

# The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

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

June 2007

## President's Letter

A big thank you to all of you who helped make our 2007 Book Sale a success! **The Friends** raised \$17,100 for our Library. We want to thank you for your support of our organization.

With the proceeds from the Book Sale, we will continue to publish the newsletters, fund the summer intern position, museum pass program and the winter music series. Additionally, **the Friends** will sponsor the Nutmeg book discussion groups, children's summer stories and crafts, as well as the popular ice cream social.

When you are at the library, be sure to check out the popular Playaway books for both children and adults. These self-contained audio books will be a great addition to your summer vacation trips and **the Friends** have donated over \$1,300 to purchase more titles. Later this summer, plan to attend three Green Evenings at the Library, with talks on organic gardening, weather and alternative heating and cooling options, all made possible by your support of the Book Sale.

Three years ago, **the Friends** started a special fund for monies to be distributed after the new addition to the Library is completed. We were able to add an additional \$10,000 to that fund this year. We hope that this fund will continue to grow and provide some special enhancements to the proposed addition.

A special thank you to the volunteers who made the Book Sale happen. Under the very capable leadership of Martha Dixon, chairperson, over 50 volunteers contributed their time (and hard work) at the Sale. As always, the crew from Avon Public Works moved truckload after truckload of books into the Senior Center in a timely and efficient manner. Many, many hours are spent throughout the entire year: sorting, filing, lugging books. It's the volunteers who make the Sale, and we thank you.

*Barbara Leonard*  
President, Friends of Avon Library



**\$17,100!!  
ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS  
FOR 2007.**

**2008 ??????????**  
**Book Sorting Space Needed  
or 2008 Book Sale  
May Not Happen**

**The Friends of the Library** still are looking for about 1,000+ square feet of space to sort and store the book donations that are the basis for our annual Book Sale. Our former sorting space is no longer available as of May 1st. Sorting space is crucial to the 2008 Book Sale; there virtually is no space at the Library to sort and store the over 1,000 boxes of books that are collected for the Sale. **The Friends** need an off-site sorting space if there is to be a Sale next year. Any leads on available space would be greatly appreciated. Just give Barbara Leonard a call at 673-3327. Thank you!

## Expansion Update

With the passage of the Town Budget for 2007-2008, which includes initial planning costs for the library's expansion project, the next step is the appointment of the Library Building Committee by the Town Council. The Board of Directors and the library staff are currently revising the strategic plan and the library building specifications, which detail our priorities for the expanded library. Our long range plans also include a forecast of what the larger library will need in terms of programs, policies, equipment, materials and staff support. We are very pleased that the library expansion project is finally launched and we look forward to the support and involvement of many Avon residents and library patrons.

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

## Travel Program

John Guy LaPlante returns for another travel adventure!



On August 29, at 1:00 p.m., John will discuss his 83-day adventure through Asia, including Shanghai, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok, Vietnam, and more! Includes slides and a discussion; join us as this crowd favorite from National Library week returns.



## Green Thursday Programs

Join us for a series of environmentally-friendly programs this summer.

### JUNE

#### **Organic Gardening, Thursday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.**

Farmer Mark Palladino of Bristol's Farm in Canton will present an organic farming program, focusing on the farm's transition to Organic Certification in 2006. In addition to discussing farming methods, he will explain the farm's educational programs for both students and the public.

### JULY

#### **How the Weather Works, Thursday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.**

Art Horn, Emmy-nominated meteorologist, will present the ins and outs of weather. Appropriate for families with children in grades 3 and up.

### AUGUST

#### **Energy Independence, Thursday, August 2, 7:00 p.m.**

Christine Woodside, author of *Homeowner's Guide to Energy Independence: Alternative Power Sources for the Average American*, will speak on how to lessen the use of fossil fuels, including an overview of the world situation and how it affects us.

## Get A Clue!!



Saturday, June 16: Join us for our 20th annual children's Summer Reading Club, "GET A CLUE," with a kick-off celebration that lasts from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.!! This program is sponsored by the Farmington Savings Bank, our long-time partner in summer literacy efforts for 14 years. Pick up your summer reading logs, reading guidelines and have some refreshments. This year's theme coincides with both a statewide and national theme, and encourages curiosity in children by highlighting events that focus on the mysteries of nature, everyday experiences and the unknown. **How to Join:** read as much as you can, write down your titles and drop in as often as possible for chances at weekly and final prizes! All ages are welcome. A club with the same theme is available for pre-teens.

Opening Day refreshments provided by *The Friends of the Library*. Our other sponsors for coupons this year are J Foster's Ice Cream (Rte. 44), Bertucci's (Rte. 44) and Applebee's (West Hartford, Torrington). For these coupons, read 6 – 10 books, have our staff initial your log, and get free kid's cones or meals.

## Notary Service Discontinued

In accordance with Town policy, the Library will no longer offer notary service as of July 1. With the discontinuance of the service by the Office of the Town Clerk, the Avon Library Board of Directors determined that the Library should be consistent with that policy. A list of area notaries will be compiled and made available to Avon residents.

## Thank You Bakers!

Many thanks to all who provided baked goodies for the Winter Music Series. The addition of refreshments always makes the programs more welcoming, allowing the audience to mingle with the performers. Thank you, bakers.

## Farmington Valley One Book April 24, 2007

On a beautiful spring evening Mary-Ann Tirone Smith, author of the memoir *Girls of Tender Age*, spoke before a rapt audience of 275 readers at the Avon Senior Center. The program was part of the Farmington Valley One Book program, sponsored by a grant from the Lloyd David and Carlye Cannon Wattis Foundation. After reading parts of her book and offering candid and funny commentary, Smith followed up with a poignant question and answer exchange with the audience. Many waited in line for a chance to talk with Smith and get a copy of her book signed.



**Happiness is a good book.  
Find happiness @ the library!  
*Books! Prizes! Refreshments!***

**Come join the fun at the kick-off  
of Avon Public Library's  
5th Annual  
Adult Summer Reading 2007  
Friday June 8.**

**Stop by the library for some reading suggestions.  
Enter to win a weekly prize.  
All adult readers are eligible.**

**Fall 2007  
Join us this fall for a  
Connecticut Humanities  
Council program.**



**Soldiers and Writers:  
The Vietnam War from the Front Line**

Mark Schenker, of Yale University, will lead the four-part discussion.

**September 20, 2007**

*A Rumor of War* by Philip Caputo

**October 25, 2007**

*Dispatches* by Michael Herr

**November 15, 2007**

*We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young*  
by Harold Moore and Joseph Galloway

**December 6, 2007**

*The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

This series revisits the Vietnam War as an event chronicled by combatants and journalists. The books range from memoir to oral history to impressionistic fiction and contribute to the long and rich tradition of war literature as written by those who were there.

The book discussions begin at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the books are available at the Avon Public Library. For more information call 673-9712 or visit our website at [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info)

**Summer is the  
perfect time to  
visit a museum!**



Save money on admission by using the Museum Passes available at the Avon Library. Avon Library cardholders may check out the passes. Only one pass per family may be checked out at a time. Passes are for admission only with no discounts or special privileges included. Some passes are not valid during Museum special events and some passes are valid only on a specific day, such as Saturday or Sunday. Passes may be reserved up to a month in advance. Passes are checked out for a 3-day period and must be returned to the Avon Free Public Library circulation desk. Passes carry an overdue fee of \$10 per day.

#### **NEW MUSEUM PASS**

*The Friends* recently purchased a pass to the Imagine Nation Children's Museum in Bristol. The pass admits 4 people to this hands-on, interactive children's museum best suited for children ages 2-10.

#### **MUSEUM PASS RESERVATIONS ARE NOW ONLINE!**

To reserve a pass:

- Log on to [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info)
- Click on "Services" (top tab)
- Click on "Museum Passes" (left side)
- Select a Museum and date, enter your information, hit "submit" and a screen will pop up for you to REVIEW what you entered. Review the information, scroll to bottom of screen and select "submit" again.
- The next pop-up is PASS RESERVATION –PRINT IT and bring your reservation to the library when you come in to borrow the pass.
- Please note that you will only be able to reserve one Museum Pass per family at a time.

## **Tax Season 2007**

The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program had the best appointment season ever at Avon Library, and we officially became an e-file site! Three volunteers assisted taxpayers from February 3 to April 14 for a total of 146 appointments, 60 electronically-filed returns, and 53 paper returns. Last year 116 returns were processed. Wednesday appointments were added to the schedule this year because the Senior Center did not offer AARP tax service as they had done in the past.

## **Email Alerts**



Did you know that you can receive all the latest news about what's happening at the Library? Just log on to the library's website: [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info) and click on "Sign Up for Email Alerts." After the screen changes, select "Public Library Notices," enter your email, and click on "Submit my request."

Once you have subscribed, you'll receive *Friends* program and event details, expansion information, Children's Story Hour updates, special announcements and alerts for the newest Bestsellers, DVD's and Music.



## SUMMER AT THE AVON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (673-9712)

***“Get A Clue” Summer Reading Club opens Saturday, June 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

### **Book Discussion Groups (REGISTRATION REQUIRED, all books available in Children’s Room):**

June 21 (Thu):	Mother-Daughter:	Book Choice to be determined. From 7:00 – 8:00 pm.
June 26 (Tue):	Nutmeg :	<i>“Escaping The Giant Wave,”</i> grades 4 – 6, from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.
June 28 (Thu):	Teen Nutmeg:	<i>“Locomotion,”</i> grades 7 & 8, with dessert from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.
July 16 (Mon):	Book & Movie:	<i>“Charlotte’s Web,”</i> grades 2 – 6, book talk then movie, 2:00 – 4:30 pm.
July 17 (Tue):	BookMates:	Book choice to be determined, grades 1 – 3, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.
July 24 (Tue):	Nutmeg:	<i>“Hatching Magic,”</i> grades 4 – 6, from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.
Aug 6 (Mon):	Book & Movie:	<i>“How To Eat Fried Worms,”</i> grades 2 – 6, talk then movie, 2:00 – 4:30 pm.
Aug 14 (Tue):	BookMates:	Book Choice to be determined, grades 1-3, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.
Aug 23 (Thu):	Teen Nutmeg:	<i>“Sea of Trolls,”</i> grades 7 & 8, with snack from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.
Aug 28 (Tue):	Nutmeg:	<i>“A Bear Named Trouble,”</i> grades 4 – 6, from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

### **Chess Club (DROP-IN)**

- June 21 (Thu): Student Zack Mans, advisor. Ages 8 and up, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, adults stay in building.  
July 25 (Wed): Student Zack Mans, advisor. Ages 8 and up, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, adults stay in building.  
Aug 20 (Mon): Student Zack Mans, advisor. Ages 8 and up, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, adults stay in building.

### **Storytimes, Pre-School ( DROP-IN, adults required to sit with 2’s)**

- June 28 (Thu): Clue Into Music With Janet Brown, ages 2 1/2 – 6 with sitting adult, 11:00 – 11:45 am.  
July 6 (Fri): Mrs. McNulty’s TuttiFruitti 2’s: with a sitting adult, 11:00 – 11:45 am.  
July 10 (Tue): Mrs. McNulty’s JumbledAyeYah 3 – 5’s : 11:00 – 11:45 am.  
July 20 (Fri): Mrs. McNulty’s JumbledAyeYah 3 – 5’s : 11:00 – 11:45 am.  
July 23 (Mon): Clue Into Music with Janet Brown, ages 2 1/2 – 6 with sitting adult, 11:00 – 11: 45 am.  
Aug 10 (Fri): Mrs. McNulty’s JumbledAyeYah 3 – 5’s : 11:00 – 11: 45 am.  
Aug 17 (Fri): Mrs. McNulty’s JumbledAyeYah 3 – 5’s : 11:00 – 11:45 am.  
Aug 24 (Fri): Mrs. McNulty’s TuttiFruitti 2’s: with sitting adult, 11:00 – 11:45 am.  
Aug 30 (Thu): Clue Into Music With Janet Brown, ages 2 1/2 - 6 with sitting adult, 11:00 – 11:45 am.

### **Storytimes, Special (REGISTRATION REQUIRED, kids sit alone except for Two’s and PJ)**

- June 26 (Tue): Pajama Storytime with the PJ Princess, Mrs. St. Jean, ages 3 and up, 6:30 – 7:15 pm.  
June 29 (Fri): Pigeon Storytime with Mrs. Coo-Coooooo Shillington, ages 4 – 6, from 11:00 – 11:45 am.  
July 9 (Mon): “Clue Me Into Nature” Storytime for grades 2 – 4, with collage craft, 2:00 – 3:15 pm.  
July 11 (Wed): Guess What? Guess Who? Storytime with ??? Randolph, ages 4 – 6, 1:30 – 2:30 pm.  
July 13 (Fri): Mrs. DeLuca’s Time For Two’s with a sitting adult, 11:00 – 11:45 am.  
July 19 (Thu): Luau Storytime with Hula Hooper Miss Amber, ages 5 – 7, 1:30 – 2:30 pm.  
July 24 (Tue): Mrs. DeLuca’s Time For Two’s : with sitting adult, 11:00 – 11:45 am.  
July 26 (Thu): Top Secret Storytime with Private EyeSpy Miss Amber, ages 4 – 6, 11:00 – 11:45 am.  
Aug 3 (Fri): Mrs. DeLuca’s Time For Two’s: with sitting adult, 11:00 – 11: 45 am.  
Aug 7 (Tue): Codes & Ciphers Storytime with Enigma Randolph, grades 1 – 3, 1:30 – 2:30 pm.  
Aug 29 (Wed): Back To School Storytime with Mistress Randolph, grades K – 3, 1:30 – 2:30 pm.



## **SUMMER AT THE AVON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (673-9712)**

***“Get A Clue” Summer Reading Club opens Saturday, June 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

### **SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FAMILIES: DROP-IN**

- June 25 (Mon): Mystery Day! Follow the trail to crafts & activities from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, with a supervising adult. Ages 2 +. Great way to follow the theme of our summer reading club!
- July 12 (Thu): Marshmallow Masquers Live Mystery Theatre, “Someone’s In The Kitchen With Poochie,” ages 5 and up, showtime 7:30 SHARP. 45 minute show, then kids help the actors solve!
- July 18 (Wed): Annual Ice Cream Social, 1:30 – 2:15 pm, gift of the Friends, visit with Miss Frizzle!
- July 19 (Thu): Harry Potter Trivia Finals at Farmington Library, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Go support our team!!
- July 26 (Thu): Dan Coyle’s Live Impersonation of Sherlock Holmes, ages 5 and up, 7:30 – 8:15 pm.
- Aug 9 (Thu): Dan Bowen’s Magic Show, ages 3 and up with an adult, 7:30 sharp – 8:15 pm.
- Aug 22 (Wed): Summer reading club party featuring SPARKY’S PUPPETS “Book Detective” show. Return reading logs and collect prizes 1 – 2 pm; puppet show 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Annual mystery box raffle winners announced at 3:00 pm! Our special “thanks” to the Farmington Savings Bank.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN: REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

June

25, 26 & 28: Watercolor Paint Dates.  
Explore a mystery of nature using professional tubes and brushes.

June 25 (Mon): ages 9 and up from 3:30 – 4:30. Space limited.

June 26 (Tue): ages 6 – 8 from 11:00 – Noon. Space limited.

June 28 (Thu): mixed ages 6 and up from 3:30 – 4:30. Space limited.

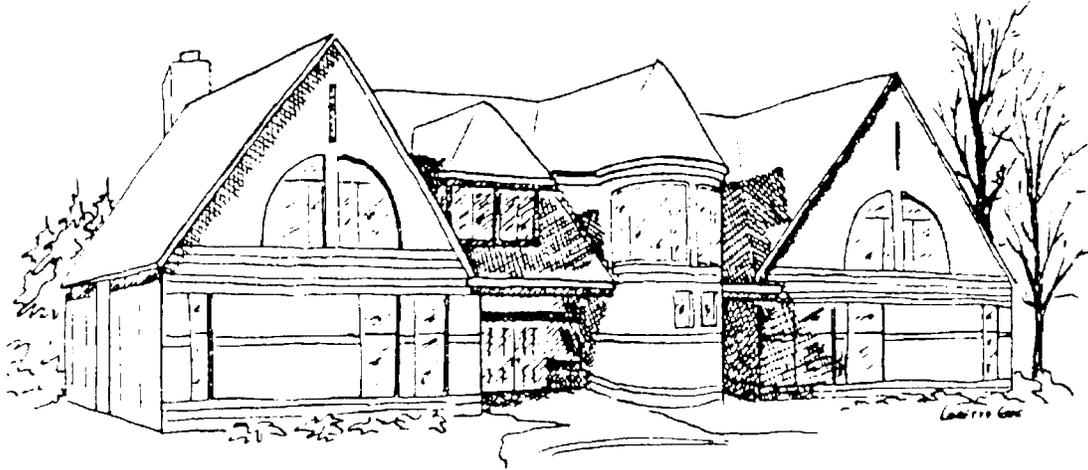
Aug 9 (Thu): Mystery Theatre with Phantom Amber, grades 3 – 5, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm, if you dare.

Aug 13 (Mon): Library “Clued In Scavenger Hunt” with Sleuth Amber, grades 2 – 5, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

Aug 15 (Wed): Annual Tag Sale and Craft Fair FOR CHARITY.

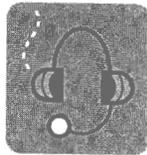
All ages, from 9:00 – 3:00. If you sign up to sell this year, 100% of your profits will be turned over to your librarians to forward to a joint statewide effort to provide books to libraries devastated by Hurricane Katrina and the Greensburg, Kansas tornado. The craft fair and tag sale will otherwise operate in the same way it has in other years. Sign-up is required. Lots of buyers needed to help the effort!

**Check with our staff at 673-9712 or  
visit [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info) for the most current info on all programs.**



## NEW FICTION BOOKS ON CD

*Good Husband of Zebra Drive* – Alexander McCall Smith  
*Obsession* – Jonathan Kellerman  
*Body Surfing* – Anita Shreve  
*Invisible Prey* – John Sandford  
*6th Target* – James Patterson  
*Simple Genius* – David Baldacci  
*Fresh Disasters* – Stuart Woods  
*Woods* – Harlan Coben  
*Double Bind* – Christopher Bohjalian  
*Nineteen Minutes* – Jodi Picoult



## NEW NON-FICTION BOOKS ON CD

*Einstein* – Walter Isaacson  
*Silent Spring* – Rachel Carson  
*Aenid* – Virgil  
*The Secret* – Rhonda Byrne  
*You on a Diet* – Michael Roizen

## NEW ADULT MUSIC CDs

*West* – Lucinda Williams  
*Oh, My Nola* – Harry Connick Jr.  
*Back to Black* – Amy Winehouse  
*In My Songs* – Gerald Levert  
*A Hundred Miles or More* – Alison Krauss  
*Let it Go* – Tim McGraw  
*Waking up Laughing* – Martina McBride

## NEW YOUNG ADULT MUSIC CDs

*Best Damn Thing* – Avril Lavigne  
*Now 24*  
*Year Zero* – Nine Inch Nails  
*Good Morning Revival* – Good Charlotte  
*Grammy Nominees 2007*  
*Introducing Joss Stone* – Joss Stone  
*Traffic and Weather* – Fountains of Wayne

This is a sample of the new items we have at the Library. Any of them 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 at 673-9712. We'll do it for you or walk you through the steps.