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A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library November 2021

The Library is closed Thursday November 11th for Veterans Day. To all our Veterans:
Thank you for your service!



Indoor Board Games. Fun games to be borrowed for 3 weeks.

The Board Games and the ever popular Yard Games were purchased through a grant from the Peach Pit Foundation and the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Thank you!

Friday November 19th at 10:15

Waverly Senior Center

Kevin Armstrong, presenter

Tech Talk: Internet Safety - Avoid the Scammers

Internet scams can target anyone. Scams succeed because they look like the real thing and catch you off guard when you're not expecting it. Scammers are getting smarter and taking advantage of new technology, new products or services and major events to create believable stories that will convince you to give them your money or personal details. Protect yourself.

Location:

WAVERLY SENIOR CENTER, MARY LOU RICE room, collaboration with the Library & the Senior Center.

Portland Library hours:

Monday — Thursday 10:00-7:00

Friday 10:00-5:00

Saturday 10:00-3:00 Curbside Pickup available by prior arrangement

The Library is closing Wednesday November 24th at 5:00p.m. The library will be closed Thursday November 25th and Friday November 26th for Thanksgiving.

The Library will be open Saturday November 27th 10:00-3:00p.m.



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

November is Native American Heritage Month!

Tuesday, December 7th @ 6:00p.m.

A Native American Winter

Dr. Lucianne Lavin, presenter on Zoom.

Dr. Lavin is an anthropologist & archaeologist who has over 40 years of research & field experience in Northeastern archaeology & anthropology.

If you were a Native American living 500 (or 1000 or 5000) years ago, likely you would look forward to the winter season. Connecticut's indigenous communities were outdoor peoples who not only survived but thrived under adverse weather conditions. They spent most of their lives in the open air.

This presentation describes the traditional winter activities of Native American before the coming of European settlers to Connecticut.

Registration Requested!

Youth Services News and Events

Online Storytimes

Weekly storytimes will move online for the winter session. Join us on Zoom to sing some songs, practice some counting rhymes, and listen to some great stories. A take-home craft will be available each week for anyone who wants to come pick one up. **Registration is required and can be done through our website calendar or by calling the library at 860-342-6770. We will send out a Zoom link each week in advance of the program.**



Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
November 2, 9, 16, 30,
December 7, 14, 21

Storytime for Toddlers and Tots:
Mother Goose on the Loose
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
November 3, 10, 17,
December 1, 8, 15, 22

no programs during Thanksgiving week

Homemade Holidays
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
November 18, December 2, 9, 16

Children in grades K-5 are invited to join us for this popular holiday crafting program! We'll give you all of the supplies needed as well as a Zoom link to do the activities online with us. **Registration is required and space is limited.**



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Happy Di-November!

Drop in on November 2 as we gather dinosaur eggs from around the children's department and place them in their nest to await hatching.

Then visit the library or watch our website and social media channels throughout the month to see what mischief and mayhem the dinosaurs have been up to each week.

Throughout the month, we'll also have prehistoric crafts, activities and a scavenger hunt available. Ask at the reference desk for information on the local dinosaur fossils that can be found at the library and get your picture taken with some life-size dinosaur cutouts.



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Teen Event: Jurassic Teens

Monday, November 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Dinosaurs aren't just for kids! Join us for an afternoon of dinosaur crafts, from glass marble dino eyes to pushpin eggs to full dinosaur models. Participate in one or all three of the craft activities or just hang out and enjoy snacks with your friends.

Registration is required.



**Family Craft Night:
Straw Hat Turkey
Wednesday, November 17
at 6:30 p.m.**

Turn an ordinary straw hat into a fun fall decoration with just some foam, paper and ribbon. 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, November 8
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 in our large meeting room in the library.



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More News...

In Person Book Clubs

Thursday, November 4th at 1:00p.m.

T.A.B. (Talk about Books)

Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

One Sunday afternoon in Southern California, Bert Cousins shows up at Franny Keating's christening party uninvited. Before evening falls, he has kissed Franny's mother, Beverly—thus setting in motion the dissolution of their marriages and the joining of two families. Spanning five decades, **Commonwealth** explores how this chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the four parents and six children involved.

Tuesday November 16th at 1:00p.m.

Mystery Lover's Book Club

Murder in Old Bombay by Nev March

In 1892, Bombay is the center of British India. Nearby, Captain Jim Agnihotri lies in Poona military hospital recovering from a skirmish on the wild northern frontier, with little to do but re-read the tales of his idol, Sherlock Holmes, and browse the daily papers. The case that catches Captain Jim's attention is being called the crime of the century: Two women fell from the busy university's clock tower in broad daylight. Moved by Adi, the widower of one of the victims — his certainty that his wife and sister did not commit suicide — Captain Jim approaches the Parsee family and is hired to investigate what happened that terrible afternoon. This is based on a true story.

Thursday December 2nd at 7:00p.m.

Portland Forum

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?

Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Thank You

Donations:

Books

Carolyn Freeman

Nancy Sawyer

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Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday November 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday November 18th at 7:00 p.m.

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Displays at the Library for November are Native American Heritage books, Veterans Tribute, Cozy Mystery Fiction and our patron-favorite staff picks!

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.