

Recent Gifts and Memorials

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PHS Class of 1954	<u>Ice Fishing: The Ultimate Guide</u> by Tim Allard	Charles Bonhage
PHS Class of 1953	<u>Pacific Northwest</u> (DK Eyewitness Travel Guide)	Betty Boehm Schroeder
PHS Class of 1953	<u>Good Dog: True Stories of Love, Loss and Loyalty</u>	Helen R. Sutfin
PHS Class of 1953	<u>Here Comes the Parade!</u> by Tony & Lauren Dungy	June Scott Hanson
Bill Tierney & Val Nehls	<u>The Bridge Players Bible</u> by Julian Pottage	Maggie Dorn
PHS Class of 1949	<u>The International Marine Book of Sailing</u> by Robby Robinson	John Leeg
Kathryn Curtis	<u>Show Time!</u> By Lisa Bany-Winters	Joan Ryan Foley
City of Portage	<u>Strangers in the Bronx: DiMaggio, Mantle and the Changing of the Yankee Guard</u> by Andrew O'Toole	Carole Cleary
Class of 1949	<u>Devotion: An Epic Story of Heroism, Friendship & Sacrifice</u> by Adam Makos	John Shanks
Friends of the Library	<u>Find a Way</u> by Diana Nyad	In honor of Friends and Volunteers
Diane L. Burns	<u>Frogs, Toads and Turtles</u> by donor and <u>Cranberries: Fruit of the Bogs</u> by donor	

December
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Friends of the Portage Public Library

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If you have questions about the Friends of the Library contact any of the above board members.

Library open house Dec. 3

An open house on Thursday, Dec. 3 from 5-7:30 pm will give the community a chance to learn more about special services the library offers, enjoy treats provided by Friends of the Library, and view the recognition board that pays tribute to donors who made the recent library addition possible. Even regular library users will be able to learn something new about library services as senior staff takes them “behind the scenes” for an informative tour. The library will maintain regular services throughout the day.



The Pre-K Klub focused on “T” for Technology at its November 20 gathering, with attention to fine motor skills by using clothespins, tweezers, tongs, scoopers, paper punches, scissors, and fingers to manipulate and create. The Pre-K Klub exploration of STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) activities will continue on Dec. 18.



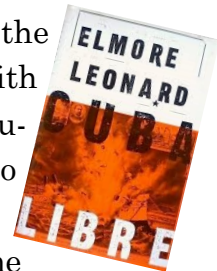
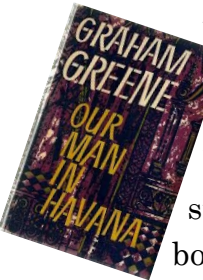
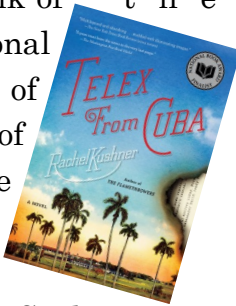
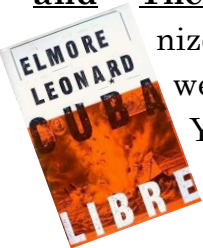
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Cuba topic for winter book discussion

With the restoration of diplomatic relations between the US and Cuba, there's certain to be renewed interest in Cuban culture, business and history. Friends of the Library winter book discussion series will feature Cuba in the reading selections. In selecting the books, organizers looked for books that received good reviews from credible sources and were widely available in the public library system. Some of the books are available in multiple formats: print, audiobook, and e-book.

The book discussions will be held on January 11, February 8, March 7 and April 11. Lawrence Gramer will lead the January discussion of **Havana Nocturne: How the Mob Owned Cuba and Then Lost it to the Revolution** by T.J. English. The author offers the true tale of organized crime, political corruption, nightlife, revolution and international conflict, and interweaves the stories of the Mob in Havana and the Cuban Revolution. The book was a New York Times Bestseller and winner of the Edgar Award. Cuba on the brink of the revolution is the focus of **Telex from Cuba**, a finalist for the 2008 National Book Award by Rachel Kushner. The story is told from the perspective of two young people (K.C. and Everly) living in the American enclave that was part of the 300,000 sugar cane plantation owned by the United Fruit Company. When the cane fields start to burn, K. C. and Everly begin to discover the brutality that keeps the colony humming. Mary Grimm will facilitate the Feb. 8 discussion of the book. The selection for March 7 is **Our Man in Havana** by Graham Greene. The 1958 comic novel by the prolific Greene is about a man who tries to keep his job as a secret agent in Havana by filing bogus reports and dreaming up military installations from vacuum-cleaner designs. Hans Jensen will lead the discussion. The final book selected for the winter book discussion is **Cuba Libre**, a novel set on the eve of the Spanish-American War when a cowboy arrives in Havana harbor with horses to sell, a cover for the boatload of guns he's running to the insurgents. The author is Elmore Leonard, who started his career writing westerns but later turn to crime writing. Dawn Foster will lead the discussion on April 11. The discussions will all be in the Bidwell Room and the library, and the Friends of the Library will provide coffee, tea, soda and dessert. Each event starts at 6 pm and concludes by 7:45.



Addiction topic for February

In February Lori Cross Shotten and many local community members will be facilitating meetings to "Change Addiction Now" (C.A.N.) in the Bidwell Room from 9 am-noon on Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27. The C.A.N. movement aims to change the way addiction is treated, perceived and legislated, bringing the family voice to addiction and recovery.

Let's look at the numbers

- 149,152 items checked out through October
- 743 library cards issued through October
- 4, 048 holds filled
- 8,646 WiFi use through October
- 54 groups used meeting rooms through Oct.

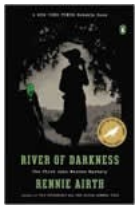


Family Fun Event Dec. 5

On Saturday, Dec. 5 families will be able to create a variety of ornaments, pop-up cards and more at the FREE "Holiday "Make-n-Take" in the children's department at 10 am. Registration not required, but bring your imagination!

'River of Darkness' for mystery lovers

There's still time to read Rennie Airth's River of Darkness before the Dec. 8 gathering of mystery lovers in the Bidwell Room at the library at 1:30. The psychological thriller is set in post-WWI. The selection for January 12 is Benefit of the Doubt, a debut novel by Neal Griffin whose suspense story delves into dark secrets in small town Americana.



Coming up soon

Chair Yoga

Dec. 3 & 10, 2-3 pm, with Peggy Nelson, for all ages and abilities

Coupon Clipping 101

Dec. 8, 6-8 pm. By Dannelle Fraser Gray

Homeschooling 101

Jan. 5, 6:30 pm, Mary Sue Slifer

Pete the Cat Book Party

for K-2nd grade, Jan. 11, 3:30 pm

Free Movie; "Inside Out"

Jan. 22, 12:45 pm (Portage Schools early release)

Pre-K Klub: "Will it Sink or Float"

Jan. 29, 9:30 am.

Time to renew your support of Friends of the Library

Annual Membership (Jan. 1—Dec. 31)

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Library Book Sale

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- ☐ Participate in book discussion
- ☐ Grounds beautification
- ☐ Provide refreshments

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