

# Check it out...



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**Date:** Saturday,  
January 20th  
**Time:** 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.  
**Passport on Wheels**



Apply for a Passport/Renew a Passport at the Portland Public Library/USPS® Passport Fair. Portland Public Library and the United States Postal Service® have teamed-up to offer you a convenient and time-saving opportunity.

Documents needed for the passport fair:

**Application:** First-time applicants must complete form DS-11 or renewal applicants must complete form DS-82.

**Evidence of Citizenship:** First-time applicants must provide a certified birth certificate, a naturalization certificate or a consular report of birth abroad. Renewal applicants must provide their most recent passport.

**Provide a photo copy** of citizenship front and back single sided.

**Two Forms of ID:** Driver's license or state ID and work ID or student ID

**Passport-compliant photo** either taken at the fair for \$15 or one taken ahead of time and brought to the fair.

- **No credit cards! Payment is in the form of checks or money orders only.**

First-time applicants must bring **two checks or money orders:** One for the passport application fee made payable to "U.S. Department of State" and a second check or money order for the \$25 execution fee – add \$15 for a photo if applicable – made payable to "Postmaster".

**Snow Date:** Saturday, January 27th

See our website for more details or pick up an application/instructions at the library!

**Thursday January 11th**

**1:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS for

appointments. Or internet: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



The Library is closed on Monday January 1st and Monday January 15th for Martin Luther King's birthday!

**Tuesday January 16th at 2:00 p.m.**

**Tech Talk with Kevin:**

Need help with those wonderful tech gifts you got from your relative that you don't know how to use? Bring your tablet, smartphone, newfangled gadget and let's explore the best way to use them with Kevin, our tech guru from town hall. Registration requested!



**Lunch and Learn**  
**Tuesday January 9, 2017 at 12 noon**  
**Book Discussion**

**Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant** by Anne Tyler  
Abandoned by her husband, stoic Pearl raised her three children on her own. Now grown, the siblings are inextricably linked by their memories—some painful--which hold them together despite their differences. Hardened by life's disappointments, for and now gathered during a time of loss, they will reluctantly unlock the shared secrets of their past.

Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion. Bring a lunch if you like. Light dessert is provided.

**February 13th Lunch & Learn:**

**Howards End** by E. M. Forster



**Read & Recycle**



The Friends of the Portland Library's next intake date is **Saturday, January 13th 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

## 2018 Winter Reading Challenge:

# Idita-READ!



The Portland Library's 2018 Winter Reading Challenge, **Idita-READ!**, runs from **January 2-March 2, 2018**. No registration is required for participation in this fun program. Visit the library and color a dog to race along the Iditarod track on our bulletin board. Each time you check out items in January and February, we will punch out a spot on your Idita-Read punch card.

This will advance your dog along the track which finishes in Nome, Alaska!

Cross the finish line and collect a prize.

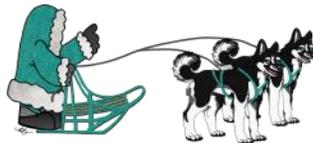
## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Sled Dog Program

**Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m.**

Learn more about sled dog racing through a presentation from the Connecticut Valley Siberian Husky Club. We'll meet some of the Huskies, hear about their lives and routines, and watch a sled demonstration if the weather cooperates.

**Registration is required for this event.**



### **Paw Patrol Party Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m.**

Come help us celebrate the end of Winter Reading with a *pawsome* evening full of crafts, games, and more activities based on the popular television series. Registration is required and space is limited. This activity is best suited for kids ages 2-8.

## Winter Story Times



Registration for winter story times will begin on Wednesday, December 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Story time sessions will begin the week of January 8-12th. Please visit our website at [www.portlandlibraryct.org](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org) or call (860) 342-6770 to register.



### Story Garden (ages 3-5)

**Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 13, 20, 27**

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



### Stories for Twos (ages 24-36 months)

**Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 14, 21, 28**

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



### Bouncy Babies (ages 0-24 months)

**Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 22 and March 1 (no program Feb 15)**

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



### Family Story Time

**Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21**

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 and children in grades Pre-K through 2nd grade. Younger siblings are always welcome.

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## Drop-In Crafting

Grades K-5

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

**January 11, 18, 25  
and February 1, 8, 15, 22**

Join us this winter on Thursday afternoons from **3:30-4:30 p.m.** for some no-rules creative crafting in the Wagner Room. There will be plenty of fun supplies and the only limit on what you can create is your own imagination! No registration is required for these drop-in sessions.



## New Book Club Starting!

Grades 4-6



Calling all readers in grades 4-6! If you like to read and want to be one of the first to hear about our new books then our new book club is for you! We'll enjoy snacks, talk about what we're reading, and do a book-related craft each month. Our first planning meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, January 22. Call or email Jennifer Renk for more information at (860) 342-6770 or [jrenk@portlandct.org](mailto:jrenk@portlandct.org).



## Special Event: Build-a-Thon

**Saturday, February 10  
11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.**

Help us celebrate *Take Your Child to the Library Day* with a build-a-thon event! Our Teen Advisory Board has come up with all sorts of building challenges, using everything from Lego blocks to toothpicks and marshmallows. Our Wagner Room will be filled with oversized blocks of all shapes and sizes from Imagination Playground so you can let your imagination soar and work together to create almost anything! No registration is required for this drop-in program.



**Teen Event:  
Throwback to  
Childhood  
Library Lock-In!  
Friday, January 26  
6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Grades 6 and up**

Beat the winter blues and come join us for a night of games, crafts, and more after the library has closed for the evening. This event will have a Throwback to Childhood theme and is for teens in grades 6 and up only! **Registration is required.**



## 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 Patty Ballou at 860-342-6770 or [jrenk@portlandct.org](mailto:jrenk@portlandct.org).

**Upcoming meeting dates:  
January 8, February 12, March 12**



**Portland Library  
Youth Services  
Department**

# 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 January 4th at 6:30 p.m.**

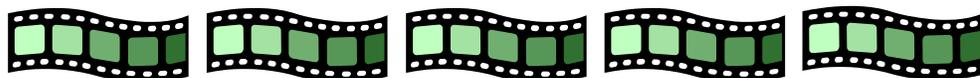
***The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin.**

Despite her own major achievements--she becomes the first licensed female glider pilot in the United States--Anne Morrow Lindbergh is viewed merely as Charles Lindbergh's wife. The fairy-tale life she once longed for will bring heartbreak and hardships, ultimately pushing her to reconcile her need for love and her desire for independence, and to embrace, at last, life's infinite possibilities for change and happiness.

**Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m.**

***A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner.**

September 1911. On Ellis Island in New York Harbor, nurse Clara Wood cannot face returning to Manhattan, where the man she loved fell to his death in the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire. Then, while caring for a fevered immigrant whose own loss mirrors hers, she becomes intrigued by a name embroidered onto the scarf he carries. Flash forward to September 2011. On Manhattan's Upper West Side, widow Taryn Michaels is working in a charming specialty fabric store and raising her daughter alone. A long-lost photograph appears in a national magazine, and she is forced to relive the terrible day her husband died in the World Trade Towers...the same day a stranger reached out and saved her. Will a chance reconnection and a century-old scarf open Taryn's eyes to the larger forces at work in her life?



## Movies in the Afternoon

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Showing: *Battle of the Sexes***

**Starring:** Steve Carell, Emma Stone, Sarah Silverman, Elisabeth Shue & Alan Cumming. **Directors:** Jonathan Dayton & Valerie Faris. PG-13, 121 minutes. The true story of the 1973 tennis match that was known as The Battle of the Sexes between World number one Billie Jean King and ex-champ and serial hustler Bobby Riggs. The match, the most watched television event of all time, began a global discussion of gender equality and may have even set fire to the feminist movement.

## Movies in the Evening

**Monday, January 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Showing: *Victoria & Abdul***

**Starring:** Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Tim Pigott-Smith & Eddie Izzard. **Director:** Stephen Frears; 112 minutes, PG-13.

When Abdul Karim, a clerk in his twenties, comes to the Queen of England's court from India in 1887, he comes for the queen's Golden Jubilee festivities. He stays long after and develops a close and sometimes controversial friendship with the aging queen.

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

## Thank You Recent Donations

### Book Donations:

E. Evelyn Eddy books

### Endowment Fund:

Gerald & Eileen Burke  
Middlesex Aeromodelers  
Anonymous

### Memorial Fund:

Joanna & David McElroy

**Tuesday January 23rd at 1:00 p.m.**

Mysteries around the World Book Club  
***Still Life* by Louise Penny**

### Library closed:

Monday January 1st &

Monday January 15th

Check WFSB/Channel 3 for  
last minute winter closing times!



### Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday - Saturday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Library Meetings:

**Friends of the Library:**

Monday January 8th at 7 p.m.

**Library Board of Directors:**

Thursday January 18th at 7 p.m.

**To Reach the Library**

860-342-6770

[www.portlandlibraryct.org](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org)

**Library Director**

Janet Nocek

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During the month of January  
the Library will be featuring  
Jazz CDs & Travel DVDs.



### Books on Display

In January, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, Mysteries by James Patterson, and yummy soups/stews.