

Check it out...



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Lunch and Learn

Tuesday June 12th, 2018 at 12 noon

Book Discussion

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

Somewhere in South America, at the home of the country's vice president, a lavish birthday party is being held in honor of the powerful businessman Mr. Hosokawa. Roxane Coss, opera's most revered soprano, has mesmerized the international guests with her singing. It is a perfect evening—until a band of gun-wielding terrorists takes the entire party hostage. But what begins as a panicked, life-threatening scenario slowly evolves into something quite different, a moment of great beauty, as terrorists and hostages forge unexpected bonds, and people from different continents become compatriots. **Bring a lunch if you like. Light dessert is provided.**

Local Author Series 2018: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

June 12th: Katherine Spada Basto, author *Days to the Gallows, a novel of the Hartford Witch Panic*

Katherine Spada Basto, a resident of Portland for almost 20 years was a teacher in Hartford before becoming a full time writer. Ms. Basto's first novel has won numerous awards including Best Young Adult Book from IPNE (Independent Publishers of New England) and Runner Up in the New England Book Festival for Historical Fiction.

Kirkus Reviews writes, 'Basto's novel is a well-written and researched account of a historical event...a superb addition to the historical fiction genre, this engrossing witchcraft tale should appeal to a wide-ranging audience.' The author will have books available to be personally signed and purchased.

Registration Requested!



Read & Recycle

The Friends of the Portland Library's next intake date is **Saturday, June 30th 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.



Portland Library's 2018 Adult Summer Reading Program:

Libraries Rock!

The program runs

June 21-August 31, 2018

When you sign up for the 2018 Adult Summer Reading Program, you receive a coupon for free book(s) (up to \$2.00 in value) from the Friends Book Sale.

If you read and log 2,000 pages over the summer, you get another coupon for more free books.

Registration begins June 4th and on June 21st you can start logging books!

For every **250 pages** the Adult Summer Reading participants of Portland Library log as a group, the library will donate funding for musical instrument rental scholarships during the 2018-2019 school year for two deserving students at Brownstone Intermediate School. This year our charity is local and focused on music education.

Rocks & Fossils

Tuesday June 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Tom Benedict has, on multiple occasions, displayed his plethora of rocks, fossils and minerals in the Library's display cases. He is a member of the Lapidary & Mineral Society of Central Connecticut and has a lot of interesting facts about the rocks in our area like Gneiss and schist, the two most common types of rocks in Connecticut as well as our special quarry of brownstone rock. His presentation is suitable for ages 8 to 99! **Registration requested!**

Summer Saturday hours open 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

July 7 – August 25

Come in early & get your books before going to the beach for the day!

Youth Services News and Events



Libraries™ Rock!

Portland Library's 2018 Summer Reading Program for Children & Teens

The Portland Library's 2017 Summer Reading Program, **Libraries Rock!**, will run from **June 21st –August 30th, 2018.**

Once again, we're using Wandoo Reader to track our summer reading. For every **140** minutes that you read and log this summer (that's 20 minutes per day for 7 days!), you will earn **2 BOOK BUCKS**. These Book Bucks can be redeemed at the Portland Library for small prizes; saved to earn bigger prizes such as books; or exchanged at the library for small toys and art supplies that will be donated to help sick kids at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. The more you read and log, the more points you will also earn in the online Summer Reader game, which will allow you to customize your Wandoo champion and level up to make more summer fun!

We want you to read all summer and also earn extra prizes for fun challenges! Once you register for the program, you can check out the Challenge page to find extra activities that you can do to earn Book Bucks, such as coming to a library program, taking a photo of a kindness rock you've created to spread smiles, or sending us a postcard from a place you've gone on vacation.

Registration for Portland Library's Summer Reading program starts on June 4th.

Visit the library today for more information or log onto our website at www.portlandlibraryct.org for the link to register.

Thanks to the Friends of the Portland Library for funding our summer programming.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF Illusionist David Garrity Wednesday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m. At the Portland Middle School Auditorium

David Garrity's one-man illusion show features theatrical and visual magic, audience participation, comedy and music. In this performance, you may see a table mysteriously float, objects that appear and disappear in the blink of an eye and witness a Houdini-style Escape Challenge!

Registration is recommended.



Bring the Hoopla! Wednesday, June 27th

at 6:30 p.m. on the Town Green
Perfect for both newbies and experts, this high-energy interactive program will have everyone hooping through personal instruction, age-appropriate games and team building activities that encourage self-expression and creativity. **Registration is recommended;** in case of inclement weather, we will move indoors to the Mary Flood Room at the Portland Library.

Youth Services News and Events

Music and Movement

Storytimes (ages 0-5)

Mondays at 11:00 a.m.

June 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30



Come get a jump start on early literacy by joining us for this fun program that celebrates reading, movement and music. We'll use shaker eggs, scarves, bubbles, rhythm sticks and interactive stories to encourage listening and gross motor skills and teach the basics of rhythm and rhyme. **Registration is required and begins on June 4th at 10:00 a.m.**

Treasure Hunters!

Going into grades K-2

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

June 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31



Become a pint-sized prospector as we learn about a variety of rocks, minerals, gems and fossils in this five-week program. We'll pan for gold, dig up dinosaur bones, make our own rock candy and create some sparkly gemstone slime among other activities.

Registration is required and begins on June 4th at 10:00 a.m.



Time Travelers!

Going into grades 3-5

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

June 27, July 11, 18, 25, and

August 1

Join us for a retro tour of the decades from music to crafts to popular games. Starting with the 1950s and stopping at every decade since, we'll learn to play Chinese checkers, explore Beatlemania, hone our tie dye skills, make friendship pins, do some CD scratch art, and explore transistor radios, Walkmans, and the Discman. **Registration is required and begins on June 4th at 10:00 a.m.**

TEEN PROGRAMS

Week 1: Cooking **Rocks!**

Thursday, June 28th at 3:00 p.m.

Will it Waffle?

Waffles aren't just for breakfast anymore! Come experiment with us as we try out a bunch of foods to see if they'll work in a waffle iron. Brownies? Cookie dough? Mac and cheese? Pizza? The possibilities are endless! We'll supply the ingredients and the waffle irons; you bring your taste buds! **Registration is required and extremely limited.**



Ukulele Lessons!

Mondays July 16, 23, 30th

from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Interested in learning to play the ukulele? Teens going into grades 6 and up and adults may join us for a series of FREE classes at the Portland Library!

Bring your own ukulele or borrow one from the library. Ukuleles are also available for sale at the Connecticut Valley Music Center on Main Street. By the time the program ends, you'll know how to play at least a few beginning songs. **Registration is required and space is limited.**



**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, June 7th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

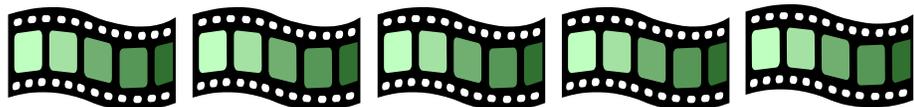
***Siracusa* by Delia Ephron.**

New Yorkers Michael, a famous writer, and Lizzie, a journalist, travel to Italy with their friends from Maine--Finn, his wife Taylor, and their 10-year old precocious daughter Snow. Told in alternating points of view, the characters expose and stumble upon lies and infidelities past and present. Set on the sun-drenched coast of the Ionian Sea, *Siracusa* unfolds with the pacing of a psychological thriller and delivers an unexpected final act that none can see coming..

Thursday, July 5th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

***Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley**

The stories of ten wealthy victims of a plane crash intertwine with those of a down-on-his-luck painter and a four-year-old boy, the tragedy's only survivors, as odd coincidences surrounding the crash point to a possible conspiracy.



Summer Musical Movies in the Afternoon

Wednesday June 20, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.

Singin' in the Rain

Wednesday June 27, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.

Fiddler on the Roof

Movies in the Evening

Monday June 25, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

A Wrinkle in Time

Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Oprah Winfrey, Chris Pine, Mindy Kaling & Storm Reid. **Director:** Ava DuVernay, PG, 109 minutes.

A new kind of space travel has been discovered and Meg's scientist father is at the forefront of the new developments. But then he disappears, leaving her to solve one of the biggest mysteries of all time.

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

Thank You

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Book Donations:

Carolyn Freeman 2 books
Bruce Stevens

Endowment Donations:

In memory of Ray Poet: Susanna Phillips
Janet Nocek 2 books
In memory of Hazel Johnson:
Jennifer Charest
In memory of Luva Mead Hoar:
Deborah Adamczyk
Ruth Davis
Laurel Goodgion
Mr. & Mrs. Kariko
Catherine Probolus

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday - Saturday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturdays July & August 1 pm to 5 pm

Library Meetings:

Friends of the Library:

Monday June 4th at 7 p.m.

Library Board of Directors:

Thursday June 21st at 7 p.m.

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During the month of June the Library will be featuring **CDs** of Country Music & non-fiction documentary **DVDs**.



Books on Display

In June, the Library will have book displays of newly arrived items, summer fiction and gardening.