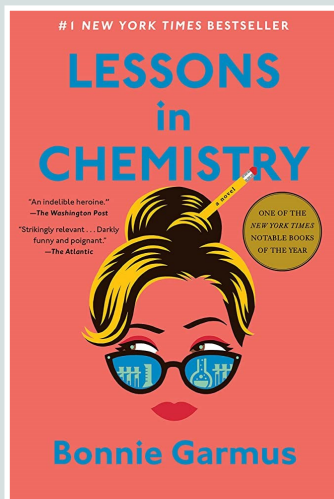




Lessons in Chemistry: Literature Lecture & Discussion with Dr. Aimee Pozorski

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 @ 2:00 pm

Join us for an **in-person** presentation and discussion on the **ONLY** book anyone has been reading for the past year - we literally cannot keep it on the shelf!



Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus at first promises to be about the work of research scientist and chemist Elizabeth Zott. And it certainly is that! But the “lessons” in “chemistry” the novel promises go far beyond research. The novel’s lessons may be chemical in nature but have as much to do with the chemistry of cooking, the chemistry of love and attraction, the chemistry of relationships, and the chemistry of societal change. The chemical attraction of this book can also be explained by the author’s style: through humor, irony, sarcasm, and wit, Bonnie Garmus has created a novel that feels itself like an endorphin rush.

Dr. Aimee Pozorski, CCSU, will lead the discussion. Please register for this in-person program online @ www.avonctlibrary.info.

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Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

June 2023



Hello Summer! Hello Friends!

Summer is a time when the library is a hive of activity, with programs and events for everyone!

Summer also means the return of the Local Author Festival, and summer reading programs for both kids and teens! Did you know the Friends fund a summer intern for the Children’s & Teen department? We do! Welcome Nandini as she joins us for the summer.

Friends do make a difference! The Friends Board will say goodbye to several members who will “buzz to another hive”. Thank you to Lynn Katz (Ex Officio), Carolyn Starr (Secretary), Susan Lybeck (Membership), and Michele O’Connor (Publicity). We wish them well and their past efforts will be ongoing as they were instrumental in keeping the Friends Board buzzing. All volunteers with a passion for collaboration with library staff kept us moving forward! The Friends Board is happy to welcome Erin Dawson (Children’s Liaison) and Deb Feigenbaum (Membership). We thank you for joining us.

You expect a lot from your library. The Friends provide funding for those programs beyond the town budget! Come and join the excitement. If finance, fundraising, or programming are your “jive”, then come join the Friends Library Board and be a part of our hive!

I’d rather “bee” reading!

Lisa Berman, President

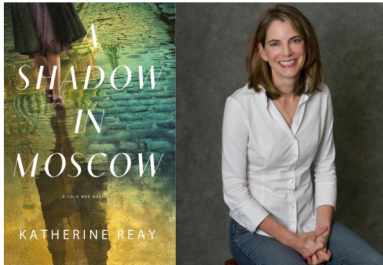


**Summer Local Author Festival
@ Avon Library**



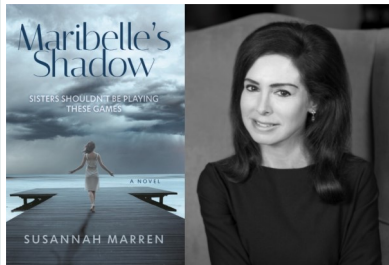
**Liv Constantine
& Wendy Walker**
Tuesday, June 27
2:00 pm
in-person

Katherine Reay
Tuesday, June 27
7:00 pm
in-person



Alden Wicker
Thursday, June 29
2:00 pm
virtual - Zoom

Susannah Marren
Thursday, June 29
6:30 pm
in-person



Lucy Barker
Thursday, July 6
3:00 pm
virtual - Zoom

Katie Siegel
Tuesday, July 18
7:00 pm
virtual - Zoom



Please register at www.avonctlibrary.info for all programs. In-person programs will be held in our Community Room. Virtual programs will be available via Zoom, and a link will be sent to you beforehand.

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**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 2ND
2:00-4:00 PM**

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Kids + Teen Summer Craft Fair

Wednesday, July 26
4:00 - 6:00 pm

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

**The
Jester Jim
Show**

**Wednesday
June 28th
3:00 pm**

**Juggling
Beatboxing
& Comedy!**

For all ages

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BUBBLEMANTA

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 12TH
3:00 PM**

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SAVE THE
Date

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
October 13 - 15, 2023

Kids & Teen Book Sale: Oct. 21, 2023

History of Ireland

Join us for this three-part virtual series featuring **Ireland** and its rich history. Our presenter is **Sean Murphy**, a Dublin native now living on Cape Cod. He has a passion for his homeland, and teaches Irish history, music and dance.

The Great Hunger & Famine in Ireland, 1845-1852
Wednesday, July 12 @ 1:00 pm (via Zoom)

John F. Kennedy's Visit to Ireland, June 1963
Wednesday, July 26 @ 1:00 pm (via Zoom)

The 30-Year War, 1968-1998
Wednesday, August 9 @ 1:00 pm (via Zoom)

Please register @ www.avonctlibrary.info to receive the Zoom links for these programs.

TEEN SUMMER EVENTS

The Teen Room is the place to be this summer! Our summer reading program is now a **Teen Summer Library Challenge**, featuring seven weeks of cool challenges. We will also have our end of **Summer Prize Auction** where you can spend all of your loot! Finally, we have an awesome slate of programs scheduled, here's just a sample:




Wednesday, June 28: **Cupcake Wars**
Tuesday, July 18: **Tie Dye!**
Thursday, July 20: **Life Sized Candy Land**
Friday, July 28: **After Hours Laser Tag**

For more information on the Teen Summer Library Challenge, or to register for programs, please visit www.avonctlibrary.info today!

Courtyard Renovation

Avon Library's courtyard will be closed for the next several months for a renovation project. While we do not expect this work to impact normal library services, there may be some minor inconveniences during construction. Demolition work on the existing courtyard was completed by Town Public Works staff, and contractors have begun work on the new courtyard.

The project is estimated to be complete in August, and the renovated courtyard will feature many improvements including better lighting, a pergola, improved drainage, and additional plantings. All donor bricks, purchased in support of the 2012 library renovation and expansion, will be reused in the new courtyard design. We look forward to inviting library users to enjoy this beautiful new outdoor space in late summer!

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Glenn Grube, Library Director, at 860-672-9712, ext. 7207, or ggrube@avonctlibrary.info.

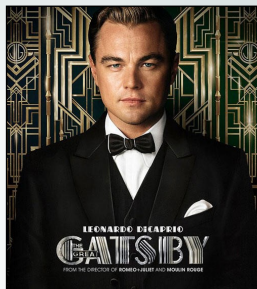


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From Page to Screen: *Is the film better than the book?*

Thursdays @ 7:00 pm (via Zoom)



Join us for a virtual **summer film discussion series!** View the films at home, then join us on Zoom for a discussion where we'll compare the book to the film adaptation. Our discussion leader is **Bob Kagan**, former Chair of the Communication Department at Manchester Community College.

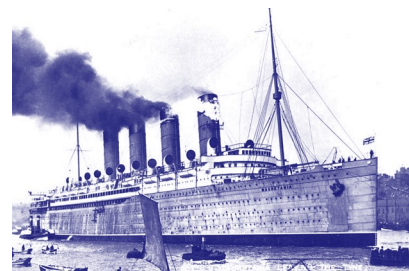
July 27 : Wild
August 3 : The Namesake
August 10 : The Great Gatsby

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

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Floating Palaces: the Classic Liners

Tuesday, August 22 @ 2:00 pm



This in-person program will review the origins of ocean travel, beginning in the 1840's through to today's passenger ships. Learn about the development of the classic liners such as the Lusitania, Mauretania, Titanic and the Cunard "Queens." We'll also cover the wartime service, during both WWI and WWII, of these great ships.

This in-person program is open to all, but registration is requested at www.avonctlibrary.info.