



# The Library Times

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

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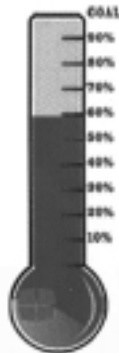
## It's Your Town, It's Your Neighborhood, It's Your Library!!

Check out the map of Avon posted in the library. Each donation sent towards our Library Expansion is marked on the map. Is your street represented?

## Expansion News

The construction project to expand and renovate the Avon Library has begun and is expected to be completed in March 2012. Our patrons are enjoying watching the project evolve and visible progress can be observed each week. A beam signing party is scheduled for April 9 and we are planning other celebrations and events throughout the project.

The capital campaign committee, under the leadership of Mark Nolan, has been working for more than a year. At the end of February, we launched a community wide fundraising campaign to augment the grants and individual donations already raised by the campaign committee. The committee's efforts have been very successful, having already received more than \$700,000 in donations and pledges.



We are asking every resident to consider a gift to the library. The community campaign will be a shared endeavor, one that is intended to encourage a sense of ownership and community pride in our new, state-of-the-art library. To date we have received over 250 contributions from individuals and foundations.

There is much more information available on the library's web site ([www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info)), including the architectural plans, pictures of the construction progress, and a detailed statement of what the new library will provide to Avon.

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

## President's Letter

Just when we thought this long winter would never end, it looks like spring is just around the corner and *the Friends of the Avon Library* are getting ready for their annual **BOOK SALE**. Mark your calendars for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 29 through May 1. A great benefit of being *a Friend* is receiving a postcard in late April that will admit you to the Friday Preview Night for free. If you are not *a Friend* consider joining today. Please note that we have extended the Friday Preview hours and will open our doors from 4-8pm to allow more time to peruse all the items. This year's inventory is quite varied, with a record amount of quality children's books, trade fiction as well as a variety of exceptional cookbooks, so we are betting there is something for everyone.

### Friday, April 29:

**Preview Night:** 4:00-8:00 pm  
\$5.00 entrance fee

### Saturday, April 30:

**Book Sale:** 9:00am-4:00 pm

### Sunday, May 1:

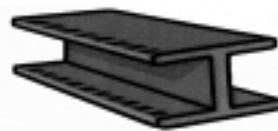
**Bag Sale:** Noon- 2:30 pm  
\$5.00 per bag



In this economy, forget the high book store prices! Shop **Book Sale 2011** and we are sure you will find plenty of quality items to interest you at a fraction of what those book stores charge. See you there.

— *Barbara Leonard*  
President, Friends of Avon Library

**Reminder:** The deadline for donations is April 15.



**Sign a Beam??**  
**Saturday, April 9**  
**11:00 am**

Want to leave your mark on the library for future generations? We are having a BEAM signing. Bring all the family. Sign your names and leave your mark for this century, and beyond.

# CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

## Preschool Programs

### April 4-23: Storytime Registration!

Register online at [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info)

**Mon., April 4** - 6:30-7:15: **Pajama Storytime!** Ages 3-6

**Wed., April 6** - 10:30-11:30: **Bouncing Baby Storytime!** Ages 12 months- 24 months!

**Mon., April 11** - 1:30-2:30: **ARRRRR!!! Pirate Storytime!** Ages 3-6

**Wed., April 13**-10:30-11:30: **Fantastic Twos!** Storytime for two year olds.

**Thurs., April 21** - 6:30-7:15: **Purpleicious Pajama Storytime!** Ages 3-6

**Thurs., April 28** - 6:30-7:15: **Mother Goose Storytime,** Ages 3-6

**Saturdays in May!** 11:00: **Drop in Storytime** for Ages 3-6

**Tues., May 10** - 6:30-7:15 pm: **Duck, Duck, Goose Storytime!** Ages 3-6

**Thurs., May 19** - 6:30-7:15 pm: **Baa, Baa Black Sheep Storytime!** Ages 3-6

**Mon., May 23**- 6:30-7:15 pm: **Storytime with the Very Hungry Caterpillar,** Ages 3-6

## School Age Programs

**Tues., April 5 & May 24** - 4:00-5:00: **B.Y.O.S.** Grades 1-3

**Wed., April 6** - 4:00-5:30: **Kids Crafters Club** Grades 3-6

**Thurs., April 7** - 4:00-5:00: **"Time for Kids" Afterschool Club,** Grades 4-6

**Mon., April 25** - 4:00-5:00: **"Time for Kids" Afterschool Club,** Grades 1-3

**Tues., April 26 & May 31** - 4:30-5:30: **Kids Nutmeg Book Discussion,** Grades 4-6

**Wed., April 27** - 4:30-5:30: **Pen Pal Club**

**Tues., May 10** - 4:00: **Bookmates Book Discussion,** Grades 1-3

## National Library Week! April 10-16

**Sat., April 16** - 11:00-12:00: **Drop In Kids Book Swap!** Up to 6th Grade, 2:00-4:00- Bring in 5 old books and swap for 5 new or gently used books.

**Tues., April 12** - 4:00: **Bookmates Book Discussion,** Grades 1-3

**Thurs., April 14** - 4:00-5:00: **"One plate, One Child, One Meal"** Participate in this exploration of food and world hunger! Ages 3-6

## April School Vacation!

**Tues., April 19** - 1:00-2:00: Celebrate **National Pet Owners Day!** Stories about pets and a craft, Grades 1-4

**Wed., April 20** - 1:00-3:00: **Book and a Movie!** Book Discussion, Grades 1-4

**Thurs., April 21** - 10:30-12:30: **Earth Day Art Mart** - Drop in for recycled Arts and Crafts (All Ages)

## TV Turn off Week! May 1-7

**Tues., May 3** - 4:00-5:30: **Jr. Crafters Club,** Grades K-2

**Tues., May 3** - 6:30: **Storytime with Mrs McCabe,** Grades K-4

**Wed., May 4** - 4:00-5:30: **Kids Crafters Club,** Grades 3-6

**Thurs., May 5** - 6:30-7:15: **Family Storytime,** All Ages

**Sat., May 7** - 11:00: **Drop in Storytime,** Ages 3 and up

# TEEN CORNER



**Friday, April 1** - 3:00: **Teen Vido Games**

**Friday, April 8** - 3:00: **Teen Snack Shack**



**Sat., April 9** - 2:00-4:00: **Teen Book Swap!** Bring in your old books to swap for new and gently used ones!



**Tues., April 12 & May 24** - 6:30-8:00: **TAB Meeting**

**Fri., April 15** - 3:00-4:30: **Teen Crafters Club** Celebrate "Global Make a Difference Day" with recycled crafts



**Tues., April 26 & May 31** - 3:00-4:00: **Teen Nutmeg Book Club,** Grades 7 & 8. Join us to discuss this month's nominee, *Scat* by Carl Hiassen

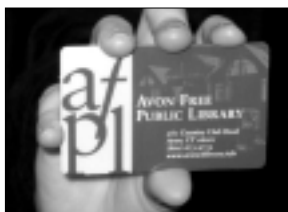
**Fridays, May 6 & 13** - 3:00: **Teen Letterboxing!!!** Explore outdoors with this fun local scavenger hunt!

**Fri., May 20** - 3:00: **Teen Crafters Club**

## NEW CHILDREN'S MONTHLY GIVEAWAY!



Visit the Children's Room webpage from the library website, [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info), and sign up for our Monthly Giveaway! Something new each month! Sign up every month- one entry per person per month. Something for everyone!



*Did you know that your library card can expire?*

It only takes a few minutes to update it.

Stop by the library and see what's new:

- A **B&N nook** you can borrow,
  - Two **Sony E-readers** you can borrow,
  - An **MP3 Player** you can borrow,
  - Two **iPads** you can use in the library,
- Plus, all the latest books and dvds.

## Pedestrian Crosswalk on Country Club Road



Motorists driving on Country Club Road in front of the Public library are asked to observe the state law and stop when a pedestrian is using the pedestrian crosswalk from the Library to the West Avon Congregational Church.

Parking is tight at the Library as a result of the construction project. Staff and construction workers are asked to park at the church across the street. Library patrons are directed to that lot when there are no spaces at the Library. The crosswalk is marked on the street and there are warning signs on both sides of the street, facing both directions.

## Connecticut in the American Civil War, Lecture and Book Signing

May 4, 2011 7:00 pm

First Company Governor's Horse Guard,  
280 Arch Road, Avon

Avon Public Library continues its year-long commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War with a lecture and book signing presented by Dr. Matthew Warshauer, Professor of History at Central Connecticut State University and co-chair of the Connecticut Civil War Commemoration Commission. Dr. Warshauer will discuss his new book, *Connecticut in the American Civil War: Slavery, Sacrifice and Survival*, as well as plans for the state's 150th anniversary of the war. A limited number of books will be available for sale. To register or for more information please call the Avon Public Library 860-673-9712 or register online at [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info)

## CELEBRATE National Library Week April 10-16



Join us every day of the week -

### Monday:

**Civil War Quilts** at the Avon Senior Center • 1:00 pm

### Tuesday:

**Get the Knack of a Mac!** at the library • 6:30 pm

### Wednesday:

**Storytelling Event** at the Avon Senior Center • 1:00 pm

### Thursday:

**Matinee Movie** at the Avon Senior Center • 1:30 pm

### Friday:

**Punch and Cookies and Try out an iPad!** All morning at the library

PLUS,

lots of Children and Teen programs throughout the week.

(Thank you to the Senior Center for hosting programs while we are under construction.)



## AEF GRANT Awarded to Avon Library

Patrice Celli and Tina Panik received a \$1500 grant from the Avon Education Foundation in sup-

port of their project "Avon to Appomattox," a commemorative celebration of the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War. The funds will be used to host a variety of collaborative programs throughout the next year, including book discussions, living history presentations, and displays. A full program list is available on the library's website. This is the second award for the Celli-Panik grant team; they were awarded in 2008 for their project with The Lost Boys of Sudan.

## Spring Book Discussion

Thursday, April 28 • 7:00 PM

*Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

Professor Nels Highberg, of the University of Hartford will lead a discussion as part of the series: Catastrophes and Their Consequences. Please register online. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Avon Library*.

## Get the Knack of a Mac!

*Coming Soon!*

### FREE Mac Lab Workshops!

Sign up, spaces limited.



**Intro to the Mac OS and Hardware** - Tuesday, April 12 - 6:30-8:00 OR Thursday, May 12 - 6:30-8:00

**Intro to Mac's iLife Software** - Tuesday, April 26 - 6:30-8:00 OR Thursday, May 26 - 6:30-8:00

**Intro to Photoshop on a Mac** - Thursday, June 2 - 6:00-8:00



## One-On-One Computer Training

Just a reminder that the library has a high school student available for one-on-one computer training; make an appointment to learn how to use the library computers or your own laptop. Call the Reference Desk.

## SCORE

Thinking of starting a business?  
Or expanding an existing business?

Volunteers from the local SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business) association offer free, in-depth counseling, training and advice. Call the Reference Desk to make an appointment.



## Goodbye and Good Luck to Donna Miller

On Wednesday, March 23 we said goodbye and congratulations to Donna Miller as she leaves to become the Director of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library in Newington. During her 26 years as Assistant Director here at Avon Library, Donna cultivated an impressive history of innovative programs, dynamic public service and increasingly sophisticated library-based technology. Donna accomplished much, with constant loyalty and dedication to the library and the town of Avon. She will be missed.

*Just in case . . .*

### **How to reach us:**

As soon as the library staff know that a change in our regular business hours will occur, an announcement will be sent to the media outlets listed here.

By phone: 860-673-9712

On the web: [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info)

On Facebook: [www.facebook.com/avonfreepubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/avonfreepubliclibrary)

On Twitter: <http://twitter.com/afplct>

Via email: (Sign up to receive a "Public Library Notices" email at [www.town.avon.ct.us/suscriber](http://www.town.avon.ct.us/suscriber))

On television: NBC30 and WFSB3

On the radio: 1080 AM radio



## **ELIZABETH STROUT to visit Avon**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**October 14, 2011**

*The Friends of the Avon Library* are holding their 4th Annual Author Luncheon with author Elizabeth Strout. Ms. Strout's most recent work, *Olive Kitteridge*, a novel in stories, won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize, was nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award, and was a New York Times Bestseller. She is the author of two previous novels, *Abide With Me*, a national bestseller, and *Amy and Isabelle*, also a New York Times Bestseller. The event will be held from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Golf Club of Avon. Reservations required. Tickets on sale August 1. More info to follow.

### **Learn something new today!**

The Avon Public Library has a subscription to Universal Class which 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 6 months to complete any course you start. (Please note that a valid Avon Library card is required to use this service.) We offer this in lieu of in-library programming during the construction project. Please try a class and tell us how you like it!

Visit this website to start learning: <http://avonct.universalclass.com/barcode-login.htm?enter+code>

Special thanks to the *Friends of the Avon Library* for sponsoring this program!