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## **Portsmouth Public Library News**

### **Library Locations Will Be Closed on June 14<sup>th</sup>**

All Portsmouth Public Library locations will be closed on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, for staff development. Normal operating hours will resume the following day. As we improve our ability to serve the public, no library fines will accrue.

For more information, call [393-8501](tel:393-8501).

### **Library Access “24/7”!**

Accessing your library account is easy. Renew materials and place holds when you visit the online library catalog at [www.PortsmouthPublicLibrary.org](http://www.PortsmouthPublicLibrary.org) and select “My Account.” The “virtual library” is available 24 hours a day, offering downloadable e-Books, e-Magazines, audiobooks, as well as streaming movies and music. Our online databases provide you with news articles, genealogical research, career help, practice tests, and more! Access from our website anytime!

### **Bookmark Design Contest for Teens**

Portsmouth Public Library is seeking artistic teenagers to come up with a creative bookmark design during their 2018 Summer Reading Program. The theme of this year’s reading program is “Reading Takes You Everywhere” —places real and imagined. Designs should reflect this theme and are due by the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Teenagers ages 12-17 are welcomed to participate. A blank bookmark template will be given upon registration for the Summer Reading Program at Portsmouth Public Library’s Main, Churchland, and Cradock Branch locations. Blank bookmark entries will be made available outside of Summer Reading Program registration as well. Artists do not need to participate in the Summer Reading Program to enter the “Design A Bookmark Contest”.

The top three entries (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places) will be awarded winning prizes and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will have their design published across the City’s libraries in the month of September 2018.

We encourage all teens to participate for the opportunity to win! For more information, please contact Aren Gonzalez at 757-686-2538 ext. 6616.

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