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Saturday March 25th 10am-12pm
Friends' Read & Recycle
Donate gently used books, CDs, DVDs
and puzzles!



Women's History Month Event in the Mary Flood Room:

Tuesday March 15th at 6:00p.m.
Rosie the Riveter a CT Historical Society presentation about Rosie the Riveter icon and working women of World War II.

PUBLIC HEARING BY BOS ON FIRST SELECTMAN'S SUBMITTED BUDGET
Tuesday March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM, to be held at Portland High School (PHS), 95 High Street

Wednesday March 15th 7:00p.m. Library Budget Workshop in Buck-Forman Room

TOWN MEETING ON GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET
Monday May 1, 2023 – 1st Monday in May, 7:00pm hearing and amendments at PMS Cafeteria
Monday May 8, 2023 – 1st budget referendum, 6 AM to 8 PM at the Middle School 93 High Street



Daylight Savings
March 12th
And Spring has
arrived March
20th!

Portland Library hours:

Monday — Thursday 10:00 am –8:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am -5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00am—3:00 pm

Curbside Pickup available



Movie:

The Fabelmans

March 8th at 1:00p.m.

NEW: Seed Library

Sow, Grow, Save, Share with the Seed Library!

Whether you want to try your hand at gardening or are looking for a new variety to enhance your garden, the Seed Library can help you prepare for spring planting, with a variety of free seeds! A large variety of heirloom seeds and more are available, thanks to donations by Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company and Portland's Lily Rose Gardens. You may "borrow" seeds by taking a few packets. You are invited to share your unneeded seeds to grow the seed library.

This service is made possible with assistance from volunteer Melissa Kelley and supported through generous funding from the Peach Pit Foundation and the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

Thursday March 16 from 4:00-6:00pm

Celebrate Student Art Month **with Portland Middle School**

This year's exhibit in the Mary Flood Room features the work of students in grade 7 and 8 visual art classes with additional works being shown from the Middle School after school art club.

LGBTQ+ Support group:

Parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ youth are invited to participate in a support group running concurrently with the youth meeting: 6:30pm on the third Wednesday of the month, in a separate room from the youth group. See Teen events notices for more information.

Youth Services News and Events



Spring Storytimes

Registration for spring storytimes opens on **March 1** and can be done through our website calendar at www.portlandlibraryct.org or by calling the library at 860-342-6770.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., (March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 (no program April 11)
Join us in our Wagner Room for stories, songs, and rhymes that encourage literacy and social skills and help get your preschooler prepared for kindergarten.

We will offer a craft related to the weekly theme at the end of the program that can be done at the library or brought home.

Storytime for Toddlers and Tots: Mother Goose on the Loose

**Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.,
March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17,
24 (no program April 12)**

Mother Goose on the Loose, a fun-filled interactive session for our youngest patrons, uses rhymes, a story, songs, puppets, scarves, and more to stimulate the learning process of babies and toddlers. Two sessions will be offered each Wednesday to keep group sizes small and interactions personalized.

Drop-In Playdates

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. through May 25
Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us on Thursday mornings for an hour of socialization and open play with our story room toys. No registration is required for this program.

Winter Reading Wrapup

Thanks to everyone who participated in our “Smitten with Mittens” Winter Reading Challenge!



We had 122 kids and teens track their library visits by coloring mittens to hang on our library bulletin board and then adding animals to the mitten each time they checked out materials. You have until March 3 to add all eight animals to your mitten and win a furry hedgehog keychain!

Thank you to all who helped make this year’s Winter Reading Challenge a success, including the Portland Library staff, the Friends of the Portland Library for funding the program supplies and prizes, and Portland’s kids and teens.

Whether you participated in our reader’s theater performance of The Mitten, met the Hedgehog from the story at our evening storytime, participated in our Family Fort Night and Nocturnal Animal Hunt, or came to one of our animal or mitten craft programs, we hope you had as much fun as we did!

Celebrate National Mario Day!

Mamma, mia, it’s Mario Day! March 10 is known as National Mario Day because of the date’s resemblance to Nintendo’s most famous character. Come join Ms. Jenn and Ms. Patty for a scavenger hunt and Mario-themed crafts available in our children’s department throughout the day.



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Family Craft Night: Pressed Flower Lanterns Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.

This spring-inspired floral lantern is sure to keep the chill of winter away. This activity has steps that are appropriate for all ages, but a parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision. **Registration is required and space is limited.**



Renaissance Days Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. March 9, 16, 23 Grades K-2

Hear ye, hear ye! Kids in grades K-2 are invited to journey back to the Middle Ages for some Renaissance days fun. Get ready to go on a noble quest to gather ancient coins, fashion a dragon for a jousting tournament, prepare a Renaissance Days snack and so much more.

Registration is required and space is limited.



March Teen Events

Monday, March 6 at 3:30 p.m.: Teen Advisory Group Meeting—Come share your thoughts with us on what you would like to see the library offer in terms of programs, materials and more while enjoying some snacks and laughs with friends. You will earn community service hours for each meeting you attend. **Registration is required.**

Monday, March 13 at 3:30 p.m. : National Pi Day, Round 2
We celebrated National Pie Day in February, and now it's time to celebrate National Pi Day! This time, we'll be making our own pies!
Registration is required.

LGBTQ+ Social and Support Groups:
The Portland Library, in conjunction with Portland Youth and Family Services and QPlus, and supported by and Health Care Advocates International (HCAI), will be hosting social and support groups for LGBTQ+ youth beginning in March. Teens are invited to social meetups at the library on the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Support groups will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, with a parent and caregiver support group running concurrently in another room at the library. For more information, contact Jenn Renk at 860-342-6770.

2023 Youth Media Awards

On January 30, the American Library Association (ALA) announced the top books, digital media, video and audio books for children and young adults. Congratulations to all of the award winners!

John Newbery Medal

(most outstanding contribution to children's literature):

Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson

Randolph Caldecott Medal

(most distinguished American picture book for children):

Hot Dog, illustrated and written by Doug Salati

Coretta Scott King Author Book Award

(recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults)

Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson

Michael L. Printz Award

(excellence in literature written for young adults):

All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir



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More News...

In Person Book Clubs

Thursday March 2nd @ 6:30p.m.
FTNBC (**F**irst **T**hursday **N**ight **B**ook **C**lub)

***The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton**

On a brisk autumn day in 1686, eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman arrives in Amsterdam to begin a new life as the wife of illustrious merchant trader Johannes Brandt. But her new home, while splendorous, is not welcoming. Nella's world changes when Johannes presents her with an extraordinary wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. To furnish her gift, Nella engages the services of a miniaturist—an elusive and enigmatic artist whose tiny creations mirror their real-life counterparts in eerie and unexpected ways . . .

Tuesday March 7th @ 1:00p.m.
Talk about Books (T. A. B.)

***The Women's March* by Jennifer Chiaverini**

an enthralling historical novel of the women's suffrage movement inspired by three courageous women who bravely risked their lives and liberty in the fight to win the vote.

Twenty-five-year-old Alice Paul returns to her native New Jersey after several years on the front lines of the suffrage movement in Great Britain. Joining the march is thirty-nine-year-old New Yorker Maud Malone, librarian and advocate for women's and workers' rights. Civil rights activist and journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett resolves that women of color must also be included in the march—and the proposed amendment.

Tuesday March 21st @ 1:00p.m.
Mystery Lovers' Book Club
***Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts*
by Kate Racculia**

Tuesday Mooney is a loner. She keeps to herself, begrudgingly socializes, and spends much of her time watching old Twin Peaks and X-Files DVDs. But when Vincent Pryce, Boston's most eccentric billionaire, dies—leaving behind an epic treasure hunt through the city, with clues inspired by his hero, Edgar Allan Poe—Tuesday's adventure finally begins. Puzzle-loving Tuesday searches for clue after clue, joined by a ragtag crew: a wisecracking friend, an adoring teen neighbor, and a handsome, cagey young heir.

Thank You

Donations:

Book:

Carolyn Freeman
Nancy Sawyer

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday March 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday March 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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**March Book
Displays
at the Library:**

Graphic Novels,
Home Decorating & DIY projects,
Women's History Month books
and our favorite Staff Picks!

Copies of these Book Club books are available!