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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

The Library will be closed Friday March 29th for Good Friday.



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Hummingbirds

**Wednesday
March 13th 6pm**

Joe Attwater from CT Audubon Society returns to talk about one of the most interesting and tiniest of birds, the hummingbird.

Composting information March 18th 6pm

Do your part to help the climate:

Zoom presentation: panel of 3 experts

Blue Earth Compost: Sam King

Rich Earth Institute: Julie Cavicchi

Middlesex County UConn:

Gail K Reynolds, Master Gardener

Registration Required for Zoom Info!



Medicare:
Tuesday March 26th at 6pm
Get the A, B, C & D basics of Health Care needed for Retirement!



Student Art Reception:

Thursday March 7th 4:00-6pm

Meet the student artists at this opening reception hosted by the Friends of the Library.

The visual arts instructors for the Portland Public Schools are pleased to present an exhibit of student drawings, paintings, prints and ceramics created by students from Grade 7 - 12 in celebration of Youth Art Month. Please come support the visual arts program in our schools.

The exhibit runs March 7 - April 3.



**Saturday March 16th @12:30pm
in the Van Beynum Room**

Monthly Writers' Cafe: Due to popular demand, the Portland Library will be hosting a monthly Writers' Cafe on the third Saturday of each month from 12:30-2pm, starting in February! The first hour will be quiet, communal, writing time, (12:30-1:30pm), with the final 30 minutes set aside to chat about your project with fellow writers! (1:30-2pm)

**Saturday March 23: 10-12
Read & Recycle**

Get organized for the New Year!

Bring in your gently used books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles!

**Wednesday Movie @ 1pm
March 13th
Priscilla**



Youth Services News and Events



Spring Storytimes

Registration for spring storytimes begins on Monday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. Registration is required and space is limited.

**Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) Tuesdays at 10:30 or 11:30 a.m.
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 16, 23, 30 (no program April 9)**

Join Miss Jenn to sing songs, practice some counting rhymes, and listen to great stories that will help get your preschooler ready for kindergarten.

**Storytime For Toddlers and Tots: Mother Goose on the Loose (ages 0-2)
Wednesdays at 10:15 or 11:15 a.m.
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 17, 24, May 1 (no program April 10)**

Join Ms. Patty in this interactive session where there will be a story, rhymes, songs, puppets, scarves and more to stimulate early pre-reading skills of babies and toddlers. Two sessions will be offered each Wednesday to help keep our group sizes small.

Winter Reading Wrapup

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Winter Reading Challenge, "Reading is Fun Any Way You Slice It." We had 124 children and teens color in pizza slices each time they came to the library in January and February.

Once they colored all eight slices and completed their pizza, they received a small prize. We also took some time to read pizza stories, practice our teamwork like our pizza-loving heroes, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; learn about Italy, the birthplace of pizza; make our own dessert pizzas; and cast our votes for the best pizza in Portland!



Read to a Therapy Dog

**Saturday, March 2
from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

We are pleased to announce a partnership with Middletown High School's animal ambassador program. Each month, we will be hosting a therapy animal at the library. Kids between the ages of 6 and 12 can make an appointment for a 15-minute session to read to an animal buddy. Register through our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org or by calling 860-342-6770.

BENEFITS:

- Boosts Reading Confidence
- Reduces Stress and Anxiety
- Makes Reading Fun
- Promotes Emotional Connection and Comfort

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Family Craft Night: Shamrock Wall Art

**Wednesday,
March 13
at 6:30 p.m.**



Create your own customized shamrock wall art in this program that celebrates St. Patrick's Day. 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.

Solar System Expedition

**Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
March 7, 14 & 21
Grades 3-5**

Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to join us as we learn about our sun, moon and our neighbors in the Milky Way galaxy through games, experiments and more. We'll cap off the program by learning more about the solar eclipse that will take place on April 8.
Registration is required and space is limited.



Teen Events



Teen Program: Nintendo Switch Hangout (Tuesday, March 19 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.): Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a relaxed afternoon of playing Nintendo Switch games and hanging out with friends.
No registration is required.

LGBTQ+ Social and Support Groups: The Portland Library, in conjunction with Portland Youth and Family Services and QPlus, and supported by and Health Care Advocates International (HCAI), will be hosting social and support groups for LGBTQ+ youth beginning in March. Teens are invited to social meetups at the library on the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Support groups will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, with a parent and caregiver support group running concurrently in another room at the library. For more information, contact Jenn Renk at 860-342-6770.

Shamrock Scavenger Hunt

Friday, March 8

Drop in to the library throughout the day and enjoy a shamrock scavenger hunt and a leprechaun-inspired craft. No registration is required.

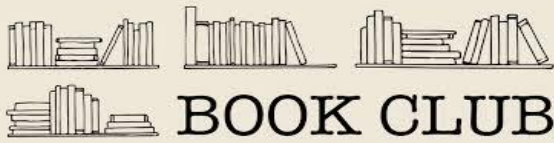


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More News...



March Book Club Picks!

1st Thursday Night Book Club

Thursday March 7th 6:30pm

The Female Persuasion

By Meg Wolitzer

Greer Kadetsky is a shy college freshman when she meets the woman she hopes will change her life. Faith Frank, dazzlingly persuasive and elegant at sixty-three, has been a central pillar of the women's movement for decades, a figure who inspires others to influence the world. Upon hearing Faith speak for the first time, Greer—madly in love with her boyfriend, Cory, but still full of longing for an ambition that she can't quite place—feels her inner world light up. And then, astonishingly, Faith invites Greer to make something out of that sense of purpose, leading Greer down the most exciting path of her life as it winds toward and away from her meant-to-be love story with Cory and the future she'd always imagined.

T.A.B. Talk about Books

Tuesday March 5th 1pm

Lessons in Chemistry

by Bonnie Garmus

NY Times best seller

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking proves revolutionary. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

Tuesday March 19th 1pm

City under One Roof

by Iris Yamashita

When a local teenager discovers a severed hand and foot washed up on the shore of the small town of Point Mettier, Alaska, Cara Kennedy is on the case. A detective from Anchorage, she has her own motives for investigating the possible murder in this isolated place, which can be accessed only by a tunnel. After a blizzard causes the tunnel to close indefinitely, Cara is stuck among the odd and suspicious residents of the town—all 205 of whom live in the same high-rise building and are as icy as the weather. Cara teams up with police officer Joe Barkowski, but before long the investigation is upended by fearsome gang members from a nearby native village.

Thank You

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Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

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

Library Board of Directors:

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

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March Book Displays

at the Library:

Historical Fiction,

Home Decorating & DIY

projects, Women's History

Month books, Local

Portland authors,

and our favorite Staff Picks!

