

Check it out...



A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library November 2017

Library closed Saturday
November 11th for Veteran's Day!
Library closing Wednesday
November 22nd at 5:00p.m. and
closed Thursday November 23 & Friday November
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The Library will be open Saturday November 25th!

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.

Tuesday November 28th at 2:00 p.m.

Tech Talk with Kevin:

Microsoft Excel & Google Sheets

Kevin our favorite tech guru from town hall will teach us all about spreadsheets and using formulas in a meaningful way.

Registration requested!



Lunch and Learn
Tuesday November 14, 2017 at 12 noon
Book Discussion

Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

Renée, the concierge and Paloma, a twelve-year-old genius and daughter of a tedious parliamentarian, hide both their true talents and their finest qualities from a world they suspect cannot or will not appreciate them. They discover their kindred souls when a wealthy Japanese man named Ozu arrives in the building. Only he is able to gain Paloma's trust and to see through Renée's timeworn disguise to the secret that haunts her.

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

December 12th Lunch & Learn: *A Man called Ove* by Frederick Backman

Online Resources

HOOPLA

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.

Universal Class: 500 online courses

Learn Anything, Anytime, Anywhere. Take a class in the library or at home with your Portland Library card.

ART AT THE LIBRARY



The Art Guild of Middletown will be holding its sixth annual members exhibit from November 4th through November 28th. All are welcome to come visit and enjoy this beautiful display of several different kinds of media of art. There will be oil paintings, watercolors, pastels, and more. The artists are all members of the AGM. These beautiful art pieces make wonderful gifts for the holidays! Please come and see this works of art and enjoy some of our local talent.

The public is invited to come to view the artworks and meet the artists at an **opening reception hosted by the Friends of the Library on Saturday November 4th 2:00 to 4:00 pm.**

Youth Services News and Events

Drop-In Playdates at the Library

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
November 8, 15, 22, 29
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.



Help encourage a love of reading and spend some quality time with your children by taking the time to enjoy some picture books together this month. To help you get the most from your reading experience, try the following:

- 1) Go on a "picture walk" by flipping through the illustrations and making observations and predictions for how the story will go before reading it.
- 2) Choose stories with rhyming, repetition, and other word patterns to help kids learn the patterns of language.
- 3) Use the settings and scenarios in the book to connect the story to activities and events that have happened in your child's life to help them relate.
- 4) Set a time and place to read each day or night and minimize distractions such as the TV and the radio. Having a routine will give you both something to look forward to!

JUNIOR CHEFS

Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
November 2, 9, and 16

Each week, children in grades K-2 will read a feature story followed by preparing a related snack. The kids will learn about making healthy food choices and learn some basic culinary skills.

Space is extremely limited and registration is required. A list of ingredients is available for those with allergies or food sensitivities; please call the library at 860-342-6770 or email jrenk@portlandct.org for this information.

November 2: Dinosaur Egg Rice Krispie Treats

November 9: Ice Cream in a Bag

November 16: TO BE DETERMINED

**Registration is required
and space is extremely limited.**

Choose Kind: Kindness Rock Art Grades K-5

Tuesday, November 21
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In honor of the November 17th release of the movie *Wonder*, based on the best-seller of the same name by RJ Palacio, we will be "choosing kind." Join us at 1:00 for a drop-in crafting session to paint rocks with words and images that promote kindness. We will then distribute them through the library grounds and complex to brighten someone's day.

Registration is recommended, but not required. Smocks will be provided, but play clothes are recommended.

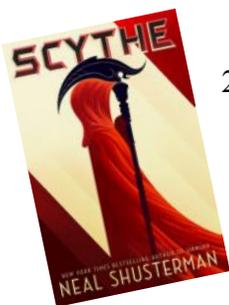


Youth Services News and Events

Teens' Top 10: Winners Announced

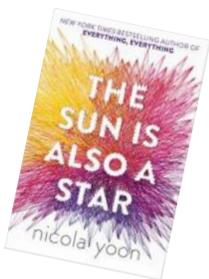
The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year! Readers ages 12 to 18 selected these ten titles as their favorites for this year.

1. Dinan, Kurt. *Don't Get Caught*.



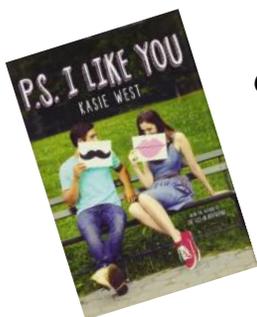
2. Shusterman, Neal. *Scythe*.

3. Yoon, Nicola. *The Sun is Also a Star*.



4. Clare, Cassandra. *Lady Midnight*.

5. Nijkamp, Marieke. *This is Where It Ends*.



6. Meyer, Marissa. *Heartless*.

7. West, Kasie. *P.S. I Like You*.

8. Welch, Jenna Evans. *Love & Gelato*.

9. Gout, Leopoldo.

Genius: The Game.



10. Russo, Meredith. *If I Was Your Girl*.

Congratulations to all of the winning titles and authors! Call the library for more information on locating these books.

Teen Event: Murder Mystery Party Monday, November 20 1:00-2:30 p.m. Grades 5 and up

Murder most foul! Baroness Arabella Rummun has recently died under tragic and mysterious circumstances and you are cordially invited to a pizza luncheon where her last will and testament will be read....and her murderer discovered!

Follow the clues to figure out whodunit, but be careful, everyone is a suspect! Upon arriving for the luncheon that day, you will be assigned a role and a script. Keep your wits about you, and you might just solve the crime!



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:
November 13, December 11



**Portland Library
Youth Services
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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, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

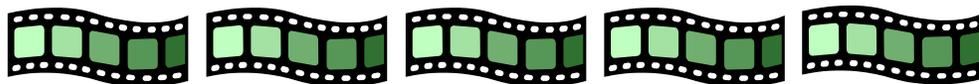
***The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty**

Discovering a tattered letter that says she is to open it only in the event of her husband's death, Cecelia, a successful businesswoman and a devoted wife and mother, is unable to resist reading the letter and discovers a secret that shatters her life and the lives of two other women.

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. Meanwhile, a parallel narrative explores the world of QD Soda, the illegitimate offspring of Wickett's Remedy, stolen away by Henry Wickett's one-time business partner Quentin Driscoll, who goes about transforming it into a soft drink empire.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *The Glass Castle*

Starring: Brie Larson, Woody Harrelson, Naomi Watts.

Director: Destin Daniel Cretton. PG-13, 127 minutes.

A young girl comes of age in a dysfunctional family of nonconformist nomads with a mother who's an eccentric artist and an alcoholic father who would stir the children's imagination with hope as a distraction to their poverty.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, November 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *Maudie*

Starring: Sally Hawkins, Ethan Hawke, Kari Matchett.

Director: Aisling Walsh; PG-13, 115 minutes.

An arthritic Nova Scotia woman works as a housekeeper while she hones her skills as an artist and eventually becomes a beloved figure in the community.

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

Thank You

Recent Donations

Book Donations:

Bruce Stevens

Tuesday November 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Mysteries-through-the-Decades Book Club

2000s: *Fudge Cupcake Murder*

by Joanne Fluke

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Library closing Wednesday

November 22nd at 5:00p.m. and closed

Thursday November 23 & Friday

November 24!

The Library will be open Saturday

November 25th 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 November 6th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday November 16th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

860-342-6770

www.portlandlibraryct.org

Library Director

Janet Nocek

During the month of November the Library will be featuring Classical Music CDs & Science Fiction/Fantasy DVDs.



Books on Display

In November, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, Veterans Day appreciation, comfort foods and Historical Fiction.