



Beyond the Bookends



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

Autumn 2022

Join the Friends of the Avon Library
for their **11th Author Luncheon**

featuring

FIONA DAVIS

the bestselling author of *The Magnolia Palace*
and *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*

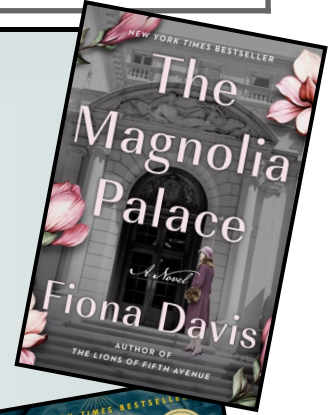
Friday, October 21, 2022

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Farmington Club
162 Town Farm Road, Farmington CT

Tickets \$50 per person

To register, or for more information, please visit the library's
website @ www.avonctlibrary.info



Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

September 2022

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe it's already September – where did the summer go?! The library was a busy place this summer, resuming many activities that were suspended due to the ongoing pandemic. It was wonderful to see so many families returning to the library and taking advantage of the many programs offered both in-person and on Zoom. The Annual Ice Cream Social and Summer Reading Program were both very successful, thanks in part to your financial support of these Friends-sponsored programs!

The **Annual Book Sale**, our only fundraiser, will be held over the course of TWO weekends this year! Our main sale will take place on October 14, 15 and 16 in the Community Room. This three-day sale will feature adult fiction and non-fiction titles, plus select A/V materials. Then on October 22 we will have a one-day sale in the Community Room featuring children's and teen materials – pick up some great deals for yourself or a friend! We are still collecting books for both upcoming sales – thank you for leaving your donations of gently-used books in bags or boxes inside the closet at the end of the Gallery.

We are thrilled to be welcoming **Fiona Davis**, author of *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* and *The Magnolia Palace*, as our speaker at the **Author Luncheon** this year. It will be held at the Farmington Club on Friday, October 21 (details above). Seating is limited, so please get your tickets early!

September is a great time to renew your **Friends membership**. And if you are not a member – what are you waiting for?! Please consider joining the Friends of Avon Library, the advocates for our outstanding library and all that it provides to Avon and the surrounding communities. Your donation helps to fund programs, special exhibits, classes and more throughout the year. These items are not paid for by town budget or your taxes. It's easy to join - you may use the form attached to this newsletter or simply pay online. Together, with your support, we will build library memories that will last a lifetime.

Lisa Berman, President, Friends of Avon Free Public Library



SAVE THE DATES!

Adult Fiction & Nonfiction Book Sale

Friday, October 14th ~ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Preview Sale - \$5 admission

Saturday, October 15th ~ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
No admission fee

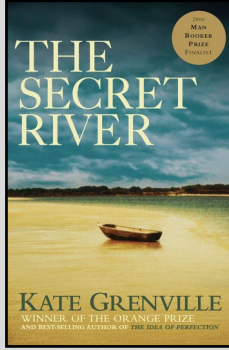
Sunday, October 16th ~ 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
No admission fee - BAG SALE: \$5 per bag!

Children & Teen Book Sale

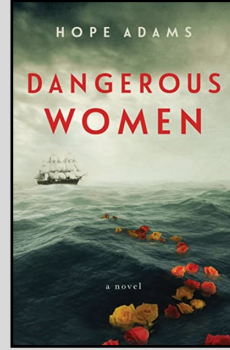
Saturday, October 22nd ~ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
No admission fee

Cash & Credit Cards accepted!
*no strollers will be allowed inside
of the Community Room*

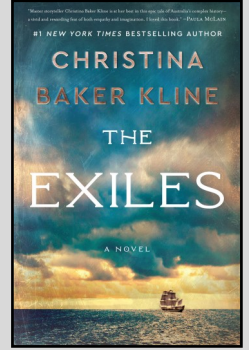
Australia Book Discussion Series



Mon., Sept. 26th
2:00 pm



Mon., Oct. 31st
2:00 pm



Mon., Nov. 28th
2:00 pm

We will be discussing the use of **Australia** as a setting in each work of fiction. Copies of all books will be available at the Reference Desk. Please register online for this **in-person** series!

September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

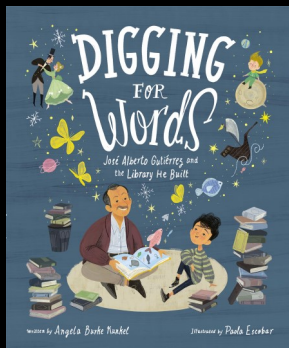
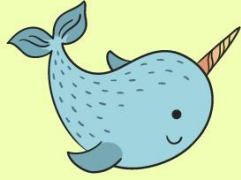
Lost your card? Need to renew it? Stop in and choose one of our fresh new designs! The six winners from our *Art on a Card* contest are now available, upgrade your card today!



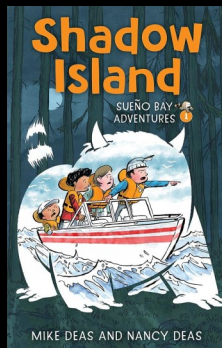
Nutmeg Narwhals Book Club

Join us for an after-school book club, designed just for kids in grades 1-3. We'll read & discuss Nutmeg Book Award nominees each month!

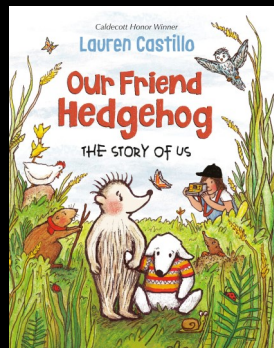
Nutmeg Narwhals Book Club



Tue. Sept. 27
4:30 pm



Tue. Oct. 25
4:30 pm



Tue. Nov. 29
4:30 pm

Please register online @ www.avonctlibrary.info

CHESS CLUB

AVON LIBRARY
FOR KIDS IN GRADES 3-8

MONDAYS

6:30-7:30

FLOOR OF THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

DROP IN

SEP 12, 26

OCT 3, 24

NOV 7, 21

DEC 5, 19



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 _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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 2022

**UNEARTHING HISTORY:
Virtual Lecture Series**

Looking into the Past with Ancient DNA

Thursday, September 15, 2022 @ 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Presented by Christina Balentine & Samantha Archer, PhD candidates & research scholars at the UConn Dept. of Anthropology. They will present a broad overview of ancient DNA (aDNA) research past and present, discuss the ethical considerations of working with priceless aDNA samples and highlight their own dissertation research using aDNA.

Update on the scientific analysis of the Brian D. Jones site in Avon, CT

Thursday, October 13, 2022 @ 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Presented by David Leslie, PhD, Senior Prehistoric Archaeologist, Archaeological & Historical Services, Storrs, CT. Dr. Leslie will present new findings based on artifacts and new analysis techniques. October is Connecticut Archaeology Month!

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



**Spooky Storytime: Goblins & Giggles
with storyteller Rona Leventhal**

Wednesday, October 26th @ 6:00 pm

This show will have you tappin' your feet, huggin' your seat, singin' a tune and even laughing as Rona shares stories from the silly to the serious, from the mysterious to the monstrous! Best for ages 5-8.



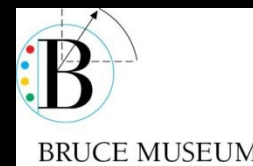
Please register online to save your seat!

Looking at Art: A Memory Care Program

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Two sessions: 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

Led by a trained museum educator from the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, CT, this in-person art appreciation program is for adults with memory loss and their caregivers, both professional and family. Art related to the theme of planes, trains, and automobiles from the Bruce Museum's collection and recent exhibitions will be displayed and discussed. No previous art knowledge is required. For more information, please call the Reference Department at 860-673-9712.



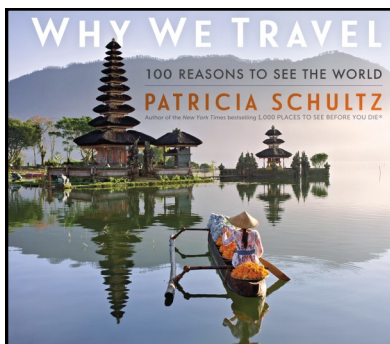
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AUTHOR PROGRAMS @ Avon Library

Why We Travel: 100 Reasons to Get Up & Go *IN-PERSON Author Event with Patricia Schultz*

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 @ 7:00 pm



Join us for an **in-person** author event with veteran travel journalist **Patricia Schultz** to celebrate the release of her new book. Patricia Schultz pioneered the concept of the travel book as both wish list and practical guide in her #1 bestselling

1,000 Places to See Before You Die. Now, she shares the life lessons, personal stories and inspiration behind her books in *Why We Travel: 100 Reasons to Get Up and Go*.

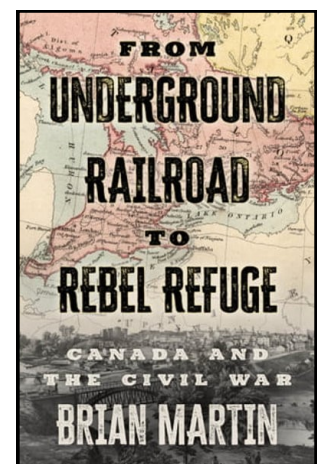
This in-person event will be held in the Community Room.

From Underground Railroad to Rebel Refuge: Canada & the Civil War

VIRTUAL Author Event with Brian Martin

Thursday, October 27, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Join us for a **virtual** event with award-winning journalist **Brian Martin**, followed by an audience Q&A, to celebrate the release of his new book. Filled with engaging stories and astonishing facts, *From Underground Railroad to Rebel Refuge* examines the role of Canadians in the American Civil War. Learn more about this little-known chapter in our shared American-Canadian history.



This virtual event will be presented on Zoom.

Please register online @ www.avonctlibrary.info