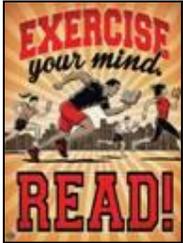


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Portland Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program for Adults

This summer's challenge to patrons is to "Exercise Your Mind: Read!" by exploring programs related to physical and mental fitness and healthy lifestyles.

During the summer, the Portland

Library will host movies, book discussions, Lunch and Learn activities, and special programs. Log the number of pages you've read and complete challenges to win prizes. It's sure to be a fun summer. Beginning June 1st, you can register for the reading club at

<https://wandooreader.com/portlandlibraryct/exercise-your-mind-read/users/sessions/new> or contact the Library. Logging begins on Friday, June 10th.

Monday, June 27th, 2016

at 6:30 p.m.

Portland Library presents...

Our Connecticut River: From Sea to Source

Enjoy a visual presentation of the beautiful Connecticut River that runs from the Canadian border to Long Island Sound. Historian Kelvin W. Cole will serve as our tour guide and will focus on the history and the lore of the river. Attend the program to celebrate Portland's 175th! **This presentation, part of the Adult Summer Reading Program, is free; registration is requested.** Made possible by the generous support of the Friends of Portland Library!



Read & Recycle Saturday, June 25, 2016

10:00-12:00 is the Friends of the Portland Library's next intake date of gently used books & DVDs. The **Friends of the Portland Library** will collect gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games. All donated items must be in "sellable" condition. Friends cannot accept items that are dirty, moldy or in poor condition. No textbooks, business books, computer books, self-help books or magazines please. Thank you for your support.



Lunch & Learn



Tuesday, June 14th, 2016 12:00-1:00 p.m.

***Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin**

A powerful novel that tells the riveting story of two boyhood friends, torn apart by war and later brought together by a terrible crime in a small Mississippi town. This is a crime novel that involves themes related to race and friendship.

Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion. Bring a lunch if you like. Dessert and beverages will be served. **Registration appreciated!**

Monday, June 20th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

"Why We Are Not Rich":

Behavioral Finance Mistakes

Our human nature and life experiences can work against our everyday financial decisions. This fun riveting discussion will help you recognize your behavioral barriers to financial success. Presented by Vincent Winans, Financial Advisor & Broker, Financial Vision, LLC, East Hartford, CT.

The program is free; registration requested.



Art at the Library:

Bob McDougall presents his photo mural "**Two Decades of Change on Main Street 1995-2005-2015**" as part of Portland's 175th Anniversary Celebration. The mural is 96 feet long and includes over 1,500 photos of Main Street. Bob McDougall, born and raised in Portland, has been a longtime student of town history. He is the author of *Images of America: Portland* (2004) and is a member of the town's 175th Anniversary Celebration

Committee. You are cordially invited to attend the **artist reception sponsored by the Friends of the Portland Library** which will be held in the Mary Flood Room on **Saturday, June 4th from 2 to 4 p.m.**



Youth Services News and Events



Portland Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program for Children & Teens

The Portland Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program, **On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!** (children) and **Get in the Game...READ!** (teens), will run from **June 10th –August 31st, 2016.**

This year, we're using Wandoo Reader to track our summer reading. This is a NEW and IMPROVED version of last year's program...we've added a game, interactive challenges, and much more.

Like last year, for every **140** minutes that you read and log this summer (that's 20 minutes per day for 7 days!), you will earn **2 BOOK BUCKS**. These Book Bucks can be redeemed at the Portland Library for small prizes; saved to earn bigger prizes such as books; or exchanged at the library for a can of cat or dog food that will be donated at the end of the summer to the Connecticut Humane Society to benefit our furry friends. The more you read and log, the more points you will also earn in the online Summer Reader game, which will allow you to customize your Wandoo champion and level up to make more summer fun!

We want you to read all summer but also earn extra prizes for fun challenges! Once you register for the program, you can check out the Challenge page to find extra activities that you can do to earn Book Bucks, such as coming to a library program, telling us your favorite joke, or sending us a photo of your favorite summer activity.

Registration for Portland Library's Summer Reading program starts on June 1st. Visit the library today for more information or log onto our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org for the link to register.

Thanks to the Friends of the Portland Library for funding our summer programming.



**Summer Reading
Program Kickoff:
Scott Jameson
Wednesday, June 15th
at 6:30 p.m. in the
Portland Middle
School Auditorium**

At age eight, with the help of a stack of library books, Scott taught himself how to juggle and perform countless magic tricks. He presents performances that feature magic, juggling, and other less definable bits of entertainment. Trained in gymnastics, dance, acting, and even microchip programming, he is able to create performances that are uniquely his own. During Scott's show, he will pluck umbrellas from thin air, bring a drawing to life, spin and juggle basketballs, and help an audience member unlock telekinetic abilities.

**Thank you to the Friends of the Portland
Library for sponsoring this program.**

Registration is required!

Story Stretchers



**Mondays at 11:00 a.m.
June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25,
and August 1
Ages 0-5 Years old**

Elements of yoga will be incorporated into this weekly hour long storytime series. Each session, we'll learn a new animal pose and hear stories, songs, and fingerplays that incorporate that animal. No yoga experience necessary! Each week will end with an age-appropriate craft and open play time.

Registration is required and begins on June 1st.

Youth Services News and Events

Imagination Station

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

June 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26, and August 2

Going into grades K-2

Ninja Training: Aspiring ninjas will undergo a series of stealth and agility training to become master warriors! At the end of the program, each ninja will be presented with his or her own warrior headband and ninja star.



Circus of Motion: Have you always wanted to try juggling? How about stilt walking? This is your chance! Our Circus of Motion focuses on your circus talents, as well as “big top” parachute games, a clown costume relay, and more.

The Wild West: Dig for gold, learn how to lasso, and make your own pool noodle pony to race as we go back in time to the days of cowboys and cowgirls.

Olympics: Compete against your friends in Portland Library’s own Summer Olympics! This program will feature all sorts of international events that encourage teamwork from a pasta relay to a javelin throw. Get ready for some fun-filled friendly competition!

Out of this World: Create and fly your own rockets, fight off an alien invasion, and use science to figure out how to create galaxy slime and make moon rocks erupt.



Let’s Get Outside: This isn’t your regular chalk art program! We’ll be making the chalk that we use and then erupting it when we’re finished creating. We’ll finish up by using the sun’s power to make some one-of-a-kind treats.

Registration is required and starts on June 1.

Thanks to the Friends of the Portland Library for funding our summer programming.

Wizardry Arts



Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

June 22, 29, July 13, 20, 27,

August 3

Going into grades 3-5

As we wait for the eighth Harry Potter story to be released this summer, we will be preparing ourselves to enter magical realms by learning some Elemental Magic. Each week we’ll learn about a new element through fun activities and experiments. Once you’ve mastered the element, you will add an **Element Jar Charm** to your enchanted Magician’s Bracelet.

June 22 Session 1: Fire

June 29 Session 2: Water

July 13 Session 3: Sky

July 20 Session 4: Ice

July 27 Session 5: Earth

August 3 Session 6: Potion Training 101

Registration is required and starts on June 1.
Thanks to the Friends of the Portland Library for funding our summer programming.

Teen Event: Escape Room Adventure



In teams of 4-8 people, you will be ‘locked’ in a room in the library for 45 minutes. Together you need to find the themed, hidden clues, solve the puzzles, and use your logic and observation skills to solve the mystery and find a way out of the room. It’s possible – but it won’t be easy. The room is recommended for teens going into **grades 6 and up.**

Reservation Times:

Thursday, June 23rd

‘The Mad Engineer Heist’

1:30-2:15 p.m. / 2:30-3:15 p.m. / 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Register your team and time slot at
www.portlandlibraryct.org. Space is limited!



Portland Library
Teens

More News...

Monthly Book Discussions

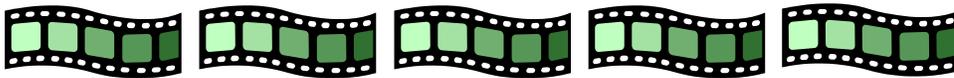


All are welcome to attend the adult book discussion held one Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. Titles are available to borrow; no reservations are necessary.

Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed
At 22, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything: her mother died, her family scattered, and her marriage failed. With nothing to lose and with no training or experience, she impulsively sets out alone on a thousand mile trek. Told with suspense, style, warmth, and humor, *Wild* powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds and in the journey, healing herself.

Save the Date: the next Thursday night book discussion will be **September 8, 2016**. The book will be announced and available in August. See you in September!



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, June 8th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *The Choice*

Starring Benjamin Walker, Teresa Palmer, Tom Welling, & Maggie Grace; Lionsgate; directed by Ross Katz; PG-13, 2016, 94 minutes. Choices change everything about the life we lead in a heartbeat. Where will the choices Gabby and Travis make lead them? Based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, June 13th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *Race*

Starring Stephan James, Jason Sudekis, Jeremy Irons, and William Hurt; directed by Stephen Hopkins; Universal Studios; PG-13; 2016; 135 minutes.

Based on the incredible true story of Jesse Owens, the legendary athletic superstar whose quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in history thrusts him onto the world stage of the 1936 Olympics, where he faces off against Adolf Hitler's vision of Aryan supremacy. *Race* is an enthralling film about courage, determination, tolerance, & friendship.

No reservations necessary! The Friends of Portland Library supports the Library's DVD.

Thank You

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Closing: Saturday & Monday July 2 & 4



Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Portland Library:

Monday, June 6th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, June 16th at 7 p.m.

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Save the date: July Lunch and Learn
Tuesday, July 12th, 2016 at 12:00 noon
Making a special **Homemade Body Scrub!**

During the month of June, the Library will have on display CDs of Broadway Musicals and Performance DVDs .



Books on Display

In June, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived materials, politics and titles that are first in a series.