

Beyond the Bookends



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

Spring 2023



Join the **Friends of the Avon Library**
for a very special ticketed fundraiser event
featuring

MARTHA HALL KELLY

the bestselling author of *Lilac Girls*
Lost Roses and *Sunflower Girls*

Saturday, April 22, 2023 @ 2:00 pm

in the Library's Community Room

Tickets \$30 per person



Be among the first to enjoy meeting author **Martha Hall Kelly** as she celebrates her latest novel of historical fiction, **The Golden Doves**. Your \$30 admission ticket includes a signed hard cover copy of the book, and admission to the event. This event is brought to you by The Friends of the Avon Free Public Library, who are delighted that Ms. Kelly has chosen the Avon Library as one of the first stops on her promotional tour!

*Tickets are available on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), search for: **Martha Kelly***

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

March 2023

Hello Friends!

While some Friends of the Library offer support primarily through membership, others become involved more actively by participating in Friends board meetings, supporting library programs, sorting book donations, and offering support at community outreach events. Friends who are involved at this level represent the Library to customers and work alongside like-minded people with a passion for libraries!

We're looking for a few good Friends—seriously! More than ever, we need a growing membership to fill our ranks in order to support and expand our fundraising efforts. We are looking for library-loving professionals to join our **Executive Board**. Our Board meets monthly at the library, providing a forum to explore areas where we can learn about new fundraising ideas and community outreach for the library. We are a dedicated group of working and retired professionals who have a **passion** for the Avon Free Public Library. We provide guidance, leadership, oversight and a wide variety of projects.



Do you love **spreadsheets**? Always on Facebook? We would love someone to help us with **online communications** and **social media** for Friends-sponsored events, emails and flyers! Do you have past experience with **non-profit fundraisers** or volunteering? If you have skills in **finance**, **database management**, **fundraising** or **marketing** we want to meet you!

You can reach us at avonfriends@avonctlibrary.info or 860-673-9712 ext. 7247. We can't wait to hear from you!

Lisa Berman, President, Friends of the Avon Free Public Library



2023 Sundays at Three Music Series

Corbin Beisner,
concert pianist

Sunday, March 26, 2023
@ 3:00 pm



This concert is in memory of Anil Mody, an avid music lover!

Sundays at Three is sponsored by the **Friends of the Avon Library**. Free tickets are given at the doors starting at 2:15 pm. Doors open at 2:30 pm. The hour-long program starts at 3:00 pm.

We'll see you then!



Organize Your Paper Clutter Like a Professional Organizer

Thursday, March 30, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

Learn to tame your paper clutter with Professional Organizer Maria Grove. She will be teaching techniques to organize your files, paperwork and desk. Then she will lead the group in a 30-day declutter challenge that will inspire you to get your whole house clean in no time! Worksheets, inspiration and lots of laughs provided.

Playroom Organization with a Professional Organizer

Thursday, April 27, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

Let's talk toys! Professional Organizer Maria Grove will teach techniques on how to organize the playroom and toy clutter. Follow the home organization steps Maria has crafted to organize your playroom – or any room in your house. Come with your questions for a fun Q&A session.

Please register @ www.avonclibrary.info for these in-person programs.

Horizon Wings: Birds of Prey

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 11:00 am



Come listen and learn during this 60-minute program from **Horizon Wings**, a bird rehabilitation center in Ashford, CT. Learn about raptors, owls and meet birds of prey - you will even get to see a bald eagle!

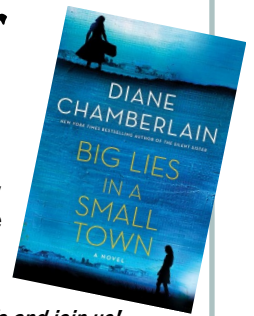
All ages are welcome, but this program is best for ages 5 and up.

Psychological Thriller

* Book Discussion *

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Join our in-person book discussion, led by librarian Cyndi Larsen. Copies of this title will be available at the Reference Desk.



Please register online @ www.avonclibrary.info and join us!



Thursday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.

with Ms. Jaimee at the piano

(Children's Department Main Floor).

Kids can bring their favorite stuffed animal to sing along and hear bedtime stories together!

For Children ages 6 and under with caregiver.

March 9, 16, 23, 30

April 13, 20, 27

Register online: www.avonclibrary.info

UNEARTHING HISTORY: VIRTUAL LECTURES

* Funding provided by the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Committee *

Hunting Techniques of the Paleoindian

Thursday, April 20, 2023 @ 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Presented by Richard Boisvert, retired New Hampshire state archaeologist, who is very familiar with the discovery and analysis of the Brian D. Jones site and other Paleoindian sites in northern New England.

The Big Importance of Small Things: Microscopic & Blood Residue Analysis of Ancient Stone Tools

Thursday, May 11, 2023 @ 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Presented by Heather M. Rockwell, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Cultural & Historical Preservation, Salve Regina University. This presentation will examine the process and limitations of blood residue and use-wear analysis, and how they have contributed to our understanding of ancient people.

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



Avon Senior Center



THE AVON
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Kid Readers Unite (KRU) ★ Book Discussion

Grace Needs Space!

Thursday, April 27, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

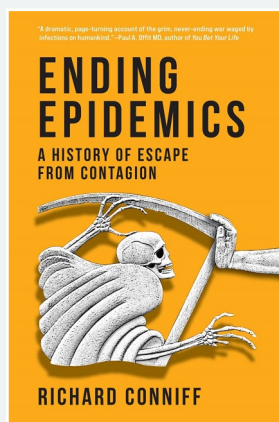


If your child is in grades 4-6 and they love to read, then KRU is for them! This month we will meet in person at the library to talk about *Grace Needs Space!* The creators of this awesome graphic novel, Benjamin A. Wilgus and Rii Abrego, will join our discussion via Zoom! The first 12 kids that sign up and show up to this in-person program will get their own copy of the book to keep and a bookplate signed by the creators!

Please register @ www.avonctlibrary.info for this program.

Ending Epidemics: A History of Escape from Contagion with Richard Conniff

Monday, April 24, 2023 @ 3:00 pm



Join us for an in-person presentation by author **Richard Conniff** to celebrate the release of his new book, *Ending Epidemics: A History of Escape from Contagion*. It tells the story behind the "mortality revolution," the dramatic transformation not just in our longevity, but in the character of childhood, family life and human society. He looks back through history at how scientists have saved humanity from the deadliest infectious diseases, and what we can do to prepare ourselves for future epidemics.

Books will be available for sale and signing at this program. Please register online @ www.avonctlibrary.info.



Make Time for Meditation



Beyond Death: Medical Facts, Mysticism & Meditation

Thursday, April 13, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Why does the concept of a near-death experience resonate so powerfully within us? Hear the latest medical research and discover a simple, natural way to connect with the inner light talked about by those who've experienced a NDE. Through a simple time-honored method of meditation, you too can explore those realms of peace within you.

Meditation: Healing Time

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7:00pm

Learn how meditation can improve our physical and mental health. This evening you will have a chance to practice this simple technique that can reduce stress, enhance relaxation and promote inner growth.

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

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National Library Week programs @ Avon Library

VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENTS!

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APRIL 23-29, 2023

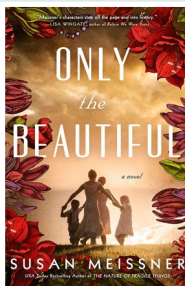
Susan Meissner

Friday, April 21, 2023 @ 2:00 pm

Author **Susan Meissner** joins us for a virtual moderated conversation to discuss her new novel, *Only the Beautiful*. This sweeping saga tells the heartrending story about



a young mother's fight to keep her daughter, and the winds of fortune that tear them apart.



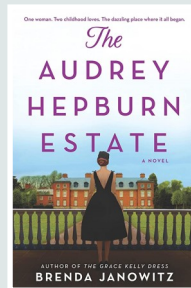
Brenda Janowitz

Monday, April 24, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for a virtual author event with **Brenda Janowitz**. We'll discuss her new book, *The Audrey Hepburn Estate*. An updated take on the film Sabrina, it's a nostalgic



and intriguing story that blends a modern-day love triangle with details from Audrey Hepburn's life.



Please register for programs at www.avonctlibrary.info
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