



Beyond the Bookends



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

Winter 2020

From Seneca Falls to the 19th Amendment: Songs of the Woman Suffrage Movement

Friday, February 21, 2020 @ 2:00 pm @ the Avon Senior Center

The struggle for woman suffrage was an important and hard-fought step toward gender equality. Music was one of the significant tools used in the crusade for a woman's right to vote. Songs were composed to advance (and to oppose) the agenda that culminated in the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. This program presents some of the most engaging and interesting songs of the movement, with historical commentary, in commemoration of the approaching centennial of a woman's right to vote.

Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuehle present music and history programs that give cultural insight into interesting times, places and events in American history. Rick and Dawn carefully craft their vocals and accompaniment to sound as true to a song's era or style as possible. Their vast repertoire includes music from the Colonial era to the present day.

This free program will be held at the Avon Senior Center - no registration required



Avon Senior Center



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Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

December 2019

Dear Friends,

As I write this newsletter message, in between multiple trips to the supermarket, baking and cooking for Thanksgiving, and getting ready to greet a houseful of family and friends, I'm all too aware that the gift-giving season hovers above me like a dark raincloud. I did a bit of research and discovered brilliant ideas for gift giving that give me hope. Not surprisingly, many of these traditions involve books and the library.

- ◆ In Iceland, folks give books to loved ones on Christmas Eve, and then spend the night reading their books and eating chocolate. The tradition is known as *Jolabokafloð*. *Christmas Book Flood* is now my favorite tradition of all.
- ◆ Many families enjoy reading holiday related picture books to their children. The library is a perfect place to find new and classic titles and they are all FREE.
- ◆ Many patrons visit the library before, during, and after the holidays, to explore and check out cookbooks, travel books, craft books, and even free museum passes.
- ◆ Many patrons visit the library website to identify programs for children and adults. Mark your calendars for upcoming concerts, film series, book clubs and discussions, computer classes, comedians, magicians and jugglers!
- ◆ Consider organizing your bookshelves on a snowy day, and donate gently used books to the library for next year's book sale. What a lovely gift-giving tradition this could be.
- ◆ To mitigate the waste of consumerism, many parents identify four gifts for their children: *Something they want, something they need, something to wear, something to read*. Consider adding one more gift to this list: *Something to give, so others can live*. Consider a monetary donation to the Friends of the Avon Public Library, to help us continue and expand our mission of supporting library programs for everyone in our community.

I wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season and a joyful New Year. And remember, The Avon Public Library is the best gift of all; it's the gift that keeps on giving every day of the year.

Now back to my book (*The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood).

Lynn Katz, President, Friends of Avon Free Public Library



Save the Date!

2020 Sundays at Three Music Series

Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library

February 2	The KC Sisters
February 16	Thimble Island Sax quartet
March 1	Blue Grass with Jon Swift & Mark White
March 15	The Sweet Adelines
March 29	The SRL Irish Dance group
April 5	Sioban Fitzgerald

We've got your weekends covered! Our Sunday hours are now in effect! We will be open on Sunday afternoons from December through April. Come and visit us from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm!



HOMEBOUND SERVICE



We deliver! If you are unable to come to the Library, the Library can come to you! The Avon Library offers delivery services to Avon residents who are homebound,

either temporarily or permanently, because of illness, disability or advanced age. You must have a valid Avon library card on file with us. Residents may call the library's Circulation Department at 860-673-9712 for more information and to register. We hope that you will take advantage of this wonderful service, we are here to help you!

The Holidays are coming! Don't forget that the **Booktique** has high-quality books at Book Sale prices! We restock weekly, so be sure to check out what's new. You can pay for your purchases at the Circulation Desk.

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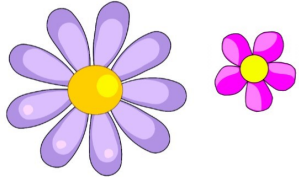
Friday
January 17
11 am
Avon Library Community Room

Sunday
JAN. 12

HARTFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Family Concert
3:00 PM

INSTRUMENT DISCOVERY LAB
Musical Laboratory
2:00 PM

LAUGH COUNT!



MARCH 20
11:00 AM

AGES 4 AND UP



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7th Annual Teen Pizza Taste Off

Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library

Eat cheese pizza from 10 mystery local pizza places between Day 1 & 2. The top 2 pizza choices face off on Day 3 to find out who has the best cheese pizza!

Day 1: Wed., Jan. 29th, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Day 2: Thurs., Jan. 30th, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Day 3: Fri., Jan. 31st, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Open to teens in grades 7-12.

Please sign up & reserve your seat, space is limited!



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NO SCHOOL DAYS!

Tuesday, February 18 · 11:00 AM
ALL AGES WELCOME
Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library

HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSINGS

December 24 — Open 10-1

December 25 — CLOSED

December 31 — Open 10-1

January 1 — CLOSED

January 20 — CLOSED

February 17 — CLOSED

ALWAYS open @ www.avonctlibrary.info

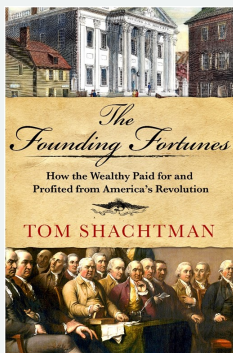
The Friends of the Avon Public Library recently held their yearly **used book sale**, a Friday evening through Sunday event. This year the Friends raised more than \$13,000, a 12% increase from last year's book sale. A dedicated crew of volunteers, work tirelessly throughout the year. They come together each Thursday morning to cull through thousands of donated books, organize them by genre, and alphabetize them by author. The week before the sale, the members of this group and many other volunteers, spend countless hours setting up for the book sale to assure the community has a positive experience and all customers are able to locate the books they want. The money raised each year goes toward supporting multiple library programs including our Sunday concert series, guest speakers, Travel and Film series, and technology classes. Along with the funds raised through our membership drive, these funds help us to support children, teen and adult programs throughout the year. The Friends would like to thank the many volunteers who helped to make this year's sale a huge success, and we thank those who have donated and continue to donate gently used books.

thank you

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AUTHORS @ Avon Library



Historian & Author Tom Shachtman

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon with historian and author **Tom Shachtman**. His latest book, *The Founding Fortunes: How the Wealthy Paid for and Profited from America's Revolution*, offers an in-depth look at a time when money became as vital as guns in securing victory in the American Revolution and establishing the new Republic. This event is co-presented by the Avon Historical Society.



Alexander Tilney

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

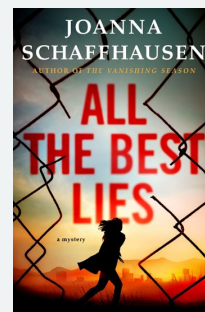
Alexander Tilney's debut novel *The Expectations* has been called, "funny, heartbreaking, and completely transporting."

Joanna Schaffhausen

Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Author **Joanna Schaffhausen** returns to the Avon Library! Her newest novel, *All the Best Lies*, follows her popular character Reed Markham, an FBI agent haunted by a painful unsolved mystery.



All of our author programs are free & open to the public, and reservations are never required!