# Check it out...

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**The Library will close Monday December 31st at 1:00 p.m. and will be closed Tuesday January 1st!**

**The Library will close Monday January 21st in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Happy New Year 2019!**

## UFOs Tuesday January 15th @ 6:30 p.m.

As a spokesman and field investigator for the CT Chapter of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), Attorney Dyke Spear is highly qualified to give an insightful analysis of the UFO phenomenon. For the last 35 years, Attorney Spear has done research and gone to conferences with the leading UFO researchers in the world. Come listen to his personal experience and his research in the field of UFOs!

## Monday February 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Painting parties are all the rage and artist and Portland resident Brigette Roy will walk us through the steps to create a 11x14' flower themed canvas masterpiece to take home with you. All materials are supplied. **Space is extremely limited. Registration is required and begins on January 14th, at 10:00 a.m.**

## Food for Fines — Extended through January 31st

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

**Tech Talks are back in January!!**
**Tuesday January 15th at 2:00 p.m.**
**Tech Talk with Kevin: New gadgets for the holiday! Bring then in and let's explore their potential!**

## NEW Automatic Renewals!

Beginning January 1st, any item checked out at the Portland Library and eligible for renewal will be automatically renewed. Renewals won't happen for Zoom books, items with holds for another patron, or if the user's library card is expired or blocked. Please note, our renewal policies have not changed, everything has stayed the same with the exception that your renewals will happen automatically.

If you have an email associated with your account. You will receive an email listing the items that have been renewed. You will also continue to receive a courtesy email alerting you that your items will be coming due. We hope this service will assist you in managing your account with ease. **As always, if you have any questions, please call the library at 860-342-6770.**

## Author Visit: Saturday January 26th @ 1:00 p.m.

Marty Podskoch presents his book, ***Connecticut 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Exploring CT***. This presentation is in partnership with Portland Historical Society. Books will be available for sale.

## Lunch & Learn: Tuesday January 8th at 12 noon — *My Antonia* by Willa Cather

My Ántonia evokes the Nebraska prairie life of Willa Cather's childhood, and commemorates the spirit and courage of immigrant pioneers in America. It is the story of Ántonia Shimerda, who arrives on the Nebraska frontier as part of a family of Bohemian emigrants.

## ART AT THE LIBRARY

Middletown Art Guild returns to the library with its annual winter exhibit. On display throughout the month of December and into the middle of January will be paintings, pastels, watercolors and work in other mediums by the group's members. Many works will be available for sale.

## Read & Recycle

The Friends of the Portland Library's next intake date is **Saturday, January 12th 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.

# *Youth Services News and Events*

## 2019 Winter Reading Club: Warm and Fuzzy Reads

The Portland Library's 2019 Winter Reading Challenge, **Warm and Fuzzy Reads,** runs from **January 2-March 1, 2019.** No registration is required for participation in this fun program. Visit the library and decorate your own hot cocoa mug to add to our bulletin board. Each time you check out items in January and February, we will add a punch to your stamp card and add a marshmallow to your mug. Fill your mug and get a prize!

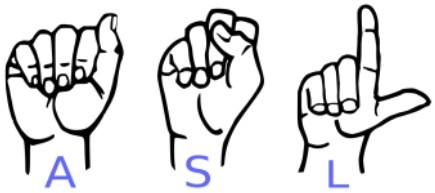
### Special Programs:

**Llama Llama Red Pajama PJ Party and Stuffed Animal Sleepover (Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.):** Come to the library in your PJs for a night of fun activities celebrating Anna Dewdney's ***Llama Llama.*** Stuffed animals are welcome to sleep over at the library after the program and can be picked up the next day. **Registration is required for this event.**

**Meet a Llama! (Saturday, March 9 at 11:00 a.m.):** Country Quilt Farms will be at the library to teach kids about llamas and their history. Get up close and personal with one of these amazing animals. We will celebrate the end of the winter reading program after this program with hot chocolate and cookies! **Registration is required for this event.**

### Family Craft Night: Sock Snowman Family
**Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

Bring the whole family for this night of crafting. Each family member should bring a sock. We will turn them into a stuffed keepsake to bring home. **Registration for this program is required and space is limited.**



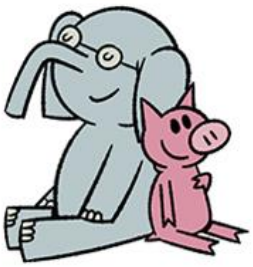

### Learn Sign Language! Grades 2-6

**Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.**
**January 19, 26, February 2, 9**

Kids in grades 2-6 will learn a variety of words and simple phrases using American Sign Language in this four-week program. By the end of the program, they will know how to sign a few picture books and carry on a simple conversation. **To register, call the library at 860-342-6770.**

### Save the Date: Meet Elephant and Piggie!

**Visit the library on Saturday, February 2, for Take Your Child to the Library Day!** We'll have a bunch of games and activities that celebrate our favorite Mo Willems characters and Elephant and Piggie will be stopping by throughout the day for photo ops and meet and greets. No registration is required for this drop-in program.



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# Winter Storytimes

**Registration for winter story times will begin on Monday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. Story time sessions will begin the week of January 7-11. Please visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org or call (860) 342-6770 to register.**

### Story Garden (ages 3-5)

**Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, 19, 26**

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. January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 13, 20, 27**

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. January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28**

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

## Teen Event: Library Lock-In

**Friday, January 18**

**6:00-9:00 p.m.**

It's time for our biannual Teen Library Lock-In! This event is just for students in grades 6 and up. After the library closes for the night, we'll get the party started with food, games, and a brand new escape room. **Space is extremely limited and registration is required.**

## 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:**
**January 14, February 11, March 11**

Find us on Facebook

**Portland Library Youth Services Department**

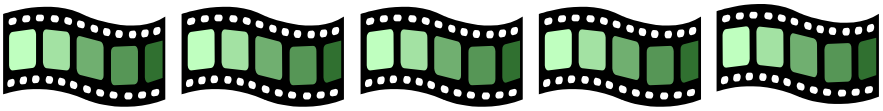
# *More News...*

## 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, January 3rd, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**
***We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart.**
Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

**Thursday, February 7th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**
***Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.**
When her reluctance to treat the newborn of a white supremacist couple results in the child's death, a black nurse is placed on trial and is aided by a white public defender who urges her not to bring up race in the courtroom.



## Movies in the Afternoon

**Wednesday January 16th, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m.**
***The Book Shop***
Free-spirited widow Florence Green (Emily Mortimer) risks everything to open a bookshop in a conservative East Anglian coastal town in England 1959. While bringing about a surprising cultural awakening through works by Ray Bradbury and Vladimir Nabokov, she earns the polite but ruthless opposition of a local grand dame (Patricia Clarkson) and the support and affection of a reclusive book loving widower (Bill Nighy). Based on Penelope Fitzgerald's acclaimed novel and directed by Isabel Coixet (Learning to Drive), PG, 113 minutes.

## Movies in the Evening

**Monday January 28th, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.**
***The Old Man & the Gun***
This film is based on the true story of Forrest Tucker (Robert Redford), from his audacious escape from San Quentin at the age of 70 to an unprecedented string of heists that confounded authorities and enchanted the public. Wrapped up in the pursuit are detective John Hunt (Casey Affleck), who becomes captivated with Forrest's commitment to his craft, and a woman (Sissy Spacek), who loves him in spite of his chosen profession. PG-13. 93 minutes.
***No reservations necessary! The Friends of Portland Library supports the Library's DVD collection.***

## Thank You

**Endowment Fund**
In memory of David Richardson:
Catherine Probolus
Lenore Smith

**Monday January 14th 1:00-6:00 p.m.**
Red Cross Blood Drive
**(see website for appointment sign-up information)**

American Red Cross

**Tuesday January 22nd at 1:00 p.m.**
**Mystery Lovers Book Club**
***Magpie Murders***
**by Anthony Horowitz**

**Library Closed: January 1st & January 21st**
**Closing at 1:00p.m.: December 31st**

### 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 January 7th at 7 p.m.
**Library Board of Directors:**
Thursday January 17th at 7 p.m.

**To Reach the Library**
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www.portlandlibraryct.org
**Library Director**
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During the month of January, the Library will be featuring Blues **CDs** and Super Hero **DVDs.**

## Books on Display

In January, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, Historical fiction and nonfiction books on comfort food cookbooks.