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MARCH 2019

Monday March 25th at 6:30 p.m.
Portland Library proudly presents ...
Gettysburg: One Woman's War
in honor of Women's History month!

Michèle LaRue: One Woman Historical Presentation of three selections from Elsie Singmaster's forgotten 1913 short story classic *GETTYSBURG: STORIES OF THE RED HARVEST AND THE AFTERMATH*

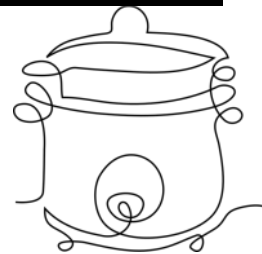
Actress Michèle LaRue revels in writings from America's Gilded Age and has toured with her growing repertoire for more than two decades. Michèle tours nationally and has been very well received.

Her nearly 400 sponsors range from libraries and historical societies, to colleges and universities, to women's groups, to the military. She is delighted to be performing for five Connecticut libraries in March—Our event is sponsored and funded by the Norma Werdelin bequest.

Tuesday March 12th at 6:30

Instant Pot: Enthusiasts & Newbies discussion & food sharing

Come talk about your successes and failures with the hottest kitchen gadget on the market today – the Instant Pot – an electric pressure cooker. Share recipes, check out the library's cookbooks, and bring a sample of a food item you cooked to share; this is certainly optional. Patrons considering an instant pot purchase are welcome to hear the pros and cons of this popular kitchen appliance!



Retirement & Social Security Information

Tuesday March 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Reed Financial presentation on Social Security
Workshop on things to consider while making decisions about Social Security and retirement! Tyler Boling explains all!

Tech Talks with Kevin

Tuesday March 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Tech Talk with Kevin: Cloud Storage & Web browsers! Tips for using the internet to your advantage!

Lunch & Learn:

Tuesday March 12th at 12 noon

***Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee**

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD. The moving story of four generations of a Korean immigrant family struggles for a better life in 20th-century Japan. We will briefly discuss *A Paris Architect* too since February's book discussion was cancelled.

ART AT THE LIBRARY
Student Art Month



The visual arts instructors for the Portland Public Schools are pleased to present an exhibit of student work through the month of April in celebration of Youth Art Month. Drawings, paintings, prints and ceramics created by students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 will be showcased. Please come see the wonderful work of our young artists and support the visual arts program in our schools. **The public is invited to come to view the artwork and meet the student artists at an opening reception hosted by the Friends of the Library on Wednesday March 27th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.**

Youth Services News and Events



Spring Storytimes

Registration for spring story times will begin on Monday, February 25th at 10:00 a.m. Story time sessions will begin the week of March 12-16. Please visit our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org or call (860) 342-6770 to register. There will be no storytimes during April vacation week.

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

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 23, 30

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.

March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24, and May 1

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.

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 25, and May 2

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



2019 Winter Reading Club: Warm and Fuzzy Reads

The Portland Library's 2019 Winter Reading Challenge, **Warm and Fuzzy Reads**, runs until **March 1, 2019**. If you've earned eight marshmallows in your mug, make sure to stop by the checkout desk to pick up your prize!

Special Programs:

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.



Kindness Club

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 25
Grades K-5

Each week we'll work on a craft project to spread kindness to someone or something. Projects will benefit the earth, backyard animals and animal shelters, local community organizations and friends and family. **Registration is required.**

Youth Services News and Events

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!



In honor of Dr. Seuss's 115th birthday, **Read Across America Day** will be held on March 2, 2019. We will have a wide selection of picture books and beginning reader books on display to help you celebrate!



**Family Craft Night:
Curious Bunny Pots
Wednesday, March 20 at
6:30 p.m.**

Ring in the spring with these curious bunny pots for each member of the family. This program is appropriate for all members of the family with parent assistance.

Registration for this program is required and space is limited.

Six-Word Story Contest

Could you write a whole story in just six words? Ernest Hemingway allegedly made a bet that he could and wrote "For Sale: Baby Shoes, Never Worn."

Throughout the month of March, we are encouraging students in grades 6-12 to enter our own six-word story contest. Use your creativity to come up with the best story and you might win a \$25 Amazon gift card!

Entries must be submitted to the library by emailing jrenk@portlandct.org. A winner will be selected and announced by April 5.

April Vacation Preview

Breakerspace!

Grades 3-up

Monday, April 15th at 1:00 p.m.

Take apart electronics to see how they really work!



Afternoon Movie:

Mary Poppins Returns !

Tuesday, April 16th at 1:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided.



Make Your Own Unicorn Headband !

Wednesday, April 17th

from 10:30-12:00

Drop-in activity for all ages while supplies last.



Life-Size Clue

Grades 5-up

Thursday, April 18th at 1:00 p.m.

Can you follow the clues to find out who committed the crime?

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:

March 11, April 8, May 13



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**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.

Thank You

For All your wonderful support for our library!

Thursday March 7th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

***These Is My Words: the Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine, 1881-1901* by Nancy E. Turner.**

Ardent, passionate, spirited, Sarah Prine transports us to the daily realities of frontier life in the late 1800's. In this fictional account inspired by the author's original family memoirs, Sarah creates a full and fascinating life for herself including an enduring love that will resonate with today's readers.

Thursday April 4th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

***Room* by Emma Donoghue.**

To five-year-old Jack, Room is the world. But to Ma, who was kidnapped seven years earlier when she was a 19-year-old college student, it's her prison, a tiny, 11-foot-square soundproofed cell in a converted shed in her kidnapper's yard. The sociopath, whom Jack has dubbed Old Nick, visits at night, grudgingly doling out food and supplies. But Ma, as Jack calls her, proves to be resilient and resourceful, and attempts a nail-biting escape.

Tuesday March 26th at 1:00 p.m.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

***The Dry*
by Jane Harper**

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 March 4th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday March 21st at 7 p.m.

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Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday March 13th, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m.

Bohemian Rhapsody

Starring: Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton & Gwilym Lee. The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid (1985).

Director: Bryan Singer. PG-13. 134 minutes.

Movies in the Evening

Monday March 18th, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Instant Family

When Pete (Mark Wahlberg) and Ellie (Rose Byrne) decide to start a family, they stumble into the world of foster care adoption. They hope to take in one small child but when they meet three siblings, including a rebellious 15 year old girl (Isabela Moner), they find themselves speeding from zero to three kids overnight. Now, Pete and Ellie must hilariously try to learn the ropes of instant parenthood in the hopes of becoming a family. This movie is inspired by the real events from the life of writer/director Sean Anders and also stars Octavia Spencer, Tig Notaro and Margo Martindale. PG-13, 117 minutes.

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



From our special displays in March, check out **DVDs and CDs** with an Irish theme in celebration of St. Patrick's Day!



Books on Display

In March, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, Short Stories and nonfiction books on women's history.