

# Check it out...



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## A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library **October 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

The Library is closed Monday October 9th for a holiday!

**Monday October 30th at 6:30pm**  
**Huskie Hoops: U Conn Basketball**  
**Get ready for the season!**

### A History of Huskies Hoops: Legacy of Greatness

Get ready for another fantastic basketball season! Celebrate the history and greatness of the UConn basketball teams with this fun, lively and enlightening presentation hosted by award-winning sportswriter and author Marty Gitlin. Take a journey from the beginning of the men's and women's programs to the present with video highlights of their greatest teams, players and events from the turn of the twentieth century to today. Marty will talk about and show the moments these incredible teams turned dreams into national championships, as well as those whose seasons ended in disappointment. This is an ideal program for any UConn basketball fan - men's, women's or both! So join in on the fun!

**Registration Requested!**

**Wednesday Movie @ 1pm**  
**October 11th**

*Book Club The Next Chapter*



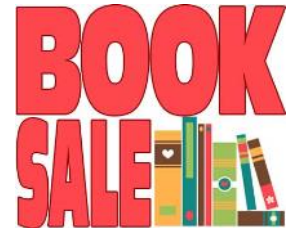
**Paint Party for Adults**  
**Thursday**  
**October 12th**  
**at 6:00 p.m.**

**Registration Required!**

### Friends of the Portland Library Annual Book Sale

**Friday Oct 20th 3p.m.- 8p.m.**

Private sale for members of the Friends of the Portland Library only, but a perfect time to renew or join! Books will be available at \$10/bag.



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

Books will be available for \$10/bag from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Books and DVD's will be available for \$5/bag from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sunday Oct 22nd 10a.m. - Noon**

All items will be sold by the bag.

\$2/bag for FPL members and \$3/bag for non-members

### Prices for individual items:

**Hardcover \$1.00**

**Trade Paperback \$1.00**

**Mass Market Paperback \$0.50**

**Puzzles & Games \$1.00**

**DVDs \$0.50**

**Children's Books \$0.50**

**Please register to join us at one of our Community "Craft and Conversation" sessions**

**Tuesday 10/24 from 6:30-7:30pm or**  
**Thursday 10/26 from 1:30-2:30pm**

call 860-342-6770 to sign up or go to the library website [www.portlandlibraryct.org](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org)

The library is in the midst of a long term planning process that will guide our priorities over the next several years. We want to make sure that our decisions reflect what you want from your library so we are convening two sessions to hear from our community. (Limited to Ages 11+)

Please sign up to join us for one of these sessions, paint a pumpkin coaster and share your thoughts! (All supplies and light refreshments provided.)

# *Youth Services News and Events*



## **Fire Truck Storytime**

**Saturday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m.  
on the Town Green**

October is Fire Safety Month! Join us for a short storytime on the Town Green followed by a visit from Portland firefighters and a fire truck!

No registration is required for this event.



## **Late Fall/Early 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](http://www.portlandlibraryct.org).**

## **Halloween on Main Street**

**Friday, October 27 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.:**



Fun for the whole family! Put on your costumes and come down to Main Street and other area businesses for a not-to-be-missed evening of socializing and collecting treats.

If you are a Portland business that would like to participate, please contact Portland Youth & Family Services Administrator Courtney Fitzkee at [cfitzkee@portlandct.org](mailto:cfitzkee@portlandct.org) or 860-342-6758.

## **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.

# Youth Services News and Events



## Pumpkin Painting for the Portland Fair

Wednesday, October 4 from 5-7 p.m.

Paint a pumpkin and we will bring it to the Portland Fair and enter it for you! Kids of all ages are invited to participate, but only those age 5 and up are eligible for fair entries. Pumpkins and paint will be supplied. A parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision.

This event will be held outdoors in the grassy area across the parking lot from the library. In case of inclement weather, take home kits containing a pumpkin, paint and a brush will be provided.

Registration is required and space is limited.



**Spooky Science**  
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.  
October 5, 12, 19, 26  
Grades K-5

This program for kids in grades K-5 features some frightening fun. We'll make Frankenworms come to life, use static electricity to raise some ghosts, and experiment with some potions and Halloween candies.

Registration is required and space is limited.

## Upcoming Teen Programs



Monday, October 30 at 3:30 p.m. **Gingerbread Haunted Houses:** We're putting a spooky Halloween spin on this traditional craft.

Tuesday, November 7 from 4-6 p.m.: **Paint Your Pet:** 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 for all events and space is limited.



**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.

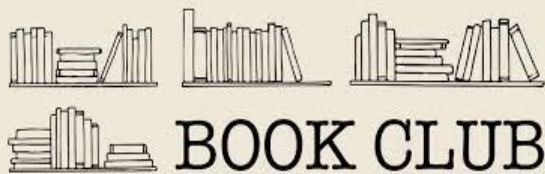


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## More News...



### October Book Club Picks!

#### 1st Thursday Night Book Club

Thursday October 5th 6:30pm

*The Perfect Witness*

By Iris Johansen

She had the perfect life. She had the perfect cover. She was the perfect witness. Until they found her. A thriller about a woman with a photographic memory who has lived her life in the Witness Protection Program. What she once saw put her entire family in jeopardy and now, years later, her cover is blown. She's on the run, and the lives of those she holds dear hang in the balance.

#### T.A.B. Talk about Books

Tuesday October 3rd 1pm

*Dominicana*

by Angie Cruz

Fifteen-year-old Ana Cancion never dreamed of moving to America, the way the girls she grew up with in the Dominican countryside did. But when Juan Ruiz proposes and promises to take her to New York City, she has to say yes. Their marriage is an opportunity for her entire close-knit family to eventually immigrate. So on New Year's Day, 1965, Ana leaves behind everything she knows and becomes Ana Ruiz, a wife confined to a cold six-floor walk-up in Washington Heights. Lonely and miserable, Ana hatches a reckless plan to escape. But at the bus terminal, she is stopped by Cesar, Juan's free-spirited younger brother helps her imagine the possibility of a different kind of life in America.

#### Mystery Lovers Book Club

Tuesday October 17th 1pm

*The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*

by Stuart Turton

Evelyn Hardcastle will be murdered at 11:00 p.m. There are eight days, and eight witnesses for you to inhabit. We will only let you escape once you tell us the name of the killer. Understood? Then let's begin... Evelyn Hardcastle will die. Every day until Aiden Bishop can identify her killer and break the cycle. But every time the day begins again, Aiden wakes up in the body of a different guest. And some of his hosts are more helpful than others.

# Thank You

#### Donations:

##### Book:

*Carolyn Freeman 2 books*

##### Endowment:

*Ralph and Bernice Zampano*

Have you seen that pretty tree on the wall by the copier with different colored leaves in honor of or in memory of someone special?

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 October 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

##### Library Board of Directors:

Thursday October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

##### To Reach the Library

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#### October Book

#### Displays

#### at the Library:

Scary Fiction,

Things you see at the Fair,

and our favorite Staff Picks!

