

Check it out...



A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library April 2018

Monday April 30th at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Harris:

Bringing Antarctica home!

Ms. Harris is a 7th grade social studies teacher in Portland, and a Grosvenor Teacher Fellow, a professional development opportunity for Pre-K through 12 educators jointly sponsored by National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions.



She gathered photographs, data, and other materials at the request of teachers across the district as a part of her educational experience while in Antarctica.

Ms. Harris will share what she learned in Antarctica through stories, pictures, her blog and more!

Come to this presentation and experience a bit of this part of the world that most of us never get to see first hand!

Lunch and Learn

Tuesday April 10th, 2018 at 12 noon

Book Discussion

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

The strengths and challenges of a fictional Brooklyn family as told through the experiences of Francie Nolan. Themes involving strength of spirit and family connectedness contribute to the moving experience of reading, or re-reading this classic by Betty Smith.

Bring a lunch if you like. A light dessert is provided.

Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program 2018: April 2nd through April 30th

A library card can open the doors of Connecticut libraries by participating in the **Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program 2018**. More than 100 Connecticut libraries, including Portland Library, are participating.

The program is open to adults and children; to participate, visit Portland Library to pick up a Passport, receive a stamp and a token gift to get started. At each visit to participating libraries, each person must show their library card and will receive a passport stamp and another small gift. National Library Week is April 8-14!

New Museum Pass: the Mattatuck Museum

The Friends of the Portland Library added a new museum pass: the Mattatuck Museum is a center of art and history. It collects and exhibits American art and cultural history with a focus on the history of the Naugatuck Valley and the artists of Connecticut. Free admission for two adults and their children to the Mattatuck Museum.

Tuesday April 24th 6:30 p.m.

A walk in the woods and then some ...

Thru Hiking the Appalachian Trail with Sam Ducharme

Without any prior backpacking experience, Sam Ducharme, a retired K9 Officer, avid outdoorsman and empty-nester, set out on a 2,180-mile, 14-state backpacking trip from Springer Mountain, Ga., to Mount Katahdin, Maine, hiking the entire Appalachian Trail. During his six-month journey, he documented the rugged beauty of the Appalachian Mountains. His presentation will highlight the trail towns he visited and the mountaintops he climbed through the backcountry. He will also give his audience a peek at the gear he wore, see how he learned to cook and hear about what it was like sleeping in a hammock for six months through three seasons. **Registration Requested!**

Read & Recycle



The Friends of the Portland Library's next intake date is **Saturday, April 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

The **Friends of the Portland Library** will collect gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games.

Thank you for your support.

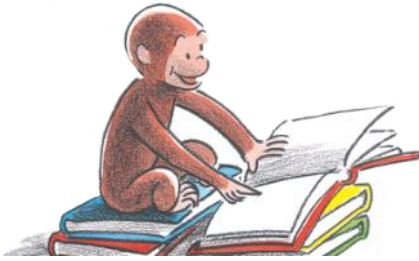
Tuesday April 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Tech Talk with Kevin:

More help with Google! This time it is Google Docs & Google drive! Come with questions and get a bunch of answers from Kevin, our town hall tech guru.

Registration requested!

Youth Services News and Events



2018 Spring Storytimes

Spring storytimes are now in session. Please visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org or call (860) 342-6770 to register. **There will be no storytimes during April vacation week, April 16-20.**

Story Garden (ages 3-5)
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

April 3, 10, 24, and May 1

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

Stories for Twos (ages 24-36 months)
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

April 4, 11, 25, and May 2

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

Bouncy Babies (ages 0-24 months)
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

April 5, 12, 26, and May 3

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

Stories and STEAM
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

April 4, 11, 25, and May 2

Story time with a twist! We'll hear a story and then engage in science, art, and technology activities based on the themes in the book. This evening program is best suited for kids in grades K-2, though siblings are always welcome.



**Secret Agent
Spy School**

Grades K-2

Thursdays 3:30-4:30

April 5th and 26th

Calling all future secret agents! Come join our spy school and learn some of the secrets behind becoming a super spy. Join the ranks to receive your official spy name, learn how to make secret codes, discover the art of studying fingerprints, and use your super spy moves to dodge laser beams.

Registration is Required!

The Week of the Young Child: "From Trash to Treasure" Crafting Night

Portland Library and the Portland Early Childhood Council will celebrate **The Week of the Young Child from April 23-27, 2018**. Join us for a special "From Trash to Treasure" recycled crafting night on April 25 at 6:30 p.m. Kids of all ages and their families are invited to the library for a night of re-purposing used items into new treasures. Registration is required; we will have some smocks available but wear clothes that can get messy! Call the Portland Library at 860-342-6770 to register.



Stop Motion

Animation Workshops

Grades 3-5

Thursdays 3:30-4:30

April 12th and May 3rd

Students will create a short, original video using our Legos and other props. Teams will create a storyboard, shoot photographs, and animate the photographs on the library's iPads using the Stop Motion Studio app. **A screening of our films will take place from 4:30-5:00 on May 3rd.**

Registration is Required!

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April Vacation Activities



Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library!

Grades 4-8

Tuesday, April 17th

Time slots: 11:00, 12:30, 2:00

The clock is ticking and there's only one way out...can you find it in time In this adventure based on the former intermediate Nutmeg nominee by Chris Grabenstein, groups will have to work together to solve puzzles, unlock clues, and find a way out of the library meeting room before time runs out. Register for one of three time slots as a team or an individual.

Space is limited!

Family Dance Party!

Wednesday, April 18th

10:30-11:30 a.m.



Children ages 2-8 and their families are invited to wiggle, shimmy, and shake with us at our first **Family Dance Party!** Come join Miss Jenn and Miss Patty for this combination of free dance, guided dancing, action-oriented stories and musical games that helps improve literacy while having a lot of fun!
Registration is recommended but not required.



Peeps® Dioramas

Thursday, April 19th

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Grades 6 and up

Create a marshmallow Peeps® diorama based on your favorite book or movie. We will have a variety of supplies available, but you can bring your own as well. Please bring your own shoebox and we will provide the Peeps®. Finished dioramas will be displayed at the library for library patrons to vote on their favorite. The winner will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card.
Registration is recommended but not required.



NUTMEG VOTING

begins this year on

April 2nd!

Finish up those titles because
YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

This is the only book award in the state where KIDS pick the winner. Let your favorite authors know how much you like their work by voting on your favorites!

Voting on the 2018 Nutmeg Nominees will take place at the Portland Library and in the Portland schools throughout the month of April. Nominees have been divided into four categories: Elementary (Grades K-2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Teen (Grades 6-8), and High School (Grades 9-12). Visit the Portland Library website for a complete list of nominees.

Winners will be announced on May 15th and next year's nominees will be announced on May 1st.

Happy voting!



You Are Invited....

If you are in **grades 7 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:

April 9, May 14



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

***The Tiger's Wife* by Téa Obreht.**

Remembering childhood stories her grandfather once told her, young physician Natalia becomes convinced that he spent his last days searching for "the deathless man," a vagabond who claimed to be immortal. As Natalia struggles to understand why her grandfather, a deeply rational man would go on such a farfetched journey, she stumbles across a clue that leads her to the extraordinary story of the tiger's wife.

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.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Showing: *The Greatest Showman*

Starring: Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, Zac Efron & Zendaya.

Director: Michael Gracey, PG, 105 minutes.

Celebrates the birth of show business, and tells of a visionary, P.T. Barnum, who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

Movies in the Evening

Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Showing: *The Post*

Starring: Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks, Sarah Paulson, Bob Odenkirk.

Director: Steven Spielberg, PG-13, 116 minutes.

A cover-up that spanned four U.S. Presidents pushed the country's first female newspaper publisher and a hard-driving editor to join an unprecedented battle between the press and the government.

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

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Book Donations:

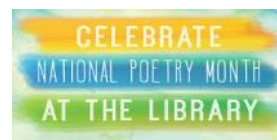
Carolyn Freeman

Dru Harder

George Scheer

In memory of Raymond Poet:

Charlotte Foreman



April

Tuesday April 24th at 1:00 p.m.

Mysteries around the World Book Club

Thailand: *Cockroaches*

by Jo Nesbo

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 April 2nd at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday April 19th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

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Library Director

Janet Nocek

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From our special displays in April, check out Science

Fiction DVDs and Piano solo

CDs.



Books on Display

In April, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, poetry, One Book on the Riverbend *Wonder* display and all things Baseball.