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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 Monday, October 14 for Indigenous Peoples' Day.



Witches in Connecticut

Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.

Jennifer Busa from the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History will share the stories of some of the women and men accused, tried, and executed as witches and learn how Connecticut successfully controlled the spread of witch accusations long before Salem erupted in panic and violence.

Registration is requested.

Wednesday Movie 1:00 p.m.

October 9

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3



Thrills and Chills

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.

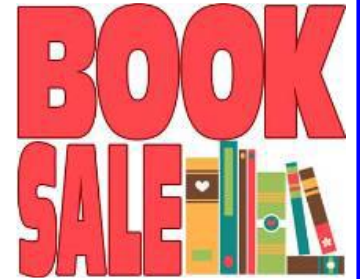
Join Portland authors Mary Maki, author of the four Caitlyn Jamison mystery series books, and Sharon Dukett, author of *The Shutdown List*, a new thriller released in June 2024, as they discuss their books and the process for researching and writing them.

Monthly Writers' Café

Saturday Oct 19, 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!

Friends of the Portland Library Annual Book Sale



Friday Oct 18, 3:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Private sale for members of the Friends of the Portland Library only, but a perfect time to renew or join! Books will be available at \$10/bag.

Saturday Oct 19, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Books only will be available for \$10/bag until noon. Books and DVD's will be available for \$10/bag from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Oct 20, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

All items will be sold by the bag. \$2/bag for FPL members; \$3/bag for non-members

A Self-Made Man screening

Friday, October 11, 5:30 p.m.

Following the documentary, Tony Ferraiolo will share more with us about his journey, his work with transgender youth, and his new book. Co-sponsored by the Portland Solidarity Committee.

"Paint Your Pet" Watercolor Workshop

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.

Bring a 5x7 photo of your pet and create a watercolor portrait based on the photo. Local artist Nancy Roman will provide all of the supplies you need and guide



you in creating a masterpiece that will be ready for framing. Don't have a pet? No problem. Nancy has several photos available for folks who want to paint but don't have a pet of their own.

Registration is required. **This program is only available to 15 participants age 19+ .**

Youth Services News and Events

Late Fall/Early Winter Storytimes

Our next storytime session will begin on **November 12**. Registration is required and begins on **Monday, October 28**. Registration can be done by calling the library at 860-342-6770 or registering through our library calendar at www.portlandlibraryct.org.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10

Stories, songs, and rhymes that encourage literacy and social skills. A craft related to the weekly theme 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.

November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11

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.

Fire Truck Storytime

**Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 a.m.
on the Town Green**

October is Fire Safety Month! Join us for a short storytime on the Town Green followed by a visit from Portland firefighters and a fire truck!

No registration is required for this event.



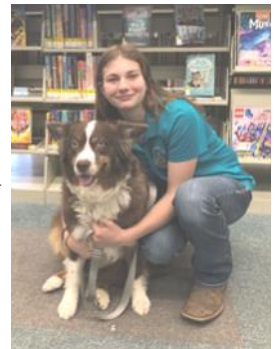
Read to a Therapy Dog

**Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
October 5, November 2, December 7**

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



Build Like a Beaver

Thursday, October 17 at 3:30 p.m.

On the Town Green

Grades K-5

Join Portland Library and Everyone Outside to learn all about beavers! We'll learn what superpowers beavers have and we'll practice building our own beaver dams out of natural materials. Registration is required. Please visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org or call (860) 342-6770 to register.



Youth Services News and Events



**Family Craft
Night:
Book Page
Witches**
Monday,
October 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to fold book pages into an adorable holiday witch for your mantel. 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 Program:
Hocus Pocus
Escape Room**
Monday, October
21 at 3:30 p.m.

Find your way out of the Sanderson Sisters' house before the Sisters come back and suck the life from you! Program participants will be divided into two groups that will alternate between the escape room and other activities. Registration is required.

LGBTQ+ Teen Game Night

Join QPlus every first and third Wednesday nights for tabletop gaming, pizza and snacks, games, crafts and more. Open to ages 13-18. Free pizza and snacks! All Identities welcome!

**Grossology
Grades K-2**
October 3, 10, 24 at 3:30 p.m.



What is Grossology?

- It's the study of all things gross! Join us as we
- make some "poop"
 - grow some germs
 - bend bones
- Take on a jelly bean "Fear Factor" challenge!

Registration is required.

Halloween on Main Street

Friday, October 25 from 4:00-6:30 p.m.



Fun for the whole family! Put on your costumes and come down to Main Street and other area businesses for a not-to-be-missed evening of socializing and collecting treats.

If you are a Portland business that would like to participate, please contact Portland Youth & Family Services Administrator Courtney Fitzkee at cfitzkee@portlandct.org or 860-342-6758.



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More News...



October Book Club Picks

T.A.B. Talk about Books

Tuesday, October 1, 1:00 p.m.

Lady Tan's Circle of Women

by Lisa Lee

1st Thursday Night Book Club

Thursday, October 3, 6:30 p.m.

The Plot

by Jean Hanff Korelitz

Mystery Lovers Book Club

Tuesday, October 15, 1:00 p.m.

No Strangers Here

by Carlene O'Connor

Thank You

Donations:

Books:

Portland Library Mystery Book Club in memory of Robert Muir

Endowment Fund:

The DiGrazia Family in memory of Robert Muir



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 like books that are action-packed and fast-paced? Amusing and engaging?

Find it on NoveList Plus!

Go to the Online Resources page on the library's website and locate NoveList Plus. In the Search bar enter a title or author to find read-alikes. Or click on the NoveList image and browse books by genre in the database.

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday, September 30, 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.

To Reach the Library

20 Freestone Avenue

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October Book Displays at the Library:

Scary Fiction/Horror, Overlooked books, Things to do and see at the fair, Hurricanes, and our favorite Staff Picks!

