

Check it out...



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Library closing: Saturday September 3 —
Monday September 5 for Labor Day
Saturdays hours:
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. starting Saturday Sept. 10th

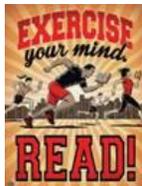
September 10, 2016 Parade and Family Day

Watch for Library Board members and staff marching in the parade.

The **175th Anniversary Parade** is at 9:00.

After the parade, come to the 20th Annual Family Day – held on the Town Green on Waverly Avenue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit the tables offered by the Friends of Portland library and the Library Board of Directors for special giveaways and book sales.

The **Amazing Andy** will present an all-ages magic show at **12:45** that features illusions, juggling, and much more. Stick around after the show as Andy interacts with the crowd, making balloon animals and doing tricks throughout the afternoon.



THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our 2016 Adult Summer Reading Program, Exercise Your Mind! The program ended on Wednesday, August 31. Congratulations on the following!

23 active participants

75,213 pages logged

118 eligible prizes

19 challenges completed

Thank you to the **Friends of the Portland Library** for providing the funding for the incentives and adult programming that keep everyone motivated and connected all summer long!

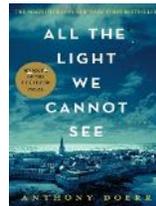
Read & Recycle

Friends' Book Collection

Saturday, September 24, 2016

10:00-12:00

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.



September Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at 12:00 noon

All the Light We cannot See

by Anthony Doerr

This beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller tells the tale of a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion. Bring a lunch if you like. Dessert and beverages will be served.

Registration appreciated!



ART ON DISPLAY

Currently on display in one of the glass cases at Portland Library is the stunning work of the late noted sculptor and Portland resident, **Lloyd Glasson**.

Lloyd Glasson, a Professor Emeritus of sculpture and drawing at the Hartford Art School of the University of Hartford, was selected to re-create the two bronze angels that adorn the top of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch in Bushnell Park.

Other local commissions include an 8-foot bas relief of St. Helena at the Church of St. Helena in West Hartford and a 6-foot bronze nurse inside the main entrance of Hartford Hospital. He executed many public portrait commissions for such institutions as the Karen Horney Clinic in New York City, the UConn Health Center, Yale University, and the Wadsworth Atheneum.

Brownstone Arts returns to the library with its annual fall exhibit. Their show, titled **175 Celebrate!**, is in honor of Portland's 175th Anniversary. On display throughout the month of October will be paintings, pastels, watercolors, photographs, pottery, and work in other mediums by the group's members. The public is invited to come to view the artworks and meet the artists at an opening reception hosted by **the Friends of the Library** with a **Reception on Saturday October 1st from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**



Youth Services News and Events



Fall Storytimes

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), ended on **August 31st, 2016**, though you may still collect prizes until Friday, September 9th.

Congratulations on the following!

336 active participants

336,371 minutes logged

390 challenges completed

190 cans of food donated to Humane Society

Our top school for the program was **GILDERSLEEVE** with 114,781 minutes. Thank you to our 39 dedicated teen volunteers and to the Friends of the Portland Library for providing the funding for the incentives and fun, educational, family programs that keep everyone motivated and connected all summer long!

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

Save the Date:

Animal Show on the Go!

Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Snakes and spiders and lizards, oh my! Join us for a spooktacular evening learning more about some of the creepiest and crawliest creatures you'll ever meet, just in time for Halloween!



Registration is required.

Registration for fall story times will begin on **Monday, August 29 at 10:00 a.m.** Story time sessions will begin the week of **September 12-16** and will be divided up into the following age groups:

Story Garden (ages 3-5)

Children are invited to have some fun while sharing some of Miss Lauren's favorite stories, songs, and games every week.

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.: September 13, 20, 27 and October 4, 11, 18, and 25

Bouncy Babies (ages 0-24 months)

This introduction to story time provides important bonding time and early literacy skills through stories, songs, games and playtime with new friends.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.: September 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Stories for Twos (ages 24-36 months)

Laugh, create, and connect with new and old friends, while listening to stories and enjoying related activities.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.: September 14, 21, 28 and October 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Family Story Time

Come out and play with your child(ren) and enjoy a variety of *Language* and *Art Enrichment* activities for your family to share together. This program is open to all families with children in grades pre-K through 2nd grade. Younger siblings are always welcome. Family story time is held every **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.:**

September 14, 21, 28 and October 5, 12, 19.

Registration for all of these story times is required. Go to www.portlandlibraryct.org or call 860-342-6770 to register starting 8/29/16.

Youth Services News and Events



Mad Scientists Club

Thursdays, September 29,
October 6, 13, 20

Grades K –2

Do you like to know why and how things work? Create reactions to make things bubble, fizz, and slime? Come join us on **Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.** this fall as we put on our lab coats and turn the Wagner Room into our very own laboratory. We'll perform some really cool hands-on experiments to learn more about chemical and physical reactions. **Registration is required. Space is limited.**

Stop Motion Animation

Thursdays at 3:30

October 27,

November 3, 10, 17

Grades 3 and up.

Registration Required.

All movies need a story—the better the story, the better the movie. We will be learning the techniques involved in stop motion animation by making short, animated book trailers based on classic books. Working in small groups, students will choose a scene from a classic story to develop their stop motion movie. After gaining a working knowledge of the storylines, students will use storyboards, Legos, and various props to write, direct, film, and edit their masterpieces. **Space is extremely limited.**

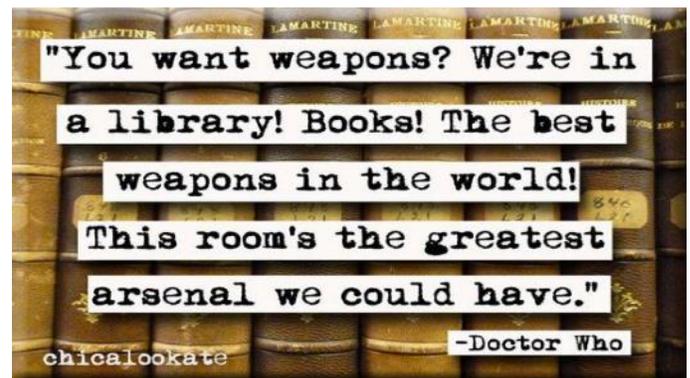


You Are Invited....

If you are entering **grades 6 and up**, you are invited to be part of the Portland Library's Teen Advisory Board. Our board members meet monthly on **Monday afternoons from 3:30-4:30** and help us in selecting materials for purchase, brainstorming and running programs for teens and children, and having a lot of fun while making a difference in our community. If this is something that interests you, please contact Jennifer Renk or Lauren Coleman at 860-342-6770 or jrenk@portlandct.org.

Upcoming meeting dates:

October 17, November 14, December 12



Teens' Top 10: Vote Now!

The Teens' Top Ten is a “teen choice” list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year! Readers ages 12 to 18 vote online between August 15 and Teen Read Week™ (October 9-15, 2016) at www.ala.org/yalsa/reads4teens; the winners will be announced the week after [Teen Read Week](#). Visit the library or for a display of nominees and a complete list of nominees or visit the Book Lists section of the teens area of our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org.



**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 September 8th at 6:30

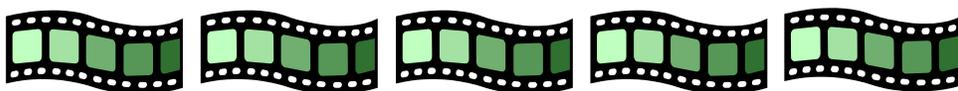
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

Newly retired Harold Fry is convinced that he must deliver a letter to an old love in order to save her and so urgently begins a 600 mile trek on foot. Along the way he meets various characters and reminisces about the events of his past and the people he has known, trying to find peace and acceptance.

Thursday October 6th at 6:30

The Art Forger by B. A. Shapiro

Boston painter Claire Roth has survived financially by painting reproductions, so when influential gallery owner Aiden Markel arrives with a bizarre proposal--her own show if she will forge a copy of a Degas, one of the pictures stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum--she says yes. As she works, Claire and Aiden become lovers, but she doesn't tell him about her discovery that the stolen Degas is itself a copy. This knowledge is Claire's lifeline when the finished forgery is discovered, as Aiden and then Claire are both arrested, and only she can save them.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, September 14th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *Miracles from Heaven*

Starring: Jennifer Garner, Martin Henderson, Queen Latifah & Kylie Rogers.

Columbia. Directed by Patricia Riggen.. PG, 2016, 117 minutes.

Everything changes in an instant when Anna, a young girl with a rare and incurable disease, tells an amazing story of a visit to heaven after surviving a headlong tumble into a tree. Her family and doctors become even more baffled when the young girl begins to show signs of recovering from her fatal condition.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, September 19th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *The Meddler*

Starring: Susan Sarandon, Rose Byrne, J.K. Simmons & Jason Ritter.

Sony. Directed by Lorene Scafaria. PG-13, 2016, 100 minutes.

The recently widowed and always optimistic Marnie starts by moving from New Jersey to California to be closer to her daughter Lori. Marnie repeatedly shows up unannounced to perk up her depressed daughter and meddle in her personal affairs.

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

Thank You Recent Donations

Book Donations:

Carolyn Freeman

Endowment Fund

Muriel Barlow

Dianne DiGiandomenico

Library Closing:

September 3 & 5

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Meetings:

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday, September 15th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

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Save the date:

October Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, October 11th, 2016

at 12:00 noon

Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

Winner of the 1921 Pulitzer Prize, this book is Edith Wharton's masterful portrait of desire and betrayal during the sumptuous Golden Age of Old New York, a time when society people "dreaded scandal more than disease."

 During the month of September, the Library will have on display CDs of Folk Music &  DVDs of Historical Feature Films.



Books on Display

In September, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived materials, Portland and Connecticut History books, and Historical Fiction.