

# Check it out...



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## A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library August 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

### Zentangle Class

**Thursday August 8, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Come try Zentangle, an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful drawings, with certified Zentangle instructor Kothy Hafersat. And bring home all the supplies you need to continue drawing your tangles.



Registration is required and space is limited.

**Wednesday Movie 1:00 p.m.**

**August 14th**

*The Boys in the Boat*



### Coming Soon.....

**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.

**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. **Registration is recommended.**

**There is still time to sign up for the 2024 Adult Summer Reading 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.



Help us reach our community reading goal and fund two musical instrument rental scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year for two deserving students at Brownstone Intermediate School.

Use the QR code to register and log your pages read.



### Multi-Generational Drumming Circle

**Monday August 19, 6:30 p.m.**

**on the Waverly Town Green**

Gather for a West African inspired drum circle led by Mark Zarrillo, knowledgeable in West African music, culture and with 40 years drumming wisdom. Drums will be supplied.

### Monthly Writers' Café

**Saturday Aug 17, 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!

**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](mailto:portlandlibrary@portlandct.org).

## Youth Services News and Events



### 2024 Summer Reading Program for Families and Children: Adventure Begins at Your Library

#### How It Works

Visit the library to pick up a reading log and start logging the minutes you read. **Each day you read 20 minutes or more** counts towards your summer reading goal. Earn bracelet charms each time you reach 5 days and additional prizes each time you read 15 days. Logging can be done through the ReadSquared portal on our library website, or you can pick up a lined journal or a coloring sheet to log your minutes if you prefer. The reading program will end on Wednesday, August 28.

- ◇ **Complete the library's Scavenger Hunt!**
- ◇ **Guess which national park our Smokey the Bear is visiting based on the clues and tell us "Where In the USA is Smokey the Bear?"**
- ◇ **Pick up your own "Flat Smokey" from the library and take a picture of an adventure he has this summer!**

**Thank you to the Friends of the Portland Library for sponsoring all of our Summer Programs for Children and Families.**

### Sensory Kits and Programs at the Portland Library

The Portland Library is excited to announce the addition of circulating kits for Autistic patrons and also all library users who may struggle with being overwhelmed by sensory input. Nine kits (3 adult, 6 child) are available to be checked out or for use inside of the library; each contains a weighted lap pad, a pair of noise-cancelling headphones, a pair of sunglasses, a visual communication chart, and a selection of fidget toys. These kits and programs were made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by Connecticut State Library, and also through the generous support of the Friends of the Portland Library. For more information, call the Portland Library at 860-342-6770.



#### **Caregiver Community of Practice: Thursday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m.**

We welcome parents and caregivers to join their peers for a facilitated conversation about caring for neurodivergent children. We welcome all caregivers to join, whether your child has an official Autism diagnosis or you've merely been wondering about their sensory responses. We will simultaneously offer a session for your children, ages 2-6, to participate in structured activities. This program will feature outdoor, high sensory activities including chalk, bubbles and water painting.

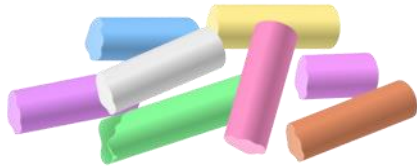
Registration is required and space is limited.

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## Chalk the Walks

**Tuesday, August 13 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 20 at 10:30 a.m.**

Come enjoy some parachute play with Ms. Jenn and Ms. Patty on the Town Green. Bring a blanket and a picnic or a snack to enjoy after our playtime. This event is weather-dependent and no registration is required.



## School Supply BINGO

**Thursday, August 22  
at 10:30 a.m.**

Come get a head start on gathering your back-to-school supplies by winning them at our library BINGO event! Join us at the library to get into the school spirit and have some summer fun with friends. Registration is required.



## Teen Volunteer Pizza Party

**Wednesday, August 21  
from 12-1:30 p.m.**

Our Summer Reading Volunteers worked hard all summer to help us provide a great program. To show our appreciation, we will be having a THANK-YOU PIZZA PARTY! If you were part of our "crew" this summer, come join us for an afternoon of food, fun, games, and the opportunity to make your own badges on our badge maker! Please RSVP to Ms. Jenn or Ms. Patty at 860-342-6770 or [jrenk@portlandct.org](mailto:jrenk@portlandct.org) to let us know that you can join us so we know how much food to order.



## Fall Storytimes

Fall storytimes will begin the week of September 9. Registration will open on Monday, August 26. Registration is required for each program and space is limited.

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

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



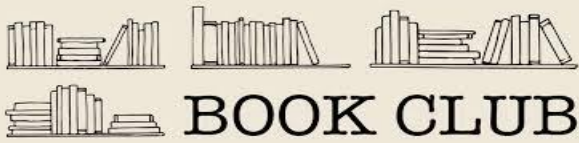
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# More News...



## 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:

### Book:

Carolyn Freeman

Paula Brown—In memory of Karen (Kirsche) Miller



## 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?

Are you interested in .....

Birds & Blooms

Fly Fishing

Gardening

Golf

Photography

Wooden Boats

Then we have a magazine for you! Come in and browse through our magazines and borrow a few for one week.

## Library Meetings:

### Friends of the Library

Monday August 26, 7:00 p.m.

### Library Board of Directors:

Thursday August 15, 7:00 p.m.

## To Reach the Library

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## August Book Displays at the Library:

Summer Fiction and the Dog Days of Summer and Cats too!

