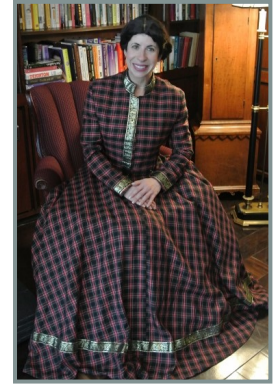




Meet Clara Barton: Civil War Nurse & Red Cross Founder Wednesday, January 20, 2021 @ 2:00 pm (via Zoom)

Join us for this dramatic virtual presentation, in celebration of the nurses and front line healthcare staff helping us during the COVID-19 pandemic. From the time she was old enough to be a nurse within her own family, **Clara Barton**'s life was dedicated to helping others. During the Civil War, she helped supply food, medicine and clothing to those in need, while courageously serving the wounded and dying on the front lines of battle. Her lasting legacy is the American Red Cross, which she founded in 1881. Meet this American hero and hear more about her at our virtual presentation!

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Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

December 2020

Dear Friends,

I hope you are staying healthy and grounded during these uncertain times in our country and throughout the world. With all the challenges we face, it certainly helps to have friends. I find myself appreciating the simple joys in my life - a daily walk in the woods with my husband, a FaceTime visit with my granddaughter, and of course, curling up with a great book. It is reassuring to know that The Avon Public Library is a click away with access to all the reading material I need. I am thankful for curbside pickup and the lifting of overdue fines. The online learning opportunities and entertainment options from our library continue to keep us connected and provide a sense of normalcy. During our monthly Friends' Board Zoom meetings, we ask each other the same four questions:

- ◆ How's everyone doing?
- ◆ What books have you loved?
- ◆ What does the library need this month?
- ◆ How can we continue to meet the changing needs of our community?

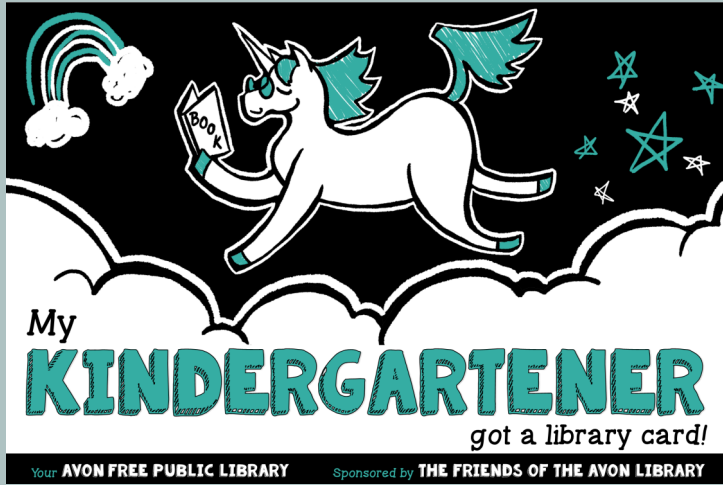
So, here are some answers:

- ◆ We're all doing well.
- ◆ Books we've loved include hot off the press bestsellers, oldies but goodies, thrillers, historical fiction, nonfiction, Young Adult and Middle Grade novels. Too many recommendations to list here.
- ◆ Our library has needed support to supplement their e-book collection and for new online programs to be launched this winter. We've been able to fill these needs thanks to your membership donations. We just approved many exciting and diverse opportunities including cooking classes, Yoga, a comedy film series, a vocal concert, and a dramatic presentation of Clara Barton. Although our yearly book sale and other traditional fundraising avenues are not available this year, we will continue to support the library with your membership dollars.
- ◆ As a board, we're focused on improving communication. We've recently launched our own Facebook page, thanks to newest board member Christy Yaros. Check it out here: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofAvonLibrary>. We've also provided an option to join the Friends and donate using our online link: <https://www.avonctlibrary.info/friends/>. Please spread the word to friends and family.

On behalf of the board, I thank you for your generosity. I am confident we will get through this winter, we will rise above the challenges, but we couldn't do it without the help and support of great books and wonderful friends like you.

And now back to my book (*The Violence Inside Us*, by Senator Chris Murphy).

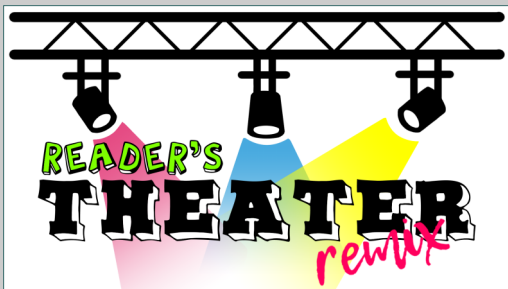
Lynn Katz, President, Friends of Avon Free Public Library



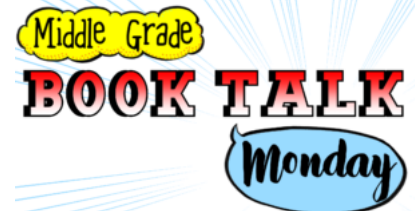
Normally during the month of November, all of the **Kindergarten** students in Avon board their school buses, and come to the library for their first field trip and to pick up their very first library card. This year, with the pandemic and distance learning, it was a little different, but thanks to the resourcefulness of our Children's team, it was just as much of a success! Miss Kari Ann was able to present virtually, and library cards were mailed out along with VIP invitations for a tour of the Children's Room. As a very special thank-you, these beautiful lawn signs (like you see here) were given out, so you may see them popping up around town! Thank you to the Friends of the Avon Library for their generous support of our Kindergarten Project!

Reader's Theater Remix

Thursdays @ 4:00 pm (via Zoom)
January 7, February 4, March 11



Kids and teens will each get their own part in a script. There's a new script each month! No memorizing - just fun. We will practice our dramatic reading and acting skills with the script, and even play fun theater games! Please register online.



Mondays @ 4:00 pm

12/14, 1/11, 2/22, 3/22, 4/19

Kids in grades 4-6, this is for you! Share what you're reading with other kids in the group, and get personal recommendations about what to read next! Sign up online to get the link for Google Meet.

Sounds of the New Year: *a Vocal Concert with Helen Walton*

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Register on our website - a Zoom link will be sent to you!



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The Holidays are coming! Don't forget that the **Booktique** has high-quality books at Book Sale prices! You can shop the **Booktique**

during our *Open Browsing Hours* - just give us a call and we can let you know this week's schedule!



The Avon Free Public Library is seeking candidates to fill two openings on its volunteer Board of Directors.

If you are a (library) card-carrying resident of Avon and are willing to contribute some of your time and talent to this outstanding community resource, you just may be the right person to fill one of those openings, one of which calls for a background in finance, accounting, or related areas.

Please respond now. Don't miss this opportunity to translate your interest into ACTION!

For more information, contact: Glenn Grube, Library Director
860-673-9712 ext. 207
ggrube@avonctlibrary.info

Get involved.



Yoga for Every Body

(via Zoom)

Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm:
1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26



Have you seen pictures of people doing yoga in magazines, or on social media and thought, "I can't do yoga! I'm not flexible. I don't have the right clothes. I'm too old. I'm too young. I'm too fat. I'm out of shape. I can't get up and down from the floor." If you answered yes to this question, you are wrong. You CAN do yoga - you just haven't found the right yoga for YOU! Yoga is for every body, and our instructor Leslie Gordon wants to help you.

More info and registration @ www.avonctlibrary.info

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WANT TO SHARE WHAT YOU'RE READING?
WANT TO GET PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS
ABOUT WHAT TO READ NEXT?

Teen Book Talk Tuesdays: What Are You Reading?



FOR TEENS IN GRADES 7-12
VIA GOOGLE MEET
4-5 PM ON ONE TUESDAY A MONTH:
1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/6
SIGN UP AT WWW.AVONCTLIBRARY.INFO

FOREST BOOK NOOK LIVE!

Most FRIDAY Mornings @ 10 am

Special Themes:

Jan 8 - New Year / Jan 29 - Groundhogs
Feb 12 - Valentines / Feb 19 - Lunar New Year
Mar 12 - St. Patrick's Day / Mar 19 - Spring

ON ZOOM

For Ages 6 and Under

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RAZZLE DAZZLE DANCE PARTY

THURSDAY MORNINGS @ 11 AM

SPECIAL THEMES:

JAN 28 - GROUNDHOGS / FEB 11 - VALENTINE
MAR 11 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY / MAR 18 - SPRING

FOR AGES SIX AND UNDER

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IT'S A ZOOM PARTY!

DANCE ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN

FOR REGISTRATION AND ZOOM LINK, VISIT WWW.AVONCTLIBRARY.INFO

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COOKING PROGRAMS @ Avon Library

Healthy & Delicious Soups

Saturday, January 16, 2021

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm (via Zoom)



Ditch the canned soup and learn how much healthier and tastier fresh homemade soups can be! In this class, we'll learn how to make delicious, heart-healthy recipes using fresh, whole-food ingredients. Fragrant Coconut Soup, Red Lentil Soup and Creamy Tomato Soup are all on the menu!

Healthy & Decadent Desserts

Thursday, February 11, 2021

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (via Zoom)

Is it possible to make decadent desserts that are actually good for you? Yes! Bring your sweet tooth and join us to find out how. We'll be making desserts from whole-food ingredients, and you won't believe how great healthy treats can be! Enjoy Dark Chocolate Raspberry Bites, Lemon Tartlets, Mocha Mousse Cups and more! The recipes for this class will be dairy and gluten-free, using no refined sugar - trust us, you won't miss it!



Please register online @ www.avonctlibrary.info and a Zoom link will be sent to you.

Classes presented by Colin McCullough. Since Colin became vegan in 1995, he has been finding new ways to make healthy eating convenient and delicious. He teaches private & public cooking classes throughout New England, sharing his experience & recipes with people who want to incorporate more whole-food, plant-based meals for health, compassion and the environment.

These programs are brought to you courtesy of the Friends of the Avon Library