

Check it out...



A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library April 2017

Library closed:
Friday April 14th for Good Friday

Tuesday April 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

No Place like Home:

Traprock Landscapes of the Connecticut Valley

Peter LeTourneau, professor, speaker and author of *The Traprock Landscapes of New England* presents the incomparable beauty of the region as never before.

In this slide-illustrated lecture, Dr. LeTourneau will be featuring highlights of his new book, including stunning photos by co-author Robert Pagini.

Participants will gain an “insider’s view” on the environment and culture of this unique region, including tales, legends, secret spots, and little-known local history. The important role the traprock ridges played in American landscape tourism and environmental conservation in the 19th century, and efforts to establish a Connecticut Valley National Heritage Corridor, will be presented. A book signing will follow the lecture.

Read & Recycle



The Friends of the Portland Library’s next intake date is **Saturday, April 1st from 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. **Hundreds of DVDs will be for sale at the Collection for just \$1.00 each!**

STUDENT ART MONTH AT THE LIBRARY

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. Drawings, paintings, prints and ceramics created by students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 will be showcased. Please come see the wonderful work of our young artists and support the visual arts program in our schools.



What’s all the HOOPLA about?

Hoopla is a digital media service offered to Portland Library cardholders, who are residents, to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on their computer, tablet, or phone – and even on the TV! **As a Portland resident and library cardholder, you may borrow up to 5 titles per month.** With no waiting, titles can be streamed immediately, or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later. Hundreds of thousands of titles are available to choose from, with more being added daily. Use the Hoopla mobile app for your phone or tablet to access this service or visit the Library’s webpage and find the links and instructions to use these services and many more, available 24/7. This service is supported by donations and state grant funding.



Wednesday April 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Tech Talk with Kevin, our tech guru from Town Hall

Our favorite tech guru, Kevin Armstrong, will be demonstrating **All things Google!** Google Drive, Google Calendar, Google Maps ...

Registration requested.

April Lunch and Learn



Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 at 12:00 noon

***Once We were Brothers* by Ronald Balson**

Once We Were Brothers is a compelling tale of two boys and a family who struggle to survive in war-torn Poland, and a young love that struggles to endure the unspeakable cruelty of the Holocaust. Two lives, two worlds, and sixty years converge in an explosive race to redemption that makes for a moving and powerful tale of love, survival, and ultimately the triumph of the human spirit.

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

Youth Services News and Events

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS:



PEEPS Candy Science Wednesday, April 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Marshmallow PEEPS are great for eating, but did you know that they're great for learning about science as well? We'll heat them, cool them, squeeze them, sink them and more in this program for kids of all ages.



Wednesday, May 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of magical fun as we explore our love of all things Hogwarts through crafts, games casting spells, and more.

These programs are best suited to kids in grades K-4. Siblings are welcome to attend. **To register for either program, call 860-342-6770 or visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org.**

The Week of the Young Child



Portland Library and the Portland Early Childhood Council will celebrate **The Week of the Young Child from April 24-28, 2017**. Join us for a special family story time on April 26 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.

Spring Storytimes

Our spring storytime session began the week of February 27 and will run through April 21. Spaces are still available in the following age groups:

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

Stories for Twos: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.: April 5, 12, 19

Preschool (ages 3-5): Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.: April 4, 11, 18

Register 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

April Vacation Activities



Movie Showing: *Moana*
Monday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m.
Rated PG. Run time: 103 minutes
An adventurous teenager sails out on a daring mission to save her people. During her journey, Moana meets the demigod Maui, who guides her in her quest to become a master way-finder. Together they sail across the ocean on an

action-packed voyage. **No registration is required.**
All are welcome to attend.

Hula Dance Performance and Workshop

Wednesday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m.
Aloha! Polynesian Fusion will be here this afternoon for an all-ages Hula Demonstration and Workshop. Join the fun and learn some fun hula dance moves to impress your friends.
Registration is required.



All of our regularly scheduled storytimes will feature island themes this week! Check the Portland Library website at www.portlandlibraryct.org for a full listing of storytime days and times.

Teen Advisory Board

If you are in **grades 7 and up**, you are invited to be part of the Portland Library's Teen Advisory Board. Our board members meet monthly on **Monday afternoons from 3:30-4:30** and help us in selecting materials for purchase, brainstorming and running programs for teens and children, and having a lot of fun while making a difference in our community. If this is something that interests you, please contact Jennifer Renk at 860-342-6770 or jrenk@portlandct.org.

Upcoming meeting dates:
April 17, May 8



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 2017 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!

East of the River
Homeschooling @ the Library presents
POETRY AND POPCORN
Thursday, April 20 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.
at Portland Library

- Learn about different kinds of poetry
- Challenge yourself to create a unique poem
- Make your own magnetic poetry set
- Create a poetry chalk-art installation on our library sidewalks
- Listen to (and read your own) original poems while enjoying some fresh-popped popcorn!

Call the library at 860-342-6770
to register!



**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 6th at 6:30 p.m.

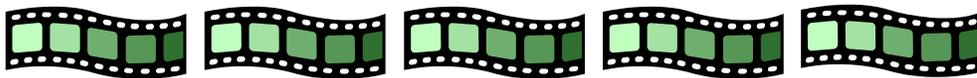
***True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Despite being seen as a traitor to his people and enduring great tragedies, Junior discovers an inner strength he never knew existed.

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

***A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki.**

In Tokyo, sixteen-year old distraught Nao wants to end it all but plans to first document the life of her great grandmother, a Buddhist nun who's lived more than a century. A diary is Nao's only solace, a diary that will touch lives in ways she can scarcely imagine.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *Hidden Figures*

Starring: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, Kirsten Dunst, Jim Parsons, Mahershala Ali, Aldis Hodge, Glen Powell, Kimberly Quinn and Kevin Costner. **20th Century Fox. Directed by Theodore Melfi. PG, 2016, 127 minutes.**

The incredible untold story of Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson - brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, April 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *Lion*

Starring: Sunny Pawar, Dev Patel, Rooney Mara, David Wenham & Nicole Kidman. **Directed by Garth Davis. The Weinstein Company. Rated PG-13, 118 minutes, 2016.**

Five year old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home.

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

Thank You

Recent Donations

Book Donations:

Carolyn Freeman

Robin Richardson

Nancy Sawyer

Thursday April 20 at 2:00 p.m.

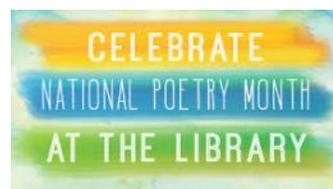
The Tiger in the Smoke

by Margery Allingham

Mysteries through

the Decades

Book Club



April is
National
Poetry
Month!

Library Closed: Friday April 14

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 3rd at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, April 20th at 7 p.m.

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 During the month of April, the Library will be featuring Classical CDs & DVDs featuring Spring.



Books on Display

In April, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, Historical Fiction and Poetry.

