

Check it out...



A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library January 2017

Library closed:

Saturday December 31st & Monday January 2nd
for New Year's Day

Monday January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

January Lunch and Learn



Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 at 12:00 noon
***Everything I never Told You* by Celeste NG**

When Lydia's body is found in a lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed.

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



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!



Zinio Magazines:

a new collection of more than 60 online popular magazines available through

ONE CLICK Digital. Browse from your library's collection of popular titles with no holds, no checkout periods, and no limit to the number of magazines you can download. Manage your favorite magazines with a personal reading account.

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.

Wednesday January 4, 2017 1:00 p.m.

Tech Talk with Kevin, our tech guru from Town Hall

Did you get a new gadget as a gift recently? If you have questions about tablets, iPads, kindles, laptops, etc. come talk to our favorite tech guru, Kevin Armstrong.

Registration required.

Read & Recycle



The Friends of the Portland Library's next intake date is **Saturday, January 21 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.



ART ON DISPLAY

The 5th Annual Members Show of The Art Guild of Middletown will have their art on exhibit during the month of January. The art featured will be in a variety of media such as oil, watercolors, acrylic and pastels; many will be available for sale. You are invited to the **Artists Reception, Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 2:00-4:00** which is hosted by the **Friends of the Portland Library!**



Thursday January 12th at 6:00 p.m. & Monday January 30th at 2:00 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!

Thursday January 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Android Smart Phones with Max

Max Rowe, from Library Connection, Inc., will demonstrate how to use an Android Phone! 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 download Apps

Registration Required to attend this free workshop!

Youth Services News and Events

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.

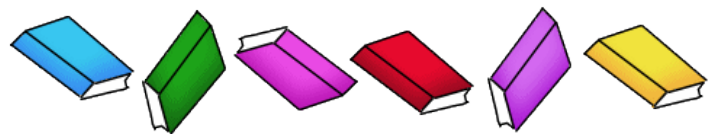
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



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. Reading to children builds important vocabulary and language skills that are needed for kindergarten. We invite you to participate in this exciting, free program open to children birth to age five.

How long will it take to read 1,000 books? This is a self-paced program that depends on how often you read together. Reading three books together a night—approximately 15 minutes—will mean you will have read 1,095 at the end of one year.

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



Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7

Drop in on Tuesday mornings as 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 and puzzles with our friends!

No registration is required.



Family Storytimes

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22

Families with children ages 0-5 and their siblings are invited to our weekly evening storytimes. Each week will feature stories, songs, games and a craft based on a weekly theme.

Registration is required.

Youth Services News and Events



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

Get rid of those winter blues by giving your imagination a workout! Children in grades K and up can stop in every Thursday afternoon and make a cool craft to take home.

No registration is needed.



After-Hours Coffeehouse: Open Mic Night

Friday, January 27

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Grades 6 and up

Do you sing? Dance? Write? Bring your music, spoken word poetry, and other performance art to the library for this after-hours, teens-only program. The lights will be low. The coffee will be hot. The mood will be chill. Come to perform or to support your peers as a member of the audience. 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.



Wednesday, January 11th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
(Inclement weather date: **January 18th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**)

Come learn about the planets, moons, and other phenomena in our solar system in this hands-on evening program for kids in grades K-4. At the end of the program, we'll be going outside to observe the night sky, so dress warm.

Space is limited and registration is required.

Homeschooling @ the Library

The Portland, East Hampton, and Richmond Memorial (Marlborough) Libraries are excited to introduce a new cooperative homeschooling program debuting in January 2017. Held one Friday a month from 1:00-2:30 p.m., this session for all ages will include hands-on activities and guest speakers to introduce a variety of diverse topics.

Come join us on **Friday, January 20th**, for our FIRST program for homeschoolers! This program will focus on the solar system and life in outer space. Learn about the constellations and their origin stories, design your own life form based on a planet's climate and conditions, and video conference with an educator from NASA about humans in space!

To register for the program, call the library at 860-342-6770. A complete list of programs is available on our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org.



You Are Invited....

If you are entering **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 or Lauren Coleman at 860-342-6770 or jrenk@portlandct.org.

Upcoming meeting dates:
January 9, February 13, March 13



**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 January 5th at 6:30 p.m.

***The Hundred-Foot Journey* by Richard C. Morais**

Follow the life journey of chef Hassan Haji, who progresses from his family's modest restaurant in Mumbai to master haute cuisine in an elegant Parisian restaurant.

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.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *Keeping up with the Joneses*

Starring: Gal Gadot, Isla Fisher, Jon Hamm, Zach Galifianakis & Maribeth Monroe.

Directed by Greg Mottola. 20th Century Fox. PG-13, 2016, 105 minutes.

Things are not always what they seem, which is a lesson that one couple has to learn the hard way. Their new neighbors seem perfectly polite and normal, but when they are revealed to be spies, suddenly their reality affects everyone around them in a very real way. When an espionage plot goes haywire, the unsuspecting couple is forced to deal with the fact that they are now in way over their heads.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *Sully*

Starring: Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart, Laura Linney & Anna Gunn.

Directed by Clint Eastwood. Warner Bros. 2016, 96 minutes. PG-13.

In January of 2009, an American airline pilot known as Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger captivated the nation when he successfully pulled off an emergency landing in the Hudson River. This stunning feat of aviation history gave hope to a crippled nation, with the story of Sully's incredible piloting skills dominating the airwaves. However, as he was being lauded by the American citizens, he was also being investigated for what actually happened up in the air. In an age of heroes that so often falter, Sully's story was in question.

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

Thank You

Recent Donations

Book Donations:

Anonymous: In Memory of Paul Ghent
Ladies Literary League Members: In Memory of William Harvey

Endowment:

David & Joanna McElroy
Middlesex Aeromodelers

Tuesday January 17th

1:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.

American Red Cross Blood

Drive Call 1-800-RED-CROSS for appointments.



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Monday January 16 for
Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

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, January 9th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, January 19th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

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During the month of January, the Library will be featuring CDs of International & Ethnic Music & DVDs set in warm places.



Books on Display

In January, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, items recommended by Portland Library Patrons and Graphic Novels.