



# Beyond the Bookends



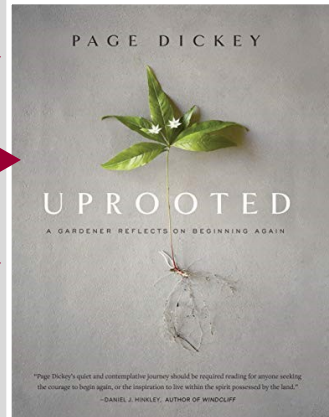
Newsletter of the Friends of the Library & the Board of Trustees

Autumn 2020

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## Virtual Author Event with Gardener Page Dickey

Thursday, October 8, 2020 @ 2:00 pm (via Zoom)



Join us as Page Dickey talks about her new book, *Uprooted: A Gardener Reflects on Beginning Again*. Page has been gardening passionately since her early twenties, as well as writing about gardening and designing garden for others. Her new book describes leaving a beloved garden of thirty-four years, finding a home in the northwest corner of Connecticut, and falling in love with the land.

Please register for this program online & a Zoom link will be sent to you.

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

September 2020

Dear Friends,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe, healthy, and able to manage during these uncertain times. To prepare for another year as president of the Friends of the Avon Public Library, I reviewed last year's newsletter messages. Seeing the notices for our Author Luncheon and our annual Book Sale made me wistful. I smiled when I saw *Save the Date* reminders for our yearly Birthday Bash, magicians, jugglers and other children's programming. I miss the ice cream social and those carefree, pre-pandemic days. Although things have changed dramatically in the world and in our community, I remain grateful for our library. Throughout the spring and summer our creative librarians and staff at the Avon Public Library continued to provide learning opportunities for us. From scavenger hunts to online author events, from remote book clubs to Lego Challenges, they filled our inboxes with activities and suggestions to enrich our lives. Curbside book pick-up made life easier for hungry readers, and free WIFI in the parking lot, online printing, and technical support made life better for members of the community in need. And a Zoom presentation to discover the benefits of eating dark chocolate helped assuage the guilty pleasure that's helping many of us manage the new normal.

As Friends of the Avon Public Library, we must learn how to do our work in new ways. The Board has transitioned to remote meetings and will work toward adopting remote fundraising events. Although we've postponed our author luncheon to the fall of 2021 and cancelled our traditional in-person used book sale, we are studying alternatives and planning new ways to raise much appreciated and needed funds. For example, this summer we supported the library to help purchase additional e-books for patrons who couldn't visit the library in person.

Here are two important ways you can help us today:

- ◆ Complete the form attached to this newsletter to renew your membership, or join our community of Friends for the first time. Every dollar we raise supports our important mission. Without traditional fundraising events, this membership drive is even more critical than in previous years. You may also pay your membership fees online at <https://www.avonctlibrary.info/friends-of-the-library/>.
- ◆ Please include your email address on the form attached to this newsletter. We will try to communicate more frequently and directly with you. You will be the first to know when we launch a new website dedicated to the Friends of the Avon Public Library.

The public library is a valued resource and a community treasure that needs our support. Our approach must change, but our mission will never change.

And now, back to my book (*Dress-Coded* by Carrie Firestone).

Lynn Katz, President, Friends of Avon Free Public Library

The past six months have been a very strange time at the library! Avon Library advertises itself as being “the center of your community” so closing our doors for many months, especially during a time of crisis, was a hard thing for all of us—our patrons and our staff. Unfortunately, it looks like it will still be sometime before things are back to normal in Avon and at the library, but we are working hard to provide the services we can while continuing to protect the health and safety of the public and the staff.

Our virtual services never closed. E-books, streaming video and audio, online programs, research databases, online learning resources, and phone and email help are always just a couple of clicks away at [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info). Please check there too for our current lineup of physical services. Right now, you can request curbside pickup of library materials, make appointments to access computers and other office equipment, and even visit the library to select your own books during our browsing hours. We hope to continue to expand in-person services as circumstances allow.

We miss being the center of your community with events like our Farmers Market and children’s storytimes, and we miss you, our patrons. But we know that with patience and perseverance, all the great library events you love will come back. In the meantime, please reach out if there are ways we can help support you this fall, whether it is with a book recommendation, curbside pickup of a print job, technology help, or something else.

Stay healthy!

Glenn Grube, Library Director  
[ggrube@avonctlibrary.info](mailto:ggrube@avonctlibrary.info)



### Reader’s Theater Remix

**Thurs., October 8 & November 12** (two dates!)  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (via Zoom)

Kids in grades 5-8 are invited to join our Reader's Theater Remix! This is a fun program where kids and teens get to read aloud a part in a short story or picture book and play theater games. They'll practice their dramatic reading skills, then read through it again with fun challenges. Please register online & you'll receive the Zoom link.

Call us @ 860-673-9712 to  
arrange for curbside pickup of  
library materials today!



## Do, Re, (You &) Me!

A Virtual Music Program via Zoom!!!  
for Children ages 0-6 (with caregiver)

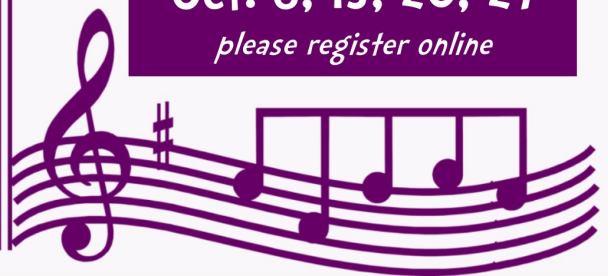
Tuesday Mornings

@ 11:00 am

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

*please register online*



Look up  
at the library  
to see our window mural •  
“We are in this together”  
made cooperatively  
by patrons &  
Staff

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 2020*



Book Buddies is a program for kids to practice their read-aloud skills, to foster a love of reading, & to connect kids with awesome teen volunteers!

Who can be a Little Buddy: open to kids in grades K-3  
Who can be a Big Buddy: open to teens in grades 7-12

All sessions are Thursday @ 4:00 pm (via Zoom)

October 15, 22, 29, November 5

Sign up online to receive the Zoom link.

**Turning Pages: Ballet Theatre Company**

Wednesdays @ 11:00 am (via Zoom)

September 30, October 28, December 2

Children ages 3-6 are invited to join a dance professional for a movement-focused storytelling experience! Move from page to page making stories come to life in ways that engage the whole body. Learn dance vocabulary, pantomime basics, and improve coordination of movement and fine motor skills all while experiencing a storybook adventure.

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### **From the Hidden Women Series: The Black Suffragists**

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @ 6:30 pm (via Zoom)

The very definition of Women's suffrage is the right for women to vote. So one could conclude that the Suffrage Movement should have included women from all walks of life . . . but did it? This program is from the Hidden Women Series, presented by Tammy Denease. This is a pre-recorded lecture, and live Q&A will follow. Please register @ [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info) and a Zoom link will be sent to you.

### **Deeds Not Words Series Finale (via Zoom) Meet Susan B. Anthony: Failure is Impossible**

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 @ 7:00 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. In 2020 we are celebrating not only 100 years since the ratification of the 19th Amendment, but also Susan B. Anthony's 200th birthday!



Join us for this virtual dramatic event featuring **Sheryl Faye** as Susan B. Anthony. Please register @ [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info) and a Zoom link will be sent to you on the day of the program.