



FRIENDS
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LIBRARY

Beyond the Bookends



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

Summer 2019

A Visit from Eleanor Roosevelt

Thursday, June 27, 2019 @ 2:00 pm

After an unhappy childhood during which she lost her parents and brother, Eleanor figured out how to make a difference. She became an American politician. The longest-serving First Lady of the United States, she was the first presidential spouse to hold press conferences, write a syndicated newspaper column, and speak at a national convention. She advocated for expanded roles for women in the workplace; the civil rights of African and Asian Americans, and the rights of World War II refugees. She became one of the first delegates to the United Nations and was named one of the top 10 most admired people of the 20th century. Presented by *History at Play*.



This dramatic event is open to all ages, no registration required.

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Thieves, Charlatans & James Bond: The Shady History of Ten Plants that Gave us Health & Happiness

Thursday, June 20, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

Presented by Dr. Richard Benfield



Did you ever wonder how amazing plants from all over the world got into our garden? Learn about the wonderful world of plant origins from an expert! Dr. Richard Benfield is a professor of Geography at Central Connecticut State University. His travels have taken him to over 115 countries. He has published extensively and spoken widely about the geography of floriculture and garden tourism.

No registration is required at this free program.

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Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

June 2019

Dear Friends,

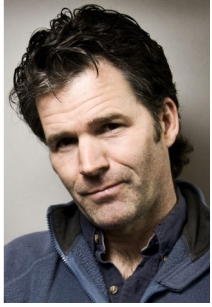
Summer is a busy time for many of us, but if you happen to celebrate the special events identified in the National Day Calendar, I wish you the best of luck. In June, you'll be celebrating National Go Fishing Day, National Ugliest Dog Day, and National Smoothie Day. In July, you'll be celebrating National French Fry Day, National Hammock Day, National Pandemonium Day (?), and even National Lipstick Day. In August, get ready for National Tooth Fairy Day, National Underwear Day (I kid you not), and National Lemon Juice Day. (*Lemon juice? Why lemon juice? Why not lemonade?*)

One special summer day grabbed my attention: National Book Lovers Day is August 9th so please mark your calendars. I don't know who chooses these special days for the National Day Calendar, but if it were up to me, every day would be National Book Lovers Day. Every day would be National Library Day. And every day would be Friends of the Avon Public Library Appreciation Day. Without the Friends' generosity, volunteering efforts, and commitment, we would not be able to support all of the amazing programs that help make our library the heart and soul of our community.

A special thank you to our longtime treasurer Tom Mitchell. Tom has decided to step down from this important position. He has donated countless hours of his time and expertise to The Friends of the Avon Public Library and I'm certain we will continue to see him at the Book Sale and other fundraisers and events. Maybe we need a National Tom Mitchell Day.

Now back to my book (*Circe*, by Madeline Miller) and my preparations for National Eyewear Day. (*If I can find my glasses. . .*)

Lynn Katz, President



Save the date!

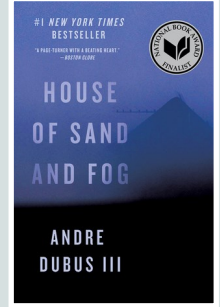
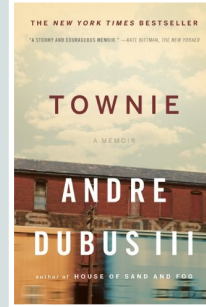
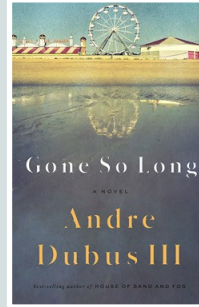
Friends Author Luncheon

Friday, October 25, 2019

featuring bestselling author

Andre Dubus III

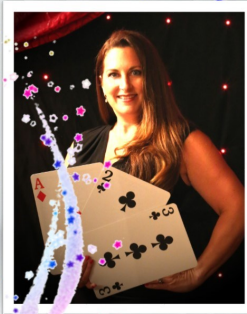
Tickets will be available in September!



Magic Show starring Kathie

Wednesday, July 17th
@ 3 pm

Featuring magic,
hilarious comedy
and audience
participation!



for ages 3 & up

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ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 7TH

2:00-3:30PM

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An Evening with Author Mary Kay Andrews

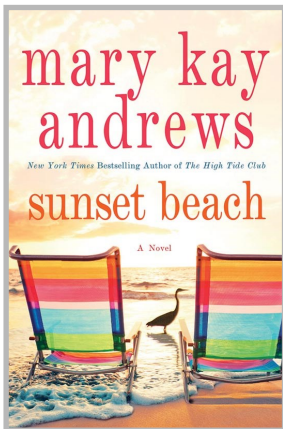
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
6:30 pm

Part of our Local Author Festival!

The New York Times bestselling author brings her next summer blockbuster to the Avon Library! Sip fun and fizzy beverages while we mingle with the Queen of the Beach Read! Her latest book, *Sunset Beach*, is a compelling ride, full of Andrews' signature wit, heart and charm.

Books will be available at the event for purchase and signing.

No registration is required for this free program, all are welcome to attend!




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WEDNESDAY
JULY 31ST
3:00 PM
AGES 5 & OLDER
DROP-IN

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Mary Cassatt: A Brush with Independence

Friday, June 21, 2019 @ 1:30 pm



Celebrate the 175th anniversary of Mary Cassatt's birth with a viewing of the film *Mary Cassatt: A Brush with Independence*. The film tells the story of one of the foremost 19th century Impressionist painters. (2003 ; 57 min. ; Not rated)

The Jester Jim Show 

**Wednesday
July 3rd
3:00 pm**

*Juggling
Beatboxing
& Comedy!*

For all ages

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WOODSTOCK @ 50: An Anniversary Celebration of the Iconic 1969 Music Festival


Thursday, August 22, 2019 @ 6:30 pm



Re-live the Summer of Love through rare recordings, archival video, live music and great stories! Presented by musician, author, photographer and radio host Craig Harris. Get your groove on, man, and wear your fringe and love beads!

This free program is for teens and adults, and no registration is required.

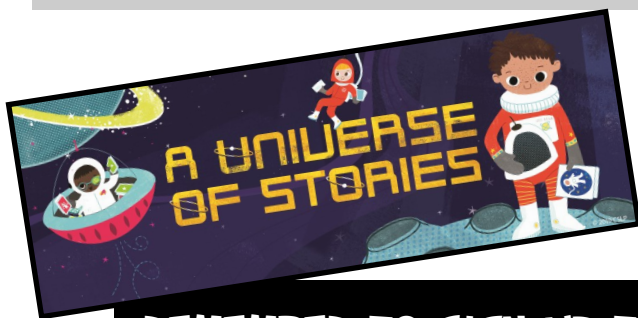
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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH
3:00 PM**

Ages 5 & older

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REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR SUMMER READING!!

ALL AGES! 0 - GRADE 12

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grown by farmers. run by librarians.

Mondays, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
July 1 - August 26
in the library parking lot

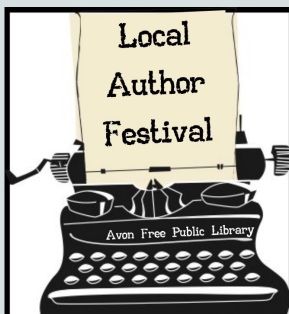
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Friends of the Library

FANTASTIC
FALL
USED
BOOK
SALE

October 18-20, 2019

The Avon Library's Local Author Festival will be held from May through August this year. Writers from New England and the tri-state area will visit to share their work, inspiration, and ideas with our audience. Visit our website for all the details!



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
August 31 to September 2 - Labor Day

