

Check it out...



A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library October 2017

Library closed Monday October 9th for Columbus Day!

Tuesday October 24th at 6:30 p.m.

The Opioid Epidemic, Dr. Michael Saxe

The Opioid Epidemic, one of the major health problems facing our nation, has caused the deaths of over 200,000 Americans.

Dr. Michael Saxe has practiced Emergency Medicine in Connecticut for 32 years at Middlesex Hospital. As a board certified emergency physician, Dr. Saxe served as the Chairman of the Middlesex Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine for 22 years, from 1994 to 2016. Dr. Saxe will discuss the opioid epidemic's history, its causes and what each of us can do to end it. Come participate in this important discussion! **Registration requested!**



Lunch and Learn
Tuesday October 10, 2017 at 12 noon
Little Bee by Chris Cleave

Little Bee, smart and stoic, knows two people in England, Andrew and Sarah, journalists she chanced upon on a Nigerian beach after fleeing a massacre in her village, one grisly outbreak in an off-the-radar oil war. After sneaking into England and escaping a rural 'immigration removal' center, she arrives at Andrew and Sarah's London suburb home only to find that the violence that haunts her has also poisoned them.

Books will be available for borrowing prior to the discussion. Bring a lunch if you like. Dessert and beverages will be served.

November 14: *Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery

Tuesday October 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Tech Talk with Kevin:

Uploading Pictures to Facebook

Manipulate, upload, share pictures with your friends on Facebook! Let Kevin, our favorite Tech Guru, answer all your questions. **Registration requested!**

**Friends of the Portland Library's
2017 Annual Fall Book Sale at the
Portland Library**



Friday Oct 20 6 - 8 p.m. (Members Only)

Saturday Oct 21 10a.m. - 1p.m.

Sunday Oct 22 10a.m. - noon

[Sunday Clearance Sale: \$2 per bag for Members;
\$3 per bag for Non-Members]

Non-members may join at the door Friday evening.

Hardcover \$1.00

Trade Paperback \$1.00

Mass Market Paperback \$0.50

Puzzles & Games \$1.00

DVDs \$0.50

Children's Books \$0.50

Monday October 30th at 6:30p.m.

Paul Rice: palm reader, psychic, medium & local 'ghostbuster' has stories to tell about helping ghosts 'move on!' Get in the Halloween Spirit! **Registration requested.**



ART AT THE LIBRARY

Brownstone Arts returns to the library with its annual fall exhibit. On display throughout the month of October will be paintings, pastels, watercolors, photographs, pottery, and work in other mediums by the group's members. 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 with a Reception on **Saturday September 30th 2:00 to 4:00pm.**



Look for the bright orange October 6, 7 & 8, 2017
Portland Agricultural Fair Booklets available at the Library!



Youth Services News and Events



Fall Storytimes

Registration for fall story times began on **Monday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m.** Story time sessions will begin the week of **September 11th** and will be divided up into the following age groups:

Story Garden (ages 3-5)

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

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.: October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

Stories for Twos (ages 24-36 months)

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

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.: October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1.

Bouncy Babies (ages 0-24 months)

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

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.: October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2.

Family Story Time

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 with children in grades pre-K through 2nd grade. Younger siblings are always welcome. Family story time is held every **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.:**

October 4, 11, 18.

Registration for all of these story times is required. Go to www.portlandlibraryct.org or call 860-342-6770 to register.

TRICKS OR TREATS WITH PETE THE CAT

Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Pete the Cat will be visiting the Portland Library for this very special evening story time featuring his picture books *Five Little Pumpkins* and *Trick or Pete!* In addition to themed stories, we will enjoy songs, rhymes, and much more fun. A Halloween craft and a meet-and-greet/photo op with Pete will wrap up the evening.



Registration is required.



JUNIOR CHEFS

**Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
October 26, November 2, 9, and 16**

Each week, children in grades K-2 will read a feature story followed by preparing a related snack. The kids will learn about making healthy food choices and learn some basic culinary skills.

Space is extremely limited and registration is required. A list of ingredients is available for those with allergies or food sensitivities; please call the library at 860-342-6770 or email jrenk@portlandct.org for this information.

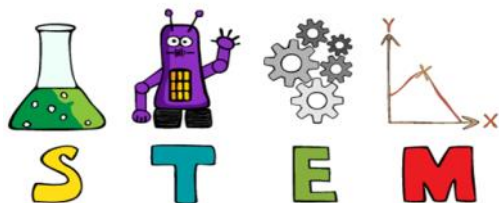
October 26: Apple and cheese quesadillas and apple cinnamon quesadillas

November 2: Dinosaur Egg Rice Krispy Treats

November 9: Ice Cream in a Bag

November 16: Oatmeal Raisin or Oatmeal chocolate chip muffins and making our own butter

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Fun with STEM Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. October 5 and 12

Students in grades 3-5, are you up for a challenge? Join us each week as we tackle various STEM themes. We will work in teams to create bridges, towers, boats and more! Be prepared because there will be some surprise challenges along the way.

Registration is required. Space is limited.



Stranger Things Scavenger Hunt

Monday, October 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Rain date: Monday, October 30 at 3:30 p.m.

Grades 5 and up

Join us in celebrating the upcoming second season of Netflix's original sci-fi series *Stranger Things* with a neighborhood scavenger hunt. Use your knowledge of Hawkins, Indiana, and its residents to follow the clues, solve the puzzles, and find victory..... or else be destroyed by the demogorgon.

Register as a team or as an individual by calling the library at 860-342-6770.



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:
October 16, November 13, December 11**

Teens' Top 10: Vote Now!

The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year! Readers ages 12 to 18 vote online between August 15 and Teen Read Week™ (October 8-14, 2017) at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>; the winners will be announced the week after [Teen Read Week](#). Visit the library or for a complete list of nominees or visit the Book Lists section of the teens area of our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org.



**VOTE
FOR THE BEST
TEEN BOOKS**



**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, October 5th at 6:30 p.m.

***How It All Began* by Penelope Lively**

The mugging of a retired schoolteacher on a London street has unexpected repercussions for her friends and neighbors when it inadvertently reveals an illicit love affair, leads to a business partnership, and helps an immigrant to reinvent his life.

Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

***The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty**

Discovering a tattered letter that says she is to open it only in the event of her husband's death, Cecelia, a successful businesswoman and a devoted wife and mother, is unable to resist reading the letter and discovers a secret that shatters her life and the lives of two other women.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *Gifted*

Starring: Chris Evans, Mckenna Grace, Lindsay Duncan, Octavia Spencer, Jenny Slate, Michael Kendall Kaplan, John M. Jackson, Glenn Plummer. PG-13, 101 minutes.

Frank Adler (Chris Evans) is a single man raising a child prodigy - his spirited young niece Mary (Mckenna Grace) - in a coastal town in Florida. Frank's plans for a normal school life for Mary are foiled when the 7-year-old's mathematical abilities come to the attention of Frank's formidable mother, Evelyn (Lindsay Duncan), whose plans for her granddaughter threaten to separate Frank and Mary.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *Churchill*

Starring: Brian Cox, Miranda Richardson, John Slattery, Ella Purnell, Julian Wadham, Richard Durden, James Purefoy, Danny Webb. PG, 105 minutes.

Tensions mount for beleaguered British Prime Minister Winston Churchill as D-Day nears in June 1944. Fearful of repeating past mistakes, Churchill is reluctant to embark on the large-scale campaign that the entire war effort hinges upon. Clashing with his political opponents, the troubled leader receives unwavering support from his devoted wife, Clementine. With strength and shrewdness, she tries to prevent his physical, mental and spiritual collapse while inspiring him to achieve greatness. **No reservations necessary! The Friends of Portland Library supports the Library's DVD collection.**

Thank You

Recent Donations

Book Donations:

Carolyn Freeman

Tuesday October 24th at 2:00 p.m.

Mysteries-through-the-Decades Book Club

1990s: *Death at La Fenice* by

Donna Leon

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Library Hours:

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

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

Saturdays starting 9/9 10a.m. -5:00p.m.

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library:

Monday October 2nd at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday October 19th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

860-342-6770

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During the month of October the Library will be featuring Jazz CDs & Scary DVDs.



Books on Display

In October the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, books about things to see & do at the fair and Horror fiction.