

# Check it out...



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**Library Closed:** Monday May 28th  
for Memorial Day

**Lunch and Learn**  
**Tuesday May 8th, 2018 at 12 noon**  
**Book Discussion**

**Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi**

Two half-sisters, Effia and Esi, are born into different villages in eighteenth-century Ghana. One thread of the novels follows Effia's descendants through centuries of warfare in Ghana and the other thread follows Esi and her children into America. **Bring a lunch if you like. Light dessert is provided.**

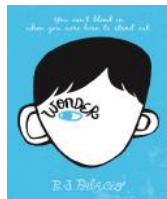


**One Book on the Riverbend**  
**Three SPECIAL EVENTS at The**  
**Portland Library:**

**Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Wonder, the movie**



**Wednesday, May 16th, at 6:30 p.m.**  
**A Celebration of Kindness for children:**  
an evening of celebrating kindness through stories, games and craft activities.  
**Registration is required.**



**At the Waverly Senior Center**  
**Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Multi-Generational Book Discussion**  
**of Wonder**

Led by MARSHA BANSAVAGE, an educator and book discussion facilitator with more than thirty years of experience in the field.

**Tuesday May 22nd at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Tech Talk with Kevin: iPhone tips & Photos!**  
Come with questions and get a bunch of answers from Kevin, our town hall tech guru.  
**Registration requested!**

**Get involved in your town! Mark your calendars!**  
A hearing on the Board of Selectmen's proposed budget takes place at a Town meeting at the Portland Middle School on **Monday May 7th.**

Amendments may be made if a quorum of voters attend. Visit the Town's website for more information.

Then 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!**

**Local Author Series 2018: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.**  
**May 15th: Frank Connolly, author of *Hidden***

**Agendas: *Inside Town Hall***, a fictitious novel on local government politics. His novel reveals just how tangled and involved small-town politics can become. It follows the volatile trail of a proposed land use development in the fictional Connecticut Town of Covington. The novel involves the roles of the Town Manager, his staff, politics, and numerous town boards

**Registration Requested!**

**June 12th: Katherine Spada Basto, author of *Days***

**to the Gallows, a novel of the Hartford Witch Panic**  
Come hear about the writing process, explore their recent novels and get to meet authors who live right here in Portland.

**Portland Secondary School Art Teachers**

Portland High School Visual Arts Teacher Stu Noelte and Portland Middle School Visual Arts Teacher AnnMarie Szerejko will have works on display in the Mary Flood Room and the Front Lobby Display Cases respectively.

Photographs of northeast rail train landscapes and handmade pottery and ceramic sculpture will be on view through the month of May. Portland Secondary Visual Arts teachers attempt to instill a sense of value for the arts to the students and community of Portland. Portland Secondary Art Teachers believe a quality art education is essential to everyone's educational life-long journey.  
**Stop in and see their artwork!**

Artwork

# Youth Services News and Events



## Libraries™ Rock!

### Portland Library's

## 2018 Summer Reading Program for Children & Teens

The Portland Library's 2018 Summer Reading Program, **Libraries Rock!**, will begin on June 21st!

Teens and children will once again have the opportunity to log their minutes from home or on a mobile device, making it easier to record Governor's Reading Challenges and summer reading goals.

Families and individuals can begin making their online profiles on June 1st and logging their minutes on or after **June 21st**. Paper records will also be available. Stay tuned for more details!

### SUMMER READING KICKOFF

**Illusionist David Garrity**  
**Wednesday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m.**  
**At the Portland Middle School**  
**Auditorium**

David Garrity's one-man illusion show features theatrical and visual magic, audience participation, comedy and music. In this performance, you may see a table mysteriously float, objects that appear and disappear in the blink of an eye and witness a Houdini-style Escape Challenge!

**Thank you to the  
Friends of the Portland  
Library for their  
support!**



**Crafty Thursdays**  
**Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.**  
**Grades K-5**  
**May 10, 17, 24**



Our winter drop-in crafting sessions were a hit, so we're bringing them back for three weeks this May! Join us 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.**



## Drop-In Playdates!

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us every Wednesday morning in May from 10:30-11:30 for an hour of socialization and open play with our story room toys.

**No registration is required.**

## SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE PORTLAND LIBRARY

The **Portland Library's 2018 Internship Program** is a volunteer program for students in grades 7 and up with the intent of providing an enriching work experience for successful applicants.

- \* Interns will be expected to attend the mandatory training session on **Thursday, May 31st at 3:30 p.m.**
- \* Intern duties will consist of light office duties, event preparation and assistance, program promotion, and the registration and reporting of readers' progress with summer reading.
- \* Please come into the Portland Library and fill out an application if you are interested.

**Applications must be received no later than the  
May 25th deadline to be considered.**

# Youth Services News and Events

## Nutmeg News



The 2019 Nutmeg nominees were announced on May 1. Below is the list of nominees in each category. We have several copies of each book at the library, and many are available to borrow as downloadable e-books through the Overdrive link on our library website. The winners of the 2018 Nutmeg Awards will be announced on May 15.

The Nutmeg Book Award encourages children in grades 2-12 to read quality literature and to choose their favorite from a list of ten (fifteen elementary) nominated titles. The award is jointly sponsored by the Connecticut Library Association (CLA) and the Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL). Nominees are selected by a committee of students, school librarians and public librarians around the state.

### **Elementary (grades 2-4)**

*Ada's Violin* by Susan Hood  
*Alan's Big Scary Teeth* by Jarvis  
*The Bad Guys* by Aaron Blabey  
*Cody and the Mysteries of the Universe* by Tricia Springstubb  
*Echo Echo : Reverso Poems About Greek Myths* by Marilyn Singer  
*The Hidden Life of the Toad* by Doug Wechsler  
*I Dissent* by Debbie Levy  
*Juana & Lucas* by Juana Medina  
*Lost in NYC* by Nadia Spiegelman & Sergio Sanchez  
*Pink is for Blobfish* by Jess Keating  
*The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet* by Carmen Agra Deedy  
*Super Turbo Saves the Day* by Lee Kirby  
*When Green Becomes Tomatoes* by Julie Fogliano  
*Whoosh!* by Chris Barton  
*The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

### **Intermediate (grades 4-6)**

*Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova  
*The Best Man* by Richard Peck  
*The Blood Guard* by Carter Roy  
*Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar  
*A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord  
*The Hero Two Doors Down* by Sharon Robinson  
*Loot: How to Steal a Fortune* by Jude Watson  
*Ms. Bixby's Last Day* by John David Anderson  
*Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story*  
by Nora Raleigh Baskin  
*Seven Dead Pirates* by Linda Bailey

### **Teen (grades 7-8)**

*All We Have Left* by Wendy Mills  
*Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova  
*The Bitter Side of Sweet* by Tara Sullivan  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*Labyrinth Lost* by Zoraida Cordoba  
*Need* by Joelle Charbonneau  
*OCDaniel* by Wesley King  
*Outrun the Moon* by Stacey Lee  
*The Six* by Mark Alpert  
*Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephart

### **High School (grades 9-12)**

*All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds  
& Brendan Kiely  
*The Female of the Species* by Mindy McGinnis  
*Illuminae* by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff  
*Nimona* by Noelle Stevenson  
*Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys  
*Scythe* by Neal Shusterman  
*The Serpent King* by Jeff Zentner  
*Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo  
*This is Our Story* by Ashley Elston  
*Trashed* by Derf Backderf



**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, May 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

***The Bartender's Tale* by Ivan Doig.**

It's 1960 when we meet Tom Harry, a beloved, no-nonsense bartender in Gros Ventre, Montana, a sleepy town in remote northern sheep country. Tom is also a single father working long hours, trying to raise his 12-year-old son, Rusty. Rusty is the narrator of our story and though he is puzzled by most of what he sees in the adult world, he is certain of one thing: the love of his father.

**Thursday, June 7th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

***Siracusa* by Delia Ephron.**

New Yorkers Michael, a famous writer, and Lizzie, a journalist, travel to Italy with their friends from Maine--Finn, his wife Taylor, and their 10-year old precocious daughter Snow. Told in alternating points of view, the characters expose and stumble upon lies and infidelities past and present. Set on the sun-drenched coast of the Ionian Sea, *Siracusa* unfolds with the pacing of a psychological thriller and delivers an unexpected final act that none can see coming..



## Movies in the Afternoon

**Wednesday May 16, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.**

***Please Stand By***

**Starring:** Dakota Fanning, Toni Collette. Patton Oswalt, Alice Eve, River Alexander & Marla Gibbs. **Director:** Ben Lewin , PG-13, 93 minutes.

A young autistic woman runs away from her caregiver in order to boldly go and deliver her 500-page Star Trek script to a writing competition in Hollywood. On an adventure full of laughter and tears, Wendy, played with exquisite delicacy by Dakota Fanning, follows the guiding spirit of Mr. Spock on her journey into the unknown. 'It is there for us to conquer, not to fear.'

## Movies in the Evening

**Monday May 21, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.**

***Dunkirk***

**Starring:** Fionn Whitehead, Damien Bonnard, Aneurin Barnard, Kenneth Branagh & Tom Hardy **Director:** Christopher Nolan, PG-13, 106 minutes.

Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire and France are surrounded by the German Army, and evacuated during a fierce battle in World War II.

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

# Thank You

## Recent Donations

### Book Donations:

Carolyn Freeman

Henry Strom

Nancy Sawyer

Jennifer McGuinness

Paula Brown Book In

Memory of Karen L (Kirsche) Miller

**Library Closed: Monday**

**May 28th: Memorial Day**

## 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 May 7th at 7 p.m.

### Library Board of Directors:

Thursday May 17th at 7 p.m.

### To Reach the Library

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### Library Director

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During the month of May, the Library will be featuring CDs of Musical scores from movies & Broadway & DVDs featuring Comedies.



## Books on Display

In May, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, Mysteries, One Book on the Riverbend *Wonder* display and do-it-yourself projects.