

Check it out...



A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library May 2017

Library closed:
Monday May 29th for Memorial Day

Monday May 8th Budget Referendum
6:00a.m.—8:00p.m. Portland Middle School
Please Vote!

The Portland Library presents
Two SPECIAL One Book on the Riverbend Events
Monday, May 8th, 2017 6:30 p.m.
At the Portland Library
Boys of '36: a PBS documentary film about the 1936 Olympic crew team

Wednesday, May 17th, 2017 6:00 p.m.
At the Waverly Senior Center
Multi-Generational Book Discussion of
***The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans & Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel Brown**, led by MARSHA BANSAVAGE, an educator and book discussion facilitator with more than thirty years of experience in the field.

Copies of Brown's book and the ***Young Readers' Adaptation Boys in the Boat* by Gregory Mone** are available to borrow at the Library.
One Book on the Riverbend is a collaborative venture with a simple goal ...to get the communities of Middletown, Portland and Cromwell to read the same book at the same time and then encourage them to talk about it. By doing so, we hope that more people (especially more young people) will grow to enjoy reading. Check our website www.portlandlibraryct.org for more information.

May is National "Get Caught Reading" month and also National Pet Month so we thought it would be fun to combine the two. The library is having a **Pets Caught Reading** display. Bring in a photo or email a photo to jrenk@portlandct.org and we will display them in the library

throughout the month of May.



May Lunch and Learn
Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 12:00 noon
***Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan**



Mamah Borthwick Cheney struggles to justify her clandestine love affair with Frank Lloyd Wright, the renowned architect, in her diary. During the construction of her house, a powerful attraction developed between Mamah and Frank. **Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion. Bring a lunch if you like. Dessert and beverages will be served.**

Tuesday May 9, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Sickness may be common but it's not natural
How to improve the health of your family!
Dr. John Mormile presents information on this timely topic and answers all your questions. Dr. "M" as a lot of his patients affectionately refer to him is passionate about those under his care. They range from newborns to age 90. And he has been in practice since 1985. With Chiropractic adjustment, Dr. M. has been able to help with many non-pain related conditions such as asthma, Irritable bowel, reflux, anxiety, depression, allergies, ADD/ADHD and much more.
Registration Requested!

Wednesday May 31 at 1:00p.m.
More Google with Kevin! Come get your Google questions answered. **Registration Requested.**

ART AT THE LIBRARY

Portland Public Library presents
"On Our OwnTime" - an exhibit created and presented by the Visual Art Faculty of Portland Public Schools. Faculty members are Lindsay Bonaldo from Valley View Elementary School and Brownstone Intermediate School, Patricia Allen from Gildersleeve School, Ann-Marie Szerejko from Portland Middle School and Stu Noelte from Portland High School. **Please join us for an opening reception on Saturday May 13 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM hosted by the Friends of the Portland Library.**



Youth Services News and Events

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:



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.**

Portland Library's 2017 Summer Reading Program for Children & Teens

The Portland Library's 2017 Summer Reading Program, **Build a Better World**, will begin on June 15th! Teens and children will once again will 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 15th**. Paper records will also be available. Stay tuned for more details!

**SUMMER READING KICKOFF
Bubblemania! With Casey Carle
Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m.
At the Portland Middle School
Auditorium**

Thank you to the Friends of the Portland Library for their support!



Drop-In Playdates!



Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us every Tuesday 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.**

PETS CAUGHT READING!

May is National Pet Month and it's also Get Caught Reading month. To celebrate, we are asking patrons to submit photos of their pets caught reading. We will display them throughout the library during May. To submit photos, you may bring them into the library or email photo files to Jennifer Renk at jrenk@portlandct.org. Please note that original photos brought to the library will not be returned.



SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE PORTLAND LIBRARY

The **Portland Library's 2017 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.

- * Interns will be expected to attend the mandatory training session on **Thursday, May 18th 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.
- * Please come into the Portland Library and fill out an application if you are interested.

Applications must be received no later than the May 12th deadline to be considered.

Youth Services News and Events

Nutmeg News



The 2018 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 2017 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)

Blizzard by John Rocco
A Dance Like Starlight by Kristy Depsey & Floyd Cooper
Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas by Lynne Cox
Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mattick
Hippopotamister by John X Green
Lindbergh by Torben Kuhlmann
Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina
Miss Mary Reporting by Sue Macy
My Pet Human by Yasmine Surovec
Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve
Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny by John Himmelman
Upside-Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle & Emily Jenkins
Wet Cement by Bob Raczka
When the Beat Was Born by Laban Carricj Hill
The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

Intermediate (grades 4-6)

The Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle by George Hagen
Kinda Like Brothers by Coe Booth
Ratscalibur by Josh Lieb
The Tapper Twins Go to War (with Each Other) by Jeff Rodkey
Took: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn
Under the Egg by Laura Marx Fitzgerald
The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
A Whole New Ballgame by Phil Bildner

Teen (grades 7-8)

The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds
Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton
Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead
I am Princess X by Cherie Priest
I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora
The Last Boy at St. Edith's by Lee Gjersten Malone
The Novice by Taran Matharu
Orbiting Jupiter by Gary Schmidt
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
Thirteen Chairs by Dave Shelton

High School (grades 9-12)

Dumplin' by Julie Murphy
Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse
More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera
Red Rising by Pierce Brown
The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness
Simon vs. the Homo Sapien Agenda by Becky Albertalli
Traffick by Ellen Hopkins
The Way I Used to Be by Amber Smith
We Are the Ants by Shaun David Hutchinson
X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon

Teen Throwback Library Lock-In!

Friday, May 19
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Come relive your favorite childhood memories during this program planned by our Teen Advisory Board. We'll have songs from the early 2000s on our karaoke machine, a Disney-inspired escape room, Perler bead crafts, plenty of snacks, and much more! Registration is required. Call the library at 860-342-6770 or visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org to register.



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, 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.

Thursday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m.

***The Goddess Pose* by Michelle Goldberg.**

When the woman who would become Indra Devi was born in Russia in 1899, yoga was virtually unknown outside of India. By the time of her death in 2002, it was being practiced around the world. The Goddess Pose brings Indra Devi's little known but remarkable story as an actress, yogi, and globetrotting adventuress, to life.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *Fences*

Starring: Denzel Washington, Viola Davis, Stephen Henderson & Jovan Adepo.

Directed by Denzel Washington. Rated PG-13; 139 minutes; 2016. 20th Century Fox.

Troy Maxson makes his living as a sanitation worker in 1950s Pittsburgh. Maxson once dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player, but was deemed too old when the major leagues began admitting black athletes. Bitter over his missed opportunity, Troy creates further tension in his family when he squashes his son's chance to meet a college football recruiter.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *La La Land*

Starring: Emma Stone, Ryan Gosling, John Legend, Rosemarie DeWitt & J.K. Simmons. **Directed by** Damien Chazelle. Lionsgate. PG-13, 128 minutes, 2016.

Sebastian (Ryan Gosling) and Mia (Emma Stone) are drawn together by their common desire to do what they love. But as success mounts they are faced with decisions that begin to fray the fragile fabric of their love affair, and the dreams they worked so hard to maintain in each other threaten to rip them apart.

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

Thank You

Recent Donations

Book Donations:

Carolyn Freeman
Bruce Stevens
Farmington Valley Kennel club
Rebecca Stamelman for art books
Paula Brown in memory of
Karen L. (Kirshe) Miller

Thursday May 18 at 2:00 p.m.

The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax

by Dorothy Gilman

Mysteries through

the Decades Book

Club



Library Closed:

Monday May 29

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 1st at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, May 18th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

860-342-6770

www.portlandlibraryct.org

Library Director

Janet Nocek

jnocek@portlandct.org



During the month of May, the Library will be featuring CDs of Musical scores from movies & Broadway & DVDs featuring Comedies.



Books on Display

In May, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, Mysteries and Baseball.