

Beyond the Bookends



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

Summer 2022



Meet Author Mary Alice Monroe Friday, June 24, 2022 @ 11:00 am

Join us for this special author visit for middle grade readers! Bestselling author Mary Alice Monroe will be here in person to celebrate the release of her new book, **Search for Treasure**. Written together with her longtime colleague Angela May, Search for Treasure is the sequel to her first book for middle grade readers, The Islanders. It is the story of friendships forged in the wild, and what happens when kids unplug and experience nature's power to heal and unite.

Three lucky readers will win a set of both books during the event! Books will be available for sale and signing at this event, including some of Mary Alice's adult titles. Please register for this program online @ www.avonctlibrary.info.



Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

Dear Friends,



Summer is upon us! Bees are buzzing outside in our pollinator gardens and at the Avon Library. You'd be surprised to know that bees have well-defined roles, established lines of communication, and great team camaraderie, all of which help them go about their daily jobs and keep the hive healthy!

The Friends of the Avon Library Board and the Library Staff work together to create our own productive hive: sorting books every week, planning author luncheons, communicating with newsletters and websites, writing accurate meeting minutes, managing our finances, maintaining membership data, and scooping ice cream are activities that are completed with enthusiasm and enjoyment! As a member of the Friends your ongoing support is vital to keep the HIVE going! We thank you!

Our 2022 Executive Board:

President/Book Sale/Booktique – Lisa Berman Secretary – Carolyn Starr Technology Support - Christy Yaros Past President - Lynn Katz Treasurer - Letha Kunkel Publicity - Michele O'Connor Vice President - Joan Reiskin Membership – Susan Lybeck Children's Programming – vacant

Congratulations to our award-winning Lynn Katz, the 2022 recipient of the Friends of Connecticut Library FOCL Individual Achievement Award for Exceptional Library Service. As Friends President, Lynn helped us to "think outside the box" and guided us through the times when COVID changed our world. She helped to develop strategies for holding the book sale in a pandemic. She was able to pivot to ZOOM board meetings effortlessly and was flexible to funding monthly library needs. While her tenure as president is over, Lynn's impact will continue to be felt by us all.

I'd rather "bee" reading!

Lisa Berman, President



A New Ceason of Meditation



Meditation: A Tool for Stress Reduction & a Healthier Lifestyle

Thursday, June 30, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Meditation can bring about a sense of calm and balance that benefits both your physical and emotional being. Join Arlene Samsel for this lively and engaging workshop.

Find the Love Within, Share the Love With All

Thursday, July 28, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

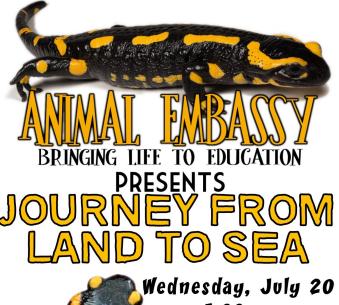
Deep within us is an unlimited source of love and peace that we can tap into through the transforming power of meditation. Once we do, we reap the benefits, and can then help make this a kinder, more peaceful world. Join Jim Rose and experience this time-tested, life-changing technique.

Detox Your Mind Through Meditation Thursday, August 25, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

There are many programs that cleanse the body and eliminate toxins that have accumulated over one's life. But what about our mental and emotional state? We need to detoxify our minds to rid ourselves of negative thought patterns and calm the body. Join Gaurav Singh and learn how to implement a simple yet powerful meditation technique that can be life changing.

Programs are virtual and will be held via Zoom. Please register @ www.avonctlibrary.info and the Zoom link will be sent to you before the program.





Wednesday, July 20 3:00 pm for ages 5+

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Save the date!

Friends Author Luncheon

Friday, October 21, 2022

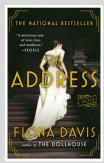
featuring bestselling author

Fiona Davis

Tickets will be available in September!









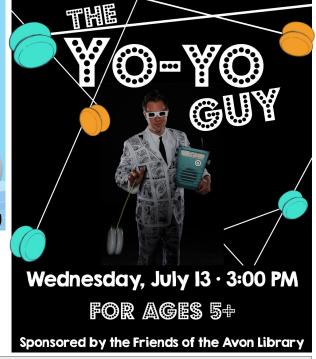
* Cat's Cradle * Graphic Novel Discussion



Tuesday, July 19 @ 5:00 pm (via Zoom)

* for kids entering grades 4-6 *

Read & discuss the new graphic novel Cat's Cradle: The Golden Twine with the author and illustrator, Jo Rioux. This virtual discussion will be held on Zoom please register @www.avonctlibrary.info to receive the Zoom link so you can join us!





Wednesday, July 27 2:00 - 4:00 pm

For more information, please call 860-673-9712 ext. 3

How to be an Ally to Members of the LGBTQI Community



Monday, June 27, 2022 @ 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Join Jillian Celentano and a panel of gender diverse teens for a discussion on how to support members of the LGBTQIA community. Hear personal stories about the journey of gender identity, learn about trans health care, the importance of an emotional support system, and what being an ally actually means. You'll leave this webinar with new understanding, and 10 tips for supporting the LGBTQIA community. This program is for parents, neighbors, educators, friends, and those eager to learn.

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

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Kate White & Andrea Bartz, In Conversation

Thursday, July 14 @ 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Join us for a virtual conversation between best-selling authors **Kate White** and **Andrea Bartz**! We're celebrating the release of

Kate's new book, *The Second Husband*, and the paperback

release of Andrea's book, *We Were Never Here*.

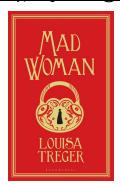


This event is co-sponsored by the Avon, Farmington & Simsbury Libraries. Book giveaways will be part of this event!

Please register online to receive the Zoom link for this event.

IN-PERSON Author Event: Louisa Treger

Wednesday, August 24 @ 7:00 pm



Join us for an in-person author event with Louisa Treger as she talks about her latest novel, *Madwoman*. Based on a true story, *Madwoman* is a spellbinding historical novel about the world's first female investigative journalist, Nellie Bly.

This free event is open to all, but registration is requested. Register online @ www.avonctlibrary.info.