

Check it out...



A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library December 2017

Library closed:
Saturday December 23rd,
Monday December 25th &
Monday January 1st

The Library will be open Saturday
December 30th 10 a.m.-5 p.m!



Food for Fines



November 13th through December 30th, 2017

You may pay overdue library fines with non-perishable food items that will be given to the Portland Food Bank. Please bring your donations to the circulation desk so that your fines may be cancelled. We ask that your donations reflect the spirit of the season. Food may not be used to pay for missing/lost or damaged items.

Thanks to Tri Town Foods for the use of their shopping cart.

Save the Date: Next Friends' Read & Recycle Collection Saturday January 13th 10 a.m.-12 p.m.



Tuesday December 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Tech Talk with Kevin:

More Excel & Google Sheets Q & A

Kevin our favorite tech guru from town hall will answer any additional questions you have about spreadsheets! Bring in documents for him to assist you with! Registration requested!

Date: Saturday,
January 20th
Time: 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
Passport on Wheels



**Apply for a Passport/
Renew a Passport at the
Portland Public Library/
USPS® Passport Fair** Portland Public Library and the United States Postal Service® have teamed up to offer you a convenient and time-saving opportunity.

You can even have a photo taken at the fair. Photo services will be available for \$15.

Snow Date: Saturday, January 27th
See our website for more details!

Lunch and Learn
Tuesday December 12, 2017 at 12 noon
Book Discussion

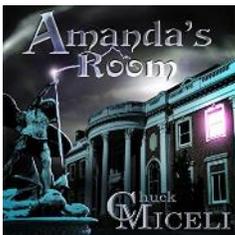


***A Man called Ove* by Fredrik Backman**

A grumpy yet loveable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. Meet Ove. ... He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window.

Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion. Bring a lunch if you like. Light dessert is provided.

January 9th Lunch & Learn: *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* by Anne Tyler



The Portland Library hosts... in conjunction with Debra Jameson's book club

Tuesday December 12th at 5:45p.m.

Chuck Miceli, Author Visit,
Amanda's Room

Chuck Miceli, a Connecticut author, combines his criminal justice background and fascination for severe weather in his acclaimed supernatural novel, *Amanda's Room*. Part mystery, part thriller, Miceli's novel merges details from his experiences in criminal justice with facts about severe weather and violent storms. Then he adds his own mix of paranormal coincidences to act as a catalyst for this supernatural stew. Additional information about Chuck Miceli and his literary projects can be found on his website at AuthorChuckMiceli.com.

Youth Services News and Events

2018 Winter Reading Challenge:

Idita-READ!

The Portland Library's 2018 Winter Reading Challenge, **Idita-READ!**, runs from **January 2-March 2, 2018**. No registration is required for this fun program. Visit the library and color a dog to race along the Iditarod track on our bulletin board. Each time you check out items in January and February, you can advance your dog along the track until you reach the finish line in Nome, Alaska!

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



Drop-In Playdates at the Library Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. December 6, 13

Even though our storytime session has ended for the fall, we welcome kids between the ages of 0-5 and their caregivers to visit the library for drop-in playtimes! We will meet in the Wagner Room and have fun enjoying our storytime toys, puzzles, and coloring with our friends!

No registration is required.

Holiday Storytimes

December 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Come to the library for a special Hanukkah storytime hosted by the Greater Hartford branch of PJ Stories. Whether you actively celebrate Hanukkah or just want to learn more about this holiday, you are invited to join us for stories, songs, and games.

**December 20th
at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

We'll welcome Christmas with a special morning *Santa Storytime* for kids ages 0-5 and their caregivers and an evening version best suited for kids ages 3-8 years old. We'll share Christmas stories, songs, rhymes, and finish each program with a craft and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Registration is required and extremely limited for holiday programs.



Join us for a "Noon" Year's Eve Party!

**Friday, December 29
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

Not allowed to stay up late to watch the ball drop on December 31? Join us for an early New Year's Eve celebration featuring stories, crafts, games and a countdown and balloon drop at noon. Each participant at this event (best suited for early elementary school and younger) will get a party hat and horn to help ring in at noon!

Registration is required.

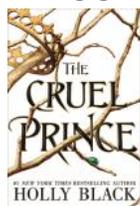
Youth Services News and Events

New YA Releases You Won't Want to Miss!

Look for these upcoming young adult releases in the first few months of 2018.

The Cruel Prince by Holly Black (January 2):

Having grown up a human in the High Court of Fairie after her parents were murdered, Jude just wants to fit in. She vows to do whatever it takes to win a place at the Court, but finds herself embroiled in palace intrigues and deceptions.



Thunderhead by Neal Shusterman (January 9)
Rowan and Citra find themselves at odds on the morality of the Scythedom. Rowan has gone rogue, and has put the Scythedom through a trial by fire. Citra sees the corruption and wants to help change it. But will it help solve those problems, or simply watch as perfection goes into decline?



Nice Try, Jane Sinner by Lianne Oekle (January 9)
Landing a spot on a local reality show gives recently expelled high school student Jane the shot she wants at fame, fortune, and having her voice heard.



Before I Let Go by Marieke Nijkamp (January 23)
Corey knows something is wrong. Her best friend has just died and everyone in town is keeping secrets—chilling secrets. But piecing together the truth about what happened to her best friend may prove as difficult as lighting the sky in an Alaskan winter...



The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert (January 30)
Alice and her mother have always run from bad luck. But when Alice's grandmother dies, Alice learns how bad her luck can really get: her mother is kidnapped from someone claiming to be from her grandmother's stories and now Alice must rescue her.



**Teen Event:
Ugly Sweater
Decorating Party
Monday, December 11
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 6 and up**

'Tis the season to rock your ugly sweater! Grab an old sweater from home and come use our supply of decorations to make your own ugly sweater for the holidays. There will be snacks and music to get us in the ugly sweater spirit! **Registration is required.**



**You Are
Invited....**

If you are entering **grades 6 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 or Patty Ballou at 860-342-6770 or jrenk@portlandct.org.

**Upcoming meeting dates:
December 11**



**Portland Library
Youth Services
Department**

More News...

Thank You

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 December 7th at 6:30 p.m.

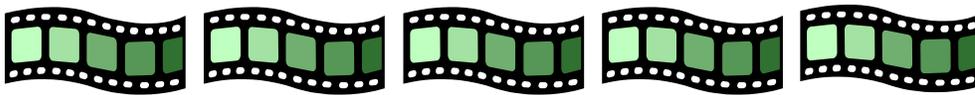
***Wickett's Remedy* by Myla Goldberg**

Irish American shop girl Lydia marries Henry Wickett, a shy medical student and the scion of a Boston Brahmin family in the early part of the twentieth century. But soon after their wedding, Henry abruptly quits medical school to create a mail-order patent medicine called Wickett's Remedy, and just as Lydia begins to adjust to her husband's new vocation, the infamous Spanish influenza epidemic of 1918 arrives to irrevocably change their lives.

Thursday January 4th at 6:30 p.m.

***The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin.**

Despite her own major achievements--she becomes the first licensed female glider pilot in the United States--Anne Morrow Lindbergh is viewed merely as Charles Lindbergh's wife. The fairy-tale life she once longed for will bring heartbreak and hardships, ultimately pushing her to reconcile her need for love and her desire for independence, and to embrace, at last, life's infinite possibilities for change and happiness.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *Viceroy's House*

Starring: Hugh Bonneville, Gillian Anderson, Michael Gambon, Manish Dayal & Simon Callow. **Director:** Gurinder Chadha. 106 minutes, PG.

The final Viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten, is tasked with overseeing the transition of British India to independence, but meets with conflict as different sides clash in the face of monumental change.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *All Saints*

Starring: John Corbett, Cara Buono, Barry Corbin, David Keith, Chonda Pierce & Nelson Lee. **Director:** Steve Gomer. 108 minutes, PG.

Based upon the true story of a pastor who was at his wit's end when told to shut down his church, this story shows what can happen when people come together. When Burmese refugees enter the community join the church, suddenly the pastor realizes that perhaps all is not lost.

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

Recent Donations

Book Donations:

E Evelyn Eddy Book
Carolyn Freeman Book
Paula Brown Book In

Memory of Karen L (Kirsche) Miller

Endowment Fund:

Dr. Gerald & Mrs. Eileen Burke

Tuesday December 26th at 1:00 p.m.

Mysteries-through-the-Decades Book Club

2010s: *I am Half-Sick of Shadows*
by Alan Bradley

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Saturday December 23rd, Monday
December 25th & Monday January 1st

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December 30th 10 a.m.-5 p.m!

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library:

Monday December 4th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday December 14th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

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During the month of December the Library will be featuring Holiday Music CDs & Holiday DVDs.



Books on Display

In December, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, holiday fiction and holiday crafts & food.