

Check it out...



A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library February 2017

Library closed:

Monday February 20th for Presidents' Day holiday

Monday February 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

iPhone Smart Phones with Max

Max Rowe, from Library Connection, Inc., will demonstrate how to use an iPhone! Topics include...

How to make a call	How to add contacts
How to text	How to email
How to take photos	How data plans work
How to connect to WiFi	How to use the App store

Registration Required to attend this free workshop!

Wednesday February 15, 2017 1:00 p.m.

Tech Talk with Kevin, our tech guru from Town Hall

Our favorite tech guru, Kevin Armstrong will be focusing on Email & Facebook at the Library's February Tech Talk.

Registration required.

The Library has CT tax forms and some Federal forms. More items will be coming this month. Call us at 860-342-6770 or go to www.portlandlibraryct.org to see what we have in stock.



Thursday February 9th at 6:00 p.m. Adult Coloring & Coffee

(& snacks)

Drop in and enjoy a pleasant hour of coloring and conversation! Coloring provides a relaxing, stress-relieving pastime — and it's fun!



Zinio Magazines:

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Use the Zinio for Libraries mobile app to read your magazines and check out additional magazines.

Visit the Library's webpage and find the links and instructions to use these services and many more, available 24/7.

February Lunch and Learn



Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 at 12:00 noon

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

This novel follows twin brothers Marion and Shiva Stone, born of a secret union between an Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. They are orphaned at a young age and must learn to navigate the world together as they grow up in Ethiopia on the brink of a revolution. The twins' story is a family saga that crosses continents and cultures, a love story with tragic consequences and the way that two lives can forever intertwine.

Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion. Bring a lunch if you like. Dessert and beverages will be served.

ART ON DISPLAY



Brian Lee, a nature photographer, specializing in wildlife and macro-photography, searches for his subjects from the rain forests of South America to the fields and woods of his home town of Portland. Insects, reptiles/amphibians and flowers are some of his favorite subjects.

**Come to an Artists Reception for Brian,
Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 2:00-4:00
hosted by the Friends of the Portland Library!**



Join the Adult Winter Reading Program

Check out Some Hot Reads for Cold Nights!

You can READ away the winter blues this year when you participate in the

Portland Library's 2017 Adult Winter Reading Program!

The program runs from January 3-March 3, 2017.

When returning a book you especially enjoyed, place a "Portland Library Patron Recommends" bookmark in it so we can feature it in our **Portland Patrons' Favorites** display for others to discover and enjoy.

See our flyer for more information & interesting programs for the winter months!

Youth Services News and Events



AT THE
PORTLAND
LIBRARY

Saturday, February 4

from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kids of all ages are invited to join us for a “hole” lot of fun as we turn the library into a mini golf course during the **Sixth Annual “Take Your Child to the Library Day”**

Our Teen Advisory Board has created a course full of entertaining and challenging obstacles, each based on a different picture book. Come grab a putter donated by Chris Cote’s Golf Shop and a scorecard and enjoy some “tee-rrific” family fun time.

Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCLD) is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Launched in 2011 right here in Connecticut, TYCLD raises community awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families.

No registration is required for this free program. Questions? Call 860-342-6770 or stop by the library.



Frozen Party

Wednesday, March 1

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the completion of our Winter Reading program with a Frozen-themed party. We'll enjoy crafts, a story, and a singalong with special guests Anna and Elsa. Recommended for families with children ages 0-5 years old. Siblings are welcome.

Registration is required.

Spring Storytimes

Our spring storytime session will begin the week of February 27 and run through April 21.

Storytimes will be offered for the following age groups:

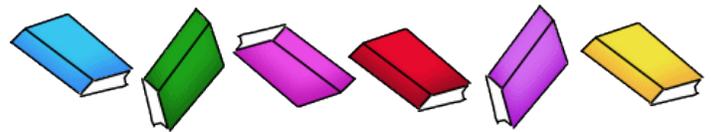
Bouncy Babies (ages 0-24 months): Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20

Stories for Twos: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19

Preschool (ages 3-5): Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.: February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18

Family Storytime (ages 1-5 and siblings): Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19

Registration will begin on February 13 and can be done by calling the library at 860-342-6770 or visiting our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Raise a reader! 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a national reading initiative that encourages parents and caregivers to provide positive, nurturing early experiences by reading aloud daily to their children from birth to age five. We invite you to participate in this exciting, free program open to children birth to age five at the Portland Library.

Come into the library and pick up your **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** welcome packet in the children’s department.

Youth Services News and Events



Be Creative!
Open Crafting Sessions
Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
February 4 and 11

Get rid of those winter blues by giving your imagination a workout! Children in grades K and up can stop in on Thursday afternoons and make a cool craft to take home. **No registration is needed.**

Congratulations...

...to the following national award winners, announced by the American Library Association at their midwinter conference on Monday, January 23.

John Newbery Medal: *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

Randolph Caldecott Award: *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe

Michael L. Printz Award: *March 3* by John Lewis

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award: *We Are Growing!* by Laurie Keller



After-Hours Coffeehouse: Gaming Night

Friday, February 24

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Grades 5 and up

This after-hours program for teens will offer something for everyone, no matter what kind of gamer you are. We'll have board games (both regular versions and a life-size game), as well as some video games screened on our projector. Join us for some friendly competition and a lot of fun!

Registration is required. For more information, call the library at 860-342-6770 or visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org.

Starry Nights, Twinkling Reads

2017 Winter Reading Club

The Portland Library's Winter Reading Challenge runs from January 3-March 3, 2017. No registration is required for this fun program. Just pick up a Winter Reads Packet next time you are in the library and you will have everything that you need to get started.

Participants will receive a wire star with their Winter Reads Packet. Special beads will be available at the circulation desk for you to add to your star, every day that you check out items. Stars will remain on display in the library throughout the duration of the program and given to participants as a memento in early March.

Look for more information on our Winter Reading Challenge and our winter programming for kids of all ages in the library and on our website.



Astrology for Teens

Tuesday, February 21
from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Grade 5 and up

Learn about the exciting world of astrology from a local expert! Charles Edgerton from the Astrological Society of Connecticut will be here to teach us about what our signs say about our personalities and how the planets affect us. Learn about the newly established sign Ophiuchus and be prepared to be enlightened. This program is open to grades 5 and up. **Registration is required.** For more information, call the library at 860-342-6770 or visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org.



**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 February 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

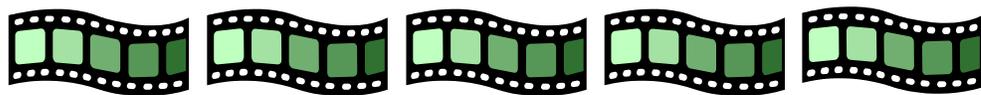
***The Lonely Polygamist* by Brady Udall.**

Golden Richards, husband to four wives and twenty-eight children is a deeply faithful man. But recent events have left him crippled with grief, and, along with the demands of work and family, have led him to become entangled in an affair that threatens to destroy his family's future. Beautifully written, keenly observed, and ultimately redemptive, this story of a dysfunctional but loving family needs to be read.

Thursday March 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

***Revolutionary Road* by Richard Yates.**

Frank and April Wheeler marry and expect to enjoy a typical suburban life, post-WWII. Tragically their marriage self-destructs. Humor somehow finds its way into this classic book about American life during the era of conformity.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *Queen of Katwe*

Starring: Madina Nalwanga, David Oyelowo, Lupita Nyong'o & Martin Kabanza. Director: Mira Nair. Walt Disney, PG, 124 minutes, 2016.

Living in the slum of Katwe in Kampala, Uganda, is a constant struggle for 10-year-old Phiona (Madina Nalwanga) and her family. Her world changes one day when she meets Robert Katende (David Oyelowo), a missionary who teaches children how to play chess. Phiona becomes fascinated with the game and soon becomes a top player under Katende's guidance. Her success in local competitions and tournaments opens the door to a bright future and a golden chance to escape from a life of poverty.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *The Light between Oceans*

Starring: Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander, Rachel Weisz, Bryan Brown & Jack Thompson. Director: Derek Cianfrance. Walt Disney, PG-13, 153 minutes, 2016.

The film tells the story of a lighthouse keeper and his wife who rescue and adopt an infant girl adrift at sea. Years later, the couple discovers the child's true parentage and are faced with the moral dilemma of their actions.

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

Thank You

Recent Donations

Book Donations:

Carolyn Freeman

Anonymous: in memory of

Paul Ghent



February is
Black History
Month!

Library Closing:

Monday February 20th for
Presidents' Day

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, February 6th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, February 16th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

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During the month of February,
the Library will be featuring
Jazz CDs & Romantic DVDs.



Books on Display

In February, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, romance novels recommended by Portland Library Patrons and Black History nonfiction.

