

# The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

Newsletter of the Friends of the Library & the Board of Trustees

September 2012



*Commemorative bricks in place.*



*Enjoying the new Courtyard seating.*

## Message from the Library Board

The new library was officially dedicated at the Grand Opening Celebration on June 10. More than 600 people attended the event and enjoyed the many special programs and activities which were planned for the celebration. It has been a busy summer at the library, as visitors continue to discover and enjoy the many new features of the expanded building.

Many people have inquired about purchasing commemorative bricks for the outdoor courtyard. Due to the large interest, we will again be offering the opportunity to order inscribed bricks for a limited time. Bricks can be ordered in two sizes and can be purchased from September 10 until November 16, 2012.\* Because the inscription process takes several weeks, we anticipate that the installation will occur in the springtime. More information and order forms are available at the library and on the web site.

*Mary LaBelle Suter*  
President, Avon Library Board of Directors

\* For more information about purchasing a commemorative brick, call the library or check online.

**Visit us at Avon Day September 29th!**

## President's Letter

Even though it still feels like summer, fall just around the corner and it's time for the **Friends of the Avon Library Membership Drive**. Since memberships are annual, it's time to renew your **Friendship**. Your membership is important to the Library as your contributions support and enhance the special programs and services that otherwise would not be possible. Additionally, only **Friends** receive the newsletter, *The Library Times*, which is published about every other month. This timely publication keeps you current on exciting programs and activities at the Library as well as new book, CD, and DVD acquisitions. As a member of the **Friends of the Avon Library**, you will be among the first to sign up for any **Friends**-sponsored programs requiring registration. You also will be admitted free of charge to the annual Book Sale on preview night. With the expansion project completed, your support is especially important so that we can resume providing programs and activities in our beautiful new meeting spaces.

Since September is our membership renewal month, why not take a moment to join the **Friends of the Library**. Over 700 of your friends and neighbors renewed their friendships last year, and we want you to help support of one of Avon's finest assets, our Library, where there is something for everyone.

**Become a Friend today.**

*Barbara Leonard*  
President, Friends of Avon Library

## FALL EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

- Fri., Sept. 8 **Civil War Program - Antietam**  
 Sat., Sept. 15 **Kaplan SAT practice test**  
 Sept. 18, 21, 28, Oct. 6 **Yoga in the Library**  
 Tues., Sept. 25 **Iconic Albums Music Discussion-The 90's**  
 Thurs., Sept. 27 **The Unvanquished by William Faulkner Book Discussion**  
 Fri., Sept. 28 **Music: Paul Bisaccia**  
 Thurs., Oct. 4 **Stewart O'Nan, author visit**  
 Thurs., Oct. 18 **Nathaniel Hawthorne story discussion**  
 Fri., Oct. 19 **Music: Airborne Jazz Trio**  
 Tues., Oct. 23 **Iconic Albums Music Discussion-2000's**  
 Wed., Oct. 24 **Five Most Contested Elections**  
 Thurs., Nov. 8 **Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey book discussion**  
 Sat., Nov. 3 **Nora Howard, local author & Avon historian**  
 Tues., Nov. 13 **Patricia Carr: The Queen's Jewels**  
 Mon., Nov. 19 **The Truth About Estate Planning**  
 Tues., Nov. 20 **Iconic Albums-The 2010's**



## FALL MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY

Music returns to the "new" Avon Public Library in this two part series sponsored by the *Friends of the Avon Library*.

### The Great American Piano Revisited! Friday, September 28, 7:00 pm.

Paul Bisaccia will perform American favorites such as Gershwin, Sousa, ragtime and others

### Airborne Jazz Trio! Friday, October 19, 7:00 pm.

Enjoy an evening contemporary jazz of original, intensely creative and great compositions with Caribbean and Latino influences.

## Yoga with Ashwini Belhe

Drop in; ages 16 and up

Fridays, Sept 21 and 28 at 11:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Sept 18 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m.



## Welcome to our new Teen Librarian, Marisa Hicking!

This time last year we were welcoming our new library specialist Marisa. We are happy to announce she is now our first ever Teen Librarian! Marisa is super excited to provide great programs and services to Avon's youth in the great new Teen space. She also loves to give book recommendations, so stop in the teen room and find out what she is reading.



## Stewart O'Nan returns to Avon

October 4

Acclaimed American author, and former Avon resident, Stewart O'Nan will speak and read from his works at 7:00 p.m. His best-selling novels include *Last Night at the Lobster*, *A Prayer for the Dying* and *Snow Angels*, which was adapted for a film starring Sam Rockwell and Kate Beckinsale. *Emily Alone* was his first book written since moving back to his hometown of Pittsburgh, and his most recent work, *The Odds: A Love Story*, was published earlier this year. In 2003 O'Nan published *The Night Country*, a modern ghost story set in Avon.

O'Nan's nonfiction work includes the book *The Circus Fire*, a story about the tragic tent fire of 1944 in Hartford, CT, and a book with author Stephen King, *Faithful: Two Diehard Boston Red Sox Fans Chronicle the Historic 2004 Season*.

There will be copies of his books available for purchase and signing. Registration is required.

For more information call the library at 860-673-9712 or go to [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info) to register.



## Dr. Matthew Washauer

Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us as he presents:

### *Democracy Lost: Five Presidential Elections With No Clear Winner*

## Local Historian: Nora Howard

November 3, 11:00 am. Avon author, Nora Howard, will talk about the Rev. Rufus Hawley, the subject of her latest book *Catch'd on Fire*. Hawley was a minister in Avon for forty-eight years through some of the most tumultuous periods in the town's history. From the diaries of Rev. Hawley, Howard weaves a fascinating story of life in Avon in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

## The Queen's Jewels with Patricia Carr

Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

A presentation of royal decadence and the celebrity surrounding these iconic pieces



## Chess Night

Mondays are "drop-in" nights for chess fans of all levels.

## Summer Reading 2011!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2012 Summer Reading Clubs "Dream Big, Read" and "Own the Night!" With almost 600 participants ranging in ages 2-18, both children's and teen clubs were a great success! Readers participated in library programs, completed great reading goals and tracked their reading on reading logs. They brought their reading logs in weekly for a "check-in" and received rewards and raffle tickets towards larger prizes. The books the children read for summer reading this year counted towards a charitable donation to the "Make a Wish Foundation". Our goal of \$250.00 was reached and will be donated to help make a wish come true for a child with a life-threatening illness.

*Thank you to the following sponsors who helped encourage reading & literacy in our community!*



## KIDS' FALL PROGRAMS

*All programs are sign up unless noted "Drop-in".*

**Chess Club** every Wednesday, September 5 – October 31, Drop In 3:30 – 5:00  
**"Mini-moovers with Mrs. Moody"** every Friday! September 7 – October 26, Drop In 10:15 – 11:00  
Monday, September 10, 10:30 - 11:00 – **Baby Storytime**, Ages 0-24 months  
Tuesday, September 11, 6:30 – **Pajama Storytime**, All Ages  
Wednesday, September 12, 10:30 – **Storytime for 2's!**  
Thursday, September 13, 6:00-7:00 – **Nutmeg Book Club**, Grades 4-6 - *The Wonder of Charlie Ann*  
Tuesday, September 18, 4:00-5:00 – **Creative Art Experience**, Grades 3-6  
Wednesday, September 19, 10:30 – **Stories with Mrs. DeLuca!** Ages 3-5  
Wednesday, September 19, 4:30 – 5:30 – **Tween's Day- Chocolate!! Chocolate!!** Ages 9-12  
Monday, September 24, 6:30 – **Pajama Storytime with Special Guest Miss Amber!!**, All Ages  
Tuesday, September 25, 4:00-5:00 – **Bookmates**, Grades 1-3- *The Magician's Boy*  
Wednesday, September 26, 1:30-2:30 – **Fancy Nancy Storytime**, Ages 5-7 years  
Saturday, September 29, 11:00-11:45 – **Drop in Story time for All Ages!!**  
Saturday, October 13, 1:30-2:30 – **"Pinkalicious Storytime"** Ages 3-6  
Saturday, October 20, 11:00 – **Dress-Up Storytime** for ages 3-6  
Tuesday, October 23, 4:00-5:00 – **Creative Art Experience**, Grades 3-6  
Thursday, October 25, 6:00-7:00 – **Nutmeg book Club**, Grades 4-6- *Powerless*  
Tuesday, October 30, 4:00-5:00 – **"Bookmates"** Grades 1-3- *How to Eat Fried Worms*  
Wednesday, October 31, 4:30-5:30 – **Tween's Day** "Urban Myths"

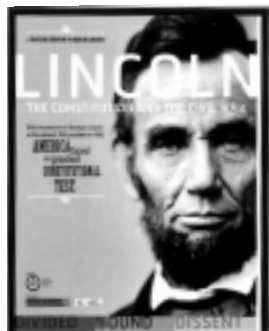
## TEEN FALL PROGRAMS

*All programs are sign up unless noted "Drop-in". All activities and events for grades 7 and up.*

**Teen Fridays are back!** September 7 – October 26, Drop In 3:00-4:00 each Friday  
Wednesday, September 5, 4:30-5:30 – **Rock Your Locker 2:** here's your 2nd chance to make some locker bling!  
Friday, September 7, 3:00 – Drop in **Teen Snack Shack**, Twinkie sushi!  
Tuesday, September 11, 4:30-5:30 – **Teen Nutmeg Discussion**, *After Ever After* by Jordan Sonnenblick  
Friday, September 14, 3:00 – Drop in **Teen Crafter's Club**, bring pictures from your summer to make a mason jar photo scene  
Tuesday, September 18, 2-3:30 – **Cool Cooking Class**, learn to make different items each month  
Thursday, September 20, 3-4:30 – Drop in **Game Day**, come play with the wii and Xbox  
Friday, September 21, 3:00 – Drop in **Teen Bingo!**  
Tuesday, September 25, 5:00-7:00 – **TAB Teen Advisory Board meeting**  
Thursday, September 27, 4:30-5:30 – **DrawSomething Teen Edition**, come have fun using the library's new SmartBoard  
Friday, September 28, 3:00 – Drop in **Teen Speed Texting**, who will be the fastest?  
Wednesday, October 3, 3:30-4:30 – Drop in **Gaming Contest**, who will be the best at Rock Band?  
Friday, October 5, 3:00 – Drop in **Scary Movie**, enjoy snacks and vote on which scary movie to watch  
Wednesday, October 10, 4:30-5:30 – **Haunted Gingerbread Houses**, spooky & yummy  
Friday, October 12, 3:00 – Drop in **Scary Snack Shack**, come make some spooky themed food  
Tuesday, October 16, 4:30-6:00 – **Nutmeg Discussion**, *Rot & Ruin* by Jonathan Maberry  
Friday, October 19, 3:00 – **Crafter's Club**, Angry Birds themed fun  
Wednesday, October 24, 4:30-5:30 – **Gummy Bear Dissection**, lots of yummy gummies  
Thursday, October 25, 6-7:30 - **Zombification Workshop**, create your own zombie alter-ego  
Friday, October 26, 3:00 – Drop in **Teen Speed Texting**, who will be the fastest?  
Tuesday, October 30, 6:00-8:00 – **TAB Teen Advisory Board Halloween party**  
Wednesday, October 31, 4:30-5:30 – Drop in **Procrastinators Create-A-Costume Contest**. Create the best costume with in materials provided in less than 15 minutes to win the prize.

## Lincoln Exhibit Coming to the Avon Library

The Avon Public Library has been selected to host Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War, a six week national traveling exhibit beginning December 15, 2012 and continuing through February 3, 2013.



An opening program and reception is planned for Saturday, December 15, 2012, featuring a lecture and guided tour conducted by Dr. Matthew Warshauer, Professor of History at CCSU.

Additional programs are planned for the duration of the six-week exhibit, details will be publicized in the near future. This prestigious exhibit is made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The reception and several additional programs are generously funded by the *Friends of the Avon Public Library*.

## Avon Library Gallery Space

Artists interested in displaying work in Avon Library's Gallery during the 2013 calendar year should submit their name, a description of their work, and their preferred show dates along with photos, jpegs, or a website address that displays their work. Exhibit length is typically 30- 45 days. Submission deadline is October 31, 2012 (Halloween).

*Submissions should be directed to:*

Library Art Committee, ATTN: Tina Panik  
C/O Avon Library, 281 Country Club Rd., Avon, CT 06001  
860-673-9712 ext 200, tpanik@avonctlibrary.info

## Computer Center

Scheduled computer classes this Fall.  
Sign up for Word, Excel and Powerpoint

By appointment: Call to set up one-on-one assistance with Email, Computer and Internet Basics

Drop in to get started with **Universal Class**: Hundreds of free online classes from Accounting to Writing.

Email us: What do you want to learn in the Computer Lab?  
avonref@avonctlibrary.info

## Conversational English

Do you know someone who wants to practice their English speaking skills? Join our new Conversational English group beginning September 20. Registration is recommended but drop-ins okay. The group will get together on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 in the first floor Conference Room. For more information contact Patrice Celli at 860-673-9712, ext. 234 or pcelli@avonctlibrary.info.

## Donate to the Library through United Way

Avon residents were very generous in the library's recent capital campaign. We couldn't have done it without you. We're asking you to consider continuing your generosity towards the Library by participating in your company's planned giving program through the United Way. In completing the form, just insert the Library's donor number AG710 or write in the name of the library: Avon Free Public Library. Thank you!

## Adopt a Shelf Volunteers

This summer we held an Open House for Adopt a Shelf volunteers. Thank you to all who signed up. Our volunteers are coming in regularly to make sure the shelves are in order. If you would like to join in please contact Trish Accetta at the Reference Desk.

## Our Summer Intern!

We were very lucky to have last year's summer intern, Melissa Crichton, return for a second summer. She became an amazing resource to the Avon Library staff. We couldn't have had such a successful summer without her. She will be missed! Thank you Melissa!!

## Goodbye Miss Amber



Amber Lansing Wyzik started at the Avon Library as a part-time Children's Library Specialist in 2005 while earning her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. After a year of working at the Avon Library, Amber's desire to teach transformed into one to become a librarian, and she began working towards her Master's in Library Science. Amber worked part-time with us for 5 years, during which time she established and implemented much-needed programming and services for Avon's teens, including the Teen Advisory Board (TAB).

As she was graduating with her MLS in 2010, Amber was selected among many candidates to be our new Children's and Teen Services Manager. In this role, Amber developed our Teen Room, created the new position of Teen Librarian, and secured grants to fund technology and programs to serve our numerous teen patrons. She also planned the recent renovation of the children's department and the new, state-of-the-art presentation technology for the entire building. Building on a strong base of storytimes and reading groups in the Children's Room, Amber expanded library programming, developing new programs emphasizing science literacy and mathematics.

Amber's contributions to the library are immeasurable. And while we know that her new role as the Librarian at the F.M. Kearns Primary School in Granby will serve her and her growing family well, we will miss her terribly. As Tina Panik likes to remind us, Amber is "faster than Google," and we've had so much fun with her, just trying to keep up.

# TO ALL OUR FRIENDS, NAMED BELOW, THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FRIENDS OF THE AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY!

With this issue of the newsletter our new membership year begins. Your donations of time and money make the Avon Public Library a first class library. Last year's membership has now expired. Now would be a great time to RENEW YOUR FRIENDSHIP for the coming year. If you are not already a member, this is a good opportunity to join our outstanding group of Friends!

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 Saraceno  
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 Donald & Sophie Sopolak  
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 Eric & Iris Spungin  
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 Ruth Stern  
 Sue & Jim Stevens  
 The Stokesbury Family  
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 Dick Strickland  
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 The Suter Family  
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 Louise Talotta  
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 & family  
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 Jean Tepley  
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 Ruth Thompson  
 Leonora Thramann  
 Eric Thronson  
 Mrs. Barnard Tilson  
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 The Volinski Family  
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 Patricia and Stephen Wall  
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## BOOK SALE 2012 MOVES TO OCTOBER

We changed our date: **October 12, 13, 14.**

We changed our site: **Avon Library Community Room**

But . . . we haven't changed our commitment to bringing the best possible reading materials for our Annual Book Sale.

**Preview Night: Friday, October 12, 4:00 – 8:00 \$5.00 entrance fee Book Sale / Saturday, October 13, 9:00 – 4:00 / Bag Sale Sunday, October 14, Noon – 2:30 \$5.00 per bag**

We have a wonderful selection of bestsellers, old favorites, children's books, cookbooks, history, art, DVDs, CDs and much more. We think we have something for everyone.

If you are not a *Friend*, consider joining today. A great benefit of being a *Friend* is receiving a postcard in late September that will admit you to the Friday Preview Sale for free.

For further information, please call the library or visit us at [www.avonctlibrary.info/Friends](http://www.avonctlibrary.info/Friends)

*Barbara Leonard and Marie Peluso, Book Sale Committee*

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- Annual Book Sale (May)
- Friends Board Member
- Baked Goods Donation
- Garden Swat Team
- Special Projects Volunteer

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- Public Library Notices
  - Friends*-only emails



## Fall Film Matinees

1:30 pm

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| September 6  | <b>A Streetcar Named Desire</b> starring Vivien Leigh and Marlon Brando    |
| September 13 | <b>Inside Daisy Clover</b> starring Natalie Wood and Christopher Plummer   |
| September 20 | <b>Topkapi</b> starring Melina Mercouri and Peter Ustinov                  |
| September 27 | <b>Breakfast at Tiffany's</b> starring Audrey Hepburn                      |
| October 4    | <b>Touch of Evil</b> starring Charlton Heston and Janet Leigh              |
| October 11   | NO MOVIE THIS WEEK due to Friends Book Sale Set-Up                         |
| October 18   | <b>12 Angry Men</b> starring Henry Fonda and Martin Balsam                 |
| October 25   | <b>Rear Window</b> starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly                  |
| November 1   | <b>On the Town</b> starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra                   |
| November 8   | <b>The Heiress</b> starring Olivia de Havilland and Montgomery Clift       |
| November 15  | <b>White Christmas</b> starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye & Rosemary Clooney |

This program is co-sponsored by the *Friends of the Avon Free Public Library* and the *Avon Senior Center*. Refreshments served.

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