



Beyond the Bookends



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

Autumn 2019

Join the Friends of the Avon Library
for their **10th Author Luncheon**

featuring

ANDRE DUBUS III

the bestselling author of *House of Sand and Fog*,
Gone So Long and *Townie: a Memoir*

Friday, October 25, 2019

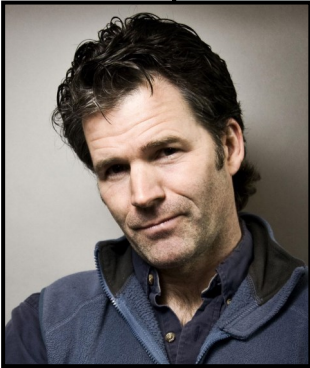
11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Farmington Club

162 Town Farm Road, Farmington CT

Tickets \$50 per person

To register, or for more information, please visit the library's
website @ www.avonctlibrary.info



Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

September 2019

Dear Friends,

The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.
—Albert Einstein

Knowing the location of the Avon Public Library certainly made our summer extra special. Our library was a welcome refuge from the oppressive heat, a local haven for lovers of farm-fresh produce, and a sanctuary for booklovers, film aficionados, and technology users. As we look forward to the cooler temperatures of autumn and winter, the Friends of the Avon Public Library have been gearing up for important fall fund-raising events. And speaking of fund-raising, here's my pitch for becoming a member of the Friends:

Joining The Friends of the Public Library costs less than:

- ◆ The price of going to the movies with your family, even if you forego popcorn; and why would anyone forego popcorn?
- ◆ The price of a designer handbag. And the truth is, designer handbags are notoriously too small to hold all the library books you'll be toting back and forth. So why would you need a designer handbag?
- ◆ The price of membership at the gym, and I promise you will never sweat at the Avon Public Library because the temperature is well-regulated. And if you don't show up for a week, you won't feel the same level of guilt.
- ◆ The price of a three-pack of colored toilet paper rolls designed to coordinate with your guest bathroom. This is apparently a thing. Who knew?
- ◆ The price of a silver-plated tennis ball can. I'm spending too much time Googling ridiculously expensive items you can buy online. But you get the idea, right?

Joining the Friends doesn't cost much money for an individual or family, and yet the benefits are enormous. Think of all the ways your generous donations support the library and make our community an evermore desirable place to live. The Friends of the Avon Public Library are already hard at work planning exciting children's programming, our amazing Sunday music series, another memorable Author's Luncheon, and much more. So, unless you are saving all your pennies for that diamond encrusted Bluetooth headset, please consider renewing your membership or becoming a new member of the Friends of the Avon Public Library.

And now, back to my book (*Circe* by Madeline Miller).

Lynn Katz, President, Friends of Avon Free Public Library

BOOK SALE

The **Book Sale** will be held in the Community Room:

Friday, October 18th ~ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Preview Sale - \$5 admission

Saturday, October 19th ~ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

No admission fee

Sunday, October 20th ~ 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

No admission fee - BAG SALE: \$5 per bag!

Cash & Credit Cards accepted!

no strollers will be allowed inside the Community Room



The Friends of the Avon Library
invite you to our



Avon Library Birthday Bash!



Saturday, October 5th
@ 2:00 pm



Join us in the Community Room for a special
adventure of sound and music for all ages with
Matthew Cantello of *Sound Explorers!*
Birthday treats will also be served!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library

Taverns, Temperance, Teetotalers and Tommy Guns: The Long History of Prohibition

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 @ 6:30 pm



Learn about the ubiquity of alcohol
consumption in early America, the rise and
influence of the temperance movement during
the nineteenth century and the progressive
roots of Prohibition. This special lecture will be
co-presented by Dr. Francis Coan, Tunxis CC, and
Stephen McGrath, CCSU. Enjoy this lecture wet
(with a beer) or dry (with a cup of tea)!

For more information, please call the Reference Department
at 860-673-9712

Fall Storytimes Coming Soon!

Registration for Fall storytimes will
begin on September 13th for Avon
residents (non-residents begin
September 16th). Sign up online
@ www.avonctlibrary.info or call
860-673-9712 ext. 240 to register.



THE MAGIC OF CHRISTOPHER

NO SCHOOLS! FILL YOUR DAY OFF WITH A
LITTLE MAGIC AT THIS AWESOME PROGRAM.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 @ 11AM

DROP-IN MAGIC FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library

CONNECTICUT'S BEST MAGICIAN AND BALLOON TWISTER



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH @ 11AM

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Thank you for your support as a Friend of the Avon Public Library.

Your annual Friendship is extremely important as it helps to provide a wide variety of programming at the library. In addition to joining, please consider volunteering by checking off the list below.



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to join the Friends at the following level:

- Individual / Senior \$10
- Senior Couple \$15
- Family Bookworms \$25
- Booklover \$50 - \$99
- Bibliophile \$100 - \$199
- Book Collector \$200 & up

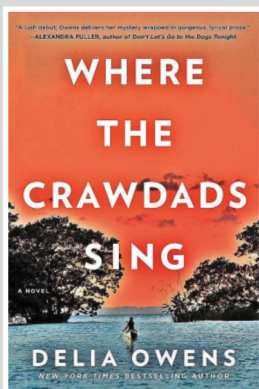
Yes, I would like to volunteer for:

- Booktique, Book Sale
- Friends Board Member
- Baked Goods Donation (programs & special events)
- Special Projects Volunteer (Fundraisers)
- Garden Swat Team

Amount Enclosed _____

Please make checks out to the Friends of the Avon Library. Include this form with your tax deductible contribution and matching gift form if your company participates. Mail to: **281 Country Club Road, Avon CT, 06001.**

Fall 2019



LITERARY DISCUSSION:
The Language of Place in *Where the Crawdads Sing*

Saturday, October 12, 2019 @ 2:00 pm

Delia Owens's best-selling novel, *Where the Crawdads Sing* (2018) can be read as a coming-of-age story, a murder mystery, a courtroom drama and a celebration of the South. It can also be read, significantly, as a love letter to language itself. A novel about the written word, *Where the Crawdads Sing* pays homage to literacy, to poetry and to the use of dialect in regional works. Join Dr. Aimee Pozorski, CCSU English Dept., for an engaging discussion of this best-selling, in-demand, every-book-club-is-reading-it title.

Free Practice ACT, PSAT or SAT!

We're partnering with C2Education, located in Avon, to offer free practice tests for the ACT, PSAT and SAT for area high school students. Find out how you will score on the real test by taking a full-length practice test (minus the essay); you will have 3 hours to complete whichever exam you choose. You will get a personalized score with your strengths and weaknesses. Students will receive detailed feedback from C2Education via email.



All test sessions are 4:00 pm–7:00 pm:

Thurs., September 5, 2019

Thurs., November 14, 2019

Tues., October 8, 2019

Thurs., December 12, 2019

This program is open to area teens. Registration is required—seating is limited. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes before test begins. Teens are asked to bring a pencil, a snack and a calculator. Email Marisa Hicking at mhicking@avonctlibrary.info for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Mon., November 18
3:00 pm-6:00 pm**

**Special Holiday
FARMER'S MARKET**



Featuring your favorite vendors from the summer! Held in the Avon Library community room. Select winter vegetables, baked goods, honey, gelato & everything you need for your Thanksgiving table!

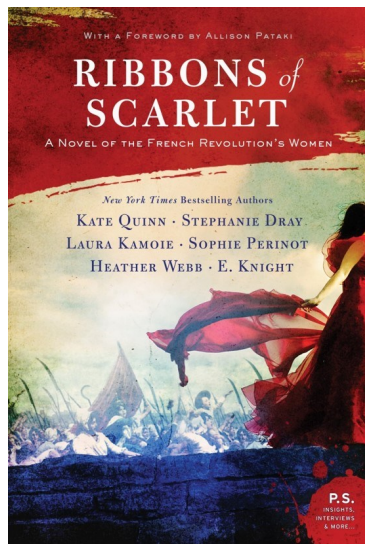
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Author Panel: *Ribbons of Scarlet*

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

Ribbons of Scarlet is a timely story of the power of women to start a revolution - and change the world. Six bestselling and award-winning authors bring to life a breathtaking epic novel illuminating the hopes, desires and destinies of six unforgettable women whose paths cross during the French Revolution. Join us for a lively panel discussion with many of the



talented authors including Stephanie Dray, E. Knight, Sophie Perinot and Heather Webb.

Books will be for sale at this event.

No registration is required - all are welcome to join us!

Immigration Series



Join us for a three-part lecture series, sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library, focusing on immigration:

Poles in Their Homeland and Connecticut: History and Culture

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

Presented by Renata Vickrey, University Archivist & Outreach Librarian, CCSU

The Story of American Immigration as Told Through Maps

Saturday, September 14, 2019 @ 2:00 pm

Presented by Dr. Francis Coan, History Professor, Tunxis CC

The Irish in Connecticut

Thursday, October 3, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

Presented by Bruce Clouette, Senior Historian, Archaeological & Historical Services, Inc.

No registration is required for these free programs.