

Check it out...



A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library March 2018



The Library has 2017 Federal tax forms: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ and the instructions for these forms. Also we have made copies of Schedule A and Schedule B. Don't hesitate to call 860-342-6770 for more information!



The Library is closed on Friday March 30th for Good Friday!



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

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

From the moment she entered the world, Francie needed to be made of stern stuff, for the often harsh life of Williamsburg demanded fortitude, precocity, and strength of spirit. Often scorned by neighbors for her family's erratic and eccentric behavior—such as her father Johnny's taste for alcohol and Aunt Sissy's habit of marrying serially without the formality of divorce—no one, least of all Francie, could say that the Nolans' life lacked drama. By turns overwhelming, sublime, heartbreaking, and uplifting, the Nolans' daily experiences are tenderly threaded with family connectedness and raw with honesty.

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

Student Art Month at the Library



The visual arts instructors for the Portland Public Schools are pleased to present an exhibit of student work through the month of March in celebration of Youth Art Month. Drawings, paintings, prints and ceramics created by students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 will be showcased. Please come see the wonderful work of our young artists and support the visual arts program in our schools. The public is invited to come to view the artwork and meet the student artists at an **opening reception hosted by the Friends of the Library on Wednesday March 28th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.**

Get involved in your town!

The Town of Portland is developing a budget to present to the voters for the fiscal year that begins in July. To be part of the process, stay informed through attending workshops at Portland Library and participating in public hearings held at Portland High School.



The First Selectwoman's budget is presented and open for public comment on **Tuesday, March 13th** at Portland Middle School auditorium at 7 pm. Following the Selectmen's workshops and deliberations, a hearing on the Board of Selectmen's proposed budget takes place at a Town meeting on Monday May 7th. Amendments may be made if a quorum of voters attend. Visit the Town's website for more information.

The voters have a chance to accept the proposed budget during a referendum to be held on **Monday May 14th** at the Portland Middle School.

Stay informed - and exercise your rights to participate in your Town government!

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

Tech Talk with Kevin:

More help with Google! This time it is Google Docs & Google drive! Come with questions and get a bunch of answers from Kevin, our town hall tech guru.

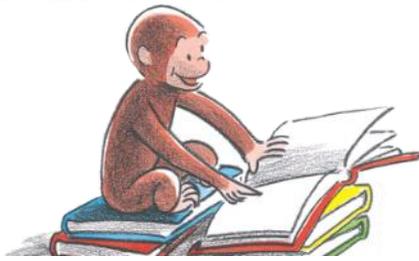
Registration requested!

Knifty Knitters Saturdays 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Do you like to knit or crochet? Drop in at this weekly knitting circle where people share ideas, get helpful knitting tips and enjoy chatting with others who enjoy this creative hobby!

Beginning knitters are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Youth Services News and Events



2018 Spring Storytimes

Registration for spring story times will begin February 26th at 10:00 a.m. Story time sessions will begin the week of March 12th. Please visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org or call (860) 342-6770 to register. **There will be no storytimes during April vacation week, April 16-20.**

Story Garden (ages 3-5)
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24, and May 1
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.

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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.

March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 26, and May 3
This introduction to story time provides important bonding time and early literacy skills through stories, songs, games and playtime with new friends.

Stories and STEAM
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 25, and May 2
Story time with a twist! We'll hear a story and then engage in science, art, and technology activities based on the themes in the book. This evening program is best suited for kids in grades K-2, though siblings are always welcome.



**Secret Agent
Spy School**
Grades K-2
Thursdays 3:30-4:30
March 8th, 22nd and
April 5th, 26th

Calling all future secret agents! Come join our spy school and learn some of the secrets behind becoming a super spy. Join the ranks to receive your official spy name, learn how to make secret codes, discover the art of studying fingerprints, and use your super spy moves to dodge laser beams.

Registration is Required!

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!



In honor of Dr. Seuss's 113th birthday, **Read Across America Day** will be held on March 2, 2018. We have a wide selection of picture books and beginning reader books on display to help you celebrate!



**Stop Motion
Animation Workshops**
Grades 3-5
Thursdays 3:30-4:30
March 15th, 29th, April 12th,
and May 3rd

Students will create a short, original video using our Legos and other props. Teams will create a storyboard, shoot photographs, and animate the photographs on the library's iPads using the Stop Motion Studio app. **A screening of our films will take place from 4:30-5:00 on May 3rd.**

Registration is Required!

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April Vacation Activities



Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library!

Grades 4-8

Tuesday, April 17th

Time slots: 11:00, 12:30, 2:00

The clock is ticking and there's only one way out...can you find it in time In this adventure based on the former intermediate Nutmeg nominee by Chris Grabenstein, groups will have to work together to solve puzzles, unlock clues, and find a way out of the library meeting room before time runs out. Register for one of three time slots as a team or an individual.

Space is limited!

Family Dance Party!

Wednesday, April 18th

10:30-11:30 a.m.



Children ages 2-8 and their families are invited to wiggle, shimmy, and shake with us at our first **Family Dance Party!** Come join Miss Jenn and Miss Patty for this combination of free dance, guided dancing, action-oriented stories and musical games that helps improve literacy while having a lot of fun!

Registration is recommended but not required.



Peeps® Dioramas

Thursday, April 19th

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Grades 6 and up

Create a marshmallow Peeps® diorama based on your favorite book or movie. We will have a variety of supplies available, but you can bring your own as well. Please bring your own shoebox and we will provide the Peeps®. Finished dioramas will be displayed at the library for library patrons to vote on their favorite. The winner will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Registration is recommended but not required.

2018 Best Fiction for Young Adults List Released

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), announced its 2018 Best Fiction for Young Adults list at the American Library Association mid-winter meeting in February. The full list of titles can be viewed at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2018-best-fiction-young-adults>. The top ten titles are as follows:

- **Arnold, Elana.** *What Girls Are Made Of*
- **Bardugo, Leigh.** *The Language of Thorns: Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic*
- **Lee, Mackenzi.** *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue*
- **Moon, Sarah.** *Sparrow*
- **Reynolds, Jason.** *Long Way Down*
- **Taylor, Laini.** *Strange the Dreamer*
- **Thomas, Angie.** *The Hate U Give*
- **Watson, Renée.** *Piecing Me Together*
- **Zappia, Francesca.** *Eliza and Her Monsters*
- **Zentner, Jeff.** *Goodbye Days*



You Are Invited....

If you are in **grades 7 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:
March 12, April 9, May 14**



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

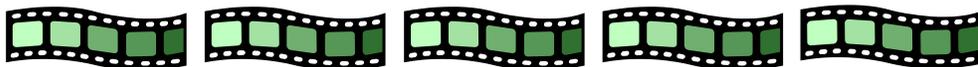
32 Yolks: From My Mothers Table to Working the Line by Eric Ripert.

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.

Thursday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m.

The Tiger's Wife by Téa Obreht.

Remembering childhood stories her grandfather once told her, young physician Natalia becomes convinced that he spent his last days searching for "the deathless man," a vagabond who claimed to be immortal. As Natalia struggles to understand why her grandfather, a deeply rational man would go on such a farfetched journey, she stumbles across a clue that leads her to the extraordinary story of the tiger's wife.



Movies in the Afternoon

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

Showing: Same Kind of Different as Me

Starring: Greg Kinnear, Djimon Hounsou, Renee Zellweger Jon Voight & Olivia Holt. **Director:** Michael Carney. Rated PG-13, 119 minutes. Ron Hall befriends a homeless man named Denver Moore as his wife is dying of cancer. She brings the two men together when Denver follows through on her dream of starting a ministry. They must overcome the barrier of their differing culture and upbringing.

Movies in the Evening

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

Showing: Murder on the Orient Express

Starring: Tom Bateman, Kenneth Branagh, Penélope Cruz, Willem Dafoe, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Josh Gad, Derek Jacobi, Leslie Odom Jr., Michelle Pfeiffer, & Daisy Ridley **Director:** Kenneth Branagh, PG-13, 114 minutes. When a luxurious train is stranded in the snow and a man is murdered in his compartment, the crime is investigated by a famous detective who is also a passenger. He discovers that many of the passengers knew the victim from years before in connection with the kidnapping of a three year old heiress who was killed even though her ransom had been paid.

No reservations necessary! The Friends of the Portland Library

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Book Donations: Margaret Coe
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Paul & Janet Glinski
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Kovac Construction Corp
Holly O'Brien
Renee Poet
Catherine Probolus
Marilyn Scanlan-White
Diane Stark
Dianne Swistak
Roy & Kathy Walker

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

Mysteries around the World Book Club
Sweden: The Princess of Burundi
by Kjell Eriksson

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed -

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Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library:

Monday March 5th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday March 15th at 7 p.m.

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From our special displays in March, check out DVDs and CDs with an Irish theme in celebration of St. Patrick's Day!



Books on Display

In March, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, short stories, and books featuring Women's History month.