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Welcome

Please find insert in this newsletter regarding the library's new hours and services!

The Library is closed Friday April 2nd for Good Friday!

Thursday April 29th at 7:00 pm Zoom (the link TBD)

Fair Housing Matters: a whole community Conversation - a panel of presenters including representatives from Desegregate CT, Portland residents, and Town Economic Development Director Mary Dickerson. This is first in a series produced in partnership with the Portland Social Justice Coalition, The Town of Portland, and the Portland Library.

Wednesday April 28th Conservation Program at 7:00p.m. (Zoom presentation)

**'HOOTS, SCREECHES AND MOANS IN
THE NIGHT!!'**
Presented by Ginny Apple, a Master Wildlife Conservationist

Owls have long been the fascination of humans for their nocturnal nature, eerie calls and unique eyes. Owls have been thought to be portents of death, curses or disaster in many cultures, yet the owl also is projected as a wise creature promoting wisdom and strength. Did you know that there are owls that are year-round residents of Connecticut?

A PORTLAND - RIVER VALLEY GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM

Tuesday April 6th at 7:00p.m. Zoom Presentation Let's explore Connecticut Wineries!

Connecticut Wineries with 'The Nutmeg Nose'

Take a virtual ride through Connecticut's wine country and learn about our state's 40+ wineries. Our wine guide is Michelle Griffis, an enthusiast of Connecticut's wineries, nicknamed by friends as 'The Nutmeg Nose.' Michelle will discuss the array of fantastic, award-winning wineries here in our state.

She will also share dining options which include vineyards with on-site cafes, food trucks, and BYO picnic options. Whether you like a dry rose, a crisp white, or a hearty red, our state offers a wine for your palette. With beautiful scenery, daily tastings, and live music, Connecticut wineries make great destinations and a great opportunity to relax outdoors on a nice Spring or Summer day.

To join remote meetings; access it through
**Zoom: the ID is 8603426777
and the Passcode is Portland**

2020 Tax Forms

Federal Tax Forms (tax deadline extended to 5/17/21)

1040 & 1040SR forms and their instruction booklets are at the library. Request copies for curbside pickup.

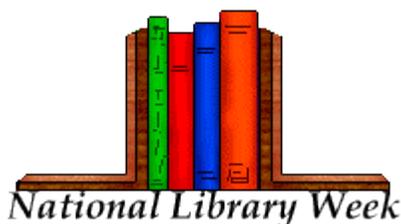
CT Tax Forms

The state of Connecticut is not sending paper copies to the library this year. We have made copies of the forms at the library. To order a copy from the state see below:

DRS Assistance at Taxpayers' Fingertips

The DRS website (<https://portal.ct.gov/DRS>)

Phone (ask questions and request paper forms by mail): - 860-297-5962 (from anywhere) - 800-382-9463 (Connecticut calls outside the Greater Hartford calling area only)



**APRIL
4-10,
2021**

Youth Services News and Events



Let's go on a POETRY WALK!

This April, the Portland Library is celebrating National Poetry Month and Earth Day with a downtown Poetry Walk! Stop into the library or visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org for a sheet that lists nine downtown locations that are featuring poems about nature in their windows. Write down the names of the poems at each location and return your sheet to the library or email it to us at portlandlibrary@portlandct.org. When you return your sheet, you will be given a small prize.

This event is open to participants of all ages.

Happy hunting!



Online Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
April 6, 13, 20, 27

Let's get together to share stories, songs and a craft via Zoom. **Registration is required and space is limited.** Craft supplies will be available for pickup in advance of the program and a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of each program.

NUTMEG VOTING
begins this year on **April 1st!**



Finish up those titles because
YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

This is the only book award in the state where KIDS pick the winner. Let your favorite authors know how much you like their work by voting on your favorites!

Stop into the library to vote on the 2021 Nutmeg Nominees or submit your favorite title in your age group to portlandlibrary@portlandct.org.

Nominees have been divided into four categories: Elementary (Grades 2-3), Intermediate (Grades 4-6), Middle School (Grades 7-8), and High School (Grades 9-12). Visit the Portland Library website for a complete list of nominees.

Winners will be announced on May 15th and next year's nominees will be announced on May 1st. All students who cast a vote will be entered into a raffle for one of three \$5 gift cards to Dairy Queen.

A Taste of Tourism
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Grades K-5
April 22, 29, May 6, 13

Travel the world without having to leave your house! Each week in this international program will have us exploring the cultures, landmarks, and traditions of a different country in the world through stories, games and crafts. **Registration is required and space is limited.** A Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of each program.



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Family Craft Night: Butterfly Shadow Boxes Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

April's Family Craft Night honors Earth Day with a craft that celebrates spring and new growth. This activity has steps that are appropriate for all ages, although adult supervision is required. Supplies can be picked up in advance; a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of the event. **Registration is required and space is limited.**



Teen Event: Mini Meetup Grades 6-up Monday, April 19 at 3:30 p.m.

We're "celebrating small" in this program that will have us making Shrinky Dinks, mini art masterpieces and some adorable "teen-y" bite-size treats!

Registration is required for this program and space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance; a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of the event.



APRIL VACATION PROGRAM: PAPER QUILLING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 AT 3:30 P.M. GRADES 3-UP

Paper quilling is the art of taking thin strips of colored paper, rolling them into a coil, pinching them to form a shape and then gluing the shapes together to create paper designs and objects. This art form is inexpensive and can be done with very little tools or experience. Come try your hand at simple designs or create your own masterpiece!

Registration is required for this program and space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance; a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of the event.



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More News...

Thank You

Mystery Lover's Book Club

Tuesday April 20th at 1:00p.m.

All is not Forgotten by Wendy Walker
(virtual meeting on Zoom)

Set in a small, affluent town of Fairview, Connecticut, where everything seems picture perfect.

Until one night when young Jenny Kramer is attacked at a local party. In the hours immediately after, she is given a controversial drug to medically erase her memory of the violent assault. But, in the weeks and months that follow, as she heals from her physical wounds, and with no factual recall of the attack, Jenny struggles with her raging emotional memory.

Her father, Tom, becomes obsessed with his inability to find her attacker and seek justice while her mother, Charlotte, struggles to pretend this horrific event did not touch her carefully constructed world.

Donations: Books

William Sullivan

Endowment Fund:

Edward Strenkowski
David & Myra Finkelstein
Susan McKinlay
Carol & Kevin Toomey

In memory of Ray Poet

Renee Poet
Holly O'Brien

Memorial Fund:

Babs & George Sheer
in memory of Eugene Sullivan

Thursday April 22nd at 7:00p.m. Portland Forum

April's book discussion:

Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson. NPR noted: In less than 200 sparsely filled pages, this book manages to encompass issues of class, education, ambition, racial prejudice, sexual desire and orientation, identity, mother-daughter relationships, parenthood and loss.

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday April 5th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday April 15th at 7 p.m.
via Zoom

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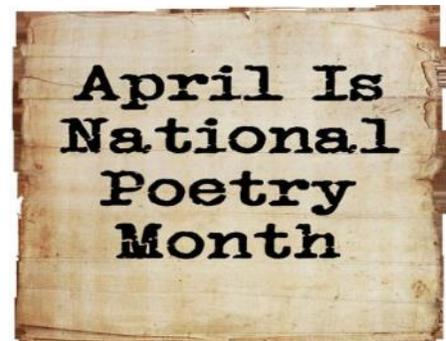
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Displays at the Library for April are poetry, baseball and edge-of-your-seat thriller fiction as well as our patron-favorite staff picks!



Please know that we are smiling behind our masks!