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A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library **October 2021**

The Library is closed Monday October 11th for a holiday.

Portland Library hours:

Monday — Thursday 10:00-7:00

Friday 10:00-5:00

Saturday 10:00-3:00

Curbside Pickup available anytime

Saturday October 23rd 11:00-3:00 Family Fun Day

Youth & Family Services event

11am-12pm

Howl-o-ween Pet Costume Parade. on the Town Green by the gazebo. **Pet costume parade at 11:30am** and prizes for the best costumes!

12:30-3pm

On the Town Green by the gazebo. Crafts & stories abound. **Youth costume parade at 2pm** and prizes for the best costumes!

The Library will be on hand to offer crafts and Halloween stories. Crafts like the "Make Your Own Monster" kit will make a fun Halloween decoration.



Fair Housing Matters: A Whole Community Conversation Part 2, to be held on Zoom on Wednesday, October 13th at 7pm.

Presented by Portland Library and the Portland Social Justice Coalition, in partnership with the Town of Portland

Attendees will learn about the Habitat for Humanity home-buying process with panelist Sarah Bird, Executive Director of Middlesex Habitat for Humanity. Additional information about home-buying, including opportunities for assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), will be provided by Real Estate Partner Patrick Farley. Desegregate CT will provide an update. The panelists will answer questions. For more information or to send your questions for the panelists, email portlandsocialjustice@gmail.com.

To Register: Call Portland Library at 860-342-6770 or visit portlandlibraryct.org. The Zoom link will be emailed to registrants.

No Fines: Portland Library is now permanently fine free!!

The Library wants all members of the Portland Community to have equal access to the Library's materials and services. Fine expense have kept many from using the library.

When you return an item after its due date, except for short-term popular items (currently, these include only outdoor yard games and museum passes), fines will NOT be charged and will not appear on your record. "No fines" does not mean "no responsibility". Library card privileges at all Library Connection member libraries will be suspended until late items are returned, replaced, or the library receives payment for the item. We hope to welcome back many long overdue books—and their borrowers!

Masks requirements:

Masks are required for library visits given the number of unvaccinated children visiting the library. Your safety remains our top priority and we will be revisiting policies as the situation changes. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Youth Services News and Events

Fire Truck Storytime Tuesday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m. On the Town Green

Fire Safety Week is October 3-9 this year and we'll be celebrating with books, songs and a visit from our local fire department! Come learn about fire safety and take a picture with a fire truck during this special storytime. All ages are welcome for this event. A take-home craft will be provided.

Registration is not required.



Family Halloween Storytime Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Dress up in your Halloween best and join us online for a very special Halloween storytime! Miss Jenn will share her favorite Halloween stories, songs, and activities to get you in the spirit for Halloween fun! Craft kits will be available for pickup before the program and a **Zoom link will be sent before the event.**

Registration is required and space is limited.



Fall Storytimes

Weekly storytimes will be held outdoors by the gazebo on the Town Green. Join us to sing some songs, practice some counting rhymes, and listen to some great stories. A take-home craft will be provided at the end of the preschool program. In case of inclement weather, the program will be moved online and a Zoom link will be sent to each registered participant.



Registration is required and can be done through our website calendar or by calling the library at 860-342-6770.

**Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
|October 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Storytime for Toddlers and Tots:
Mother Goose on the Loose
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
October 6, 13, 20, 27**

Upcycled Crafts (grades K-5) Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. October 7, 14, 21, 28

Save those bottles, jars and toilet paper rolls as we'll be turning them into creative "upcycled" projects in this **virtual program**. Each week, we'll turn an everyday item into something you never would have imagined. Most materials will be supplied each week and can be picked up in advance of the program.

Registration is required and space is limited.



Youth Services News and Events

Murder Mystery for Teens: Totally Rad 80s Prom Gone Bad Friday, October 29 at 3:30 p.m.

It's March 10, 1988 and the Tracy High School prom theme is "A Night to Remember." This will surely be a night to remember as Sally Spirit, a popular cheerleader, has been murdered on the football field. Read the case notes, listen to the witness statements, learn about the suspects and see if you can figure out who committed this grisly crime. This will be an in-person event held in our large meeting room.



Registration is required and space is limited.

Family Craft Night: Halloween Door Sign Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Create a spooky door hanging in this fun family program. This activity has steps that are appropriate for all ages, but a parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision. Supplies may be picked up in advance of the program and a **Zoom link for instruction will be sent within 24 hours of the event.**



Registration is required and space is limited.

November is NaNoWriMo Month!

Thursdays
from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

October 28, November
4, 18
(other dates to be determined)



NaNoWriMo is an acronym that stands for National Novel Writing Month, a creative-writing challenge that takes place every year throughout the month of November. The objective of this program is to challenge yourself to write 30,000 words in 30 days.

If you are in grades 7-12 and want to participate in the NaNoWriMo challenge, you are invited to join us in our large meeting each Thursday evening for snacks, quiet free writing time, and peers to help you work through any writing blocks you may encounter. Want to know more? Come to our introductory meeting on October 28. See you then!

Teens Wanted! (grades 6-up) Monday, October 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Interested in making a difference at your library and in your community? Join us on the first Monday of each month at our Teen Advisory Guild (TAG) as we brainstorm ideas for new programs, talk about books that we love, and enjoy some snacks and laughs with friends. You will earn community service hours for each meeting you attend.

Registration is required. This meeting will be held outdoors by the flagpole across from the library parking lot. In case of inclement weather, we will move to our large meeting room in the library.



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More News...

In Person Book Clubs

Thursday, October 14th at 1:00p.m.

T.A.B. (Talk about Books)
***The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn**

Two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption. **Copies of the book are available at the Library.**

Mystery Lover's Book Club

Tuesday October 19th at 1:00p.m.

***All the Devils are Here* by Louise Penny**

On their first night in Paris, the Gamaches gather as a family for a bistro dinner with Armand's godfather, the billionaire Stephen Horowitz. Walking home together after the meal, they watch in horror as Stephen is knocked down and critically injured in what Gamache knows is no accident, but a deliberate attempt on the elderly man's life.

When a strange key is found in Stephen's possession it sends Armand, his wife Reine-Marie, and his former second-in-command at the Sûreté, Jean-Guy Beauvoir, from the top of the Tour d'Eiffel, to the bowels of the Paris Archives, from luxury hotels to odd, coded, works of art. **Copies of the book are available at the Library.**

Portland Forum Book Discussion
Thursday October 28th at 7:00p.m.

***A Most Beautiful Thing: The True Story of America's First All-Black High School Rowing Team* by Arshay Cooper**

Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Books on diversity related titles will be on display. Feel free to borrow. You may read ahead for upcoming discussions. **In the Mary Flood room. In person.**

Thank You

Donations:

Books

Carolyn Freeman
Nancy Sawyer
E. Mary Shea
Douglas Welch magazine



Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday October 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday October 21st at 7:00 p.m.

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Displays at the Library for October are Hispanic Heritage books, Scary Books, All things Apple and our patron-favorite staff picks!