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Wednesday February 17th at 6:30p.m. (Zoom event) **LONG-TERM CARE Informational Workshop at the Portland Library**

The Missing Link in Retirement Planning: Why and When to Consider Long-Term Care Insurance

Sponsored and presented by the State of Connecticut. (No insurance sales or solicitations will be allowed.)

The risks and costs of home care and nursing home care and why it's important to consider these factors in retirement planning and what you need to know before you buy long-term care insurance.

See how it can add to your long-range financial security with the State's innovative program, the Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care.
Registration requested!

2020 Tax Forms

Federal Tax Forms

1040 & 1040SR forms and their instruction booklets are at the library. Request copies for curbside pickup.

CT Tax Forms

The state of Connecticut is not sending paper copies to the library this year. We have made copies of the forms at the library. To order a copy from the state see the phone numbers below:

DRS Assistance at Taxpayers' Fingertips The DRS website (<https://portal.ct.gov/DRS>) has the answer to many state tax questions during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone (ask questions and request paper forms by mail): - 860-297-5962 (from anywhere) - 800-382-9463 (Connecticut calls outside the Greater Hartford calling area only)

The Library will not be offering library services Monday February 15th for Presidents Day holiday!

Please know that we are smiling behind our masks!



Portland Library Curbside Pickup Services

Monday—Thursday

10:00-6:00

Friday 10:00-4:45

Saturday 10:00-1:30

- Please place items on hold using our online catalog or call us at 860-342-6770.
- We will call you back when your items are ready to be picked up and schedule an appointment.
- When you get to the parking lot, call us from the car and we will happily deliver it to your trunk.
From the curb the staff will also handle faxes, making copies and scanning materials to send to your email.

Please call 860-342-6770 to arrange a curbside pickup appointment.

Stay safe!

**WiFi is available from the
Library parking lot:**

**PortlandPublicLibrary
Is the wifi name**

**Password is
BookWorld**

Youth Services News and Events

WINTER READING CLUB

Paws for Reading—Paws for a Cause!

January and February 2021



This summer, we donated more than 50 items to the Portland Food Bank in honor of our Summer Reading Program's winning team, the Knights! Now it's time to help out our furry friends! For each row you complete on our Winter Reading BINGO card, we will donate one can of cat or dog food to the Portland Food Bank. The more you read and complete our kindness challenges, the more you'll help out area pets!

Stop by the library between January and February to pick up a BINGO card curbside. When you complete a row, email us at jrenk@portlandct.org or post a picture to our Facebook or Instagram pages and tell us whether you want to donate a can of cat food or dog food. Enjoy some great books and do some good in the process!



Preschool Science
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
February 2, 16

Join us via Zoom for a program that will introduce kids ages 3-5 to the wonders of science. We'll ask questions and make predictions as we explore color, chemical reactions and more. **Registration is required for each week of this program and space is limited.** Supplies can be picked up in advance; a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of the event.



Online Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
February 9, 23

Let's get together to share stories, songs and other fun activities via Zoom. **Registration is required for each week of this program and space is limited.** A Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of each program.

Youth Services News and Events



Family Craft Night: Valentine's Day Wall Hanging Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Welcome friends to your home with this festive Valentine's Day wall or door hanging. Each family member will get their own heart to decorate in this program.

Registration is required and space is limited.

Teen Event: Hot Chocolate Bombs Monday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Hot chocolate bombs were the "must have gift" of the 2020 holiday season. Come find out why these tasty treats are so popular in our next teen program! This event is open to kids in grades 6 and up.

Registration is required and space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance; a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of the event.



NATURE CRAFTING THURSDAYS AT 3:30 P.M. GRADES K-5 FEBRUARY 18, 25, MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25

Explore the great outdoors from the comfort of your home with this six-week program for kids in grades K-5. We'll be exploring the worlds of herbs, spices, seeds, nuts and other natural elements with crafts and other activities.

Registration is required and space is limited. Supplies can be picked up in advance; a Zoom link will be provided within 24 hours of the event.



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More News...



Mystery Lover's Book Club

Tuesday February 16th at 1:00p.m.

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield
(virtual meeting on Zoom)

A love letter to reading, a book for the feral reader in all of us, a return to that rich vein of storytelling.

Copies of *The Thirteenth Tale* are available at the Library.



Portland Forum

February 25th at 7:00p.m.

The Portland Forum is a new initiative of Portland Library. In partnership with the Portland Social Justice Coalition, and in support of the Portland Solidarity Proclamation to 'stand committed to peace, justice and freedom for our citizens here in Portland and in solidarity with all Americans' we will be hosting a series of discussions that focus on representing the countless faces of diversity.

The book to be discussed on Thursday February 25th:

The Warmth of other Suns: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicling one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.

Books are available at the Library. Please call for curbside pickup. Registration Requested! Join remote meeting access through Zoom the ID is 8603426777 and the Passcode is Portland

Thank You

Donations: Books

Henry Strom

In memory of Donald Wilson:

Ann(Terri)& Frank Connolly

Patrica Augeri

Susan O'Keefe

William & Virginia Wilson

Angela & Toni Cubeta

Richard & Leona Lee

Thomas & MaryAnn Serra

H. Joseph & Carol Murphy

Virginia Perruccio

Carl & Carol Marino

Marilyn McGrath

David Kelsey & Kimberly
Clouser

Jack Jackter Intermediate
School

Third Grade Teachers at
Jack Jackter Intermediate
School

Library Closed:

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Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

No February meeting

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday February 18th at 7 p.m.
via Zoom

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