; directed by John Crowley; PG-13; 2016; 111 minutes.

An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn where she quickly falls into a romance with a local. When her past catches up with her, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, April 18th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *Concussion*

Starring: Will Smith, Alec Baldwin, and Gugu Mbatha-Raw; directed by Peter Landesman; Sony; PG-13; 2016; 123 minutes.

A new way of looking at football players' injuries emerges in the true story of 'Concussion', and it will leave everyone shocked beyond their wildest dreams.

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



From our special displays in April, check out **DVDs** about the environment, global warming and ecology, and **New Age CDs**.



Thank You

Recent Donations:

Books: Margaret Coe,
Carolyn Freeman &
Michele Grzejszczak

In Memory of Yvonne Cozzi:
Regina and Mirek Michalak

In Memory of Paul Ghent:
Anonymous

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, April 4th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, April 28th at 7 p.m.

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Student Art Month

The visual arts instructors for the Portland Public Schools are pleased to present an exhibit of student work through the month of April in celebration of Youth Art Month.



Books on Display

In April, the Library will have a display of newly arrived materials, poetry books and books featuring baseball.