

# The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

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

January

## Expansion Update

Members of the Avon Library Renovation and Addition Project, as appointed by the Avon Town Council, are:

Diane Hornaday, Chair	J. Tad Kuziak
Scott Boos	Barbara Leonard
Diane Carney	Janet Stokesbury
David Goldsholl	

Blythe Robinson, staff  
Susan Gatcomb, clerk  
Virginia Vocelli, library director

The Request for Proposals for design services has been posted on the Town website. Tours for interested architectural firms were held the week of December 12. Proposals for the project were due at Avon Town Hall on Dec. 21; interviews for the finalists will be on Monday, January 14, at the Avon Free Public Library. A copy of the complete Library Building Program is available at the Library.

We are excited that the work of the Building Committee has commenced and the Library's Expansion Project is truly underway.

*Mary LaBelle Suter*  
President, Avon Library Board of Directors



Andrea Garbus came to the Avon Library with a corporate background and a love of books and films. With her savvy business sense and years of reading, she has offered a refreshingly personal touch to her interactions with members of the library community. Andrea's apt recommendations

have drawn library users to her desk for more than a decade. She has been an invaluable resource for friends, colleagues and patrons of the library. Ever the professional, Andrea has graced the Reference Desk with humor, intelligence, intuition and wisdom. So it is with both sadness and gratitude for all she has meant to us that we say good-bye and good luck to Andrea as she retires.

## President's Letter

Although the holidays are but a memory, don't settle in for a boring winter. Join the Friends of the Library for nine Sunday afternoon concerts this winter. There is a variety of music that should suit just about everybody, from jazz to classical. So peruse the schedule, mark your calendars for 3:00 and get ready to be entertained. Linger over refreshments after the concerts and get to know the musicians. Be sure to check out the variety of programs that are being offered this winter for both adults and children. No need to watch the snowflakes fall when you can come to the Library for such a variety of things to do.

— *Barbara Leonard*  
President, Friends of Avon Library

## PIZZA and FRIENDS

Hungry for some great pizza? Come to Flatbread Restaurant in the Shoppes at Farmington Valley in Canton on Tuesday, January 22. From 5-8pm, Flatbread will donate a portion of every pizza sold to the Friends of the Library. Whether you eat there or carry out, the Friends will benefit from you enjoying some great pizza.

## January is "Get Organized" month!

Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 pm

Bring your biggest clutter conundrums to this panel from the National Association of Professional Organizers, who will present tips, take questions, and help make 2008 your most organized year yet!

Topics include:

- Toy Organizing, presented by Christine Landino
  - What's Your Organizing Style?, presented by Linda Pulford
  - Organizing on a Budget, presented by Liz Talbot
  - Downsizing Your Belongings, presented by Micelle Spencer
- Please register by calling 673-9712. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Avon Senior Center.



# CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



## JANUARY

**Jan 2–19:** Storytime registration for February / March session.

**\*Tues Jan 8 & 15:** Chess Club resumes first two Tuesdays of each month.

**Tues Jan 8:** PJ Storytime with Mrs. St. Jean, 6:30 pm, ages 3-6, sign up required.

**Thu Jan 10:** Storytime with author Elizabeth Faragher and *Off To The Fair*. 4:15 – 4:45 pm. Ages 4 + sign up.

**\*Jan 12, 15, 16 & 17:** Sign up for storytime with Corduroy the Bear.

**Tues Jan 15:** BookMates Club with Mrs. D, grades 1 – 3 sign up for 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

**\*Thu Jan 17:** Teen Nutmeg final book discussion, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, sign-up required.

**\*Tues Jan 22:** Nutmeg book group at 4:30 pm, grades 4 – 6 sign up.

**Thu Jan 24:** Storytime with the Teen Advisory Board, ages 3+ from 4:00 – 4:40. Sign up please, and children should be able to sit WITHOUT adults.

**Fri Jan 25:** Janet Brown's music and sing-along, ages 2+ from 11:00 – 11:45 am.

**\*Sat Jan 26:** Friends sponsor Mike Valentine, Ventriloquist, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, for ages 4+, just drop in by 3:00 pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## FEBRUARY

**Fri Feb 1:** Guitar Hero for ages 12+, 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Drop in.

**\*Sat Feb. 2:** CT LOVES TO READ DAY: ages 3 and up drop in for a story at 2 pm followed by family drum rhythm circle at 2:15. Drum up your participation!

**Mon Feb 4 – Fri Mar 28:** Winter Storytime Session (sign up by Jan 19 required).

**\*Tues Feb 5 & 12:** Chess Club.

**Tues Feb 5:** PJ storytime with Mrs. St. Jean, 6:30 pm, ages 3 – 6, sign-up required.

**Tues Feb 12:** BookMates Club with Mrs. DeLuca, grades 1 – 3 sign up for 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

**Sat Feb 16:** Storytime with the Teen Advisory Board, 11:00 am, ages 3 – 6 sign up.

### February School Vacation Week:

No regular storytimes are held. Other activities:

**Tues Feb 19:** Celebrate National Cherry Pie Month with stories and activities and best of all – cherry pie!! Grades 1 – 3, 2:00 pm., sign-up is required.

**\*Wed Feb 20:** Angela's Interactive Drama Storytime, ages 4 – 7, 11:00 – Noon.

**Thu Feb 21:** Star book craft, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm., grades 3 and up, sign up required.

**Fri. Feb 22:** Lego Building contest, 3:00 – 3:45 pm., ages 6 – 10, sign up required.

**Sat Feb 23:** Gingerbread Man Storytime, ages 3 – 5 at 1:30 p.m., sign up required.

**\*Mon Feb 25:** Annual Nutmeg Trivia Game at 4:30 pm, grades 4 – 6, sign up required.

**Mon Feb 25 – March 5:** Return winter reading logs in exchange for tickets to March 8 party. Claim final prize and certificate anytime between these dates.

## MARCH

**\*Tues Mar 4 & 11:** Chess Club.

**Tues Mar 4:** PJ Storytime with Mrs. St. Jean, ages 3 – 6, sign up for 6:30 pm.

**Wed Mar 5:** Event celebrating Teen Technology Week, check in for details.

**\*Sat Mar 8:** Winter Reading Club party. Refreshments at 3 p.m., live amphibians show at 3:30 pm. YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ATTEND!!! Program ends at 4:15 p.m.

**Sat Mar 15:** Irish stories and crafts for grades 1 – 5, sign up for 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

**Tues Mar 18:** BookMates Club, grades 1 – 3, sign up for 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

**\*Tues Mar 25:** New year of the Nutmeg Book Group, grades 4 – 6, sign up for 4:30 pm.

**\*= programs sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Free Public Library**

## Literature at the Library

### Thursday, February 14

Professor Laurence Petit of Central Connecticut State University will lead a book discussion of Graham Swift's *Waterland*.

### Thursday, March 13

Professor Catherine Hoyser of Saint Joseph College will lead a book discussion of Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*. This program is part of the NEA and Hartford Public Library's Big Read program.

Both programs are at 7:00 pm. Call the reference desk for more information.



### Wednesday, February 6, 1:00 pm

Set in the WWII era, A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" is a poignant and humorous look at life and love told through the reading of letter. Join us as Richard Clarke, who has performed as Shakespeare and Mark Twain, returns. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library and the Avon Senior Center.

### Saturday, March 22, 2:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon in the garden! Maureen Haseley-Jones, "The English Lady," renowned landscape designer, lecture, writer, and radio gardening expert heard monthly on WRCH Lite 100.5 FM will be at the Avon Library!



## Bakers Needed!!



With the exciting Winter Music Series beginning in January, the Friends are looking for some of you who would be willing to donate baked goods that we can serve after the concerts; just a dozen cookies or brownies or whatever your favorite might be. When people linger after the concerts to meet the artists, refreshments are always a welcome addition. Please call Marie Peluso at 673-4427 and she will give you the details.

## Author Luncheon Fundraiser

The Friends are planning to invite an author for a fundraising luncheon this fall.

Anyone interested in working on the committee may attend the next meeting on Thursday, January 24 at 10:00 am or call Suzanne Hard at 675-5380.

### Save the Date!!

We have booked the Avon Golf Club on October 17, 2008 for this event.



Participants pointing to the winners of the DDR Tournament,

## TEEN CORNER

**December 14- March 19** Sign up for the TEEN WINTER READING CLUB! Get a reading log, write down anything you read, return it to a librarian before March 19th, and enter to win raffle prizes.

**January 15** 6:30-8:00 First Teen Book Club Night! We are very excited to start our High School Book Club with Tiffany Trent's book, *Hallowmere, In the Serpent's Coils*. To kick off our new book club, we are entering the Hallowmere movie trailer competition. Our Teen Book Club will be creating a 5 minute movie trailer to go along with the book. First place winning trailer wins a Nintendo Wii for their library! Sign up by emailing [alansing@avonctlibrary.info](mailto:alansing@avonctlibrary.info).

**January 25** 4:00-5:30- Teen Movie Night, Free Pizza! For High School Students

**January 29** 7:00-8:00- Teen Advisory Board Meeting (TAB), High School Students

**February 1** 3:30-5:00- Guitar Hero, Ages 12 and up.

**March 2 - March 8** Teen Technology Week!  
Stay tuned for techy programs during this week.

**March 20-** 6:30-8:00 Teen Night! Watch for more details.

**March 27** Teen Book Club! Estevan Vega's new book, *The Sacred Sin*.

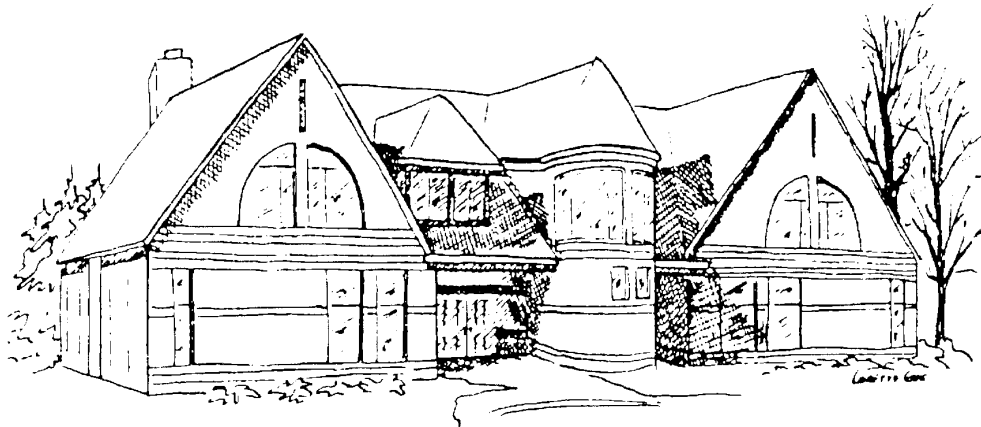
**March 28** Author Visit- Estevan Vega comes to the library to talk about his new book, *The Sacred Sin*. Registration required.

Need a good book to read, want to watch a good movie or hear some new music? Check out our "Teen's Top Ten" in the Young Adult section, new recommendation newsletter created and designed by our Teen Advisory Board.



## Music at the Library 2008

Watch for your Music Series postcard in the mail listing the wonderful performances starting January 13. All concerts are free and begin at 3:00 PM. The series is sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library.



## NEW FICTION BOOKS ON CD

*The Queen's Fool* – Philippa Gregory  
*Plain Truth* – Jodi Picoult  
*Exit Ghost* – Philip Roth  
*Dark of the Moon* – John Sandford  
*Protect and Defend* – Vince Flynn  
*Home to Holly Springs* – Jan Karon  
*Love Over Scotland* – Alexander McCall Smith  
*The Cement Garden* – Ian McEwan  
*Book of the Dead* – Patricia Cornwell  
*The Abstinence Teacher* – Tom Perrotta



## NEW NON-FICTION BOOKS ON CD

*Machiavelli* – Ross King

## NEW ADULT MUSIC

*Blue Train* – John Coltrane  
*Heroes & Thieves* – Vanessa Carlton  
*As I Am* – Alicia Keys  
*Homecoming* – Jim Brickman  
*Taking Chances* – Celine Dion  
*Frank* – Amy Winehouse  
*River: the Joni Letters* – Herbie Hancock  
*Lost and Found* – Ledisi  
*He Had a Hat* – Jeff Lorber  
*Downright Upright* – Brian Bromberg

## YOUNG ADULT MUSIC

*Sawdust* - Killers  
*Now 26*  
*Taylor Swift* - Taylor Swift  
*Songs about Girls* - Will.I.Am  
*Shade of Poison Trees* – Dashboard Confessional  
*Konvicted* - Akon

The Library now has over 5,000 DVDs, Audio Books and music CDs. These formats are increasingly popular and with heavy use, and occasional abuse, these items are often returned in need of cleaning or repair. The cost to clean or repair a disc is \$3.00 and the Library was spending a large amount of money to keep these items available to patrons. In response to this, the Friends of the Library spent \$1,000 to purchase a disc cleaning machine four years ago. Since then over 1,200 discs have been cleaned or repaired (about 25 a month) by the Friends, saving the Library over \$3,600. We consider this a wise investment. Dick Brigham, a Friend indeed, has been responsible for cleaning every one of those discs and we thank him for his time and effort.

This is only a sample of the new items we have at the Library. Any of these items can be put on hold from home at [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info), at the Library using the online catalog, or by calling us. We'll do it for you or walk you through the steps.