

The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

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

June 2011



Expansion Update

The library construction project is well underway with the beams erected and the concrete poured. It is easy now to envision the size and shape of the expanded portion of the library, which is expected to be finished in September. Thereafter, the library staff and services will move into the new section and the existing building will be completely renovated. The entire project should be finished in March 2012, barring any unforeseen delays.

The Capital Campaign is also progressing well. We have raised over \$800,000 and we are extremely grateful to all our donors. We continue to encourage Avon residents to make a donation to the Expansion Fund. The deadline for ordering commemorative bricks is July 1. Your donation will enable us to contribute to the cost of the project, as well as to add some features to the library that will ensure that we can provide the best in programs and services to all our patrons. Many thanks to all who have already contributed.

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

The Library Staff would like to thank you for your patience during the library construction process. We understand that the impact on parking and the lack of air conditioning affects your library usage. Please let us know how we can be of assistance.

President's Letter

Book Sale 2011 was another great success --- a big thanks to all of you who helped and attended. The *Friends* raised just over \$17,000 for our Library. We want to thank you for your support of our organization.

With the proceeds from the Book Sale, we will continue to publish five newsletters, fund the summer intern position and the museum pass program. Additionally, the *Friends* will sponsor the Nutmeg book discussion groups, children's summer stories and crafts groups, as well as the popular ice cream social. All programs are the result of the profits from the Sale.

A special thank you to the volunteers who made the Book Sale happen. Under the very capable leadership of Marie Peluso, chairperson, over 60 volunteers contributed their time (and hard work) at the Sale. Book Sale 2011 would not have been possible without the generous contribution of sorting space by John Carmon. The use of the basement of the Carmon Family Center provided the *Friends* with a clean, dry, spacious place to sort and store our books. As always, the crew from Avon Public Works moved truckload after truckload of books into the Senior Center in a timely and efficient manner. This year 20 very capable (and strong) students from Avon Old Farms School lugged over 700 boxes of books from the basement of the sorting space into the waiting trucks -- an arduous task, to say the least. The Boy Scouts of Troop 274 were a huge help in cleaning up the Senior Center and helping dispose of the leftover books.. Many, many hours are spent throughout the entire year: sorting, filing, lugging books. It's the volunteers who make the Sale, and we **thank you all**.

— *Barbara Leonard*
President, Friends of Avon Library



Avon Old Farms School students helping move books for the 2011 Book Sale.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Due to the library construction some programs will be held at other locations than the library. Please be sure to watch for programs offsite like "Company One Firehouse", "Sycamore Hills Pavilion" and "West Avon Congregational Church".

Kids Summer Reading starts June 18 for ages 2-12!

One World, Many Stories

B.Y.O.S Storytime

Tuesday June 21 – 3:00, Grades 1-3, sign up



Art Mart is Back!

Starting June 23rd for all ages
Every Thursday between 10:30
and 12:30 drop in for free
arts and crafts!

Giddy Up Storytime

Friday June 24th – 1:00, Ages 3-6, sign up

Time for 2s

June 28th – 11:00, age 2 years, sign up

Nutmeg Book Discussion

Tuesday, June 30th– 4:30. Grades 4-6, Sign up

Goldilicious Storytime

Tuesday, July 5th – 2:00, ages 4-6, sign up

Babies & Books

Thursday, July 7th – 11:00, ages 12-24 months, sign up

Drum Circle

Thursday July 7th – 1:30, Ages 3-8, sign up

Summer Storytime Fun

Friday, July 8th – 11:00, ages 3-6, sign up

Drop in Lunch Bunch

Tuesday July 12 – 12:30, Pack a picnic lunch, all ages, weather permitted

Animals Around the World Balloon Twisting Workshop

Wednesday, July 13 – 2:00, Ages 6 and up, sign up

Ice Cream Social – Weather Permitted

Wed, July 13th, 2:00-3:00 Join us for our annual "Summer Ice Cream Celebration"! Make your own ice cream sundaes for FREE!! Sponsored by the Friends with Ice Cream by J. Fosters!!

Due to our construction, the Ice Cream Social will be held across the street at "West Avon Congregational Church" on the lawn, weather permitting.

Magic Show

Wednesday July 13 – 11:00, Held at Company One on Security Drive for ages 3 and up

"Aladdin" Live Theater!

Thursday, July 14 – 3:00, Held at Sycamore Pavillion, open to all ages!

Summer Storytime fun

Wednesday, July 20th – 11:00, ages 3-6, sign up

"Magical Lands" Magic Workshop

Wednesday, July 20 – 3:00, Ages 8 and up

Newbie Storytime!

Friday July 22 – 10:00-11:00, ages 0-1 months, sign up

"Let's Go to Mexico"

Monday, July 25 – 4:00, Ages 5 and up, sign up

Pen Pal Club

Wednesday July 27 – 4:30

Nutmeg Book Discussion

Tuesday, July 28– 4:30. Grades 4-6, Sign up

Summer Reading Finale!

Wednesday, August 3rd -1:00-5:00. Pool Party at Sycamore!

Art Around the World

Friday, August 5 – 11:00, Grades k-3, sign up

TEEN CORNER

All programs are free and drop-in unless otherwise noted



Teen Genealogy Workshops

June 28th- 2:30-4:00

Discover your family roots!

Sewing Machine Workshop

Wed, July 6th– 2:30

Sew something that represents you

TCC– Creative Art Experience

Fri, July 8th– 2:00

Explore a variety of mediums & techniques

Hand Sewing Workshop

Mon. July 11th– 2:30

Learn simple techniques to sew everyday things

Teen Scrapbooking

Tues. July 19th– 11:00-1:00 w/ lunch

Create the story of you

Teen Tie Dye

Tues. July 26th– 4:00

Tie Dye ANYTHING– Shirts, socks, etc.

Cupcake Wars

Thurs. July 28th– 2:30

Design and decorate your own cupcakes

Out of This World Rocket Launching

Mon. Aug. 1st– 4:00 Design and launch your own rockets

TEEN SRC PRIZE AUCTION!!!

Fri. Aug. 5th– 1:30-2:30



New iMAC downstairs in the public computer section. Stop by and try it out.
This computer was purchased with a Library Impact Grant, funded by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

Summer Film Series

Thursday Matinees at 1:30 PM
at the Avon Senior Center



July 7	When Harry Met Sally
July 14	Julie and Julia
July 21	Run Silent, Run Deep
July 28	Country Strong



Novel Destinations – Adult Summer Reading Program Kickoff: Friday, June 17

Stop by the library for refreshments and pick up a book from our Staff Suggestion display.

Weekly prizes will be awarded all summer long.

Grand Prize: a ticket to the *Friends of the Avon Library* with guest speaker Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Strout, on October 14.

Adult Summer Reading is sponsored by the *Friends of the Avon Library*.



Dr. Matthew Warshauer, center, with (left to right) Patrice Celli, Tina Panik, Terri Wilson, Norm Sondheimer, and Jim Genco

Dr. Matthew Warshauer, professor of history at CCSU, presented a lecture and book signing of his new book *Connecticut in the American Civil War: Slavery, Sacrifice and Survival* at the First Company Governor's Horse Guard on May 4. The program was part of the Avon Library's year-long project commemorating the start of the Civil War, funded by the Avon Education Foundation.

Library Summer Hours start June 18

Saturdays 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

MUSEUM PASSES

Save money this summer! Borrow one of the library's museum passes for discounted (or even free!) admission to area museums.

To reserve a pass:

- Log on to www.avonctlibrary.info
- Click on "Borrow a Museum Pass" (left side)
- Select a Museum and date by clicking on "Request Pass." Enter your information, hit "submit" and bring your reservation sheet to the library with you!



Coming this fall...
**Friends Author
Luncheon
Friday, October 14
Guest speaker:
Elizabeth Strout
Golf Club of Avon
11:00-2:00**

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.

The Friends are accepting donations for the Luncheon Auction. Please consider donating New Items such as: theater tickets, boutique items, salon, spa or restaurant gift certificates. All donations will be recognized at the auction. For more information call Linda Jordano at 860-404-7470 or email: jjjj4L@comcast.net. Tickets on sale August 1. Reservations required. More info to follow.

Ask a friend, join the *Friends*!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Amber Lansing for receiving the Faith Hektoen Award at the Connecticut Library Association conference in May. The award was granted to a group of Farmington Valley Children's Librarians in recognition of the collaborative effort made to create the "Harry Potter Regional Wizard Tournament" in the fall of 2010.

This award is given annually by the Children's Section of the Connecticut Library Association to recognize the efforts of an individual or group that has made an impact on library services to children in Connecticut at the local, regional, or state level.

Help Build the Future of Our Library... Brick by Brick

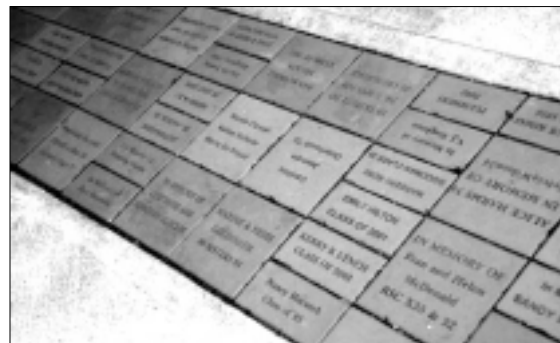
The Avon Free Public Library's commemorative brick campaign provides a unique opportunity for Avon families to support the Library Expansion and to make a lasting statement of support for the future of our library. By purchasing a brick you can commemorate the wonderful times you and your family have spent at the Library, your love of reading or to celebrate a special event. Your family will be able to see "your brick" every time they visit the landscaped courtyard.

The order form with instructions is available on the Library's website - www.avonctlibrary.info.

The last date to order a brick is July 1, 2011.

Commemorative bricks are being offered for \$250 or \$500 each.

They will be prominently and permanently displayed in the new outdoor courtyard of the Expanded Library.



Summer Reads

Last summer you were probably reading the STIEG LARSSON Millennium trilogy. If you are looking for a similar read this summer you might try:

The Devil's Star or Nemesis by Jo Nesbo

The City and the City by China Mieville

Life Sentences by Laura Lippman

Innocent by Scott Turow

The Man from Beijing or One Step Behind by Henning Mankell

Three Seconds by Anders Roslund and Borge Hellstrom

The informationist by Taylor Stevens

The Black Path by Asa Larsson

Civil War Books

Also, if you are a Civil War buff, the library has ordered dozens of newly published books in response to the commemoration of the start of the Civil War 150 years ago. These books were donated by the *Friends of the Avon Library*.