



FRIENDS
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LIBRARY

Beyond the Bookends



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

Spring 2017

Victoria & Albert

a love story

Thursday, April 13, 2017 @ 2:00 pm

Queen Victoria's fairytale marriage in 1840 to her cousin Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha launched the happiest period in her life, ending only with his tragic early death just 21 years later. From the start, the Queen adored him, and believed he could do no wrong. It was fortunate that Albert's intelligence, enthusiasm and energy balanced the Queen's more emotional and spontaneous response to her duties. Their happy marriage produced nine



children, several of whom eventually occupied European thrones. Patricia Carr will lecture on this most timely, and timeless, love story for the ages.

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Kandie Carle, Victorian Lady

Dressing from Corset to Gloves: The Fashion, Life & Etiquette of the Victorian & Edwardian Eras

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 @ 2:00 pm

Celebrate National Library Week!

While dressing in actual vintage and authentically reproduced undergarments, clothing and accessories, **Kandie Carle, the Victorian Lady**, adds humor, history and intriguing anecdotes about the fashion, home life and etiquette of men and women during the Gilded Age.

No registration required for this free program.



Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

March 2017

Hello Friends and Happy Spring!

All is well at the library with lots of amazing events, classes and opportunities. I hope you are following the exciting **airplane build** on Facebook or better yet, drop by to check it out!

Many thanks to Peter Anderson for another outstanding **Sundays-at-Three** series. If you were present to enjoy at least one of the concerts, you know that the talent played to a full house at every event! A special thanks to Kathi Williams, our Hospitality Chair, and her team of **bakers** whose time and talents are very much appreciated after the music.

Save the Date! **The Friends Wine and Cheese Social**, a members-only event, will take place on Friday, May 12. Invitations will be mailed a few weeks before. If you know someone who has not joined the Friends but would like to attend, please have them become a member using the form on the Library website or at the library.

The **Booktique** continues to enjoy great success thanks to Lisa Berman and our team of book sorters. There is always a well-stocked selection of like-new books which can be paid for at the circulation desk.

Look inside for early details of the **Author Luncheon**....

See you around the stacks!

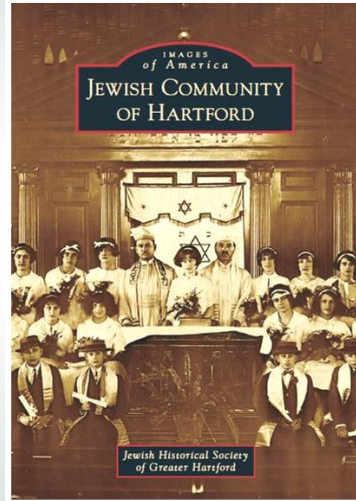
Peggy Beauregard, *President, Friends of Avon Free Public Library*

BOOK TALK @ THE AVON LIBRARY
 JEWISH COMMUNITY OF HARTFORD

Presented by
**Estelle Kafer, Executive
 Director, Jewish Historical
 Society of Greater Hartford**

Wednesday,
 April 5, 2017
 2:00 pm

Join us for a discussion of *Jewish
 Community of Hartford*, the newest
 publication of the Jewish Historical
 Society of Greater Hartford. Part of
 Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America*
 series, the pictorial history features the people, organizations and institutions
 that helped shape this remarkable community.



ART
 DAY
 in May

Saturday
 May 6
 2017

Join us in the Childrens Room for an afternoon
 of music, dance, book making, and art!

**The Fashion of
 Jane Austen's World**

Saturday, April 8, 2017 @ 2:00pm

presented by *Susan J. Jerome*



The social, technological, and political changes
 of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth
 centuries were reflected in the notable
 evolution of women and men's clothing. This
 program explores the many changes that
 occurred throughout Jane Austen's life and
 how these changes influenced "fashion."

This presentation will look at what was
 fashionable - real or otherwise, helping us to
 more fully understand how Miss Austen used
 fashion to help define her characters.

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Zentangle!

Wednesdays in April
 2:00pm—3:00pm



Learn the art of Zentangle from certified Zentangle
 instructor **Janet Valencis**. It's an easy to learn
 method of drawing beautiful images using
 repetitive patterns. All supplies will be
 provided for this free program.

**No registration required -
 this program is for
 ages 16 and up.**

Know someone who should be a Friend?

Encourage them to join! Membership (\$10
 individual, \$25 family) includes an invitation to
 the May Wine and Cheese Social, supports the
 concerts and other programs, and purchases
 items like the 3-D printer for everyone to enjoy
 and more. Friends also have advance notice of
 events (like the Author Luncheon) through the
 four newsletters they receive throughout the
 year. Membership forms can be found in the
 library and on the library website.

save the date

Annual Author Luncheon

Friday, October 27th @ the North House

featuring **Chris Bohjalian**,
 author of *The Sleepwalker*

Friends members will receive advance notice of
 registration in the June newsletter!

International Film Series

Join us this spring for our **International Film Series!** Introduction and post-film chat by Professor Bob Kagan, Department of Communication, CCSU & the University of Hartford.

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

March 16 - *Dark Horse* (United Kingdom)

April 13 - *Paradise Now* (Palestine)

May 11 - *The Orphanage* (Spain)

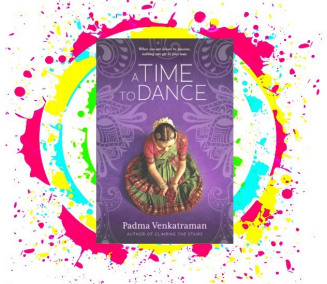
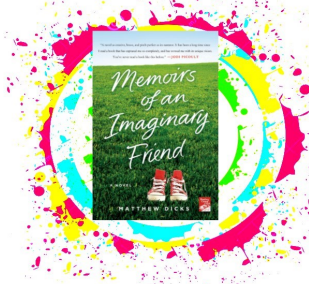
June 8 - *Like Water for Chocolate* (Mexico)

No registration required for this free program!

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2017 TEEN NUTMEG BOOK DISCUSSION



Mon. March 27th

Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend

Mon. April 24th

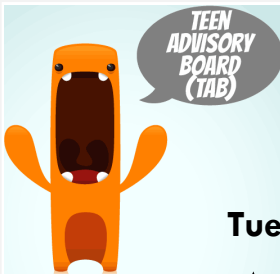
Time To Dance

Sign up to snack on DaVinci's pizza and discuss

3:15-4:15 PM. GRADES 7-12

MEET AT THE AVON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN ROOM

Email: mhicking@libraryconnection.info to sign up



Teen Advisory Board Meetings

open to teens in grades 9-12

Tuesdays * 6:00pm - 8:00pm

March 28 * April 25 * May 16**

** this meeting is open to 8th graders!

Teens get to snack, discuss and decide on Teen Room book & DVD collections, as well as teen programming. It's also a great way to get your volunteer hours!

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That's right, it's

**LEGO
Night!**

Mondays May 15 & 22

6:30 pm

Ages 7 - 12

LEGOs provided by the
Avon Free Public Library

Registration required at www.avonctlibrary.info

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Casey's Laugh and Learn! presents

The Insane Science of Fairyland

Come to a land where science and storytelling collide! A land where wolves sneeze down houses, pumpkins are prisons, and fairy tales come to life with the wizardry of SCIENCE!



Wednesday, April 12 at 2pm
Avon Free Public Library - Community Room

Spring Festivals of India: a Celebration

Thursday, March 30th @ 6:30pm

Let's welcome the joyous seasons of Basant Ritu, Ugadi, Guddi Padwa, Holi and Vaisakhi Festivals with everyone! Featuring:

- ◆ a performance by Aishwarya Chakravarthy's Bharat Natyam Group
- ◆ a performance by Suvosree Chatterjee's music group Sattwik
- ◆ traditional folk dances you can learn and try!
- ◆ performances by local artists
- ◆ Garba and Henna painting
- ◆ tasty traditional treats to sample!



This program is free and open to all ages - please join us!

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The Friends of the Avon Library are looking for donations of gently used **children's books** in very good condition to offer for sale at the Booktique. Donations, in bags or boxes, can be placed inside the closet at the end of the Gallery (near the Community Room) during the library's open hours. *Thank you!*

Dress in costume as your favorite villain or hero!

Celebrate villains from the worlds of:

- * Star Wars
- * Doctor Who
- * LEGO
- * Sherlock Holmes
- * The Walking Dead
- * Anime ... and more!



See a special **Jedi Arts Kung Fu** demonstration by **Ju Long Wu Shu** school of martial arts!



★ Find full details & updated schedules @ www.avonctlibrary.info. ★

Holiday Closings

April 14 - Good Friday
April 16 - Easter Sunday
May 29 - Memorial Day



Don't forget! We will be open on Sundays through the end of April!