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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*.

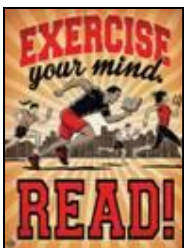
There is something for everyone at One Book's 14th annual series of events.

**One Book Outdoor Family Event:
Bike Parade and Treasure Hunt
Wednesday, May 11th 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, as in the book, Scout and Jem found treasures in a tree that were left behind by Boo.

**One Book Program for Adults: Book Discussion
Thursday, May 5th at 7:00p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Join us for a lively discussion of *To Kill a Mockingbird* led by popular presenter Marsha Bansavage who has taught AP English and Film Study for many years and is a member of the Connecticut Humanities Council. She previously has facilitated other One Book discussions.



Portland Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program for Adults

This summer's challenge to patrons is to "Exercise Your Mind: Read!" by exploring programs related to physical and mental fitness and healthy lifestyles.

During the summer, the Portland

Library will host movies, book discussions, Lunch and Learn activities, and special programs. We'll finish the summer reading activities with an all ages Flash Read and treats on the Portland Town Green. Register for the adult reading club beginning June 1st and logging of books begins June 10th.

**Library Closed Monday, May 30, 2016
for Memorial Day**



Please remember to vote on the town budget during the referendum on **MONDAY, MAY 9** from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Waverly Center (Senior Center).

Lunch & Learn



Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Housekeeping: A Novel by Marilynne Robinson

This is the story of Ruth and her younger sister, Lucille, who grow up living in the small western town of Fingerbone. Ruth and Lucille's struggle toward adulthood beautifully illuminates the price of loss and survival.

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: June Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, June 14th, 2016 at 12:00 noon

Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin

Art at the Library: Barbara Beck



Barbara Beck received her art training in Cleveland, Ohio at Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Art. She taught art in public schools for 22 years. In her retirement years, she has focused her art primarily on printmaking and on watercolor paintings. Her style of painting has evolved over the years; her realism has always had a little edge, unusual subject matter, or perhaps can be called "eclectic". Barbara is a member of the Art Guild in Middletown, Arts and Crafts Association of Meriden, the New Haven Paint and Clay Association, and the Connecticut Watercolor Society. You are invited to the **Artist Reception, Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. which is hosted by the Friends of the Portland Library!**

Youth Services News and Events

Nutmeg News



The 2017 Nutmeg nominees were announced on May 1. Below is the list of nominees in each category. We have several copies of each book at the library, and many are available to borrow as downloadable e-books through the Overdrive link on our library website. The winners of the 2016 Nutmeg Awards will be announced on May 15.

The Nutmeg Book Award encourages children in grades 2-12 to read quality literature and to choose their favorite from a list of ten (fifteen elementary) nominated titles. The award is jointly sponsored by the Connecticut Library Association (CLA) and the Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL). Nominees are selected by a committee of students, school librarians and public librarians around the state.

Elementary (Grades 2-4)

Mr. Ferris and His Wheel
by Kathryn Gibbs Davis & Gilbert Ford

Phineas L. MacGuire Gets Cooking by Frances O’Roark Dowell & Preston McDaniels

Skateboard Party (The Carver Chronicles)
by Karen English & Laura Freeman

Queen of the Diamond: The Lizzie Murphy Story
by Emily Arnold McCully

Grandma in Blue with Red Hat
by Scott Menchin & Harry Bliss

Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail
by Kate Messner

One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia by Miranda Paul & Elizabeth Zunon

Quinny and Hopper
by Adriana Brad Schanen & Greg Swearingen

Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold
by Joyce Sidman and Rick Allen

Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos
by Stephanie Roth Sisson

Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin by Chieri Uegaki & Qin Leng

In a Village By the Sea by Muon Van & April Chu

Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible by Ursula Vernon

Lulu’s Mysterious Mission by Judith Viorst & Kevin Cornell

Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth by Judd Winick

Intermediate (Grades 4-6)

Gaby, Lost and Found by Angela Cervantes

Red Berries, White Clouds, Blue Sky by Sandra Dallas

Space Case by Stuart Gibbs

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library by Chris Grabenstein

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

Masterminds by Gordon Korman

The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher
by Dana Alison Levy

A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd

The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel

Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile
by Marcia Wells

Teen (Grades 7-8)

The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier

Turn Left at the Cow by Lisa Bullard

The Iron Trial by Cassandra Clare

Swagger by Carl Deuker

Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend by Matthew Dicks

Sure Signs of Crazy by Karen Harrington

The Mark of the Dragonfly by Jaleigh Johnson

Far Far Away by Tom McNeal

Endangered by Eliot Schrefer

A Time to Dance by Padma Venkatraman

High School (Grades 9-12)

Mosquitoland by David Arnold

The Queen of the Tearling by Erika Johansen

Those Who Wish Me Dead by Michael Koryta

A Death-Struck Year by Makiia Lucier

How It Went Down by Kekla Magoon

I’ll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson

Gabi, a Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero

Jackaby by William Ritter

Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman

Sway by Kat Spears



**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!**

Youth Services News and Events

Portland Library's

2016 Summer Reading Program for Children & Teens

The Portland Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program, **On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!** (children) and **Get in the Game...READ!** (teen), will begin on June 10th! Teens and children will once again have the opportunity to log their minutes from home or on a mobile device, making it easier to record Governor's Reading Challenges and summer reading goals. Families and individuals can begin making their online profiles on June 1st and logging their minutes on or after **June 10th**. Paper records will also be available. Stay tuned for more details!



**Summer Reading
Program Kickoff:
Scott Jameson**
Wednesday, June 15th
at 6:30 p.m. in the
Portland Middle School
Auditorium

At age eight, with the help of a stack of library books, Scott taught himself how to juggle and perform countless magic tricks. He presents performances that feature magic, juggling, and other less definable bits of entertainment. Trained in gymnastics, dance, acting, and even microchip programming, he is able to create performances that are uniquely his own. During Scott's show, he will pluck umbrellas from thin air, bring a drawing to life, spin and juggle basketballs, and help an audience member unlock telekinetic abilities.

**Thank you to the Friends of the Portland Library for sponsoring this program.
Registration is required!**



Portland Library

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.

Play Date at the Library!

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us every Tuesdays morning in May from 10:30-11:30 for an hour of socialization and open play with our story room toys. **No registration is required.**



One Book Discussion Group: *I Kill the Mockingbird*

Young readers are invited to read *I Kill the Mockingbird* and join us on **Tuesday, May 3rd at 3:30 p.m.** for a book discussion. This book tells the story of three students who devise controversial ways to get people talking about *To Kill a Mockingbird* that soon threaten to spiral out of control. **Grades 5 and up.**

More News...

Monthly Book Discussions



All are welcome to attend the adult book discussion held one Thursday each month. Titles are available to borrow; no reservations are necessary.

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

One Book on the Riverbend Event

***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.**

Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

***Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed**

At 22, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything: her mother died, her family scattered, and her marriage failed. With nothing to lose and with no training or experience she impulsively sets out alone on a thousand mile trek. Told with suspense, style, warmth, and humor, ***Wild*** powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds and in the journey, healing herself.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *The Lady in the Van*

Starring Maggie Smith, Alex Jennings, & Jim Broadbent; Sony; directed by Nicholas Hytner; PG-13, 2016, 104 minutes.

Based on the true story of Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins, “temporarily” parks her van in Alan Bennett’s London driveway and proceeds to live there for 15 years. What begins as a begrudged favor becomes a relationship that will change both their lives.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, May 16th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *In the Heart of the Sea*

Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Benjamin Walker, Cillian Murphy, & Ben Whishaw; directed by Ron Howard; Warner; PG-13; 2016; 121 minutes. In the winter of 1820, the New England whaling ship Essex was assaulted by a whale of mammoth size and will. ***In the Heart of the Sea*** reveals the encounter's harrowing aftermath, as the ship's surviving crew is pushed to their limits and forced to do the unthinkable to stay alive.

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

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Save the date: Next Friends' Book Collection 
Saturday, June 25, 2016 10:00-12:00

Closing: Monday
May 30th



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, May 2nd at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, May 19th at 7 p.m.

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Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. During the month of May, DVD war films depicting service people during US wars will be on display. ***American Idol*** has just completed its 15th and final season; the Library has a display of CDs by the show's contestants.



Books on Display

In May, the Library will have a display of newly arrived materials, historical fiction and books featuring gardening.