



FRIENDS  
OF THE  
AVON  
LIBRARY

# Beyond the Bookends



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

Spring 2020

## Meet Susan B. Anthony: Failure is Impossible

Saturday, March 28, 2020 @ 1:00 pm

Susan B. Anthony was a women's rights activist, devoting her life to racial, gender and educational equality. She is one of the most famous women in American history, working tirelessly in support of so many important causes: the women's suffrage movement; the passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote.; women's labor organizations; and, for a woman's right to own property.

Join us for this dramatic event featuring **Sheryl Faye** as Susan B. Anthony. In 2020 we are celebrating not only 100 years since the ratification of the 19th Amendment, but also Susan B. Anthony's 200th birthday!

This free program is open to all ages - no registration required



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THE AVON  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

March 2020

Dear Friends,

I'm thrilled to report that visiting the library is the most popular cultural event in this country—even more popular than going to the movies! Data from a recent Gallop Poll confirms that on average, Americans go to the library 10.5 times a year, but they go to the movies only 5.3 times a year. As an enthusiastic moviegoer and film aficionado, I'll admit this data surprised me, but it also gave me hope about Americans' priorities. We appreciate the wealth of resources and opportunities public libraries have to offer our communities. Sure, going to the movies is fun for a few hours, and the popcorn . . . well there's nothing like hot popcorn at the movies. However, if it's movies you're looking for, the Friends of the Avon Public Library supports a film series. We even provide a university professor to lead discussions after films are shown.

Here are six additional reasons why visiting the library is better than going to the movies:

- ◆ You can't check out free books and DVDs at a movie theater.
- ◆ You can't take computer classes or learn to use a 3D printer at a movie theater.
- ◆ You can't ask librarians to help you research your genealogy or make book recommendations for you at a movie theater.
- ◆ No one will read picture books or supervise art projects for your toddler at a movie theater.
- ◆ No one will organize book clubs or pizza tasting events for your teenager at the movie theater.
- ◆ When was the last time you heard a free concert at a movie theater?

I'll admit, I love going to the movies. Mostly because of the large screen and the popcorn. But thanks to our stellar library staff and the support of friends like you, visiting the library is by far my preferred activity. To express our appreciation, the Friends of the Avon Public Library are hosting a wine and cheese event on May 29, 2020 for [Friends and Staff](#). The purpose of this event is to thank you for your generous donations, your volunteering, your support, your hard work, and your friendship. Please mark your calendars and watch for details about this event. And who knows, there may even be popcorn!

Now back to my book (*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou).

Lynn Katz, President, Friends of Avon Free Public Library

## A Celebration of Women Composers



There have always been women composers. Throughout recorded history, starting as far back as the 7th century BC, women have composed and played their own music. In the 12th century there were female troubadours, and during the 16th century madrigal composers. **Jeffrey Engel** will highlight the lives and music of several distinguished female composers who attained recognition and success during the turn of the 20th century.

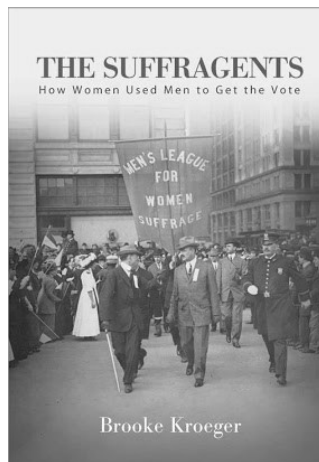
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**Tuesday,  
March 24, 2020  
2:00 pm**

## Meet the Suffragents:

*The Men who Helped Women in New York Secure the Vote*

Saturday, April 4, 2020 @ 2:00 pm



*The Suffragents* is the untold story of how and why a group of prominent and influential men in New York City (and beyond) came together to help women gain the right to vote. Author **Brooke Kroeger** will discuss not only the men who involved themselves with the suffrage campaign, but also the women who strategically decided to accept their help.

No registration is required for this free program



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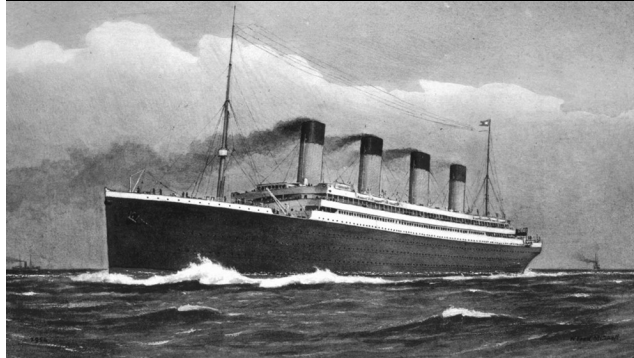


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## Titanic: A Date with Destiny

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020 @ 2:00 pm**

**NATIONAL TITANIC REMEMBRANCE DAY**



Come and listen to the story of the **Titanic** - its celebrated construction, employing thousands during difficult times, its sailing, daily life on the ship, and the final hours for those onboard. Join us as historian **John Cilio** shares insights about a well-known story that might change your viewpoint of that fateful date with destiny.

## STORYTIME SAFARI!



**ANIMAL STORIES AND SONGS AT THE PIANO**

**AGES 2-5 WITH CAREGIVER**

**FRIDAY MORNINGS @ 10:30 A.M.**

**DROP IN !**

**MARCH 27  
APRIL 3, 17, 24  
MAY 1**



Need More Time?  
It's Yours with Automatic Renewals.



You have plenty of things to worry about, and renewing your library materials shouldn't be one of them!

As a better way to serve our patrons, we are now offering **Automatic Renewal** service for all eligible library items checked out at the Avon Library. Our system will renew all eligible items three days before they are due. To be eligible for automatic renewal, the item:

- ◆ must have been checked out at Avon Library;
- ◆ cannot be a downloaded item;
- ◆ must be a renewable item.

We always recommend that you check your library account regularly so that you are aware when items need to be returned. If we have your email address, you will receive a Courtesy Reminder two days prior to the due date which lists any items that were not renewed and are coming due.

We hope that you will like this new service, making it easier for you to keep the items that you enjoy!

## LAUGH COUNT!

MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>

11:00 AM

AGES 4 AND UP

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# ART DAY

## in May

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Join us in the  
Children's  
Department for an  
afternoon of  
creative art for all  
ages!

art day in may

# AFRO BEAT

fun

## SATURDAY

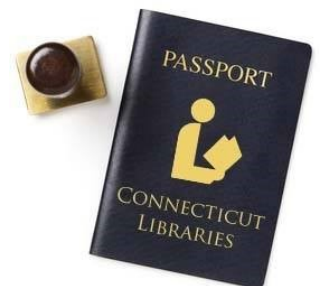
may 16  
4-4:45 pm

all ages  
children's room  
main floor  
drop-in

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## Passport to CT Libraries

Avon Library will once again be participating in the **Passport to Connecticut Libraries** program this April. Libraries all across the state are taking part in this program to make people of all ages aware of the power of their library card! Take your library card and passport (you can get one from us!) to at least **five libraries** on the list to be eligible to win a \$150 gift card! For more information, and a complete list of participating libraries, visit the Library Passport program's Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/passporttoctlibraries> or just stop by the circulation desk to pick up your passport!



## Teen Advisory Board

Open to teens in grades 9-12



A great way to volunteer and help give back to your community with other teens!

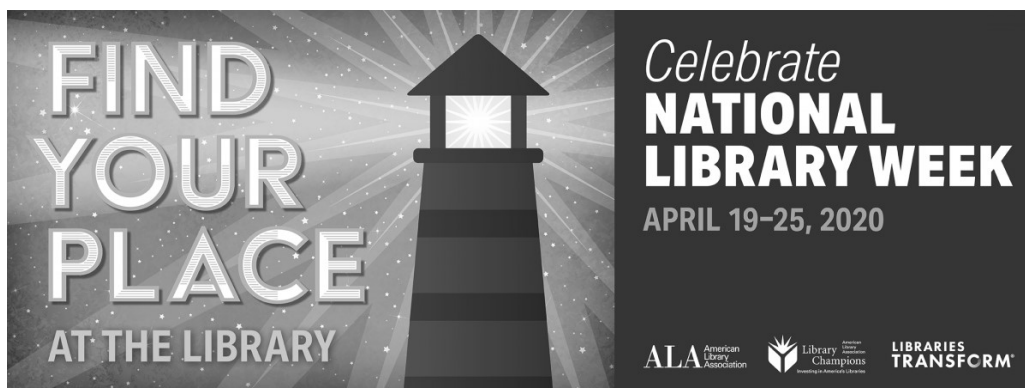
Meets on **Tuesdays**  
from **6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

March 24 • April 21 • May 5

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## National Library Week programs @ Avon Library

### Witches in Connecticut

Monday, April 20, 2020 @ 2:00 pm

The harrowing story of the hanging of witches in Colonial New England continues to haunt our present-day imagination. The trials and executions of witches in CT predated the more famous Salem witch panic by over 40 years. Hear the stories of some of the women and men accused, tried and executed as witches.

### Film Screening: *The Public*

Monday, April 20, 2020 @ 6:30 pm



An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold. [2018, rated PG-13, 144 mins.]

### Russian Literature Book Discussion:

*Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys

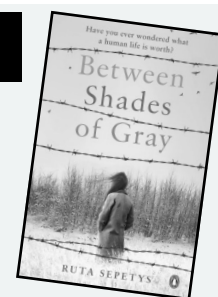
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 @ 7:00 pm



### River Cruises with Lisa Phillips

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 @ 2:00 pm

Discover the world of European river cruising with *Bella Europa Travel*. In this informative program featuring beautiful photography, you will learn about the many options that exist as well as the differences between traditional and river cruising.



### Connecticut Icons: Classic Symbols of Connecticut

Thursday, April 23, 2020 @ 2:00 pm

Author Charles Monagan will present his favorite Connecticut icons, from the hot lobster roll to the Yale Bowl! He'll show native and newcomer alike the independent spirit and local pride at the heart of this great state of Connecticut.



All of these programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library  
For a complete listing of all Library Week programs, please visit [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info)