

Check it out...



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Library closed Saturday
September 2nd and
Monday September 4th for
Labor Day!

Regular Saturday hours start September 9th
open 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

August Saturdays through 8/26/17
open 9:00am -1:00pm

Come in early & get your books
before going to the beach for the day!

**Portland Library's 2017 Adult
Summer Reading Program:**

Build a Better World

The program runs

June 15-August 31, 2017

Portland Library presents an Adult
Summer Reading Program:



Drumming Circle

Monday, August 7th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Gather for a West African-inspired drum circle led by Mark Zarrillo, whose rich knowledge of West African music and culture, as well as over forty years of drumming wisdom, will inspire you. Learn basic techniques ending with a drumming sequence. Drums will be supplied. No prior experience necessary.

**The program is free; registration requested.
Made possible by the generous support of the
Friends of Portland Library!**

When you sign up for the 2017 Adult Summer Reading Program, you receive a coupon for a free book from the Friends Book Sale. If you read and log 2,000 pages over the summer, you get another coupon for an additional book.

For every **250 pages** the Adult Summer Reading participants of Portland Library log as a group, the library will donate money for 1 book to **Books For Africa**, (<https://www.booksforafrica.org/>) The **project in Eastern Congo** works with the local communities to put books into the hands of more children and youth in Eastern Congo, helping to provide them with a better quality education.

Together we can build a better world!



Lunch and Learn

Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 12 noon

***The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah**

With courage, grace and powerful insight, author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. This novel tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France--a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women.

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



These programs & prizes are made possible by the generous support of the Friends of Portland Library!

**Tech Talks are back!
Wednesday September 27th
at 1:00 p.m.**

**Tech Talk with Kevin:
Google Docs**

Get to your documents anywhere, anytime: Access, create, and edit your documents wherever you go " from your phone, tablet, or computer " even when there's no connection. Let Kevin, our favorite Tech Guru, show you how with Google Docs. **Registration requested!**



Youth Services News and Events

**BUILD A BETTER
WORLD™**



**Family Movie:
*The Boss Baby***

**Tuesday, August 8
11:00 a.m.**

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

The Portland Library's 2017 Summer Reading Program, **Build a Better World**, will run from **June 15th –August 31st, 2017.**

For the second year, we're using Wandoo Reader to track our summer reading. Like last year, for every **140** minutes that you read and log this summer (that's 20 minutes per day for 7 days!), you will earn **2 BOOK BUCKS**. These Book Bucks can be redeemed at the Portland Library for small prizes; saved to earn bigger prizes such as books; or exchanged at the library to go towards raising money for **Books for Africa**, a group that works to build libraries in African communities. The more you read and log, the more points you will also earn in the online Summer Reader game, which will allow you to customize your Wandoo champion and level up to make more summer fun!

We want you to read all summer and also earn extra prizes for fun challenges! Once you register for the program, you can check out the Challenge page to find extra activities that you can do to earn Book Bucks, such as coming to a library program, performing a random act of kindness, or building your own creation and submitting a photo to the library.

Registration for Portland Library's Summer Reading program began on June 1st.

Visit the library today for more information or log onto our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org for the link to register.

Thanks to the Friends of the Portland Library for funding our summer programming.

Take a break from the heat and join us for a screening of *The Boss Baby*. In this comedy film for all ages, seven-year-old Tim Templeton has to adjust to life when his new little brother, a suit-wearing, secret-agent Boss Baby joins the household and makes it clear that he's in charge. But when the pair discover a threat to society, they must pair up and learn to work together. Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration is recommended.

ABC

**Back to School Storytime
Thursday, August 24
at 10:30 a.m.**

Join Miss Jenn and Valley View school librarian Melissa Thorpe for a special back to school storytime. Whether you're going to school for the first time or returning for another year, this storytime will be filled with stories, songs and activities to get you excited for your first day of school!

Registration is recommended.

Youth Services News and Events



Fall Storytimes

Registration for fall story times will begin on **Monday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m.** Story time sessions will begin the week of **September 11th** and will be divided up into the following age groups:

Story Garden (ages 3-5)

Children are invited to have some fun while sharing some of Miss Jenn's favorite stories, songs, and games every week.

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.: September 12, 19, 26 and October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

Stories for Twos (ages 24-36 months)

Laugh, create, and connect with new and old friends, while listening to stories and enjoying related activities with Miss Patty.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.: September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1.

Bouncy Babies (ages 0-24 months)

This introduction to story time provides important bonding time and early literacy skills through stories, songs, games and playtime with new friends.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.: September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2.

Family Story Time

Come out and play with your child(ren) and enjoy a variety of *Language* and *Art Enrichment* activities for your family to share together. This program is open to all families with children in grades pre-K through 2nd grade. Younger siblings are always welcome. Family story time is held every **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.:**

September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1.

Registration for all of these story times is required. Go to www.portlandlibraryct.org or call 860-342-6770 to register starting 8/28/17.



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:
October 16, November 13, December 11**

SRP Volunteer Thank You Party Monday, August 21 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Our dedicated group of Summer Reading Volunteers has worked hard all summer to help us provide a great program. We will be having a **THANK-YOU PIZZA PARTY** on Monday, August 21, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

If you were part of our "crew" this summer, come join us for an afternoon of food, fun, games, and lots of laughs! Please **RSVP** to Miss Jenn at 860-342-6770 to let us know that you can join us so we know how much food to order.



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, August 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

***Best Boy* by Eli Gottlieb.**

A middle-aged autistic resident of a therapeutic community where he was sent as a young child rebels against changes in his environment by attempting to return to a family home and younger sibling he only partially remembers. Copies of the book are available to borrow.

Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m.

***A Map of the World* by Jane Hamilton.**

Well educated, urban-raised Howard and Alice Goodwin have chosen to raise their two daughters on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, though not openly welcomed by the community. Their peaceful lives are shattered when a neighbor's two-year-old daughter drowns in the Goodwin's pond while under Alice's care. Alice descends even further into darkness when she is accused of sexually abusing a student at the elementary school where she is a nurse. Soon, Alice is arrested, incarcerated, and as good as convicted in the eyes of a suspicious community.



Movies in the Evening

Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *The Zookeeper's Wife*

Starring: Jessica Chastain, Johan Heldenbergh, Daniel Brühl.

Director: Niki Caro. PG-13, 127 minutes, 2017.

In 1939 Poland, Antonina Zabinski and her husband Dr. Jan Zabinski are the stewards of the flourishing Warsaw Zoo. Following the Nazi invasion, the Zabinskis covertly begin working with the Resistance and put into action plans to save the lives of hundreds from what has become the Warsaw Ghetto.

Summer Movies in the Afternoon:

Paul Newman Film Festival:

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Paul Newman, prolific actor, philanthropist, and Ct resident founded Newman's Own Company which donates all of its profits to charity, especially The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, for children with serious illnesses. Paul Newman embodied the spirit of building a better world!

Enjoy these classics!

August 2 *The Verdict*

August 9 *The Color of Money*

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



Thank You

Recent Donations

Book Donations:

**Paula Brown Book in Memory of
Karen L. (Kirshe) Miller**

Tuesday September 26th at 2:00 p.m.

Mysteries-through-the-Decades Book Club

1980s: *The Ritual Bath* by Faye Kellerman

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Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday through 8/26 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturdays starting 9/9 10a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Library Meetings:

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, August 17th at 7 p.m.

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During the month of August, the Library will be featuring CDs of Country music & DVDs featuring movies about soldiers & war.



Books on Display

In August, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, Audio Books for car trips & Graphic Novels.