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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, November 11th for Veterans' Day!

The Library is closing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27th.

The Library is closed Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving!

The Library will be OPEN Saturday, November 30th.

Tap into Your Superpower Through Journaling, Life Stories, and Memoirs

Saturday, November 9, 1:00 p.m.

The *Tap into Your Superpower* workshop will explain the benefits of keeping a journal and writing life stories and memoirs. Attendees can experiment with each writing format in an informal and fun setting. No writing experience is required, and the best part—there are *no rules!*

Presented by two local authors. Mary E. Maki is the author of the Caitlyn Jamison mystery series. She has written her life stories from birth to marriage and continues to journal and write life stories.

Sharon Dukett is the author of the thriller *The Shutdown List* and her personal memoir *No Rules: A Memoir*.

Registration is required.



Monthly Writers' Café

Saturday, Nov 16, 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!

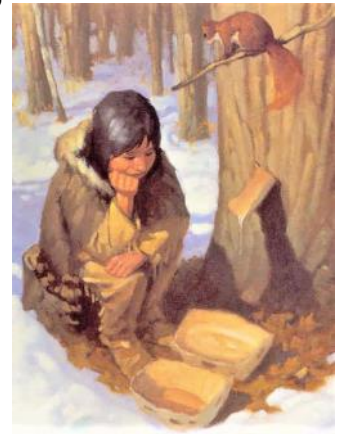
A Sweet Tradition: Maple Sugaring in Native American Communities

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Did you know that when you pour syrup on your pancakes, you're biting into a treat with a rich history?

Native Americans have been involved in the production of maple syrup and maple sugar for thousands of years. Join an Institute for American Indian Studies (IAIS) Staff Member for a sweet presentation in which they share the stories, history, and traditional methods of making this tasty treat, which has enriched the lives of people throughout the world.

Registration is encouraged.



Wednesday Movie 1:00 p.m.

November 13

***Twisters* (2024)**



Art Exhibit

Nature Photography by Janet Lopes

A lifelong resident of Connecticut, Janet Lopes has called Portland home for more than two decades. She discovered a love of photography in her early years as a journalist and although she follows a different path now, the medium continues to inspire her.

Nature is her passion and she finds photography offers a window into a world that often goes unnoticed. Her hope is to inspire others to take a moment and appreciate the subtle beauty they can find just outside their own door.

The exhibit runs through November 23.

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.

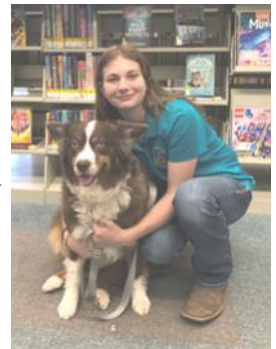
Read to a Therapy Dog

**Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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.

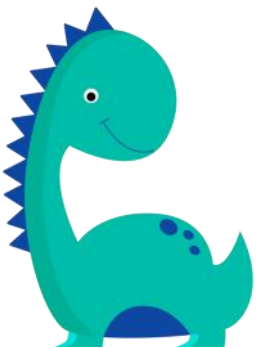
BENEFITS:

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



Celebrate Di-November!

Tuesday, November 5



Celebrate DINOvember at the library on this day off from school! We'll have drop-in activities throughout the day, including a dino-themed scavenger hunt, a dino craft and some photo ops with our life-size dino decorations!

Drop-In Crafternoons

Thursdays from 3:30—4:30 p.m.

November 7, 14, 21

Grades K-5

We're cleaning out our craft closets! Drop in on Thursday afternoons in November and see what you can make with the items we have on hand. Registration is NOT required for this program.

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Family BINGO Night:

Dinosaur Bingo!

Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn some dinosaur facts and win some dino-themed prizes in this Family Fun night! Registration is required and space is limited.



Teen Program: Art Interrupted Monday, November 18 at 3:30 p.m.

Did you know that many famous artists left behind unfinished works? Learn about some of these unfinished masterpieces and then use your imagination to complete them yourselves. Open to kids in grades 6 and up; 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!

November Half Day of School Programs



Cute and Cuddlies

Monday, November 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Xen from Xen's Creatures will be at the library to teach us about a variety of cute and cuddly critters. Animals may include bunnies, guinea pigs, chicken, chinchilla, ferret, hedgehog, and a turtle. Xen will be on hand to answer all of your questions. This hands-on, educational program is for ages 5 & up. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Registration is required and space is limited.

Squishmallow Painting

Tuesday, November 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Do you love Squishmallows? Come paint your own picture based on your favorite stuffed friend or custom design your own Squishmallow animal painting. Open to kids in grades K-5. Registration is required and space is limited.



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More News...



November Book Club Picks

T.A.B. Talk about Books

Tuesday, November 5, 1:00 p.m.

Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

1st Thursday Night Book Club

Thursday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.

There There
by Tommy Orange

Mystery Lovers Book Club

Tuesday, November 19, 1:00 p.m.

Evergreen
by Naomi Hirahara

Thank You

Donations:

Memorial Fund:

Henry Strom

Endowment Fund:

Ralph & Bernice Zampano

A Redbud Tree was planted in memory of Phyllis Greene by The Friends of the Portland Library and the Portland River Valley Garden Club.



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.-12:30p.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?



Planning some major purchases for the upcoming holidays?

Look at Consumer Reports before you buy!

Go to the Online Resources page on the library's website and locate Consumer Reports. Click on the Consumer Reports image and browse the reports on cars, appliances, electronics, digital security and more.

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

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November Book Displays at the Library:

Debut fiction, Overlooked books, Native American Heritage month, Comfort foods, and our favorite Staff Picks!

