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A Monthly Publication of the Portland Library August 2021

The Library is closed Saturday September 4th through Monday September 6th for Labor Day weekend.

Portland Library hours:

Monday — Thursday 10:00-7:00

Friday 10:00-5:00

Saturday 10:00-2:00

Curbside Pickup available anytime

Movies are Back!!

Wednesday August 18th at 1:00p.m.

Based on a true story, when a small-town bartender takes in a young horse with no experience on how to raise it, she and her neighbors begin taking on and sharing this responsibility as this unlikely steed will be bred and trained to take on the track. With little funding to make this venture work, everyone pulls together the cash they have to ensure this horse has what it takes to run with the best racers around. Toni Collette, Damian Lewis. 114 minutes, PG.

Registration requested (space is limited) in the Mary Flood room

Monday August 9th at 6:30p.m.

(rain date Monday August 16th)

Multi-generational Drumming Circle

Gather for a West African-inspired drum circle (socially distanced on the Waverly Green) featuring Mark Zarrillo, whose rich knowledge of West African music and culture, as well as over forty years of drumming wisdom, will inspire you. Learn basic techniques ending with a drumming sequence. Drums & other percussion instruments will be supplied. Mark is a highlight to our summer adventures and we have so much fun that we keep inviting him back.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library who support all our summer programs.

In Person Book Clubs starting in September

Thursday, September 9th at 1:00p.m.

T.A.B. (Talk about Books)

***Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.**

A desperate family seeks a new beginning in the near-isolated wilderness of Alaska only to find that their unpredictable environment is less threatening than the erratic behavior found in human nature. **Copies of the book will be available at the Library in August!**

Mystery Lover's Book Club

Tuesday September 21st at 1:00p.m.

***The Witch Elm* by Tana French**

Copies of the book will be available at the Library in August!

Portland Forum Book Discussion

Is on Summer Hiatus and will be back in Thursday September 30th (call for time)

***Most Beautiful Thing: The True Story of America's First All-Black High School Rowing Team* by Arshay Cooper**

Copies of the book will be available at the Library in August.

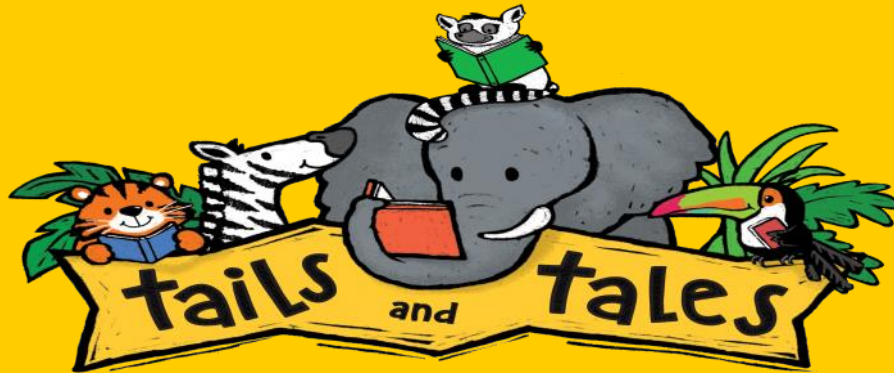
Throughout July and August, books on Diversity related titles will be on display. Feel free to borrow. You may read ahead for upcoming discussions.

Save the Date: Saturday September 18th:

Portland Library Anniversary Event 11:00-2:00

Fun for the whole family!

Youth Services News and Events



2021 Summer Reading Program for Families and Children: Tails and Tales

Welcome to Portland Library's Summer 2021 Reading Program! Join us on a wild adventure as we take to the jungle to explore science, climate, and all sorts of animals!

HOW IT WORKS

Visit the library to pick up your reading log. Be sure to get your photos with some of our exotic animals while you're here! Start logging the minutes you read on June 16. For every 100 minutes you read, you will receive a digital safari animal badge and can pick out a prize! Logging can be done through the ReadSquared portal on our library website. You can also pick up a journal at the library to write down the titles of your books or a sticker sheet to log your minutes if you prefer.

Thank you to the Friends of the Portland Library for sponsoring all of our Summer Programs for Children and Families.

Fall Storytimes



Many of you have been asking whether fall storytimes will occur in person at the library this fall. As COVID conditions continue to change, we are paying close attention to the guidance being released by the state and the Chatham Health department.

We appreciate your patience and hope to make a decision on this matter in the upcoming weeks.

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Let's Draw ANIMALS !



Learn to draw Cartoon Animals in this VIRTUAL Zoom program with award winning cartoonist **Rick Stromoski**. Kids will learn to draw a variety of our **furry**, **hoofed** and **feathered** friends in this FUN, INTERACTIVE and popular program!

Thursday August 12th
2:30pm-3:30pm

To Register for the event email:
portlandlibraryct.org

Hosted by the Portland Public Library

Dancin'with Hoops!
Wednesday, August 4
at 6:30 p.m.



No hooping experience is necessary for this program hosted by Judi Jones, aka the **ENERGIZER**. Judi will have kids of all ages moving, grooving and shaking your hips on the Town Green. Registration is requested but not required for this program.

School Supply Bingo
Tuesday, August 17
at 10:30 a.m.



All school-aged kids are invited to come get a head start on your back-to-school shopping by winning some school supplies at our library BINGO morning! This is a great way to practice getting to know numbers and letters while having a lot of fun. **Registration is required.**

Teen Programs
(going into grades 6-up)

Tie-Dye Party!
Thursday, August 5 at 3:00 p.m.
(rescheduled from July)

Bring a friend and something white and join us on the Town Green for a tie-dye party! We'll supply the gloves, the rubber bands, the dye and the know-how!

SRP Volunteer Pizza Party
Monday, August 23 at 12:00 p.m.

Our dedicated group of Summer Reading Volunteers has worked hard all summer to help us provide a great program. We will be having a **THANK-YOU PIZZA PARTY** on Monday, August 23 from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

If you were part of our "crew" this summer, come join us for an afternoon of food, fun, games, and lots of laughs! Please **RSVP** to Ms. Jenn at 860-342-6770 to let us know that you can join us so we know how much food to order.



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More News...

Masks requirements:

Masks are required for library visits given the number of unvaccinated children visiting the library. The library is following Chatham Health District's guidelines and the Board of Selectmen's May 19th meeting. Your safety remains our top priority and we will be revisiting policies as the situation changes. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Thank You

Donations:

Endowment

**Carol Bozena & Darlene Dunbar
Christopher Chenier & Laurel Steinhauser**

Adult Summer Reading Program to benefit 2 budding musician BIS students

Adult Summer reading program continue until August 31st. Visit the library to pick up your reading log or register online on our library website. Log the pages you read during the summer. After registering for the program, you will receive a gift certificate to the Friend's Bookshop and you will receive another gift certificate when you have logged 2000 pages. Logging can be done through the ReadSquared portal on our library website or ask a staff member to enter your books for you.

New: Board Games. Fun games to be borrowed for 3 weeks.

The Board Games and the ever popular Yard Games were purchased through a grant from the Peach Pit Foundation and the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. Thank you!

Museum passes available through the Portland Library (donated by the Friends of the Library)

Check the library website
www.portlandlibraryct.org or call
860-342-6770 or use the QR code below.

Some passes are discounted and some are free admission. All are printable paper passes except for the Beardsley Zoo.

Check out our fun Giant Yard Games: (Connect 4, Jenga, Yardzee, Yard Farkle) for a lot of outdoor summer fun!

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library

Monday August 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday August 19th at 7 p.m.
via Zoom

To Reach the Library

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Displays at the Library for August are Dog & Cat titled fiction books, Audio books for Road Trips and our patron-favorite staff picks!