

# Check it out...



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## New

The Library is pleased to announce the addition of a new member to our Youth Library Services team, Patty Ballou, who has taught in elementary schools and encouraged a love of reading, in East Hampton. Patty is filling the position vacated by “Miss Lauren” Coleman and will be starting at the library on July 17th. Welcome Patty!

**Summer Saturdays in  
July & August open  
9:00am -1:00pm**

Come in early & get your books  
before going to the beach for the day!



**Gardening:  
Kitchen Gardens  
Monday July 24th  
at 6:30p.m.**



The traditional kitchen garden, also known as a potager (French) or a kailyard (Scottish), is a source of herbs, vegetables and fruits typically placed near the house for easy access to the harvest.

Lawrence Davis-Hollander, an ethnobotanist, garden writer and gardener will explore this kind of garden. He was founder and Director of the Eastern Native Seed Conservancy, and author of

*Tomato: A fresh-from-the-vine cookbook*. He writes for Heirloom Gardener, Grit, and Yankee magazines and is a principal of Dandelion Gardening Arts.

**Registration Requested!**



**Lunch and Learn  
is taking a hiatus in July and August!**

**See you at noon on September 12th!**

Library closing at 5:00 p.m. Monday July 3rd  
Closed Tuesday July 4th



**Portland Library's 2017 Adult**

**Summer Reading  
Program:**

**Build a Better World**

**The program runs**

**June 15-August 31, 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/>)

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!*

# 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 began 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 Shows on the Green



### Turtle Dance Music

Wednesday, July 12th at 6:30 p.m.

**Portland Town Green**

Turtle Dance Music will bring songs, comedy, robots, bubbles, music technology and original stories to the library in this great show! The show is inclusive for all children including children on the Autism Spectrum. Each song is accompanied by hands-on, visual, and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time.



### Bryson Lang Comedy

Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30

p.m.

**Portland Town Green**

Bryson Lang has entertained thousands around the world with his creative, high energy, family-friendly, comedy-juggling act. Don't miss it!

### Frisbee Disc Dogs

Wednesday, July 26th at 6:30 p.m.

**Portland Town Green**

**Rain date: August 9**

Ed Jakubowski and his fabulous Disc Dogs will be here to perform some of the tricks that have made them Skyhoundz/Hyperflite champions! Featured on *Animal Planet*, *ESPN*, and performing in multiple MLB and NHL events, these canine athletes need to be seen to be believed!



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

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## Growing through Stories Storytimes

**Mondays at 11:00 a.m.**  
**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.

## Save the Animals! Grades K-2

**Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

**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.**



## Where in the World? Grades 3-5

**Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

**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.**

## It's A Philanthro-Party! Thursday, July 13th at 3:00 p.m.

Philanthroparties are parties with a purpose! During this program, we'll be making fleece hats, scarves, and blankets for newborns (no sewing experience necessary!) while enjoying snacks and music. Come help us “build a better world” while having a great time!

**Registration is required** and extremely limited.

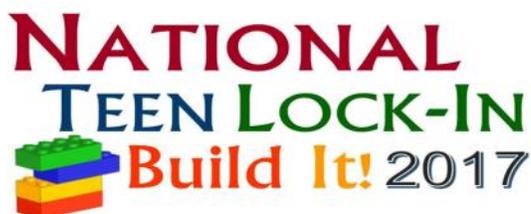


## Speed Stacking Workshop/ Challenge

**Thursday, July 20th at 3:00 p.m.**

Looking for a new hobby this summer?

Why not try **Speed Stacking**! Local PE teacher Glenn Costello will be here to teach the basics of this new and upcoming sport! Build hand/eye coordination, self-esteem, even test taking skills! Easy to learn and with practice, able to master, you will learn and practice the basics and even challenge your friends. **Registration is required** and extremely limited. **Speed Stacking** sets will be available for purchase after the program at a discounted rate.



## Annual Summer Lock-In

**Friday, July 28th from 7:00-10:00 p.m.**

This annual event is always one of our most popular events of the year! While the details of this national lock-in are always TOP SECRET, we promise the night will be full of food, unique games, and lots of laughs! Make sure you register for this program early, because it will fill up!

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

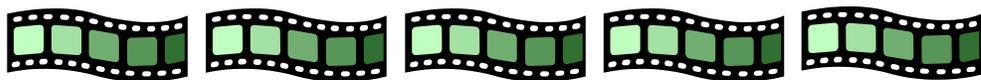
***Ghana Must Go* by Taiye Selasi.**

The news of a renowned surgeon's death in suburban Accra sends a ripple around the world, bringing together the family he abandoned years before. This is their story. Electric, exhilarating, and beautifully crafted, *Ghana Must Go* is a testament to the transformative power of unconditional love. Copies of the book are available to borrow.

**Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 p.m.**

***Best Boy* by Eli Gottlieb.**

A middle-aged autistic resident of a therapeutic community where he was sent as a young child rebels against changes in his environment by attempting to return to a family home and younger sibling he only partially remembers. Copies of the book are available to borrow.



## Movies in the Evening

**Monday, July 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Showing: *A United Kingdom***

**Starring:** David Oyelowo, Rosamund Pike, Tom Felton.

Directed by Amma Asante. BBC Films. PG-13, 2016, 111 minutes.

The story of King Seretse Khama of Botswana and how his loving but controversial marriage to a British white woman, Ruth Williams, put his kingdom into political and diplomatic turmoil.

**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!**

**July 12 Cool Hand Luke**

**July 19 Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid**

**July 26 The Sting**



During the month of July, the Library will be featuring CDs of Rock n' Roll music & DVDs featuring books made into movies!



## Books on Display

In July, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, Beach Fiction & nonfiction to help "Build a Better World."

# Thank You

## Recent Donations

### Book Donations:

**William & Laila Coleman**

**Dianne DeGiandomenico**

**Carolyn Freeman**

**Jennifer McGuinness**

## Summer Saturday hours:

**July — August**

**open 9:00am—1:00pm**

## Library Closing:

**Monday July 3 at 5:00p.m.**

**Closed Tuesday July 4th**

## Summer Library Hours:

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

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

Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Library Meetings:

**Library Board of Directors:**

Thursday, July 20th at 7 p.m.

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