

# The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

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

April 2008

## Expansion Update

Following the appointment of the Library Building Committee in November 2007, they began the process of selecting the architectural firm to design the first phase of the expansion and renovation of the library. The committee reviewed the proposals of 21 architectural firms and selected five finalists to present more detailed proposals to the committee. In February, the Building Committee, chaired by former Town Council member Diane Hornaday, recommended Tuthill and Wells, an architectural firm based in Avon. This firm has extensive experience in building, expanding and renovating public libraries. Members of the library staff and the Board of Directors have personally visited many of the libraries Tuthill and Wells have completed in recent years. We are very pleased with this recommendation, which has been endorsed by the Town Council. Tuthill and Wells have begun their preliminary design work and are meeting regularly with the Library Building Committee and library staff.

*Mary LaBelle Suter*

*President, Avon Library Board of Directors*

## President's Letter

It's been a long winter but spring is just around the corner and **the Friends of the Avon Library** are getting ready for their annual BOOK SALE. Mark your calendars for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 2 through 4. Another benefit of being a **Friend** is receiving a postcard in late April that will admit you to the Friday Preview Night free of charge. Please note that we have extended the Friday Preview hours and will open our doors at 6:00 pm to allow more time to peruse all the items. This year's inventory is quite varied so we are betting there is something for everyone.

### BOOK SALE HOURS

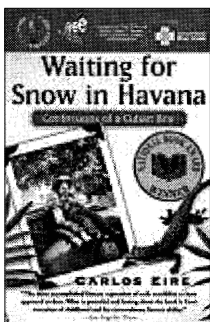
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 2:</b>	<b>Preview Night: 6:00 - 9:00 pm</b> <b>\$5.00 entrance fee</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 3:</b>	<b>Book Sale: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 4:</b>	<b>Bag Sale: Noon - 2:30 pm</b>

**The Friends** accept book donations all year long. We cannot accept reference or text books, torn books, Reader's Digest condensed books or puzzles. We will continue to collect for this year's Sale through April 15. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Sale and are sure you will come away with some great bargains and wonderful finds.

— *Barbara Leonard*

*President, Friends of Avon Library*

## The Farmington Valley One Book is Booked!



Carlos Eire, the author of *Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy* and Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale University will visit the Farmington

Valley on Tuesday, October 7, 2008. Each participating library, Avon, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, Farmington, Granby and Simsbury, has multiple copies of the book to borrow and will host a separate discussion. Local book groups are encouraged to include this title in their readings, if they haven't already. As events are planned they will be posted on our library website. For more information call the library at 673-9712.



*Book return from inside the library.*

*Who says people aren't reading?*

# CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

## APRIL

**April 1 – 19:** Storytime registration for the May-June session (6 weeks).

**April 1 & 8:** Chess Club for those with signed contracts. Community Room, 3:30 -5:00.

**Tue. Apr. 1:** PJ storytime with Mrs. St. Jean, 6:30 pm, for ages 3 – 6, please sign up.

**Tue. Apr. 8:** BookMates book club with Mrs. DeLuca, Grades 1 – 3, sign-up required, 4:00 -5:00 pm.

**Wed. Apr. 9:** Face painting (Jasmine or Snow White), 10:30 – Noon, with Jessica Niek. Sign-up required, space limited. Ages 4 – 6 only, please.

**Sat. Apr. 12:** Marrionette Show: see National Library Week events.

**Tue. April 15:** Grades 4 – 6 : abstract painting from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Sign up, space limited. Mixed media.

**Thu. Apr. 17:** Ages 3 – 6 sign up PJ storytime, 6:30 pm, presented by the Teen Advisory Board. Kids please wear your pajamas. 45 minutes. Sign up required.

### **School Vacation Week:**

**Wed. Apr. 23:** Bryan Flint's Magic show for ages 3 – 8 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm, just drop in. Adults must sit with kids.

**Thu. Apr. 24:** "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" Party (author : Rick Riordan): grades 3 – 6 come and celebrate the May publication of the 4th, "*Battle of the Labyrinth.*" Sign up required. 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

**Fri. Apr. 25:** Make Your Own Magic Show for ages 8 and up at 2:00 pm. Parents return at 3:00 pm for the magic show done by your kids. Sign up required. Space limited.

**Sat. Apr. 26:** Teddy Bear storytime & craft for ages 3 – 6 (bring your teddy) at 1:30 pm, sign up required.

**Tue, Apr. 29:** Mrs. Randolph's Nutmeg group , "*Gossamer,*" Gr. 4 – 6, sign up for 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

## MAY

**Thu. May 1:** Mrs. McNulty's 7th/8th grade Nutmeg discussion, "*The Schwa Was Here,*" sign up at: [kmcnulty@avonctlibrary.info](mailto:kmcnulty@avonctlibrary.info). Registration is by e-mail only. 3:30 – 4:25 pm.

**May 6 & 13:** Chess Club for those with signed contracts. Community Room. 3:30 – 5:00.

**Tue. May 6:** PJ storytime with Mrs. St. Jean, 6:30 pm, for ages 3 – 6, please sign up.

**Thu. May 8:** Mother-Daughter book discussion, 6:30 pm, Gr. 4 – 6, space very limited, sign up please.

**Sat. May 10:** Mother's Day storytime & craft for grades K – 3, 1:30 pm, sign up required.

**Sat. May 17:** Froggy visits AFTER being at storytimes all week. This will be the SAME program as during the week. 11:00 am for ages 3 and up, sign-up is required.

**Tue. May 20:** BookMates Book Club with Mrs. DeLuca, grades 1 – 3, sign up required, 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

**Tue. May 27:** Nutmeg Book Discussion, Grades 4 – 6, sign up for "*EAGER.*" 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

## JUNE

**Tue. June 3:** Final day of Chess Club. Chess and refreshments 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

**Tue. June 3:** PJ storytime with Mrs. St. Jean, 6:30 pm, for ages 3 – 6, please sign up.

**Sat. June 14:** Opening of the Summer Reading Club, "BUGS!" Stop in to get your logs and prizes!! Pick up a schedule of our summer activities that begin as school ends!! Or pick up your materials anytime after the 14th.

## New Children's Online service: BookFLIX

The Children's Room has a new online database called "BookFLIX." It is an interactive book & video program for young children that reads the story aloud while the child sees it on the screen. You can access it in the library, or remotely with an Avon Library barcode. BookFLIX, try it out!

## TEEN CORNER



Congratulations to our library teen group for winning the national "Hallowmere Movie Trailer" Contest!!!

*Pictured: Melissa, Gigi, Kristi, & Priyanka;  
not shown: Kristen and Emily*

**April 4 – "Wii Like to Play Video Games!"**  
Grades 7 and up, 3:00-5:00

**April 22 – Teen Alternative Fashion Show Planning Meeting,** Grades 7-12, 6:30-8:00. Create outfits and accessories made of all recycled materials. We will display these items at the earth fest on Sunday May 18. For more information email [alansing@avonctlibrary.info](mailto:alansing@avonctlibrary.info).

**May 9 – Teen Crafts,** Grades 7 and up, 3:00-5:00

**May 13 – TAB Meeting,** High School Students, 6:30-8:00

**May 23 – High School Book Discussion.** Book to be announced, grades 9-12, 5:30-6:30 serving pizza and great discussions!

**STARTING APRIL 4 – TEEN FRIDAY -** No need to register, just stop by for gaming, crafts and movies!

# Piano Concert at the Library



**Thursday, May 15, 7:00 pm** • Pianist Joshua Sawicki will be giving a solo piano recital at the Avon Library in Avon, CT, on Thursday night, May 15th at 7:00 pm. He will be playing selections from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic, and Modern repertoire. A resident of Farmington, Josh is a student at Boston University.



## Programs & Events for National Library Week

**Saturday, April 12, 2008** • Marionette Show, 3:00 pm  
Kick off National Library Week!

Rosalita's Puppets will present a marionette show, Rumbletoadstool for ages 4+. Parents must stay with children. Show is for a family audience. Drop in.

**Sunday, April 13, 2008** • Music Program, 3:00 pm

The Dave Palla Ensemble. This quartet will play a mixture of jazz standards in the "west coast swing" style. Guitar & vocals, piano, bass & congas. This music series is sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library. All concerts are free. A reception for the artists will follow each performance. Drop in.

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008** • Daytime Program, 2:00 pm  
Travel to England!

Join us as an Elderhostel Ambassador presents a colorful slide show and travel tips for exploring Great Britain. Co-sponsored by The Friends of the Avon Library and the Avon Senior Center. Please register.

**Tuesday April 15, 2008** • Evening Cooking Program, 7:00 pm  
Nourishing a Vibrant Life – Presented by Terry Walters, local author of Clean Food cookbook. Heart friendly food and discussion featuring whole foods and organic produce. Co-Sponsored by the Avon Lions Club and Friends of the Avon Library. Please register.

**Saturday, April 19, 2008** • Queen Elizabeth visits! 1:00 pm  
Join us as Patricia Carr "walks among the people" as Queen Elizabeth I. In this dramatic presentation, the Queen will entertain us with anecdotes, amusing tales, and facts from her royal life as her "dressers" assist her with her multiple layers of clothing and jewelry. After dressing in her hand sewn costume, the Queen will show slides of Elizabethan England, including the homes, gardens, and lifestyle habits of the era. Please register! For ages 9+.

**Thursday, April 24, 2008** • Austen Book Discussion, 7:00 pm  
Professor Barbara Benedict of Trinity College returns to lead a book discussion of Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk. All are welcome.



John Winchester gets assistance with his new laptop from student volunteer Sirui Sun.

## Do you know about InfoAnytime?



InfoAnytime is a real-time, web-based reference service that will connect you with a librarian who will help you find answers to your questions.

To find this 24/7 service, scroll to the bottom of the library's home page and click on the graphic. Choose "Avon Free Public Library" from the list of libraries, enter your name and question and click on "Connect." You will be linked to someone who can help you.

You will need your Avon Library card. Give it a try.



## New Materials for ESL (English as a Second Language)

*Basic American Grammar and Usage:*

*An ESL/EFL Handbook* by Marcel Danisi

*English Vocabulary for Beginning ESL Learners*  
by Jean Yates

*Teaching English As a Foreign or Second Language*  
by Jerry Greer Gebhard

*Fluent English* by Barbara Raifsnider (CDs and Book)

*ESL: English as a Second Language* (DVD)

## Foreign Language Playaways have arrived!



Thanks to a gift from **the Friends** the Library now has foreign language lessons in the popular Playaway format, a pre-loaded digital audio book. We purchased six languages: Spanish, German, Chinese, Japanese, French and Italian. If you are planning a trip and want to practice your language skills try a Pimsleur playaway.

**Other new Playaways at the library include:**

*Protect and Defend* – Vince Flynn

*Exit Ghost* – Philip Roth

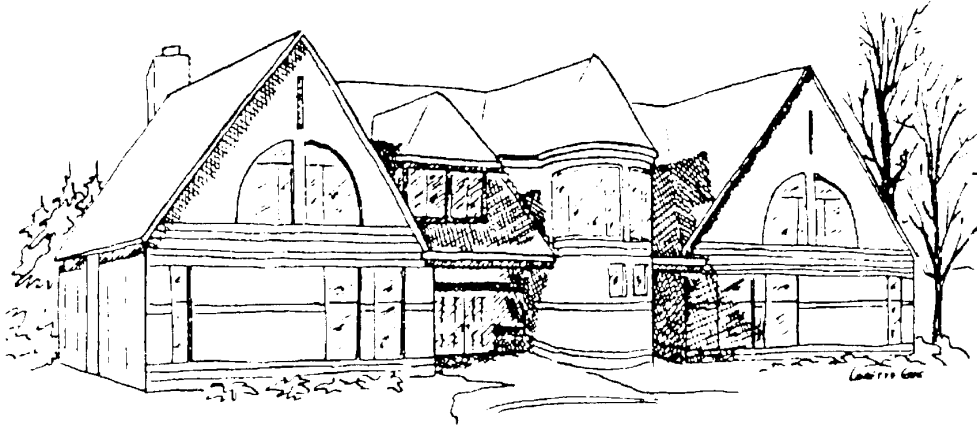
*North River* – Pete Hamill

*Dexter in the Dark* – Jeffrey Lindsay

*Away* – Amy Bloom

*Boom : Voices of the Sixties* – Tom Brokaw

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### NEW FICTION BOOKS ON CD

*Lady Killer* – Lisa Scottoline  
*Duma Key* – Stephen King  
*Shooters* – W.E.B. Griffin  
*Tree of Smoke* – Denis Johnson  
*Senator's Wife* – Sue Miller  
*Strangers in Death* – J.D. Robb  
*Eat, Pray, Love* – Elizabeth Gilbert  
*In Defense of Food* – Michael Pollan



### New DVDs ....gift from *the Friends*

Through a gift from *the Friends*, we are able to add thirteen new opera and ballet DVDs to our collection. The operas are: *La Traviata*, *Tosca*, *Aida*, *La Boheme*, *Don Giovanni*, *Madame Butterfly* and *Daughter of the Regiment*. The ballets are: *Coppelia*, *The Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake*, *Giselle*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Sleeping Beauty*. Look for them the next time you are in the library.

The library has other non-movie dvds: travel, yoga, jazz, history and cooking, to name a few. While you are waiting for that hot new movie why not try watching one of these? They are located right up in the front of the library.

### NEW ADULT MUSIC

*Good Time* – Alan Jackson  
*New Amerykah* – Erykah Badu  
*This is Somewhere* – Grace Potter  
*Day Trip* – Pat Metheny  
*Just a Little Lovin* – Shelby Lynne  
*Pilgrimage* – Michael Brecker  
*Rhythm & Romance* – Kenny G  
*Tim's House* – Kate Walsh  
*Girls and Boys* – Ingrid Michaelson  
*Juno* soundtrack  
*Once* soundtrack  
*P.S. I Love You* soundtrack  
*Sleep Through the Static* – Jack Johnson  
*Detours* – Sheryl Crow  
*Made of Bricks* – Kate Nash

### YOUNG ADULT MUSIC

*Now 27*  
*Little Voice* – Sara Bareilles  
*In Rainbows* – Radiohead  
*Them vs You vs Me* – Finger Eleven  
*Audio Day Dream* – Blake Lewis  
*Blackout* – Britney Spears  
*Brave* – Jennifer Lopez  
*Jordin Sparks* – Jordin Sparks  
*Jonas Brothers* – Jonas Brothers  
*Exclusive* – Chris Brown

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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.