

The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

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

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GROUNDBREAKING NEWS!



Expansion Update

The long awaited and much anticipated renovation and expansion of the Avon Library began in December and is expected to be completed in approximately thirteen months. We are planning a number of events and celebrations during the construction so that the community will remain engaged and well informed as to the progress of the project. The first such event, the official groundbreaking ceremony, took place on January 8. Several speakers who were instrumental in bringing the project to fruition made some brief remarks, followed by the celebratory groundbreaking. A snowstorm the night before added to the beauty and magical feeling surrounding the event, which is captured in the photo above.

— *Mary LaBelle Suter* President, Avon Library Board of Director

Capital Campaign Update

The fundraising committee has made excellent progress, having already secured donations or pledges totaling more than \$665,000. Currently, committee members are contacting leadership donor prospects and foundations in an effort to make strides toward achieving the new goal of \$1 million.

There will be a town-wide mailing in February, asking every resident to consider a contribution to the library. If you would like to meet with a campaign committee member to discuss your gift, please contact Mark Nolan, Chair of the Fundraising Committee at: markpgs@comcast.net or 860.673.3200. Please consider a monetary gift to the library or a donation of appreciated securities, which can also be tax advantageous. Pledges of more than \$1,000 can be paid over three years.

Project Update

We are encouraged at the rapid pace the project has progressed since day 1, December 20. Library users have expressed pleasure that the project has finally begun and are happy to “see what’s happened” since they last visited. One day we could have sold tickets to a crowd as they watched the big bulldozers do their magic. So far, we are most often asked “did they have to take so many trees?” The answer is “Yes, unfortunately.” The trench for the electrical and phone conduits cut right across the lawn. A new drive for the drive-by bookdrop, a top priority for the project, forced the removal of three trees. We expect to replace most trees and site plans call for renewed landscaping and a thick buffer around the perimeter of the property. Just keep your eyes on what it will look like when the project is completed and the wonderful, spacious library there will be for the residents of Avon.

— *Ginny Vocelli*
Library Director

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

All programs require registration unless noted with *Drop In

February

Tues, Feb. 1, 6:30-7:00 Family Storytime - All Ages!

Feb 5, 12, 19 & 26 – 11:00 *Drop-in Saturday Storytime!- Stop by the library on Saturdays in February at 11:00 for a fun filled drop-in storytime for ages 3-6.

Tues, Feb. 8, 4:00 BYOS Storytime - Grades 1-3

Wed, Feb. 9, 4:00-5:30 Kid Crafters Club - Grades 3-6

Thurs, Feb. 10, 6:30-7:00 Valentine Pajama Storytime - Ages 3-6

Sat, Feb. 12, 3:00-4:00 SSSSSSnakes and Reptiles! Ages 3-8

Mon, Feb. 14, 4:00-5:00 "Time for Kids" Afterschool Club
Grades 2 & 3

Tues, Feb. 15, 4:00-5:00 Creative Art Experience - Grades 4-6

Wed, Feb. 16, 4:30-5:30 Pen Pal Club - Ages 8-12

Thurs, Feb. 17, 6:30-7:00 Penguins and Pajamas - Ages 3-6

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK!

Tues, Feb. 22, 4:00-5:00 Bookmates Book Club - Grades 1-3

Wed, Feb. 23, 1:00-5:00
2nd ANNUAL NUTMEG BOOK BUFFET!! *Drop-In Grades 4-8

Fri, Feb. 25, 2:00-3:30 Beginners Origami - Grades 3 and up

Sat, Feb. 26 - FAMILY GAME DAY!! All Ages, All day!! Featuring board games, video games, bingo and more! *Drop In

Mon, Feb. 28, 6:30-7:00 Snuggly Storytime - Ages 3-6

March

Tues, Mar. 1, 4:30-5:30 Kids Nutmeg Trivia Game - Grades 4-6

Wed, Mar. 2, 4:00-5:00 DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!
Grades K-3

Thurs, Mar. 3, 4:00-5:00 "Time for Kids" Afterschool Club
Grades 4-6

Sat, Mar. 5, 10:30 *Drop-in Saturday Storytime! - Ages 2 & 3

Tues, Mar. 8, 4:00-5:00 BYOS Storytime - Grades 1-3

Wed, Mar. 9, 4:00-5:30 Kid Crafters Club - Grades 3 & up

Thurs, Mar. 10, 6:30-7 Family Storytime - All Ages

Sat, Mar. 12, 3:00-4:00 Turtles and Small Mammals Ages 3-8

Tues, Mar. 15, 4:00-5:00 Bookmates - Grades 1-3

Wed, Mar. 16, 4:30-5:30 Pen Pal Club - Ages 8-12

Thurs, Mar. 17, 6:30-7:00 St. Patrick's Day Storytime - Ages 3-6

Mon, Mar. 28, 4:00-5:00 "Time for Kids" Afterschool Club
Grades 2-3

Tues, Mar. 29, 4:30-5:30 Nutmeg Book Club - Grades 4-6

Tues, Mar. 29, 6:30-7:00 Spring has Sprung into Storytime
Ages 3-6

TEEN CORNER

Teen Fridays!!

Stop by every Friday after school for a fun Teen friendly event- 3:00, Grades 7-12
No School/ Early Dismissal = No Event



Feb. 4 - Teen Crafters Club

Feb. 11 - 6:30 pm. Back by popular demand!!
Marshmallow Masquers presents "Teen Improv"

Feb. 18 - Teen Valentine Snack Shack

Wed, Feb. 23, 1:00-5:00
2nd ANNUAL NUTMEG BOOK BUFFET!!
Check out the new 2012 Nutmeg Nominees and win prizes at this all day read-a-thon. Pizza and refreshments provided. *Drop-In Grades 4-8

Tue, Mar. 1, 6:30-8:00 TAB Meeting - Grades 7-12
For more info email alansing@avonctlibrary.info

Mar. 4 - Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect Contests

Mar. 11 - Teen Crafters Club

Mar. 25 - Teen Snack Shack

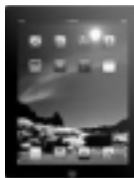
Sat, Mar. 26, All Day! Games, Games and More Games!
Featuring video games, board games, bingo, prizes and more!

Tues, Mar. 29, Teen Nutmeg Book Club, 2:45-4:00 at AMS

Curious about E-Readers!

The Avon Library has **two Sony E-Readers** and **one Color NOOK** available for Avon patrons. Log in to our catalog and search for "Sony e-reader" or "Nook" to place your reserve today!

These reading devices are compatible with items in our downloadable books catalog. Titles are also available at www.iconn.org. Read great e-titles for free! Patrons must be 18 years of age or older to borrow this equipment, which is loaned for two weeks. A special loan agreement detailing the replacement cost of these items must be signed before the item is loaned.



Plus, Coming Soon —

the library will be purchasing two iPads.
These are for in-library use only.
Stop by and test one out.



Last year's Nutmeg Book Buffet!

President's Letter

Learn something new today! The *Friends of the Avon Library* are please to alert you to a new item available to Avon residents. Universal Class is a database that offers free online classes to all members of the Avon community. Universal Class is an accredited program with global participation, and over 500 courses are available. You can take as many as 5 classes at a time and have up to six months to complete any course you start. All you need is a valid Avon Library card and you are ready to use this service.

In the two months that Universal Class has been available, almost 100 Avon residents are registered users, with almost 175 login sessions recorded. They are enrolled in 85 classes and 1 has already completed a course. Currently, the most popular course is *Excel 2007*, with the next two being *How to Create Web Pages* and *Adobe Photoshop 101*. Computer oriented courses are just a part of the offerings: *American Civil War 101*, *How to Draw* and *Building Self Esteem* are just a fraction of what our residents are studying. Sound interesting? Visit this website to start learning:

<http://avonct.universalclass.com/barcode-login.htm?enter+code>

The *Friends of the Avon Library* thanks all of you who are members of the *Friends* for making Universal Class available: it is your membership dues which enable us to offer this exciting program in lieu of in-library programming at the Library during the construction project.

— *Barbara Leonard*
President, Friends of Avon Library

Avon Library to Commemorate 150th Civil War Anniversary



The Avon Library will join other Connecticut libraries and towns across America in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Our project, *Avon to Appomattox: Lives and Legacy of the Civil War*, will begin March 2011 and continue through April 2012.

The project is a series of programs and exhibits to honor the ninety-four soldiers from Avon who fought in the war, and to commemorate Connecticut legacies of service, sacrifice and freedom. This series is a collaborative community project involving the Avon Public Library, the Avon Historical Society, Avon Senior Center, and Veterans of Foreign War, as well as Avon residents Jim Genco and Norm Sondheimer.

Details, dates and times of the programs are forthcoming and will be publicized throughout the commemoration.

Civil War artifacts will be exhibited at the library throughout the commemoration beginning March 2011. **The library would be honored to include Civil War artifacts and mementoes from Avon families in the displays.** Photographs, official records, military artifacts and personal property of soldiers would be especially welcome. If interested, please contact Patrice Celli at the Avon Library 860-673-9712.

Thursday Afternoon Film Series



During Library construction, movies will be shown every Thursday at 1:30 pm at the Avon Senior Center, 635 West Avon Road. All are welcome.

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| Jan. 27 | The Inn of the Sixth Happiness | 1958 |
| | Ingrid Bergman, Robert Donat, Curt Jurgens. | |
| Feb. 3 | Desk Set | 1957 |
| | Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Gig Young, Joan Blondell. | |
| Feb. 10 | How to Marry a Millionaire | 1953 |
| | Marilyn Monroe, Betty Grable, Lauren Bacall. | |
| Feb. 17 | The Enemy Below | 1957 |
| | Robert Mitchum, Curt Jürgens, Theodore Bikel. | |
| Feb. 24 | Mrs. Doubtfire | 1993 |
| | Robin Williams, Sally Field. | |
| Mar. 3 | The Three Faces of Eve | 1957 |
| | Joanne Woodward, David Wayne, Lee J. Cobb. | |
| Mar. 10 | Gentlemen Prefer Blondes | 1953 |
| | Marilyn Monroe, Jane Russell, Charles Coburn. | |
| Mar. 17 | Run Silent, Run Deep | 1958 |
| | Clark Gable, Burt Lancaster. | |
| Mar. 24 | The Young Victoria | 2010 |
| | Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend. | |
| Mar. 31 | Cheaper by the Dozen | 1950 |
| | Clifton Webb, Jeanne Crain, Myrna Loy. | |
| Apr. 7 | Moonstruck | 1987 |
| | Cher, Nicolas Cage, Olympia Dukakis, Danny Aiello. | |
| Apr. 14 | The Last Station | 2010 |
| | Christopher Plummer, Helen Mirren, Paul Giamatti. | |
| Apr. It Happened One Night | | 1934 |
| | Clark Gable, Claudette Colbert. | |

The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

tax program begins in February. Our volunteers are available to help prepare simple tax returns with income \$49,000 or less a year.

Appointments will be available on:

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| Saturdays | February 12 - April 9 | 10:00 – 2:00 |
| Wednesdays | February 16 - April 13 | 1:30 – 4:30 |

To make an appointment please call the Reference Desk. 860-673-9712.

The library has tax forms available for the public to pick up.

Digital Scrapbooking Class

Thursday, March 10 6:30-8:00

Sign up to create your very own digitally created scrapbook! Every participant will receive their own hardbound scrapbook. Bring 20+ pictures saved on either a flash drive or CD/DVD. Spaces limited, Sign up!

A Big Thanks:

The *Friends of the Avon Library* want to thank **Kostin, Ruffkess & Company** for the donation of boxes; the Friends use hundreds of boxes to sort books yearly for the annual book sale. This generous donation makes that job much easier.

BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES SPRING 2011

Catastrophes and their Consequences

Thursday, February 17
7:00 pm
(snow date February 24)

The Grapes of Wrath
by John Steinbeck

Thursday, March 24
7:00 pm
(snow date March 31)

Angels in America
by Tony Kushner

Thursday, April 28
7:00 pm

Zeitoun
by Dave Eggers

Professor Nels Highberg, of the University of Hartford, will lead all three discussions.

***Please register online at:
www.avonctlibrary.info***

We will meet in the Avon History Room.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library.

THE BIG DIG!



**We are open on Sundays from now until March 27.
Stop by from 1:00 – 5:00.**