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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Library will be closed Monday
February 20th in honor of Presidents' Day!



Movie:
Ticket to Paradise
February 8th at 1:00p.m.

NEW: Seed Library

Sow, Grow, Save, Share with the Seed Library!
Whether you want to try your hand at gardening or are looking for a new variety to enhance your garden, the Seed Library can help you prepare for spring planting, with a variety of free seeds! A large variety of heirloom seeds and more are available, thanks to donations by Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company and Portland's Lily Rose Gardens. You may "borrow" seeds by taking a few packets. You are invited to share your unneeded seeds to grow the seed library.

This service is made possible with assistance from volunteer Melissa Kelley and supported through generous funding from the Peach Pit Foundation and the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. The grand opening of the Seed Library will take place this month in time to plan for a spring garden.

Saturday February 4th at 1:00pm

The Portland Historical Society will host its annual meeting in the Mary Flood Room.

Architectural historian Alain Munkittrick will present information and photographs from his new book: *Historic Houses of the Connecticut River Valley*. Come and listen to this interesting talk.

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

**Paint Party for
Adults
Thursday
February 9th
at 6:00 p.m.
Registration Required!**



Black History Month Events in the Mary Flood Room:

Monday February 13th at 6:00p.m.
Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America a documentary & discussion after viewing film

Thursday February 23rd at 1:00p.m.
Summer of Soul: award winning musical documentary of the Harlem Cultural Festival of 1969

Monday February 6th 10:30-11:30
**Blood Pressure Clinic & Heart Health
Education Event:**
Chatham Health District

Thursday March 16 from 4:00-6:00pm

Celebrate Student Art Month with Portland Middle School

This year's exhibit in the Mary Flood Room features the work of students in grade 7 and 8 visual art classes with additional works being shown from the Middle School after school art club.

Youth Services News and Events

Winter Reading Challenge: Smitten with Mittens Monday, January 9—Friday, March 3

Portland Library's Winter Reading Challenge is back! This year's theme is inspired by Jan Brett's picture book version of the classic folk tale "The Mitten."

Visit the library and get a mitten to color and hang on our bulletin board. Each time you check out materials in January and February (up to once per day), we'll add a new winter animal to your mitten. Once you've added all eight animals from the story, you will have completed the challenge and will win a small prize.



Winter Storytimes

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

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., February 7, 14, 21 28

Join us in our Wagner Room for stories, songs, and rhymes that encourage literacy and social skills and help get your preschooler prepared for kindergarten. We will offer a craft related to the weekly theme at the end of the program that can be done at the library or brought home.

Storytime for Toddlers and Tots: Mother Goose on the Loose

**Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.,
February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1**

Mother Goose on the Loose, a fun-filled interactive session for our youngest patrons, uses rhymes, a story, songs, puppets, scarves, and more to stimulate the learning process of babies and toddlers. Two sessions will be offered each Wednesday to keep group sizes small and interactions personalized.

Drop-In Playdates

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

February 2, 9 & 23 (no program February 16)

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us on Thursday mornings for an hour of socialization and open play with our story room toys. No registration is required for this program.

Take Your Child to the Library Day Saturday, February 4



2023 is the tenth anniversary of the Paw Patrol franchise and we're celebrating with our favorite furry neighborhood heroes! See if you can find Marshall, Rubble, Chase, Rocky, Zuma, Skye, Everest, Ella, and Liberty in our library scavenger hunt and create some paw-some crafts to take home.

Want to meet Portland's own K9 hero? Officer Kelly will be here with Portland's police dog Magnus for an 11:00 program for school-aged kids. Learn about Magnus's important work on the police force. **Registration for police dog program is required and space is limited.**

Readers' Theater: *The Mitten*

**Tuesday, February 21
from 1-2:30**



Love to act? Kids in grades K-3 are invited to bring the folk tale *The Mitten* to life in this program. Everyone will be assigned a part and given a script when they arrive. We'll play some theater games and be ready to put on a performance for friends and family by 2:00 p.m.

Registration is required and space is limited.

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Family Craft Night: Foam Mitten Wreath Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.

In keeping with our Smitten with Mittens Winter Reading Challenge theme, we will be making custom foam mitten wreaths. This activity has steps that are appropriate for all ages, but a parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision.

Registration is required and space is limited.



Family Fort Night and Nocturnal Animal Hunt Friday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m.

When the weather turns cold in winter, many animals like woodchucks and bears hide in their dens and hibernate for weeks at a time. Join us after the library has closed on this evening to create our own cozy reading dens, enjoy a bear-themed snack, and search the library once the lights go out for some animals hiding in the book stacks!

Registration is required and space is limited.



Wildlife in Winter Saturday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m.

How do animals survive the cold Connecticut winter without a warm home to escape to? Staff from the White Memorial Conservation Center will discuss a variety of ways that animals survive the winter, from staying active to migrating to hibernating. We'll hear a story, see some props and meet some local animal friends!

Registration is required and space is limited.

February Teen Events

Monday, February 6 at 3:30 p.m.: Teen Advisory Group Meeting—Come share your thoughts with us on what you would like to see the library offer in terms of programs, materials and more while enjoying some snacks and laughs with friends. You will earn community service hours for each meeting you attend. **Registration is required.**

**Monday, February 13
at 3:30 p.m.
Monster Mitten Craft and
Valentine Snack**
Create a sweet or scary mitten friend while snacking on some Valentine treats!
Registration is required.



Minecraft Unplugged

**Thursdays at
3:30 p.m.
February 2, 9, 23
Grades 3-5**

Whether you're a Minecraft newbie or expert, you're invited to come play some Minecraft-themed offline games, make crafts, solve challenges and go on adventures in this three-week program.

Registration is required and space is limited.



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More News...

In Person Book Clubs

Thursday February 2nd @ 6:30p.m.
FTNBC (**First Thursday Night Book Club**)

The Seven Husbands of Eleanor Hugo
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

From making her way to Los Angeles in the 1950s to her decision to leave show business in the '80s, and, of course, the seven husbands along the way, Evelyn unspools a tale of ruthless ambition, unexpected friendship, and a great forbidden love. Monique, the journalist writing her story, begins to feel a very real connection to the legendary star, but as Evelyn's story near its conclusion, it becomes clear that her life intersects with Monique's own in tragic and irreversible ways.

Tuesday February 7th @ 1:00p.m.
Talk about Books (T. A. B.)

The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah

A powerful American epic about love and heroism and hope, set during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them. Elsa—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west, to California, in search of a better life for her family.

Tuesday February 21st @ 1:00p.m.
Mystery Lovers' Book Club

The Stills by Jess Montgomery

Ohio, 1927: Moonshining is a way of life in rural Bronwyn County, and even the otherwise upstanding Sheriff Lily Ross has been known to turn a blind eye when it comes to stills in the area. But when thirteen-year-old Zebediah Harkins almost dies after drinking tainted moonshine, Lily knows that someone has gone too far, and—with the help of organizer and moonshiner Marvena Whitcomb—is determined to find out who.

Copies of these Book Club books are available!

Thank You

Donations:

Book:

Carolyn Freeman

William Sullivan

Tom & Pat McCormack

in memory of Phyllis Greene

Books:

Lions Club

Altrusa International Central CT

*Margot Chapman Spanish/English
Children's Books*

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday February 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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Save the Date:

Saturday March 25th 10am-12pm

Friends' Read & Recycle

**Donate gently used books, CDs, DVDs
and puzzles!**



February Book Displays at the Library:

Romantic Fiction,
Chocolates & Candy cookbooks,
Black History Month books
and our favorite Staff Picks!

**Mitten Tree: bring in new
Mittens and Gloves for Children
or Adults to be distributed by
the Portland Food Bank.**

