

# Check it out...



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Summer Saturdays July — August 9:00—1:00  
Come in early & get your books before going to the beach for the day!



**Portland Library's 2017 Adult Summer Reading Program:**  
**Build a Better World**  
The program runs  
**June 15-August 25, 2017**

When you sign up for the 2017 Adult Summer Reading Program, you receive a coupon for a free book from the Friends Book Sale. If you read and log 2,000 pages over the summer, you get another coupon for an additional book.

**Registration begins June 1st and June 15th you can start logging books!**

For every **250 pages** the Adult Summer Reading participants of Portland Library log as a group, the library will donate money for 1 book to **Books For Africa**, (<https://www.booksforafrica.org/>) working to end the book famine in Africa and the largest shipper of library books to the African continent, shipping over 37 million books to 49 different countries since 1988. The **project in Eastern Congo** works with the local communities to put books into the hands of more children and youth in Eastern Congo, helping to provide them with a better quality education.

**Together we can build a better world!**

**Pick up the 2017 Summer Reading Program brochures for children, teens & adults to see all the activities that are happening at the library this summer! Or go to the library's website [www.portlandlibraryct.org](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org) for more information.**



*These programs & prizes are made possible by the generous support of the Friends of Portland Library!*

**Beekeeping Monday June 19 at 6:30p.m.**  
**What's the Buzz?** Ned Farrell from The Bee Happy Co. will be presenting interesting facts and tips about the art of beekeeping. Beekeeping can be a fun and fulfilling family activity, perfect for those interested in farming, animals, and the environment. This multigenerational program, **for ages 8 to adult**, will introduce you to this popular backyard hobby.  
**Registration Requested!**



**June Lunch and Learn**  
**Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 at 12:00 noon**

***The Wives of Henry Oades* by Johanna Moran**  
Henry Oades accepts a job in New Zealand; when the native Maori stage an uprising, he experiences the kidnapping of his wife and their children. Months later, grief-stricken, he goes to California and marries a young widow with a new baby. It seems they've both found happiness—until Henry's first wife and children show up, alive.  
**Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion. Bring a lunch if you like. Dessert**

**June 10th Festival of Arts and Music**

Visit the library's table at the festival. The Friends of the Library and members of the staff and Library board will be there, with information and fun giveaways for children. For information on the festival, see articles in the Rivereast News Bulletin, the Middletown Press, or visit <https://www.facebook.com/2017riverfrontfestival/>



**Read & Recycle**



The Friends of the Portland Library's next intake date is **Saturday, June 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

The Friends of the Portland Library will collect gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games.

Thank you for your support.

# Youth Services News and Events

**BUILD A BETTER  
WORLD™**

**Portland Library's**

## **2017 Summer Reading Program for Children & Teens**

The Portland Library's 2017 Summer Reading Program, **Build a Better World**, will run from **June 15th – August 31st, 2017**.

For the second year, we're using Wandoo Reader to track our summer reading. 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 to go towards raising money for **Books for Africa**, a group that works to build libraries in African communities. 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 and 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, performing a random act of kindness, or building your own creation and submitting a photo to the library.

**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](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org) for the link to register.

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

### **SUMMER READING KICKOFF**

#### **Bubblemania! With Casey Carle**



**Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m.  
At the Portland Middle School  
Auditorium**

Casey Carle will be bringing his amazing bubble and comedy show to Portland. Considered one of the greatest bubble artists on the professional circuit, Casey will make you laugh and gasp in wonder as he creates a plethora of dazzling bubbles and performs tricks that will amaze you.

**Registration is recommended and begins on June 1st. All ages are welcome.**



### **Horizon Wings**

**Wednesday, June 21st at  
6:30 p.m.**

#### **Portland Town Green**

Horizon Wings, a Wildlife Rehabilitation Center specializing in raptors, will be here to present a program on *Threatened Species Native to Connecticut*. Five of the center's raptors on this list will be here as ambassadors. This program will be held outdoors on the Portland Town Green on Waverly Avenue.

### **Magic by George**

**Wednesday, June 28th  
at 6:30 p.m.**



#### **Portland Town Green**

George has been thrilling audiences with his blend of clean comedy and jaw-dropping magic tricks for children and families in the Boston area for years. Tonight George will be bringing his show for the first time to Portland! Prepare to be amazed!

*In case of inclement weather, Town Green programs will move indoors to the library and attendance will be limited. Registration is recommended and begins on June 1st. All ages are welcome.*

# Youth Services News and Events



## *Growing through Stories Storytimes*

**Mondays at 11:00 a.m. June 19, 26,  
July 10, 17, 24, 31**

Children ages 0-5 will learn how to “Build a Better World” by learning about the creatures and plants in our natural surroundings. Our weekly story themes will include bees, butterflies, gardening and so much more! We will end each week by observing how our own seed gardens are growing at the library and participating in a craft and open playtime.

**Registration is required and begins on June 1.**

## **Save the Animals! Grades K-2**

**Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. June 20, 27,  
July 11, 18, 25, and August 1**



Each week we will learn about an animal on the endangered animals list and create a craft to help spread the word on what can be done on the local level to help these species.

Book displays and website resources will be available each week.

**Registration is required and begins on June 1.**

## **Where in the World? Grades 3-5**

**Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.  
June 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26,  
and August 2**

Each week, participants will find themselves “lost” somewhere in the world. Use clues and library resources to discover “where in the world” you are for that week in this game-based program.

**Registration is required and begins on June 1.**



## **Summer Smoothie Smash**

**(going into grade 6 and up)  
Thursday, June 22  
at 3:00 p.m.**



Think you’ve got what it takes to become our smoothie champion? At this tasty

competition, teams will have to choose from a variety of ingredients to make the tastiest concoction. In keeping with our “Build a Better World” theme, we won’t be using a blender to mix these smoothies—you’ll be doing the work yourself by using clean energy created by riding our Smoothie Bike to operate the blender. Bring a canned good to donate to the Portland Food Bank and help alleviate hunger in our town.



**Registration is required and extremely limited.**

# 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 1st at 6:30 p.m.**

***The Goddess Pose* by Michelle Goldberg.**

When the woman who would become Indra Devi was born in Russia in 1899, yoga was virtually unknown outside of India. By the time of her death in 2002, it was being practiced around the world. *The Goddess Pose* brings Indra Devi's little known but remarkable story as an actress, yogi, and globetrotting adventuress, to life.

**Thursday, July 6th at 6:30 p.m.**

***Ghana Must Go* by Taiye Selasi.**

Kweku Sai is dead. A renowned surgeon and failed husband, he succumbs suddenly at dawn outside his home in suburban Accra. The news of Kweku's death sends a ripple around the world, bringing together the family he abandoned years before. This is their story. Electric, exhilarating, and beautifully crafted, this book is a testament to the transformative power of unconditional love.



## Movies in the Evening

**Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Showing: *The Founder***

**Starring:** Michael Keaton, Nick Offerman, John Carroll Lynch, Laura Dern. **Directed by** John Lee Hancock. **PG-13, 2016, 115 minutes.**

The story of Ray Kroc, a salesman who turned two brothers' innovative fast food eatery, McDonald's, into one of the biggest restaurant businesses in the world with a combination of ambition, persistence, and ruthlessness.

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

## Summer Movies in the Afternoon:

**Paul Newman Film Festival:**

**Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.**

Paul Newman, prolific actor, philanthropist, and Ct resident founded Newman's Own Company which donates all of its profits to charity, especially The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, for children with serious illnesses. Paul Newman embodied the spirit of building a better world!

**Enjoy these classics!**

**June 21 The Hustler**

**June 28 Cat on a Hot Tin Roof**



## Thank You

### Recent Donations

#### Book Donations:

Carolyn Freeman

E. Evelyn Eddy

Dru Harder

Beverly Heffernan

George Scheer

**Thursday June 29 at 2:00 p.m.**

***A Morbid Taste for Bones***

**by Ellis Peters**

**Mysteries through**

**the Decades Book**

**Club**



#### Library Hours:

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

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

Saturdays in July & August 9:00-1:00

#### Library Meetings:

**Friends of the Portland Library:**

Monday, June 5th at 7 p.m.

**Library Board of Directors:**

Thursday, June 15th at 7 p.m.

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During the month of June, the Library will be featuring CDs of Folk Music & new DVDs featuring Non-fiction topics.



#### Books on Display

In June, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, Dystopian novels and Gardening.