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A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library June 2023

Monday June 19th—The Library will be closed for Juneteenth!

Saturday June 24th 10am-12pm
Friends' Read & Recycle
Donate gently used books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles!



Sign up for the 2023 Adult Summer Reading Program & receive a coupon for a free book (up to \$2.00 in value) from the Friends' Ongoing Book Sale & another coupon when you log 2000 pages.

On June 12th register for summer reading and start logging pages you read in June!

For every **250 pages** the Adult Summer Reading participants of Portland Library log as a group, the library will donate funding for 2 musical instrument rental scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year for 2 deserving students at Brownstone Intermediate School. This year our charity is again local and focused on doing good in the community.

Wednesday June 7th at 6pm

Tapping Into the Past:

Tavern Life in Early Connecticut

Taverns in early Connecticut were more than just a place to drink. Travelers and locals alike saw taverns as a place to be entertained, spread news and gossip, have a good meal, and get a night's lodging. Learn about how taverns were an essential part of every Connecticut town. A CT Historical presentation.

Portland Library hours:

Monday — Thursday 10:00 am –8:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am -5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00am—3:00 pm

Curbside Pickup available



Movie:

Maybe I Do

June 14th at 1:00p.m.

Multi-Generational Drumming Circles
Mondays June 26, July 17 & August 14
@ 6:30 p.m.

On the Waverly Town Green
or in the Mary Flood Room if inclement weather

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. Drums will be supplied.

Birds

Audubon presentations
in the Mary Flood Room

Tuesdays @ 6:00p.m.

Birding by Sight & Sound July 25

Fall Bird Migration August 22

Bees: Beekeeping Basics

Monday July 31 @ 6:30p.m.

in the Mary Flood Room

Movies: Wednesdays at 1pm

June 14, July 12 & August 9

Monday August 6th at 6:30

Design & Construction of the Arrigoni Bridge: 85th Anniversary

Youth Services News and Events



2023 Summer Reading Program for Families and Children: Oceans of Possibilities

How It Works

Visit the library to pick up your registration kit, which includes your reading log, a scavenger hunt card, and your first summer reading badge. Start logging the minutes you read on or after June 14. Each day you read 20 minutes or more counts towards your summer reading goal. Earn prizes and new badges each time you reach 5 days. Logging can be done through the ReadSquared portal on our library website. You can also pick up a lined journal at the library to write down the titles of your books or a sticker sheet to log your minutes if you prefer. There are plenty of other ways to earn badges besides reading. You can adopt a shell from the library, vote in our "Who Would Win?" contests, or take a picture of your favorite place to read in the summer.

Registration for all programs begins on Tuesday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Summertime Stories (ages 0-5)

(Mondays at 10:30 a.m., June 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31)

Join us in our Mary Flood Room to enjoy stories, rhymes and songs about the ocean and its many animals. A craft project will be offered at the end of the program.

Ocean Adventures (going into grades K-2)

(Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., June 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26, August 2)

Come on an ocean adventure with Ms. Patty as we explore animals and games about ocean life. We'll do some crafting, experiment with chemical reactions, make edible aquariums, and even crack some pirate codes to escape a deserted island!

Mysteries Under the Sea (going into grades 3-5)

(Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1)

The ocean is full of mysteries, legends and lore. Over the course of this six-week program, we'll use the ocean and its stories and inhabitants as inspiration for projects such as creating coral reef crystals, making bioluminescent paintings, exploring aquatic cryptids, and analyzing unsolved shipwrecks.

Thank you to the Friends of the Portland Library for sponsoring all of our Summer Programs for Children and Families.

Youth Services News and Events

SUMMER READING KICKOFF : BMX CHAMP CHRIS POULOS

Wednesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m.

All ages welcome!

Join us in the Portland High School Gymnasium for a one-of-a-kind BMX demonstration. Chris is a world champion athlete and youth motivational speaker who shares powerful life lessons as he demonstrates amazing bicycle stunts.



Wednesday Night Family Shows

Every Wednesday night from June 22 through August 3 (no program July 6), Portland Library will host FREE family shows! Call 860-342-6770 or visit www.portlandlibraryct.org to register and get updated times and locations.

June 21: Comic Mime Robert Rivest

Through spoken word, physical comedy, and a zany cast of characters, Robert Rivest brings pure hilarity!

June 28: Touch Tanks from Mystic Aquarium

Get up and close and personal with some live sea creatures! Guides from Mystic Aquarium will be on hand to answer questions and provide info.

July 12: Pirate Night @ Portland Library

Ahoy, maties! Come build a pirate ship, sing some pirate songs and walk the plank!

July 19: Meet Ariel and Moana!

Disney princesses Ariel and Moana will be at the library with songs, stories hula lessons, and of course, plenty of photo ops!

July 26: Magician Ed Popielarczyk

Magician Ed Pop will make you laugh as he entertains you with stories and magic tricks. This interactive show involves A LOT of audience participation.

August 2: Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Leave your favorite stuffed animal at the library after a special storytime and then pick them up the next day to hear about their adventures!

Teen Programs (going into grades 6-up)

Candy Sushi

Thursday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m.

We guarantee this is the sweetest sushi you've ever had! Come make and try these delicious rolls with chopsticks.

Sand and Seashell Mosaics

Thursday, June 29 at 3:00 p.m.

This hybrid paint and sand/seashell mosaic is fun to make and will look great in any room!

Pandemonium at the Poolside: A Murder Mystery

Thursday, July 13 at 3:00 p.m.

A pool party goes wrong as one of the guests suddenly drops dead and all the clues point to murder. Can you figure out who committed the crime?

DIY Cloud Lamps

Thursday, July 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Bring the outdoors inside by crafting an easy, fluffy cloud lamp for your room.

Library "Luau" Lock-In Friday, July 28 from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Our annual lock-in is going tropical this year! Teens are invited to visit the library after closing time for this after-hours program. Wear your best Hawaiian shirt and join us for games, crafts, and of course, food! This is one of our most popular events of the year, so sign up early!

Registration required! Space is limited!



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More News...

In Person Book Clubs

Thursday June 1st @ 6:30p.m.

FTNBC (First Thursday Night Book Club)

***The Last Fight* by Julie Clark**

Two women. Two flights. One last chance to disappear. A chance meeting in an airport bar brings her together with a woman whose circumstances seem equally dire. Together they make a last-minute decision to switch tickets - Claire taking Eva's flight to Oakland, and Eva traveling to Puerto Rico as Claire. They believe the swap will give each of them the head start they need to begin again somewhere far away. But when the flight to Puerto Rico goes down, Claire realizes it's no longer a head start but a new life. Cut off, out of options, with the news of her death about to explode in the media, Claire will assume Eva's identity, and along with it, the secrets Eva fought so hard to keep hidden.

Tuesday June 20th @ 1:00p.m.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

And Then There Were None

by Agatha Christie

Ten people, each with something to hide and something to fear, are invited to an isolated mansion on Indian Island by a host who, surprisingly, fails to appear. On the island they are cut off from everything but each other and the inescapable shadows of their own past lives. One by one, the guests share the darkest secrets of their wicked pasts. And one by one, they die...

Which among them is the killer and will any of them survive?

June Book

Displays

at the Library:

Thriller Fiction,
Grilling & Celebrations
Nonfiction,
Pride Month and our
favorite Staff Picks!



Copies of these Book Club books are available!

Thank You

Donations:

Book:

Carolyn Freeman

Bruce Stevens

Stephen Ferenz audio

Paula Brown in memory of

Karen L. (Kirshe) Miller

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday June 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday June 15th at 7:00 p.m.

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Knifty Knitters are displaying some of their original creations for the month of June! Interested in knitting? Join them Saturdays 10-12



Tuesday June 6th @ 1:00p.m.

Talk about Books (T. A. B.)

***The Christie Affair* by Nina de Gramont**

The greatest mystery wasn't Agatha Christie's disappearance in those eleven infamous days, it's what she discovered.

London, 1925: In a world of townhomes and tennis matches, socialites and shooting parties, Miss Nan O'Dea became Archie Christie's mistress, luring him away from his devoted and well-known wife, Agatha Christie. The question is, why? Why destroy another woman's marriage, why hatch a plot years in the making, and why murder? How was Nan O'Dea so intricately tied to those eleven mysterious days that Agatha Christie went missing?