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A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library December 2022



The Library will be closed Saturday December 24th and Monday December 26th for Christmas!

The Library will be closed Saturday December 31st and Monday January 2nd for New Years!

NEW: Seed Library

A seed library is a place where community members can find free seeds and may donate their own saved seeds. Please consider donating leftover seeds to the library, to help build a Portland Library Seed Garden. The Seed Library is made possible with assistance from volunteer Melissa Kelley and supported through generous funding from the Peach Pit Foundation and the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. The grand opening of the Seed Library will take place February 2023, in time to plan for a spring garden.

Tuesday January 17th 6:00p.m. Taxes, Retirement Oh My!

Taxes have been a concern for many Americans for decades now. With rising deficits, debt on the federal, state and municipality level where does that leave the taxpayer? As we head towards retirement most Americans have squirreled away a fair amount of assets "tax-deferred". At this educational workshop you will learn how taxes can change the outcome of your retirement. **Registration Requested!**

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

Vaccination Clinic

Monday December 5th 12noon-2pm.

Flu shots and Covid-19 Boosters of Moderna & Pfizer available

Sponsored by Chatham Health District.

Movie:

Where the Crawdads Sing

December 14th at

1:00p.m.



Wednesday January 25th 7pm

Milkweed & Baptista

Garden Program with Master Gardener Lynn Keller & co-sponsored by the CT River Valley Garden Club in the Mary Flood Room

When you're planting milkweed from seed, give them the period of stratification (exposure to cold, moist conditions) they need to encourage spring germination and ensure a good display of flowers the following summer. Bring an empty milk jug to bring home starter seeds. **Registration Required!**

Save the Date:

Saturday

January 14th

10am-12pm

Friends'

Read &

Recycle



Youth Services News and Events

**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.



Winter Storytimes

Registration is required and opens on Monday, December 19. Registration can be done through our website calendar at www.portlandlibraryct.org or by calling the library at 860-342-6770.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21 and 28

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.

January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1

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.



Meet and Greet with the Snow Sisters

Tuesday, December 27 at 11:00 a.m.

Calling all fans of Elsa and Anna!

The Snow Sisters will be visiting the Portland Library for a morning of songs, games, crafts and plenty of photo opportunities.

Registration is required and space is limited.

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Family Craft Night: Gingerbread Houses Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Use your imagination to create a unique and tasty house to bring home with you using graham crackers, frosting and other delicious supplies. 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.



Crafty Thursdays Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. December 1, 8, 15 Grades K-5

Join us for some no-rules creative crafting in the Wagner Room. There will be plenty of fun supplies and the only limit on what you can create is your own imagination! This is a drop-in program and no registration is required.

December Teen Events

Monday, December 5 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.**

Monday, December 12 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Melted Crayon Jewelry—Learn how to make colorful pendants from discarded art supplies. Make one for yourself and one to gift this holiday season. This program is limited to kids and teens in grades 6-up. **Registration is required.**



Celebrate Hanukkah! Tuesday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

You are invited to celebrate Hanukkah in this program led by Portland residents Barbara Sequenzia and Liz Hibino. Whether you actively celebrate Hanukkah or just want to learn more about this holiday, you are invited to join us for stories, songs, games and some delicious latkes. This program is geared towards kids in grades K-3, but all are welcome. **Registration is required.**



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More News...

In Person Book Clubs

Thursday December 1st @ 6:30p.m.

FTNBC (First Thursday Night Book

Club) ***Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell**

Agnes is a wild creature who walks her family's land with a falcon on her glove and is known throughout the countryside for her unusual gifts as a healer, understanding plants and potions better than she does people. Once she settles with her husband on Henley Street in Stratford-upon-Avon she becomes a fiercely protective mother and a steadfast, centrifugal force in the life of her young husband, whose career on the London stage is taking off when his beloved young son succumbs to sudden fever. A luminous portrait of a marriage, a shattering evocation of a family ravaged by grief and loss, and a tender and unforgettable re-imagining of a boy whose life has been all but forgotten.

Tuesday December 6th @ 1:00p.m.

Talk about Books (T. A. B.)

***The Moon, the Stars & Madame Burova* by Ruth Hogan**

Madame Burova—beloved Tarot reader, palmist, and clairvoyant—is retiring and leaving her booth on the Brighton seafront. After inheriting her mother's fortune-telling business as a young woman, Imelda Burova has spent her life on the Brighton pier practicing her trade. She and her trusty pack of Tarot cards have seen the lovers and the liars, the angels and the devils, the dreamers and the fools. Now, after a lifetime of keeping other people's secrets, Madam Burova is ready to have a little piece of life for herself. But she still has one last thing to do—to fulfill a promise made in the 1970s, when she and her girlfriends were carefree, with their whole lives still before them.

Tuesday December 13th @ 1:00p.m.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

***Murder for Christmas* by Francis Duncan**

When Mordecai Tremaine arrives at the country retreat of one Benedict Grame on Christmas Eve, he discovers that the revelries are in full swing in the sleepy village of Sherbroome—but so too are tensions amongst the assortment of guests. When midnight strikes, the partygoers discover that presents aren't the only things nestled under the tree...there's a dead body too. A dead body that bears a striking resemblance to Father Christmas. With the snow falling and suspicions flying, it's up to Mordecai to sniff out the culprit—and prevent anyone else from getting murder for Christmas.

Thank You

Donations:

Book

Carolyn Freeman 2 books

William Sullivan

Endowment

Sandra Handel

in memory of Kathleen Rogers

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday December 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday December 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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Save the Date: January 31, 2023 6pm
Zoom presentation from CHS (Connecticut Historical Society)
Katharine Hepburn from Hartford to Hollywood

December Book Displays at the Library:



Holiday Fiction,
DIY cards & presents
and our favorite Staff Picks!

Copies of these Book Club books are available!