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A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library **Sept 2024**

Portland Library hours:

Monday — Thursday 10:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Curbside Pickup available

The Library is closed Saturday August 31st through Monday September 2nd for the Labor Day weekend!

Leaf Printing on a Canvas Tote Bag

Tuesday Sept 17, 6:00 p.m.

Create a botanical design on a canvas tote bag by using a leaf printing technique and stenciled inspirational words.



Registration is required and space is limited.

Wednesday Movie 1:00 p.m.

September 11

The Fall Guy (2024)



Monthly Writers' Café

Saturday Sept 21, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The first hour will be quiet, communal, writing time with the final 30 minutes set aside to chat about your project with fellow writers!

Thank you to all of our enthusiastic patrons who surpassed the goal needed to raise \$450 for two Brownstone Musical Instrument Scholarships!

Adult 2024 Summer Reading wrap-up:

100 participants logged more than 1025 entries and read over 340,000 pages!

Also 144 patrons attended 11 library programs!



Eastern Coyotes in CT

Thursday Sept 19, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the history of coyotes in Connecticut, an overview of coyote habitat, diet, behavior, and reproduction. Coyote artifacts are shared with the audience. Recommended for ages 10 and up, **Registration is requested.**



Saturday Sept 14, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Friends' Read & Recycle

Donate gently used books, CDs, DVDs, games, and puzzles!

No magazines, textbooks, or VHS please.

Do you have some leftover seeds? Donations are welcome!

And a fun volunteer opportunity awaits for enthusiastic gardeners!

Portland Library's Seed Library is seeking seed donations and is looking for help sorting and re-packaging donations for distribution.

If interested in helping, please contact the Portland Library at portlandlibrary@portlandct.org.

Youth Services News and Events



2024 Summer Reading Wrap-up

Thank you to everyone who participated in Portland Library's 2024 Summer Reading Challenge by reading, attending programs, completing our extra challenges to earn bracelet charms or volunteering to help run our programs or staff our volunteer desk.

An extra big THANK YOU goes out to the Friends of the Portland Library for funding the activities, prizes and all other aspects of this summer's program. We hope you had as much fun as we did!

*377 kids and teens registered for summer reading
7,750 days read
56 programs offered for kids and teens
2,235 people attended our kids and teen programs
2,468 motivational charms given to those who met reading benchmarks*

We're looking forward to next year!

Congrats to our Teen Summer Raffle Winners!

\$25 Amazon Gift Card:

Booker E.

Hazel E.

\$25 Starbucks Gift Card:

Cora C.

\$25 Dairy Queen Gift Card:

Hayden M.

\$25 Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Card:

Sophia M.

\$22.99 Fortnite V-Bucks Gift Card

Peyton M.

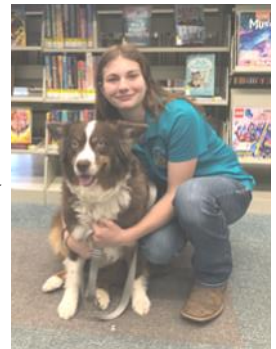
Read to a Therapy Dog

**Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
September 14, October 5, November 2**

Devyn and Lucy from Middletown High School's animal ambassador program are back for monthly visits this school year! Kids between the ages of 3 and 12 can make an appointment for a 15-minute session to read to Lucy. Register through our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org or by calling 860-342-6770.

BENEFITS:

- Boosts Reading Confidence
- Reduces Stress and Anxiety
 - Makes Reading Fun
 - Promotes Emotional Connection and Comfort



Fall Storytimes

Fall storytimes will begin the week of September 9. Registration is required for each program and space is limited.

**Preschool Storytimes (ages 3-5)
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Stories, songs and rhymes that encourage literacy and social skills and help get your preschooler prepared for kindergarten. We will offer a craft each week that can be done at the library or brought home.

**Toddlers and Tots Storytime (ages 0-2)
Wednesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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.



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Family Craft Night: Glass Mushroom Lamps

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

Create your own decorative glass mushroom lamp in this month's Family Craft Night. 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.

Video Game Design with Bloxels Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. Grades 3-5 September 12, 19, 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Build, play, and share your own video games! We will be working in teams of two to create every aspect of video games, from characters to scenes to power ups using the Bloxels app and gameboards.

Registration is required and space is limited. Register as a team of two or individually to be matched up to a partner.



Teen Program: Fall Lanterns and Caramel Apples

Monday, September 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Students in grades 6 and up are invited to join us to make a custom caramel apple with their choice of toppings. While you wait for your apple to cool, make an optional fall lantern with fabric leaves, mod podge and a tea light.

Register through our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org or by calling 860-342-6770.

Pumpkin Painting on the Town Green

Saturday, September 28
from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join the library and Portland Youth and Family Services on the Town Green for a morning of pumpkin painting! Pumpkins and paint will be supplied. A parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision.

In case of inclement weather, we will move inside to the Mary Flood Room.

Registration is required and space is limited.

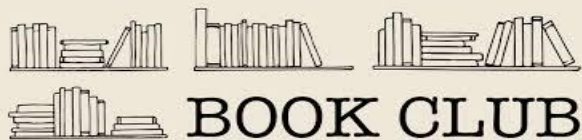


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More News...



September Book Club Picks

T.A.B. Talk about Books

Tuesday Sept 3, 1:00 p.m.

The Only Woman in the Room
by Marie Benedict

1st Thursday Night Book Club

Thursday Sept 5, 6:30 p.m.

Olga Dies Dreaming
by Xochitl Gonzalez

Mystery Lovers Book Club

Tuesday Sept 17, 1:00 p.m.

Case Histories
by Kate Atkinson

Thank You

Donations:

Books:

Carolyn Freeman

Endowment Fund:

Darlene Dunbar & Carol Bozena

Memorial Fund:

Nancy McBrien

Paula Lee



Ongoing Food Drive

Donate nonperishable food to be delivered to the Portland Food Bank! Fill the shopping cart with love and caring for your neighbors!

Museum Passes & Yard Games

Check out the latest on museums for art, nature, history, and fun! We have Connect 4, Jenga and Dice yard games available for a 3 day loan period.

Go to the library website and click on Library Museum Passes or call to reserve a pass or game. Reservations are recommended.

Board games are available to be borrowed for 3 weeks without reservation.

Knifty Knitters

Saturdays 10:00a.m.-12:30 p.m.

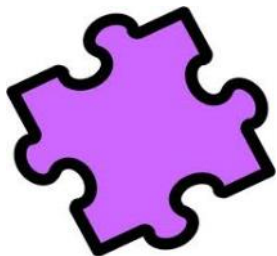
The Knitters (and Crocheters) of Portland are open to new, adult members of all experience levels, beginning fiber artists welcome! Drop in at this weekly knitting circle where people share ideas, get helpful knitting tips and enjoy chatting with others who enjoy these creative hobbies.



DID YOU KNOW?

Do you enjoy working on puzzles?

Come in and work on a collaborative puzzle located in the adult area along the front windows of the library.



Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday August 26, 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday September 19, 7:00 p.m.

To Reach the Library

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September Book Displays at the Library:

Overlooked books, National Hispanic Heritage Month books, Banned Books, Apple & Pumpkin cookbooks, and our favorite Staff Picks!

