



FRIENDS
OF THE
AVON
LIBRARY

Beyond the Bookends

Contest winner for
our new name!!
Helaine Bertsch

Join us in celebrating Fall and our new name and design!

Letter from the Presidents of the Friends of Avon Public Library

September 2013

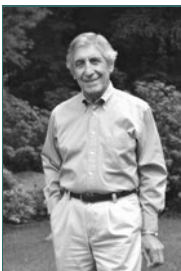
The July heat wave couldn't have come at a more perfect time...our annual Ice Cream Social saw it's biggest attendance yet...Thanks to those who attended! Due to the intense heat, we brought the event inside the air conditioned community room and served over 315 bowls of J. Foster's ice cream.

Thank you to all of the Friends who have joined in helping to fund the many programs this year. Events that the Friends supported this year included the Lincoln Exhibit, computer classes, museum passes, the Winter Concert Series, the Classic Movie series and many other children's and adult programs. This year, we look forward to expanding the programming offerings at the library.

For those of you who have yet to join, please consider completing the membership form at the back of this newsletter, which can also be found on the library's website. Your membership to the Friends is vital to continuing the many programs you enjoy at the Avon Free Public Library.

And finally, the Friends Board would like to thank Barbara Leonard for her many years of dedicated service as President. She has spent countless hours devoted to the advocacy of the library, culminating in the expansion project. Though Barbara isn't continuing in a presidential capacity, she will continue to be involved volunteering for the Friends. Many thanks to Barbara!!!

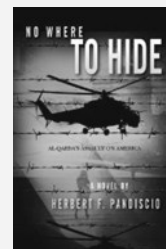
Peggy Beauregard and Linda Jordano, Co-Presidents, Friends of the Avon Library



New Suspense Novel Published by Avon Resident

Long-time Avon resident, Herb Pandiscio, recently published his first novel, **No Where to Hide**, an international thriller of political espionage and terrorism.

The author, Herb Pandiscio, and his wife Ruth have lived in Avon since 1968. He was Superintendent of Avon Schools for 25 years, and was a consultant in the education field. As a first time fiction writer, Pandiscio says he initially struggled a bit, but eventually found the writing process exciting and "absolute fun". He has a sequel in the works, **Betrayal Times Two**, and is the author of three education books.



In Pandiscio's new novel, U.S. military and intelligence operatives race against time to intercept a terrorist plot to take over America. The multi-layered plot unveils plenty of international intrigue and complex characterization, and much of the local action takes place in Simsbury, West Hartford and Boston. Kirkus Reviews describes the novel as "muscular, readable and well-researched".

No Where to Hide is available at the Avon Library, please call the Reference Desk to reserve your copy, 860-673-9712 ext. 4.

Between the pages

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BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES

Love Through the Modern Age

Join us for a series of book discussions, led by Aimee Pozorski, Associate Professor, Department of English, CCSU.

9/12/13

Waiting by Ha Jin

Explore the life of Lin Kong, a dedicated doctor torn by his love for two women: one who belongs to the New China of the Cultural Revolution, the other to the ancient traditions of his family's village....

10/10/13

Revolutionary Road by Richard Yates

Follow the story of Frank and April Wheeler, a bright, beautiful, and talented couple who have lived on the assumption that greatness is only just around the corner....

11/14/13

Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

Discover a love of duty when you read this tragic, spiritual portrait of a perfect English butler and his reaction to his fading insular world in post-war England...

12/12/13

Saturday by Ian McEwan

Henry Perowne—a neurosurgeon, urbane, privileged, deeply in love with his wife and grown-up children must set aside his plans and summon a strength greater than he knew he had in order to preserve the life that is dear to him after a traffic accident....

NEW CLIP AND SAVE SECTION

September/October Programs

Saturday, 9/14, 2:00 pm

The World of Rare Books with Michael C. Dooling
What Makes a Book Collectible?

Audience members are asked to bring books they would like to discuss. Some or all of these will be selected for discussion and Michael will indicate features that make the books collectible and their relative rarity.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library

Tuesday, 9/17, 1:30 pm

From Bonnets to Bell Bottoms, history of fashion in CT

Wed, 9/18, 10:00 am

Morning book club discussion
THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS (drop in)

Tuesday, 10/15, 1:30 pm

The History of G. Fox: from hula hoops to high fashion

Thursday Afternoon Movie Matinees

1:30 pm in the Community Room

A Selection from AFI's Top 25 Movies of All Time

Sept. 12th - On the Waterfront (1954)

Sept. 19th - It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

Sept. 26th - The African Queen (1951)

Oct. 3rd - no movie

Oct. 10th - Chinatown (1974)

Oct. 17th - Grapes of Wrath (1940)

Oct. 24th - The Maltese Falcon (1941)

*Movie program co-sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library
and the Avon Senior Center.*



A reminder:

The Friends continue to collect books for our Fall Book Sale which will take place October 4, 5 and 6. Please place your books inside the Friends' closet near the Community Room. Collection will stop on **Saturday, September 28**. No books after that date, thank you.

SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY!

Dig into Reading 2013



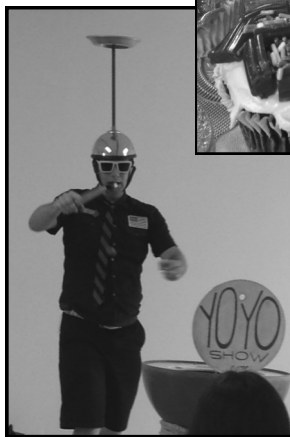
Christopher Agostino of StoryFaces captured the artistry of storytelling on a young listener.

Our summer reading program this year registered over 1150 children! Avon children read over 10,000 books! We offer our deepest gratitude to our reward donors: Cupcakes from Taste by Spellbound, Ice Cream Cones from J. Foster and Carvel, Rock Cats Baseball tickets, and Quassy Amusement park passes.

Children who visited the library this summer received raffle tickets to win prizes donated by local businesses. Special thanks to the Marriott for sponsoring our grand prize: an overnight stay at the Residence Inn in Avon.



Teens competed in our Cupcake Wars competition. At left: Entries for the Candy Shop round



John Higby of the Yo-Yo show, wows an audience of over 140 with his extraordinary Yo-Yo talent.



FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR:

This spring, the Avon Free Public Library was thrilled to be one of the 18 Connecticut libraries invited to participate in the soft launch of the Edge Initiative, a national program designed to align digital and technology services with community priorities.

Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and led by the Urban Libraries Council, Library Edge is an unprecedented national coalition of 13 organizations who are collaborating to help public libraries provide all people with the opportunity to enrich and improve their lives through open access to information, communication, and technology services.

The Edge Initiative is in full swing and we recently completed the Edge Assessment, which evaluated our public technology services and identified the best practices and approaches for us to enhance our current services. We now have an exciting opportunity to participate in specialized training sessions to gather additional insights about how to use our Edge results to improve the services and activities we provide our patrons.

Glenn Grube, Director, Avon Free Public Library



FALL EVENTS for CHILDREN AND TEENS

Fall Storytime is here!

Registration begins **September 16th**. The children's department will offer storytimes for children ages 0 to 6. For more information and to register, please check our website or call the children's room at 860-673-9712, ext 211.

Free children's eye screenings

The Avon Lions Club will offer free eye screenings for children ages 3 to 5 on **Tuesday, October 22** from 10am to noon. Registration not required to attend.

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Thank you for your support as a Friend of the Avon Public Library.

Your annual Friendship is extremely important as it helps to provide a wide variety of programming at the library. In addition to joining, please consider volunteering by checking off the list below.

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____



I would like to join the Friends at the following category:

- Individual / Senior \$ 10
- Senior Couple \$ 15
- Family Bookworms \$ 25
- Booklover \$ 50 - \$ 99
- Bibliophile \$ 100- \$ 199
- Book Collector \$ 200 & up

Yes, I would like to volunteer for:

- Book Sale (October, May)
- Friends Board Member
- Baked Goods Donation (for programs and special events)
- Special Projects Volunteer
- Garden Swat Team

Amount Enclosed _____

Please make checks out to the *Friends of the Avon Library*. Include this form with your tax deductible contribution (and matching gift form if your company participates) and mail to the library: 281 Country Club Rd.