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The Library will be closed Friday November 11th for Veterans' Day!

The Library will be open Saturday November 12th 10-3pm.

The Library will close Wednesday November 23rd at 5pm and will be closed Thursday November 24th and Friday November 25th!

The Library will be open Saturday November 26th 10-3pm.

Wednesday November 2nd at 6pm

USA Financial: Market Corrections, Recessions and the Potential Consequences on Retirement In the Mary Flood Room

with Michael Alimo Investment Advisor
Representative from USA Financial

Worried about your retirement investments? Michael will help delve through the issues.

Indigenous Music in the 21st Century

Wednesday November 16th @ 6:30p.m.

Join musician and educator, Craig Harris to learn more about Indigenous Music in the 21st Century. Combining research-based storytelling and archival audio/visual, this program celebrates the eclectic sounds and vibrant musicians creating today's Indigenous music. For all Ages 5th grade and up. Music historian, educator, storyteller, percussionist, photographer, and radio show host, Craig Harris presented a Woodstock program a few years ago.

Movie:

Elvis

November 9th at 1:00p.m.



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

NEW: Seed Library

A seed library is a place where community members can find free seeds and may donate their own saved seeds. If you have saved a good number of seeds from your garden and would like to share your bounty, please consider donating seeds to the library, to help build a Portland Library Seed Garden. Collection envelopes and donation forms will be made available beginning mid-November. The Seed Library is made possible with assistance from volunteer Melissa Kelley and supported through generous funding from the Peach Pit Foundation and the County Foundation of Middlesex County. The grand opening of the Seed Library will take place February 2023, in time to plan for a spring garden.

Thanksgiving Food for Thought: Institute for American Indian Studies Zoom program

Tuesday November 8th @6:30p.m. Zoom

What does Thanksgiving mean to you and how do you celebrate it? Is it a day to spend time with family and friends? Is it a time to eat lots of delicious food? Is it a time to be thankful for the positive things in your life? As you can see, the same holiday can mean different things to different people. Indeed, for many Native Americans living today, answering the questions above is not so simple. Join Education Director Darlene Kascak from the Institute for American Indian Studies, Schaghticoke Tribal Nation for a discussion about the myths and misconceptions surrounding this holiday. **Registration Requested!**



Youth Services News and Events



Fall Storytimes

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

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

November 1, 15

(no program November 8 as there is no school)

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.

November 2, 9, 16

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.

Superhero Training Academy Tuesday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.

November 8 may be a day off from school, but kids in grades pre-K through grade 2 are invited to a different kind of training: our Superhero Academy! Join us to master superhero skills ranging from leaping over buildings to practicing their x-ray vision to decontaminating a kryptonite zone! **Registration is required and space is limited.**



Drop In Playdates Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.



**November 29, 30,
December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21**

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in late November and early December from 10:30-11:30 for an hour of socialization and open play with our story room toys.

No registration is required.

Pokemon Party (grades K-2) Thursday, November 3 at 3:30 p.m.

There's one week left of our Pokemon Party program! We'll be wrapping up our program by getting our Pokemon Master certificates and trading cards, playing some Pokemon BINGO and enjoying a yummy treat! **Registration is required.**



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Family Craft Night: Seasonal Wood Gnomes Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Recycle unused Halloween decorations into fall and winter holiday décor. 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.



Makeup Family Hike at Portland Reservoir Saturday, November 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a family hike at the Portland Reservoir.

This hike is an extension of the hikes run for the library's "Beyond the Beaten Path" Summer Reading program. The hike will be led by high-school senior Annette Leshane for her Capstone project.

Materials for a scavenger hunt will be provided on the hike and parent/adult guardians are required to attend for all ages! Even though the hike is not difficult, we suggest bringing water, epipen/medication if needed, comfortable shoes and clothing to walk in as well as bug spray and sunscreen.

November Teen Events

Monday, November 7 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.**

Wednesday, November 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Transgender Awareness Month—Teens in grades 6 and up are welcome to drop by for a celebration of Transgender Awareness Month. We'll have snacks, and activities will include games and T-shirt and button-making. **Registration is recommended, but not required for this event.**



Thanksgiving Craft and Snacktivity Tuesday, November 22 at 1pm

Kids in grades K-5 are welcome to join us after the half-day at school for some turkey-themed activities. We'll create a centerpiece for our holiday tables, make a delicious treat to enjoy, and play some games. **Registration is required and space is limited.**



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More News...

In Person Book Clubs

Tuesday November 1st @ 1:00p.m.

Talk about Books (T. A. B.)

***The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich**

Thomas Wazhashk is the night watchman at the jewel bearing plant, the first factory located near the Turtle Mountain Reservation in rural North Dakota. He is also a Chippewa Council member who is trying to understand the consequences of a new "emancipation" bill on its way to the floor of the United States Congress. It is 1953 and he and the other council members know the bill isn't about freedom; Congress is fed up with Indians. The bill is a "termination" that threatens the rights of Native Americans to their land and their very identity. How can the government abandon treaties made in good faith with Native Americans "for as long as the grasses shall grow, and the rivers run"? Based on the life of Erdrich's grandfather.

Thursday November 3rd @ 6:30p.m.

FTNBC (First Thursday Night Book Club) ***LaRose* by Louise Erdrich**

Landreaux Iron stalks a deer along the edge of the property bordering his own. He shoots with easy confidence—but when the buck springs away, Landreaux realizes he's hit something else. When he staggers closer, he realizes he has killed his neighbor's five-year-old son, Dusty Ravich. Horrified at what he's done, the recovered alcoholic turns to an Ojibwe tribe tradition—the sweat lodge—for guidance, and finds a way forward. Following an ancient means of retribution, he and Emmaline will give LaRose to the grieving parents. "Our son will be your son now," they tell them. LaRose is quickly absorbed into his new family.

Tuesday November 22nd @ 1:00p.m.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

***Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger**

Frank begins the season preoccupied with the concerns of any teenage boy, but when tragedy unexpectedly strikes his family—which includes his Methodist minister father; his passionate, artistic mother; Juilliard-bound older sister; and wise-beyond-his-years kid brother—he finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal, suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity and gumption beyond his years. Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, this is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him.

Thank You

Donations:

Book

Carolyn Freeman

Bruce Stevens

Henry Strom

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday November 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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November is Native American Heritage Month!

**Artist Reception: Saturday November 19th
1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.**

Michael Beck, Portland Artist, photographs
of local scenes

November Book Displays at the Library:



Cozy Mysteries
Pies & Thanksgiving food
Native American Heritage
Books
and our favorite Staff Picks!

Copies of these Book Club books are available!