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The Library is
closed Monday,
May 30, 2022
for
Memorial Day.



**Saturday, May 7th
Town Wide Tag Sale
Benefits the Portland Historical Society
Maps will be available at the library
and at the Ruth Callander House
at 492 Main Street in Portland**

The Budget process happens every spring! The Board of Selectmen's deliberations conclude the end of March.

The Town meeting on their proposed budget takes place May 2 at Portland Middle School: Residents may accomplish changes during the Town meeting if in accord with requirements of the Town Charter.

The VOTE on the budget takes place during the referendum Monday May 9th at Portland Middle School 6 am to 8 pm.

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

**The Con Artist Playbook by AARP CT
and Portland Senior Center
Monday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m.**

Join us as we dive into the mind of a con artist who target our communities at the cost of so much. Learn how to protect you and your loved ones from ID Theft, Romance Scams, Imposter Scams and more! Session is live and interactive allowing for a Q & A after the presentation.

Register at

<https://aarp.cventevents.com/FWNPortlandMay9>

**Tuesday May 17th at 6:30pm on Zoom
The Dogs of Chernobyl, a Story of Hope
& Resilience**

Feline Behaviorist, Stephen Quandt, recently gave a webinar on cat behavior called *Decoding the Mysteries of Cats, or Why Cats Do What They Do* at the Portland library and it was very well received. The library is having Stephen back to give this important presentation on how the Chernobyl disaster affected the generations of animals living there.

SAVE THE DATE: June 11, 2022 from 11 am to 2 pm.

Happy 125+2 Anniversary, Portland Library!

Portland's first public library was established in the spring of 1895. The Library Board invites all to an Anniversary celebration of 125 plus 2 years of Library services in Portland. Games, music, and magic performances will occur as well as participation by Community groups such as Parks & Recreation, Youth Services, Portland Fire Department, and Portland's Police Dog. Painting sessions for adults and more will be happening outside and inside the library. And come for a free frozen treat! For more information, watch the *Rivereast* and *Middletown Press* and visit the library's webpage. Stay tuned as you are invited to send your own library love for a commemorative video and/or social media postings.



Youth Services News and Events

May Storytimes

Join us in the Mary Flood Room for stories, songs, and rhymes. Masks are optional for all attendees and social distancing is encouraged. The preschool program will have a craft at the end of the program that can be done here or brought home.

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

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

May 3, 10, 17, 24

Storytime for Toddlers and Tots:

Mother Goose on the Loose

Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

May 4, 11, 18, 25



Family Craft Night: Summer Welcome Signs

Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Warm weather is just around the corner. Greet your guests with a summer-themed custom welcome sign that YOU created in this month's Family Craft Night program. 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.



Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Guild (TAG) Monday, May 9 at 3:30 p.m.

Interested in making a difference at your library and in your community? Join us on at our monthly Teen Advisory Guild (TAG) meetings 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.

Summer Reading Volunteer Training

Thursday, June 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Kids and teens entering grades 7-up are welcome to apply for Portland Library's Summer Reading Volunteer program. This is an excellent way to get involved in your community, beat the heat, get some enriching work experience for your resume, and have a lot of fun! Interested applicants should visit the library or the Teen section of our website to pick up an application. Volunteers are needed for program preparation and assistance, logging reading minutes and awarding prizes, and staffing the summer reading desk. Volunteers will be expected to attend a mandatory training session on **Thursday, June 2 at 3:30 p.m.** For more information, call the library at 860-342-6770.

Lego Club

**Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26**

You supply the imagination, and we supply the LEGOs in this drop-in program for kids of all ages. Complete the weekly "Master Builder" challenge or enjoy free building time. No registration is required for this program.



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Nutmeg News

The 2023 Nutmeg nominees were announced on May 1. Below is the list of nominees in each category. We have several copies of each book at the library, and many are available to borrow as downloadable e-books through the Overdrive and Hoopla links on our library website. The winners of the 2022 Nutmeg Awards will be announced on May 15.

The Nutmeg Book Award encourages children in grades 2-12 to read quality literature and to choose their favorite from a list of ten (fifteen elementary) nominated titles. The award is jointly sponsored by the Connecticut Library Association (CLA) and the Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL). Nominees are selected by a committee of students, school librarians and public librarians around the state.

2023 Elementary (grades 2-3)

Bear Goes Sugaring by Maxwell Eaton III
Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals by Katy S. Duffield
Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built by Angela Burke Kunkel
The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field by Scott Riley
In a Jar by Deborah Marcero
It Began With a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way by Kyo Maclear
J.D. and the Great Barber Battle by J. Dillard
King of the Birds by Elise Gravel
Lift by Minh Lê
Maybe Tomorrow? by Charlotte Agell
Mr. Summerling's Secret Code by Dori Hillestad Butler (Treasure Troop series, #1)
Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us by Lauren Castillo
The Paper Kingdom by Helena Ku Rhee
Salma the Syrian Chef by Danny Ramadan
Shadow Island by Mike and Nancy Deas

2023 Intermediate (grades 4-6)

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome
From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks
A Galaxy of Sea Stars by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo
Just Like Jackie by Lindsey Stoddard
Katie the Catsitter by Colleen AF Venable-
Nightbooks by J. A. White
Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech
The Silver Arrow by Lev Grossman

The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez by Adrianna Cuevas
When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed

2023 Middle School (grades 7-8)

Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald
The Line Tender by Kate Allen
Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds
The Magic Fish by Trung Le Nguyen
96 Miles by J. L. Esplin
Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
Suggested Reading by Dave Connis
Superman Smashes the Klan by Gene Luen Yang

2023 High School (grades 9-12)

All Eyes On Her by L. E. Flynn
The Astonishing Color of After by Emily X. R. Pan
Flamer by Mike Curato
Furia by Yamile Saied Méndez
The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune
The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
More Than Just a Pretty Face by Syed M. Masood
Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi with Yusef Salaam
We Are Not Free by Traci Chee
What I Carry by Jennifer Longo



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More News...

Thank You

In Person Book Clubs

Thursday May 5th at 6:30p.m.

First Thursday Night Book Club
***Lost Children Archive* by Valeria Luiselli**

A mother and father set out with their two children, a boy and a girl, driving from New York to Arizona in the heat of summer. Their destination: Apacheria, the place the Apaches once called home. As the family drives--through Virginia to Tennessee, across Oklahoma and Texas--we sense they are on the brink of a crisis of their own.

Tuesday May 3rd at 1:00p.m.

T.A.B. (Talk about Books)
***The Barbizon: the Hotel that Set Women Free* by Paulina Bren**

The first-ever history of this extraordinary hotel, and of the women who arrived in New York City alone from "elsewhere" with a suitcase and a dream, *The Barbizon* offers readers a multilayered history of New York City in the 20th century, and of the generations of American women torn between their desire for independence and their looming social expiration date.



May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, recognizing the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

Portland Forum May 26th @ 6:30pm
Book Discussion in person
On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous
By Ocean Vuong

This novel is a letter from a son to his mother, based on his actual experience as a Vietnamese immigrant growing up in Hartford and living with the aftermath of his mother's trauma while growing up gay and in poverty. Best book of the year: *GQ*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Booklist*, *Library Journal*, *TIME*, *Esquire*, *Good Housekeeping*, *The New Yorker*, *Elle.com* and more.

Donations: Books
Carolyn Freeman
Bruce Stevens
Jennifer McGuinness

Endowment
In memory of Helen Sutkowski
Shirley Sullivan
In memory of William McCarthy
Thomas & Patricia Riley

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday May 19th at 7:00 p.m.

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Displays at the Library for May:

Favorite Cookbooks, mysteries, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage books and our patron-favorite staff picks!

Tuesday May 17th at 1:00p.m.

Mystery Lover's Book Club
The Cabinets of Barnaby Mayne
by Elsa Hart

In 1793 London, a collector of amazing artifacts invites guests to his residence that houses many wonders of the world organized in splendid rooms. A group of invited guests are exploring the rooms when they discover their host's corpse and a nearby guest admitting to the murder. To guest Lady Cecily Kay, the case, unlike Sir Mayne's many cabinets of artifacts is not so easily open and shut.

Copies of all these books are available at the Library.