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A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library November 2023

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

Tuesday November 14th 6pm Zoom Quinnnetukut: Our Homeland, Our History Zoom Presentation

Much of what we learn about Connecticut's past comes from a colonized perspective that has almost completely left out the voices of Indigenous people who have called this land home for over 12,000 years. The ways in which knowledge about the past is preserved and passed down in different cultures affects the way that history is perceived. Darlene Kascak, Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, will guide participants to a more accurate view of the history of Connecticut that takes the perspectives of Native people into account.

Registration Required!

November is Native American History Month! 2 Institute for American Indian Studies Zoom programs

**Tuesday November 28th 6pm Zoom
Etuaptmunk: Two-Eyed Seeing in Our Daily
Lives Zoom Presentation** Etuaptmunk is a Mi'kmaw saying that translates to "Two-Eyed Seeing." This concept refers to learning how to see the strengths of Indigenous knowledge from one eye and the strengths of Western knowledge from the other. Two-Eyed Seeing can lead to powerful transcultural and collaborative work to leave the world a better place for future generations. Join Darlene Kascak, Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, and IAIS Educator and ecologist Susan Scherf to discuss how people can include this "Two-Eyed Seeing" concept in their daily lives. **Registration Required!**

To join remote meetings; access it through the library website www.portlandlibraryct.org
Zoom: the ID is 8603426777
and the Passcode is Portland

The Library is closed Friday November 10th for Veterans' Day! The Library will be OPEN Saturday November 11th!

The Library is closing at 5:00pm on Wednesday November 22nd!

The Library is closed Thursday November 23rd & Friday November 24th for Thanksgiving! The Library will be OPEN Saturday November 25th!

Wednesday November 8th at 6:45pm Coffee: to Grind or Not to Grind....

Barista Brian will give us all sorts of interesting facts to digest about one of our favorite drinks! Coffee & Food Pairings to enhance the flavor.
Registration Requested!



**Wednesday Movie @ 1pm
November 8th**

Air

Art Reception for "Lessons Learned In-Person: An Exhibition of Artistic Growth in Watercolor" featuring a selection of works by local artists, curated by Bivenne Staiger. Reception sponsored by the Friends of the Portland Library on Saturday November 4th at 1pm. (Exhibit runs Oct 30 through Nov 30)

Knifty Knitters meet Saturdays 10 a.m. -12:30

The Knitters (and Crocheters) of Portland are open to new, adult members of all experience levels! **Beginning fiber artists welcome! 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.** Later this November the library's display cases will feature a selection of amazing works that the members of this group have generously donated for the Friends of the Portland Library to auction off. Check in with staff for details on how to bid!

Youth Services News and Events



Fall/Winter Storytimes

Our next storytime session will begin on November 14. Registration is required and begins on Monday, October 30. Registration can be done by calling the library at 860-342-6770 or registering through our library calendar at www.portlandlibraryct.org.

Preschool Storytime Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19

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.
November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20**

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.



Save the Date: T-Rex Tea Party November 7 at 11am

Stomp on down to the library for the most ferocious tea party ever! We'll have some light refreshments while enjoying dinosaur songs, stories and more. Wear your fanciest or fiercest attire. Open to kids in pre K-grade 2.

Registration is required.



Family Craft Night: Fall Paper Strip Décor Monday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Choose from a variety of fall designs and then add paper to create your own masterpiece. 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.

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Denison Pequotsepos
Nature Center

Animal Detectives
presented by the
Denison Pequotsepos
Nature Center
Tuesday,
November 21
at 2pm

Become an animal detective and learn how to read clues animals leave behind. Tracks, scat, feathers and fur are just a few of the signs we'll discover as we figure out what our animal neighbors have been up to. You will also have a chance to recreate an animal track to bring home. This program is best for kids between the ages of 4-10.

Registration is required and space is limited.



Crafty Thursdays
Thursdays
at 3:30 p.m.
November 30,
December 7, 14

Kids in grades K-5 are invited to join us 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! This is a drop-in program and no registration is required.

Upcoming Teen
Program: Paint Your Pet

Tuesday, November 7
from 4-6 p.m.



Local artist Nancy Roman will walk us through creating watercolor portraits of our favorite four-legged friends. Bring a 5x7 photo of your pet to the program. Limited to ages 13+.

Registration is required and space is limited.

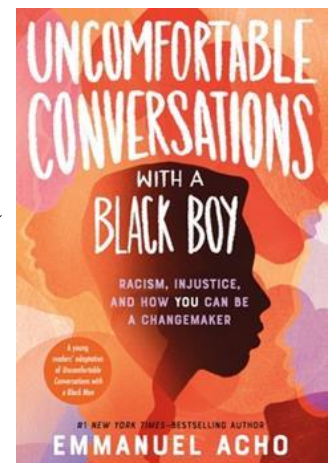


Drop-In Lego Building
Monday, November 20
from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

You supply the imagination, and we supply the LEGOs in this drop-in program for kids of all ages. No registration is required for this program.

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy
Saturday, December 2 at 12pm

Following the success of the Portland Solidarity Committee's book discussion of *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man* earlier this fall, we will be hosting a discussion specifically for readers age 8-18. Thanks to support from CT Humanities, a limited number of print copies of *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy* are available for readers to keep; print and audio copies are also available to check out at the library and through Hoopla. We are privileged to have moderator Rich Hollant returning to host this discussion.
Registration is requested, but not required.

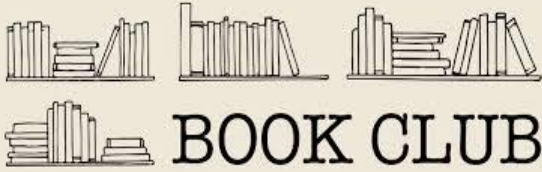


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More News...



November Book Club Picks!

1st Thursday Night Book Club

Thursday November 2 6:30pm

The Secrets We Kept

By Lara Prescott

At the height of the Cold War, two secretaries are pulled out of the typing pool at the CIA and given the assignment of a lifetime. Their mission: to smuggle *Doctor Zhivago* out of the USSR, where no one dare publish it, and help Pasternak's magnum opus make its way into print around the world. Glamorous and sophisticated Sally Forrester is a seasoned spy who has honed her gift for deceit all over the world--using her magnetism and charm to pry secrets out of powerful men. Irina is a complete novice, and under Sally's tutelage quickly learns how to blend in, make drops, and invisibly ferry classified documents.

T.A.B. Talk about Books

Tuesday November 7th 1pm

Horse

by Geraldine Brooks

Kentucky, 1850. An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union.

Washington, DC, 2019. Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

Tuesday November 14th 1pm

Two Nights in Lisbon

by Chris Pavone

Ariel Pryce wakes up in Lisbon, alone. Her husband is gone—no warning, no note, not answering his phone. Something is wrong. She starts with hotel security, then the police, then the American embassy, at each confronting questions she can't fully answer: What exactly is John doing in Lisbon? Why would he drag her along on his business trip? Who would want to harm him? And why does Ariel know so little about her new—much younger—husband?

Thank You

Donations: Book: *Bruce Stevens*

Marra Giuliano in memory of
Linda Paradis Sheila Murphy
Deb Susca poetry & memoir
Gail Grzegorowicz books

Come look at that pretty tree on the wall by the copier with different colored leaves in honor of or in memory of someone special! Grab a form if you want to honor or memorialize a special person in your life!

The Endowment Fund is used for high priority projects that are unable to be supported through the town's operating budget. Contributions can be made through direct donations or through a publicly acknowledged bequest. Your gift to the Library's Endowment Fund is a lasting legacy and your name will be featured on our Donor Recognition Tree.

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday November 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

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November Book

Displays

at the Library:

Cozy Mysteries,
Native American authors &
Native American history,
Comfort Foods & Soups
and our favorite Staff Picks!

