

The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

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

November 2008

Expansion Update

The worldwide financial crisis has affected all of us in many ways. You have probably seen the recent media coverage of the challenges that Avon and other municipalities are facing as a result. One action being contemplated is a temporary postponement of the library expansion project. This possibility was discussed at the October Town Council meeting and will be discussed again and decided upon in November. We will keep you informed as decisions relating to the library expansion are made. The library staff is working hard to continue to provide a wide range of library services and relevant, interesting programs, in spite of overcrowding. The town remains committed to expanding the library as soon as it is feasible. We appreciate all the support and enthusiasm town residents have demonstrated for our future library.

— *Mary LaBelle Suter*

President, Avon Library Board of Directors

President's Letter

Although it may seem a bit early to think about the holidays, the Friends of the Library are already planning for the annual Holiday Boutique. This event was a huge success last year, with many people finding items even for those "hard to shop for" folks. If you are searching for a unique but affordable gift, you might want to stop in and browse through some of the remarkable items we have collected. Looking for a beautifully illustrated garden or cookbook? We have it. Great children's books? Yes, we have a large selection, all in wonderful condition. For that hard to please bibliophile, how about an item from our first edition or rare book collection? Our Boutique is right before Thanksgiving so you can get some of those presents out of the way and checked off your list. And because the event is only two days this year, don't forget to mark your calendars now. Bring a friend and stop in to the Friends' Holiday Boutique and browse as long as you wish for that perfect gift. We look forward to seeing you there.

— *Barbara Leonard*

President, Friends of Avon Library



Waiting for Snow in Havana fans line up to have their copies signed by Carlos Eire.



Shopping Alert! Dates for the Holiday Boutique:

Friday	November 21	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	November 22	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Festive Chocolate for the Holidays



Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 pm. Presented by Maria Brandiff, long time chef and Assistant Director of the Chesire Library. Space limited. Please register by calling the library at 673-9712.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

(Program registration is required unless noted "drop in.")

DECEMBER

Chess Club will not meet in December, but resumes
**Jan. 6 and 13. Call 673-9712 for details.

Tue. Dec. 2: Pajama Storytime with Mrs. St. Jean, 6:30 pm, ages 3 – 5 please sign up.

Tue. Dec. 9: BookMates discussion group with Mrs. DeLuca, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, sign up and get the book.

****Wed. Dec. 17:** Teen Nutmeg book group, 7th & 8th grades, get the book ahead: contact kmcnulty@avonctlibrary.info for all the info you need. 3:30-4:30 pm.

****Sat. Dec. 20:** Winter Solstice Tea Party, girls 3rd – 5th grades, 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Sign up and notify us of allergies. Tea, desserts, poetry and live music in that order! Wear WHITE!

Mon. Dec. 22: Opening of the kid's WINTER READING CLUB. Sign up for a chance at prizes & party.

Mon. Dec. 29: The Sam Pasco Band! Families with all ages drop in, 2:30 – 3:30 pm.

JANUARY

Mon. Jan. 5: Registration begins for the February/March storytime session. Ends Jan. 22.

Tue. Jan. 6: Pajama Storytime with Mrs. St. Jean, 6:30 pm, ages 3 – 5 please sign up.

****Sat. Jan. 10:** Mad Science returns to perform "Wind and Bubbles," at 3:00 pm. Find out why air is so amazing! Swim without getting wet? Vortex? Shower of bubbles? Ages 3 and up drop in, bring a cushion or small blanket to sit on. Adult must be present.

Week of Jan. 12: Lars The Polar Bear visits. Call to register ages 2-6 for certain dates. Grades 1-2 sign up for Fri. Jan 16 (no school).

****Fri. Jan. 16:** (No school day): Miss Amber's Annual Princess Party for ages 3 –5 at 1:00 pm, sign up!

Tue. Jan. 20: BookMates discussion group with Mrs. DeLuca, 4 – 5 pm, sign up and get the book.

Sat. Jan. 24: Gingerbread Storytime for ages 3 – 5 with craft, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, sign up is required.

Mon. Jan. 26: B.Y.O.S! Bring Your Own Snack. Grades 1 – 3 have stories & a craft from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Sign up is required.

****Tue. Jan. 27:** Nutmeg Book Group for grades 4 – 6 with Mrs. Randolph; 4:30 – 5:30 pm. Read "Shakespeare's Secret," and please sign up.

Sat. Jan. 31: BOOK BINGO for grades 1 – 3. Starts at 2:00 pm. Sign up required.

FEBRUARY

February programs and school vacation week:
call for our schedule. Some will require registration.

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

FEBRUARY *continued*

Save Feb. 28! Purple Rock Productions presents its puppets and marionettes performing the classic "Spinning Straw Into Gold," with a twist. Ages 4 and up must sit with an adult, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, no registration. Discover your inner Rapunzel! Drop in. (No infants or toddlers, PLEASE).

TEEN CORNER

Dictionary Marathon – Sat. October 4



Teen Advisory Board members "rap" the words "Vicissitude to Villager" as part of the Library's participation in the Dictionary Marathon. 22 community members participated in this celebration of Noah Webster's 250th birthday this past month by reciting all 984 "V" words from Webster's famous dictionary.

Upcoming Teen Programs- December 08/January 09

Teen Holiday Crafts- Friday, December 5th 3:30-5:00, 7th-12th Grade Save some money by making your own holiday presents. Sign up.

TAB Meeting- Tuesday, December 9th 6:30-8:00, 9th-12th Grade. Find out what you can do to help the library, become a TAB member. Learn more at one of our TAB meetings.

Teen Holiday Dinner- Friday, December 19th 5:00-7:00, 7th-12th Grade. Come make a holiday dinner with all your friends. Work in groups to prepare a different course and then help serve everyone. Sign up. Contact alansing@avonctlibrary.info

Teen Winter Reading Kick Off- Monday, January 5th, 7th-12th Grade. Sign up and get everything you need to participate in the Teen Winter Reading Club

Teen After School Gaming- Friday, January 9th 3:30-5:00, 7th-12th Grade. Afterschool Video Games. Compete for prizes.

Teen Karaoke Competition- Tuesday, January 27th 4:30-6:00, 7th-12th Grade.

Farmington Valley / One Book



Carlos Eire speaks with Avon resident Rosa Kavahagh.

On Wednesday, October 15 Carlos Eire, Riggs Professor of History and Religion at Yale University and author of the memoir *Waiting for Snow in Havana* spoke to a captivated crowd of almost two hundred at the Avon High School. Professor Eire was invited by the Farmington Valley One Book Committee, which

promoted the reading and discussing of his book by hundreds of residents in the community. He spoke with eloquence and humor about the intersection of memory and history. After answering questions about his writing and Cuba, he graciously spoke with many who stayed to have their books signed. This program was funded by a grant from the Lloyd David & Carlye Cannon Wattis Foundation.



Music at the Library

*Join us Sunday afternoons
for an exciting variety
of musical programs*

January 11 Airborne Jazz. Contemporary and smooth jazz sounds featuring keyboard and electric guitar.

January 25 Lorena Garey. Blend of classical guitar and Latin rhythms will be performed.

February 8 Silk City Chorus. All male chorus featuring the blended harmonies of popular tunes and old time favorites.

February 22 "The Sirens of Song", NYC-based sopranos, Naomi Katz Cohen & Gretchen Stalnecker, come back to Avon for an encore performance. Accompanied by Arielle Levioff.

March 1 Paul Bisaccia. Pianist, winner of the Hartt School "Alumnus of the Year" award will display his masterful skills from Chopin to Gershwin.

March 15 Cantilena Trio. Clarinet, cello and piano chamber music featuring Richard Barnes, Andrew Salvo and Bridget de Moura Castro.

March 29 Joe Carter Samba Rio Trio. Guitar, bass & percussion trio will play Brazilian jazz including Samba and Bossa Nova.

All performances will begin at 3:00 pm and are free to the public. Reception for the artists will follow. Overflow parking across the street at the church.

This series is sponsored by
the Friends of the Avon Library

Genealogy Program

The Avon Free Public Library and Avon Historical Society will co-sponsor a genealogy program, "Begin Your Genealogy Research with the National Archives" on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at 10:00 am in the Avon Library Community Room. For registration, or more information, please call the Reference Desk at 673-9712.

Tax Talk Free Seminar

The Avon Free Public Library will co-sponsor a free TaxTalk seminar with H & R Block at the library 281 Country Club Road on Thursday November 13th from 2:00-3:00 pm. Learn more about the valuable tax deductions that can make a difference between getting a refund and having a balance due. Before you start filling out your 1040 get some answers on the deductions that can help senior citizens, retirees, homeowners, business people and investors. To register, call the library Reference Desk 673-9712.

Terrorism & Takeovers Book Discussion Series

Two more discussions
in the Connecticut Humanities Council Program:

Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 pm
The Plot Against America by Philip Roth

Thursday, December 4, at 7:00 pm
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Sara de Beer will lead the discussions co-sponsored by
the Friends of the Avon Public Library.

Stewart O'Nan - Author Appearance

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 pm.

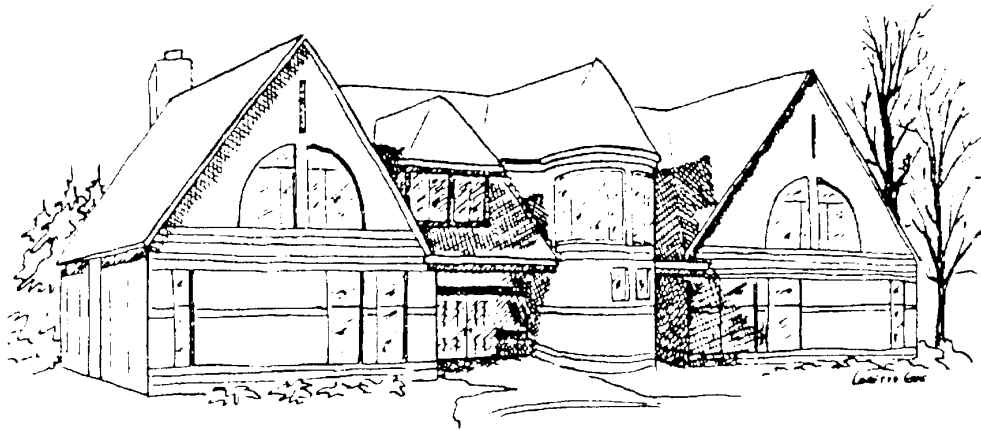
Stewart O'Nan will read from his new novel *Songs for the Missing*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Please call to register at the Reference Desk.



If you missed them at Avon Day, there are still library bags available! Stop by the circulation desk and get your very own stylish black grocery tote with the library's logo for \$2.

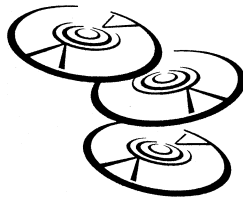


Tracy Atkinson, Director Emeritus of the Wadsworth Atheneum, presented a three part Art History lecture series at the library through October.



NEW MUSIC

Act Your Age – Gordon Goodwin
Evolver – John Legend
Fearless – Taylor Swift
Funhouse – Pink
High School Musical 3: Senior Year – Original Soundtrack
A Hundred Million Suns – Snow Patrol
Incanto – Andrea Bocelli
Johnny's Greatest Hits – Johnny Mathis
My Love Essential Collection – Celine Dion
Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist
Sex and the City: Volume 2
Songs of Joy and Peace – Yo-Yo Ma
Twilight – Original Soundtrack
Year of the Gentleman – Ne-Yo



NEW BOOKS ON CD - NonFiction

Outliers – Malcolm Gladwell
Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do –
Tom Vanderbilt; David Slavin
Waiter Rant – Steve Dublanica, The Waiter
The Wise Heart – Jack Kornfield

NEW BOOKS ON CD - Fiction

The Gate House – Nelson DeMille
The Laughter of Dead Kings – Elizabeth Peters
Indignation – Philip Roth
Off Season – Anne Rivers Siddons

Radio Nostalgia



Bob Schultz entertained more than twenty attendees during a daytime program co-sponsored with the Avon Senior Center. The program featured highlights, interviews, music, and excerpts from radio shows over the past century.

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, at the Library using the online catalog, or by calling us. We'll do it for you or walk you through the steps.