



FRIENDS
OF THE
AVON
LIBRARY

Beyond the Bookends



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

Summer 2018

First Ladies: An Adventure in Glamour, Guts & Gumption with Mariann Millard

Thursday, June 21, 2018 @ 2:00 pm



This program explores the personalities and adventures of the women who became the First Ladies of the United States. Who were they really? What made them tick? Did they love or loathe their role? Did they sink or swim navigating the complexities of politics, protocol and publicity, whether they did so willingly or not?

Mariann Millard will use personal anecdotes from her time as a Licensed DC Guide leading tours in DC to enhance the First Lady experience.

Free and open to all ages -
no registration required.

Sponsored by the Friends of
the Avon Library

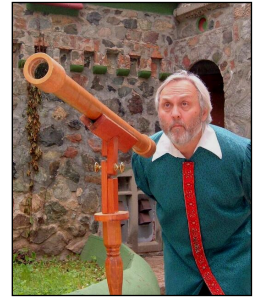


Meet Galileo!

Thursday, August 23, 2018 @ 2:00 pm

A dramatic portrayal by Michael T. Francis

Meet Galileo! He's on a book tour promoting his most recent treatise, *Siderius Nuncius*, a book that might just change the world... *Galileo Galilei the Starry Messenger* is suited for audiences of all ages, bringing the father of modern science back to discuss the most recent discoveries made with his wonderful telescope. Using the gifts of a storyteller and actively involving the audience, Galileo takes the viewer through the discoveries that changed the very nature of science.



This free program is open to all ages, and no registration is required.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library

Letter from the Co-Presidents of the Friends of Avon Public Library

June 2018

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to summer, more family time, gardening, the Avon Farmers' Market, warm weather, outdoor activities, and travels far and near, many of us also plan our summer reading lists. Some books just cry out to be read on the beach, on long airplane trips, or on the porch swing with a glass of iced tea. Check out the Booktique for some great titles to take with you!

Along with our summer reading lists, The Friends of the Avon Public Library and our stellar library staff have been planning exciting upgrades for our computer lab. Watch for the state-of-the-art technology that the Friends' fundraising efforts and your ongoing generosity are making possible.

The Amazing Castle™ exhibit provided a whimsical background for four months of exciting programming and playing. Thanks to the library staff for their creativity in acquiring this exhibit and to YOU for supporting it!

And now, back to my book. (*An American Marriage*, by Tayari Jones) If you haven't read it yet, I highly recommend this title for your summer reading list.

Lynn Katz, Co-President

Also, as we wrap up our year and I pass the reins to Lynn, I would like to extend a huge thanks to all the Friends volunteers, the library staff and especially the Friends Board and Glenn Grube for being so supportive for the past several years. You made my job easy and it was a pleasure to serve.

See you around the stacks!

Peggy Beauregard, Co-President



The Avon Free Public Library, the Avon Historical Society and the Avon Senior Center, have been selected to receive the **Revisiting the Founding Era** programming grant to explore the social & political impact of the freedom of the press and its influence in American culture. The \$1,000 grant was awarded by the American Library Association, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

This grant will allow the Avon Free Public Library, Avon Historical Society and Avon Senior Center to offer a series of public programming events titled **Revisiting the Founding Era: Examining Freedom of the Press**, that will begin this June and continue through September 2018. Book talks, historical re-enactors, lectures, discussions, and a film series will examine the role of media & the press from the Founding Era to post-modern America. Avon High School is a supportive partner of this project, and students will be invited to attend and participate in the series.

Revisiting the Founding Era is a three-year national initiative of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, presented in partnership with the American Library Association, and the National Constitution Center, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This initiative is designed to bring libraries and their communities together to explore the continuing relevance of the Founding Era by reading, discussing, and sharing insights into the writings of Americans who experienced it firsthand.

Visit our website @ www.avonctlibrary.info for a complete schedule of events!



Avon Senior Center

FRIENDS OF THE AVON LIBRARY PRESENT



KEITH MICHAEL JOHNSON'S

Bubbleology

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1ST

3 PM

ALL AGES WELCOME
DROP IN
COMMUNITY ROOM




THE FRIENDS OF THE AVON LIBRARY PRESENT

SHARKS ROCK: THE MAGIC OF SHARKS 2

A DISPLAY OF MAGIC - AND SHARK FUN!
FOR ALL AGES!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27
3 PM

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED




Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

**NATURE NICK'S
ANIMAL ADVENTURES**

**Wednesday
July 18 @ 3 pm
ages 5 and up!**

Avon Library Community Room



Join Nature Nick for a fun, fast paced show featuring many rare and exotic animals!

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

The Friends of the Avon Library will host its **Annual Ice Cream Social** on **Wednesday, August 8** from **1:30 pm - 2:30 pm!** Please join us in the air-conditioned community room for some delicious ice cream and a whole lot of fun!



The Friends of the Avon Library Present

**Mystic
Aquarium
Traveling
Touch Tank**



**Wednesday, June 27th
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

A Passeggiata (Stroll) through Italy: Past, Present and Future

Thursday, July 19, 2018 @ 2:00 pm

Immerse yourself in rich and diverse Italian geography, history, language, culture, cuisine and politics. Experience Italy through stunning photographs and stories portrayed in a lively and engaging manner. Presented by Mariann Millard, a certified tour director and dual American/Italian citizen. This free program is open to all ages, and no registration is required.




Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library

The **Jester Jim Show**


**Wednesday
July 25 at 3 pm**

**Juggling
Beatboxing
& Comedy!**



Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library

All ages



**Yellowstone National Park:
A Ranger's Perspective**
with Gary Melnysyn

Thursday, July 26, 2018 @ 2:00 pm

Gary Melnysyn is a self-taught photographer, artist and an avid outdoor enthusiast. He is a certified Master Naturalist, Master Wildlife Conservationist and a National Park Service Ranger. In this program, Gary will focus on the history, geology and wildlife of Yellowstone National Park from his time as an NPS ranger there, and share his photos of a variety of wildlife species.


This free program is open to all ages, and no registration is required.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library

**Abraham's Daughters:
four women, three faiths**

Thursday, July 12, 2018 @ 2:00 pm

All are welcome to join us for a panel discussion on women and religion, led by four women of different faiths: Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Sufi Islam. This program is part of our community's ongoing interfaith conversation.



Event co-sponsored by AFPL and Avon Senior Center

FRIENDS of the
Avon Free Public Library
281 Country Club Road
Avon, CT 06001

Non Profit Org
U.S. Postage
PAID
Avon, CT 06001
Permit No. 6

AFPL Farmers Market
every Monday
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
July 2 - August 27

LOCAL AUTHOR FESTIVAL
JUNE - AUGUST

*For a complete list of vendors & events,
please visit www.avonctlibrary.info*



Save the date!

Friends of the Library

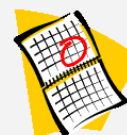
FANTASTIC
FALL
USED
BOOK
SALE



October 12-14, 2018

SUMMER HOURS

During July and August, we
will be open on Saturdays
from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

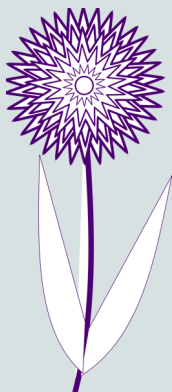


Holiday Closings

July 4 - Independence Day
September 1, 2, 3 - Labor Day

USING COLOR IN YOUR GARDEN

Thursday, June 14, 2018 @ 1:30 pm



Bold colors or neutrals? Cool tones or warm hues? Join Sally Killips and learn the hows and whys of using color in your garden to produce different physical and psychological results.

Sally Killips was the garden designer for Meadow View Farm in Southwick, MA for many years before she retired. She currently freelances as a designer and gives talks on all things garden-related.

This free program is open to all, and no registration is required.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library