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Portland Library hours:

Monday — Thursday 10:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 19th

Library closed in honor of Juneteenth!

Adult Craft Night: Rain Boot Planters

Monday, June 16, 6:00 p.m.

Paint a 6 inch ceramic rain boot planter. You can also take home some dirt and seeds to grow sugar snap peas in your planter. Fire Ring Farm of Portland will be available to answer questions about the seeds and growing them.

Registration is required.



Sign up for the 2025 Adult Summer Reading Program

On June 17th register for summer reading and receive a coupon for a free book (up to \$2 in value) from the Friends' Ongoing Book Sale & another coupon when you log 2000 pages.



We had 100 participants in 2024. Help us "Level Up" in 2025 to 150 participants!

For each participant who reads at least one book this summer (including audiobooks and graphic novels) the Friends of Portland Library will donate \$3 towards two musical instrument rental scholarships for Brownstone Intermediate School students in 2025-26.

Wednesday Movie 1:00 p.m. June 11th

Here (2024)

Runtime 104 minutes



Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.

Friends' Donation Day
Donate gently used books, CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles!

One Seed, One Community Project

Join us for the second year to learn how to grow nutritious food and save seeds. Stop by the library to get **sugar snap pea** seeds and growing instructions for one of 3 "levels" of gardener: Solo Gardener, Grow a Row, and Grow a Bed.

Seeds for our 2025 project provided through another generous donation from Fire Ring Farm of Portland.



The Art of Container Gardening

Monday, June 30, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Mark Gostkiewicz will demonstrate how to create a container garden in any space.

Multigenerational Drumming Circles

Mondays, June 23, July 14 & August 11

6:30 p.m. on the Waverly Town Green

Led by Mark Zarrillo. Drums will be supplied.

Visible Mending

Thursday, July 10, 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to mend garments using darning techniques. Registration Required and space is limited.

Resume Workshop

Tuesday, July 22, 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.

Jeff Thierfeld will provide the essential tools to help market your skills. Registration Required.

Pen Turning

Saturday, July 26, 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Central CT Woodturners will assist you in designing and turning your own pen. First Come, First Serve.

Summer Movies

Wednesdays, July 9 & Aug 13, 1:00 p.m.

Youth Services News and Events

2025 Summer Reading Program for Families and Children: Level Up at Your Library



How It Works

Visit the library to pick up a reading log and start logging the minutes you read on or after June 17. **Each day you read 20 minutes or more** counts towards your summer reading goal. Earn bracelet charms each time you reach 5 days and additional prizes each time you read 15 days. Logging can be done through the ReadSquared portal on our library website, or you can pick up a lined journal or a coloring sheet to log your minutes if you prefer.

Registration for all programs begins on Monday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Weekly Programs for Kids

Summer Storytimes. Mondays at 10:30 a.m. June 23, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4. Join us in our Mary Flood Room to enjoy stories, rhymes and songs. A craft project will be offered at the end of the program.

Fun Beyond the Board (Game). Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. June 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6. For students going into Grades K-2. Games, crafts, cooking and other activities that go Beyond the Game!

Next Level Gaming. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. June 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5. For students going into Grades 3-5. Science experiments and crafts inspired by some of our favorite games followed by life-size versions of each game.

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



Wednesday Night Family Programs

Join us for these FREE family shows and activities on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer! Call 860-342-6770 or visit www.portlandlibraryct.org to register and get updated times and locations.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF:

Wednesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Illusionist David Garrity.

Portland Middle School Auditorium.

Family friendly illusion spectacular featuring amazing tricks, audience participation and comedy! Registration requested, but not required.

July 9: Reptiles Rock (6:30 p.m.)

Meet some reptiles from around the world in this interactive presentation, featuring bugs, frogs, snakes, tortoises and an American alligator. Registration is required.

July 16: Life-Size Candyland (5-8 p.m.)

et a team together and travel through all of the candy worlds in the library, earning treats as you make your way to Candy Castle.

July 23: Minigolf in the Library (5-8 p.m.)

Stop into the library and play 9 holes of book-themed mini golf designed by our teen volunteers. Sponsored by Chris Cote's Golf Shop.

July 30: Dinosaurs Rock! (6:30 p.m.)

Turtle Dance Music's mission is to coax kids out of their shells through dancing, moving, singing, laughing, learning, and connecting with each other. Registration is required.

August 6: Stuffed Animal Sleepover (6:30 p.m.)

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)

Summer Reading Volunteer Training

Thursday, June 5 at 3:30 p.m.

Students grades 7-up: we need you! Stop by the library or visit our website and sign up for our Summer Reading Volunteer program. Volunteers will not be able to sign up for volunteer shifts unless they have attended a mandatory training session.

Spectacular Spuds

Thursday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Pick out a potato pal and dress them up to compete in our potato pageant. After the contest, stick around to level up your culinary skills with our supreme baked potato bar.

One Shot D&D

Thursday, July 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Wonder what Dungeons and Dragons is all about but didn't know how to get started? Staff from Back Again Board Game Cafe in Middletown will help you create a character and run a standalone campaign. This activity is open to both D&D newbies and seasoned players.

Carnage at the Carnival:

A Murder Mystery

Thursday, July 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Welcome to The Greatest Show on Earth! This company is great at putting on a performance, but nobody gets along and scandals abound. Ringmaster Max A. Million is hosting a mandatory party; you don't have a choice but to dust off your best party attire. This is where your story begins.

Marbled Clay Trinket Dish Craft

Thursday, July 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Mold and decorate your own clay dish to give your jewelry, keys, or other knickknacks a home!

Library Lock-In

Friday, July 26 from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Visit the library after closing time for this after-hours program. 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 is required for all teen programs and begins on Monday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m.

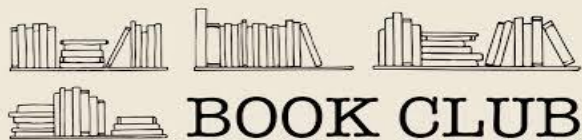


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More News...



June Book Club Picks

T.A.B. Talk about Books

Tuesday, June 3, 1:00 p.m.

The Women

by Kristin Hannah

1st Thursday Night Book Club

Thursday, June 5, 6:30 p.m.

The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared

by Jonas Jonasson

Mystery Lovers Book Club

Tuesday, June 17, 1:00 p.m.

We Solve Murders

by Richard Osman

Knifty Knitters

Saturdays 10:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

The Knitters (and Crocheters) of Portland are open to new, adult members of all experience levels, beginning fiber artists welcome! Drop in at this weekly knitting circle where people share ideas, get helpful knitting tips and enjoy chatting with others who enjoy these creative hobbies.



DID YOU KNOW?



Forgot Your Library Card?

Get your library barcode on your phone.

Download the app by going to the Android or Apple app store on your smart device. Search for *Library Connection Mobile*. Launch the app and enter the barcode from your library card. After the one-time set-up you can access your digital library card, search for materials, place holds, renew items, manage your account, and more!

Thank You

Donations:

Books:

Carolyn Freeman

Memorial Fund:

Henry Strom



Ongoing Food Drive

Donate nonperishable food to be delivered to the Portland Food Bank! Fill the shopping cart with love and caring for your neighbors!

Museum Passes & Yard Games

Check out the latest on museums for art, nature, history, and fun! We have Connect 4, Jenga and Dice yard games available for a 3 day loan period.

Go to the library website and click on Library Museum Passes or call to reserve a pass or game. Reservations are recommended.

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday, June 2, 7:00 p.m. - **Annual Meeting**

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.

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June Book Displays at the Library:

Pride month, Juneteenth, Staff Appreciation Picks purchased by FPL, Short Stories, and our favorite Staff Picks!

