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**The Library is closed Monday November 12th
in honor of Veterans Day!**

**The Library will close Wednesday November 21st at
5:00 p.m. and will be closed Thursday November
22nd and Friday November 23rd for the
Thanksgiving holiday!**

The Library will be OPEN Saturday November 24th!

**Monday November 5th at 6:00 p.m. Medicare
Workshop:** Laura Crews, presenter. Director of
Benefits, Access at Senior Resources: Agency on Aging
It's that time of year to be evaluating your plan to make
sure it fits your needs as best as possible,
**Medicare open enrollment currently runs through
Dec. 7.** Now is the time to re-evaluate your existing
coverage, particularly if your financial circumstances
have changed or if you have been prescribed new
medications in the past year. Come to the
presentation and Laura will answer all your questions.

Tuesday November 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Robert and Kathleen Hubbard, authors of
Hidden History of Middlesex County will be talking
about their new book and revealing a lot of hidden
gems about Middlesex County. Many unforgettable
stories are in their recently published book. They
will present slides and discuss their research,
which took them to all 15 towns of Middlesex
County. They will bring copies of their book to sell.

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 celebrate the
exhibit with the artists **at a reception to be held on
Saturday, November 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., hosted
by the Friends of the Library.** Musical
entertainment will be provided by the EduKated Fleas—
ukulele duo Greg Doyle and Wendy Matthews.



Food for Fines



November 13th through December 31st, 2018

You may pay overdue library fines with
non-perishable food items that will be given to
the Portland Food Bank. Please bring your
donations to the circulation desk so that your
fines may be cancelled. We ask that your
donations reflect the spirit of the season.
Food may not be used to pay for missing/lost
or damaged items.

*Thanks to Adams Hometown Market for the use
of their shopping cart.*

Tuesday December 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Painting parties are all the rage and artist and
Portland resident Brigitte Roy will walk us
through the steps to create a 11x14' winter themed
canvas masterpiece to take home with you. All
materials are supplied.

**Space is extremely limited. Registration is
required and begins on November 1st, at 10:00
a.m.**

Lunch & Learn: Tuesday November 13 at 12

noon: ***A Star for Mrs. Blake*** by April Smith
Chaperoned by a dashing West Point officer, Cora's
group includes the wife of an immigrant chicken
farmer; a housemaid; a socialite; a former tennis star in
precarious mental health; and dozens of other women
from all over the country. Along the way, the women
will forge lifelong friendships as they face a death, a
scandal, and a secret revealed.

Tech Talks are back:

Tuesday November 20th at 2:00 p.m.

**Tech Talk with Kevin: Excel and any other
technical quandaries & questions!**

Youth Services News and Events



November Vacation Activities

After-School Dance Party (Monday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m.)

It's an early release day from Portland schools so let's celebrate with a dance party! We'll bring the music and disco lights and you bring your best dance moves.

Bad Art Party (Monday, November 19 at 3:30 p.m.)

Celebrate the half day of school by tapping into your creative talents to create the absolute tackiest piece of art you can think of!

Breakerspace (Tuesday, November 20 at 1:00 p.m.)

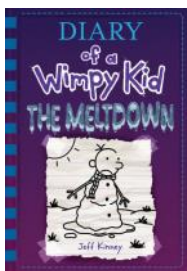
You've heard of a "makerspace," but what about a "breakerspace"? During this fun, hands-on program, kids will be taking apart computers, disc drives, keyboards and other pieces of technology to investigate how they work.

Call the library at 860-342-6770 to register for these programs!

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID PARTY

Tuesday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Grades 3-6



The thirteenth book of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, *The Meltdown*, will be released on October 30 and we're celebrating with a release party! We will have a bunch of Greg Heffley-inspired games and activities, including an epic snowball fight like the one in the book!

Registration is required and space is limited!

Family Craft: Thom the Turkey Wreath

Wednesday,
November 7 at
6:30 p.m.



Families are invited to work together to make this Thanksgiving-themed wreath. This activity has steps that are appropriate for all ages, but a parent or guardian must be with children to help with supervision. **One wreath per family; all materials will be supplied by the library. Registration is required!**

Homemade Holidays

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

November 29, December 6, 13, 20

Join us to create art-based projects that are perfect for sharing with a loved one for the holidays or keeping for yourself. This activity is open to students in grades K-5. **Call the library to register at 860-342-6770 or visit www.portlandlibraryct.org.**



Drop-In Playdates at the Library Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12

Even though our storytime session has ended for the fall, we welcome kids between the ages of 0-5 and their caregivers to visit the library for drop-in playtimes! We will meet in the Wagner Room and have fun enjoying our storytime toys, puzzles, and coloring with our friends!

No registration is required.

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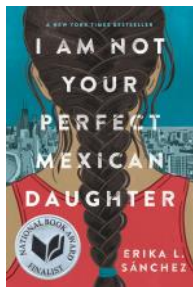
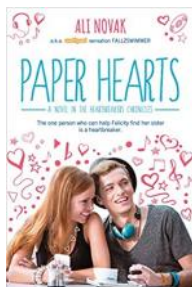


Teens' Top 10 Winners!

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 7-13, 2018). Stop by the library to pick up copies of this year's winners!

- ***TURTLES ALL THE WAY DOWN* BY JOHN GREEN.**
- ***ONE OF US IS LYING* BY KAREN M. McMANUS.**
- ***WARCROSS* BY MARIE LU.**
- ***WONDER WOMAN: WARBRINGER* BY LEIGH BARDUGO.**
- ***CARAVAL* BY STEPHANIE GARBER.**
- ***LONG WAY DOWN* BY JASON REYNOLDS.**
- ***I AM NOT YOUR PERFECT MEXICAN DAUGHTER* BY ERIKA L. SÁNCHEZ.**
- ***PAPER HEARTS* BY ALI NOVAK.**
- ***STRANGE THE DREAMER* BY LAINI TAYLOR.**
- ***ONCE AND FOR ALL* BY SARAH DESSSEN.**



UKULELE LESSONS ARE BACK!

Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

October 25, November 1, November 8

Interested in learning to play the ukulele? David Kuzminski, Jr. from the CT Valley School of Music will be teaching a series of lessons on Thursday nights for FREE to interested library patrons. Whether you participated in our summer series of

lessons or not, kids and adults in grades 5 and up are invited to come to the library to learn in a fun and relaxing environment.

No prior musical experience is necessary and ukuleles are available if you don't own your own. **Space is limited and registration is required.** Call the library at 860-342-6770 or visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org to register.



You Are Invited....

If you are in **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:
November 5, December 10



**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, November 1st, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

***The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens**

College student Joe Talbert interviews Carl Iverson, a dying Vietnam veteran who is also a convicted murderer. With only a few months to live, he has been medically paroled to a nursing home, after spending thirty years in prison for the crimes of rape and murder. As Joe writes about Carl's life, he cannot reconcile the heroism of the soldier with the despicable acts of the convict. Joe, along with his skeptical female neighbor, throws himself into uncovering the truth.

Thursday, December 6th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

***Looking for Alaska* by John Green.**

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.



Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday November 14th, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

Starring: Cher, Amanda Seyfried, Christine Baranski, Julie Walters, Pierce Brosnan, Andy Garcia & Lily James.

Director: Ol Parker. PG-13, 114 minutes.

In 1979 young Donna, Tanya and Rosie graduate from Oxford University -- leaving Donna free to embark on a series of adventures throughout Europe. In the present day, Donna's pregnant daughter, Sophie, dreams of renovating a tavern while reuniting with her mother's old friends and boyfriends on the Greek island of Kalokairi.

Movies in the Evening

Monday November 26th, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

The Children Act

Starring: Emma Thompson, Stanley Tucci, Ben Chaplin & Fionn Whitehead. **Director:** Richard Eyre. R, 105 minutes.

In the midst of a marital crisis, a High Court judge must decide if she should order a life-saving blood transfusion for a teen with cancer despite his family's refusal to accept medical treatment for religious reasons.

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

Thank You

Recent Donations

Carolyn Freeman

Bruce Stevens

Craig Brown

Henry Strom 2 books

Tuesday November 20th at 1:00 p.m.
Mysteries around the World Book Club
England: *A Taste for Death*
by P.D. James

Library Closed: November 12th, November 22nd & 23rd

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library:

Monday November 5th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday November 15th at 7 p.m.

To Reach the Library

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During the month of November, the Library will be featuring Broadway CDs and Book Based Film DVDs.



Books on Display

In November, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, mystery books and nonfiction books on the Centenary of the end of the First World War. On November 11, 1918, world leaders signed the Armistice ending World War I.