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Tuesday July 4th—The Library will be closed for Fourth of July, Independence Day!

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



Monday July 31st at 6:30pm Bees & Beekeeping

Mark Creighton is an Apiary Inspector for the State of CT and a Master Beekeeper.

Beekeeping Basics. This presentation will highlight a modern beehive structure and describe the communal organization of bees within a hive. The life cycle of worker bees and basic bee genetics will be covered. A brief history of beekeeping will be included.
Registration Requested!

Tuesday July 25th @ 6pm Birding by Sight & Sound

Learn how to identify backyard birds by sight and sound, who is at the feeder during each season and what their feeding habits are. Also covered will be bird characteristics, ways to entice birds to your feeder, what feeders and seed to use, and where to place feeders for bird safety and best viewing.
Registration Requested!



Multi-Generational Drumming Circles Mondays June 26, July 17 & August 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

On the Waverly Town Green
or in the Mary Flood Room if inclement
weather

Birds

**Audubon presentations
in the Mary Flood Room
Tuesdays @ 6:00p.m.**

Birding by Sight & Sound July 25

Fall Bird Migration August 22

**Bees: Beekeeping Basics
Monday July 31 @ 6:30p.m.
in the Mary Flood Room**

**Movies: Wednesdays at
1pm**

**July 12 *Dog &
August 9 *Moving On****



**Monday August 6th at 6:30
Design & Construction of the Arrigoni
Bridge: 85th Anniversary**

**Sign up for the 2023 Adult
Summer Reading Program
Program & receive a coupon for a free
book (up to \$2.00 in value) from the
Friends' Ongoing Book Sale & another
coupon when you log 2000 pages.**

Youth Services News and Events



2023 Summer Reading Program for Families and Children: Oceans of Possibilities

How It Works

Visit the library to pick up your registration kit, which includes your reading log, a scavenger hunt card, and your first summer reading badge.

Each day you read 20 minutes or more counts towards your summer reading goal. Earn prizes and new badges each time you reach 5 days. Logging can be done through the ReadSquared portal on our library website, or you can pick up a lined journal at the library to write down the titles of your books or a coloring sheet to log your minutes if you prefer. Plus you can also earn badges plenty of other ways besides reading!

- ◇ **Vote in our "Who Would Win?" contests!**
- ◇ **Take a picture of your favorite place to read in the summer!**
- ◇ **Complete the library's Ocean Scavenger Hunt!**
- ◇ **Track a turtle on the Sea Turtle Conservancy website, and tell us where it has been!**
- ◇ **Create a sea creature from a plastic water bottle!**
- ◇ **... and more!**

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



From July 1 to September 4, Connecticut children age 18 and under plus one accompanying Connecticut resident adult can visit participating museums free of charge through the Connecticut Summer at the Museum program. Before you visit, check each participant's website for specific program details and ticket availability.

Summer Kickoff Party Tuesday, July 11 3:30—5:30 p.m.

Join the Library, Portland Youth and Family Services and local businesses for a rescheduled summer kickoff party on the Portland Town Green. This FREE event will feature:

- Free ice cream
- Petting Zoo
- Crafts
- Lawn Games



Happy Birthday, Spongebob Squarepants!

Come celebrate with us on Friday, July 14 with some games and crafts and get a special badge for your summer reading bags!



August Activities

Chalk the Walks (Wednesday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m.): Come decorate the library sidewalks with images and messages of kindness! Chalk and popsicles will be supplied. Registration is not required for this drop-in event.

Parachutes and Picnic (Tuesday, August 8 at 11:00 a.m.): Come enjoy some parachute play with Ms. Jenn and Ms. Patty on the Town Green. Bring a blanket and a picnic to enjoy after our playtime. This event is weather-dependent and no registration is required.

School Supply BINGO (Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m.): Join us for a fun night of BINGO on the Town Green and win some school supplies! Registration is not required for this drop-in event.



*Adopt a shell as one of your
Summer Reading Prizes!*



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More News...

In Person Book Clubs Are on Hiatus in July & August!

Things to do instead:

Join the Adult Summer Reading Program at the library and earn prizes for doing what you love to do — read!

Listen to Books on CD in the car

Get the Libby App & Hoopla App and borrow online e-books & audio books!

Here are some books previously enjoyed by our book club members:

Joshi, Alka FIC Joshi
The Henna Artist

Ishiguro, Kazuo FIC Ishiguro
Klara and the Sun

Osman, Richard MYS Osman
The Thursday Murder Club

Krueger, William Kent FIC Krueger
Ordinary Grace

Tan, Amy FIC Tan
The Joy Luck Club

Center, Katherine FIC Center
Things You Save in a Fire

De Gramont, Nina Fic Gramont
The Christie Affair

Healey, Jane FIC Healey
The Beantown Girls

Chiaverini, Jennifer FIC Chiaverini
Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker

Rooney, Kathleen FIC Rooney
Lillian Boxfish takes a Walk

Thank You

Donations:

Book:

Carolyn Freeman
Jan Velsmid Children Fishing
books in memory of
Kevin Gubille

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday June 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday June 20th at 7:00 p.m.

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Summertime...
and the reading is easy



July Book Displays at the Library:

Summer Fiction
Travel Nonfiction,
Book Club favorites
and our favorite Staff
Picks!

