

Check it out...



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Tuesday February 13th at 6:30 p.m. Basics of Chocolate Truffle Making with Maria

If you simply love chocolate and cooking or would like to learn to make some elegant desserts and chocolates, please come to this informative and delicious demonstration. The presentation will include some basic information about chocolate, the various types, and how to work with it. Samples and recipes will include several different types of truffle candies, perfect for giving your loved one on Valentine's Day.

Although this program is free and open to the public, pre-registration is necessary, as attendance is limited to 25 participants. **Please call the library at 860-342-6770 or sign up online to register.**

Happy
Valentine's
Day

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. Charles M. Schulz

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The Library is closed on Monday February 19th for President's Day!

Tuesday February 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Tech Talk with Kevin:

More help with Google! This time it is Google Docs & how docs relates to Google drive and the Cloud! Come with questions and get a bunch of answers from Kevin, our town hall tech guru. **Registration requested!**



Lunch and Learn Tuesday February 13, 2018 at 12 noon Book Discussion

Howards End by E. M. Forster

This novel revolves around three families: the Wilcoxes, rich capitalists with a fortune made in the colonies; the half-German Schlegel siblings (Margaret, Helen, and Tibby), who are very culturally aware; and the Basts, an impoverished young couple from a lower-class background. The idealistic, intelligent Schlegel sisters seek to help the struggling Basts and to rid the Wilcoxes of some of their deep-seated social and economic prejudices.

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

March 13th Lunch & Learn: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith



Art at the Library



Paula Slym Lee (Assistant Town Clerk) & Amanda Rasch, mother and daughter artists, will be exhibiting their artistic creations in a variety of mediums during the month of February. 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 on Saturday February 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.**

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.

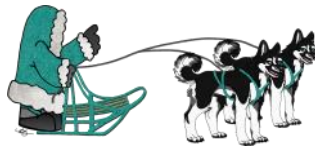
SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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.



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 and new copies of Crockett Johnson's *Harold and the Purple Crayon* will be given to the first 50 children who attend the event.



Drop-In Crafts

Grades K-5

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
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.

Go for the Gold!

Drop in to the library throughout the day on Tuesday, February 20, and visit the children's area for some Olympic-themed fun. We'll have crafts, puzzles, and a self-directed scavenger hunt for kids of all ages. Find the five colored rings throughout the Children's Department and win a gold medal!



Youth Services News and Events



Winter Story Times

Story time sessions will continue through the end of February. Please visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org or call (860) 342-6770 to register.



Story Garden (ages 3-5)

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Don't Miss These YA Sequels Coming Out in 2018

Put these highly anticipated sequels on hold now!

- *War Storm* by Victoria Aveyard (Red Queen)
- *Restore Me* by Tahereh Mafi (Shatter Me)
- *Queen of Air and Darkness* by Cassandra Clare (Lord of Shadows)
- *Reaper at the Gates* by Sabaa Tahir (An Ember in the Ashes)
- *Legendary* by Stephanie Garber (Carval)
- *Obsidio* by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff (Illumnae)
- *The Fates Divide* by Veronica Roth (Carve the Mark)



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.

Upcoming meeting dates:
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, 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.

Thursday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m.

***32 Yolks: From My Mothers Table to Working the Line* by Eric Ripert.**

Eric Ripert was an unhappy boy growing up in the South of France until he met Jacques, a locally renowned chef and restaurant owner. Jacques took Eric under his wing, letting him into his kitchen every day after school where he would teach Eric how to make real chocolate mousse and regale him with travel stories. Eric began to see a future for himself in the culinary world. His desire to not only cook but to become the best would lead him into some of the most demanding kitchens in Paris and he became chef and owner of a world renowned restaurant..



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *Goodbye Christopher Robin*

Starring: Domhnall Gleeson, Margot Robbie & Kelly Macdonald

Director: Simon Curtis. PG, 2017, 107 minutes.

After leaving London for the English countryside, writer A.A. Milne starts to spin fanciful yarns about his son's growing collection of stuffed animals. These stories form the basis for 'Winnie-the-Pooh' and 'The House at Pooh Corner,' published respectively in 1926 and 1928.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *Crooked House*

Starring: Christina Hendricks, Gillian Anderson, Honor Kneafsey, Glenn Close & Max Irons. **Director:** Gilles Paquet-Brenner, PG-13, 115 minutes. In Agatha Christie's most twisted tale, a spy-turned-private-detective is lured by his former lover to catch her grandfather's murderer before Scotland Yard exposes dark family secrets. **No reservations necessary! The Friends of the Portland Library supports the library's DVD collection!**

Thank You

Recent Donations

Book Donations:

Deirdre Brey

Endowment Donations:

Kevin & Carol Toomey

Tuesday February 20th at 1:00 p.m.

Mysteries around the World Book Club

Iceland: *The Silence of the Sea*

by Yrsa Siguroardottir

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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 February 5th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday February 15th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

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During the month of February the Library will be featuring Rhythm & Blues CDs & Romantic DVDs.



Books on Display

In February, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, romance novels and yummy chocolate items.