

# The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

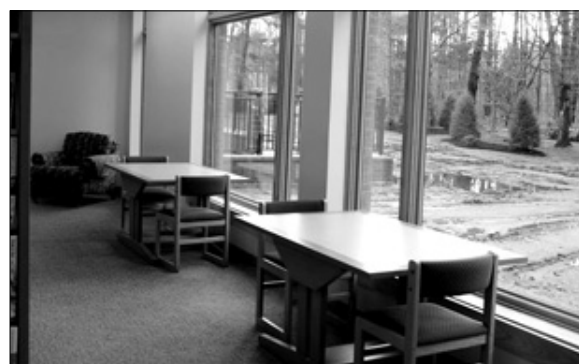
Newsletter of the Friends of the Library & the Board of Trustees

January 2012

## November 28 -- The library reopens on schedule!!!



Despite an unusually severe October storm that caused widespread delays throughout Avon, the Library reopened on schedule. With celebration and smiles, the library staff and *Friends'* volunteers welcomed residents into the new library space on Monday, November 28.



## Expansion Update

Our patrons are delighted with the recent opening of the expanded portion of the library. With only a few months before the construction and renovation project is completed, the enthusiasm and excitement are palpable. We are planning to celebrate the project's completion with a Grand Opening ceremony and other related events later in the Spring of 2012.

Hundreds of donors have shown their support for the library with a donation to the capital campaign, which will enable us to provide a finished building that truly meets the expectations of our community. We have achieved the campaign goal of \$1 million, but additional funds are still needed. The first \$500,000 of funds raised has been committed to the Town of Avon, in order to contribute to the cost of the project. Additional capital campaign funds will be used to support enhancements to the building in technology, furniture, lighting, signage, electronic bulletin boards, self-check-out stations, programming and collection development. The fundraising effort will continue through the completion of the project, in order to equip the library with these enhancements and to endow a fund to support future needs. If you have not already contributed, don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this historic achievement. More information on how to make a donation is available on the web site or at the library.



Library Board president, Mary LaBelle Suter, presents check of \$500,000 to Mark Zacchio, Town Council Chair, at the Council's November meeting.

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

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The *Friends* of the Library are pleased to be able to now accept your donations of gently used books and audio books for the annual Book Sale. Feel free to drop off your donations any time that the Library is open. We appreciate your holding on to your items until now. When the library closes for the final phase of the expansion, we ask that you again please hold onto your donations, and we will we gladly accept them once the Library is open again.

### Save the Date! -- Friends Book Sale -- October 12-14, 2012

With the expansion and renovation making the time we can collect donations shorter than usual, Book Sale 2012 will be held in the fall this year: October 12, 13 and 14. The Book Sale will be held at the Library for the first time in many years! The *Friends* are excited to use the newly expanded Community Room for this much anticipated event. More information will be available on the Library web page, so please do remember to check there often.

Again, thank you for your patience during this expansion and renovation construction; it will be well worth the wait!

— *Barbara Leonard*  
President, Friends of Avon Library



## Monday Night is Chess Night at the Avon Public Library

Monday nights 5:00 pm

Pick-up style games • Chess Sets provided

All skill levels welcome; no instruction provided  
Adult program; high school students okay

No registration required - just walk-in  
Interested in mentoring?

Contact the Reference Desk 860 673 9712

## Library Homebound Service for Avon residents



Are you homebound, unable to visit the library? Do you know someone who would like books to read or listen to but cannot get to the library? The Avon Library offers Homebound Service to Avon residents. Library volunteers are available to pick and deliver library materials to your home. Call the library 860-673-9712, ext. 4 for the Reference Desk to register. Recommend the service to a friend or neighbor.

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

January and February 2012

*All programs are registered. Please sign up online.*

- Thurs. Jan. 26 **Nutmeg Book Discussion**,  
*The Gollywopper Games*, 6:00, grades 4-6
- Fri. Jan 27 **Hart School Presents Mommy and Me  
Dance Class**, 10:30, ages 3-5  
**Hart School Presents *Dance With Me!***,  
11:00, ages 1-2
- Sat. Jan 28 **Doggone Great Stories**, B.Y.O.S., 11:00,  
ages 3-5
- Tues. Jan 31 **Bookmates**, *Bertie's Picture Day*, 4:00,  
grades 1-3
- Sat. Feb 4 **Piggie Storytime**, 10:30, ages 3-6
- Sat Feb 4 **Nutmeg Book Buffet**, 12:30, grades 4-8
- Tues. Feb 7 **Creative Art Experience**, 4:00, grades 4-6
- Sat. Feb 11 **Thomas the Tank Engine Storytime**,  
11:00, ages 3-5
- Tues. Feb 14 **Valentine's Storytime and Craft**, 4:00,  
grades 1-3
- Thurs. Feb 16 **Pajama Storytime**, 6:30, all ages
- Tues. Feb 21 **Book, Movie and Lunch**, *James and the  
Giant Peach*, 12:30, grades 1-3
- Thurs. Feb 23 **Nutmeg Book Discussion**, (book to be  
announced at the Nutmeg Book Buffet Feb 4)  
Grades 4-6. 6:00-7:00 pm



## TEEN CORNER

January and February 2012

*All Friday Programs are drop in and start at 3:00*

- Fri. Jan 31 **Nutmeg Book Discussion Group**  
*Viola in the Reel Life*, 3:00-4:30
- Fri. Feb 3 **Teen Snack Shack**
- Fri. Feb 4 **Nutmeg Book Buffet** 12:30-4:30
- Fri, Feb 10 **Teen Gaming**
- Fri. Feb 17 **Teen Crafters Club**
- Wed. Feb 22 **Teen Nutmeg Book Club**, 3:00-4:30  
(book to be announced at the Nutmeg  
Book Buffet Feb 4)
- Fri. Feb 24 **Teen Bingo**

## CIVIL WAR BOOK SERIES

Our Civil War book discussion series began on January 11, 2012 with the novel *March* by Geraldine Brooks, the first of a five-part series titled, ***Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War***, made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. Dr. Matthew Warshauer, Professor of History, CCSU leads the discussions.

Future dates for the remainder of the series:

**Part Two: Choosing Sides** February 8, 2012, 7:00pm at the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St. (Rt. 44) Avon, CT 06001. Read selections from the anthology *America's War*.

**Part Three: Making Sense of Shiloh** March 7, 2012, 7:00pm at the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St. (Rt 44) Avon. Read selections from the anthology *America's War*.

**Part Four: The Shape of War** April 11, 2012, 7:00pm, location to be determined. Read James M. McPherson's, *Crossroad of Freedom: Antietam*, also selections from the anthology *America's War*.

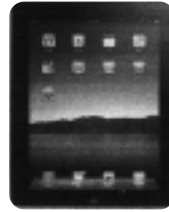
**Part Five: War and Freedom** May 9, 2012, 7:00 pm Avon Public Library.

Register online at [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info).

## Abraham Lincoln Performance at the Avon Senior Center



Popular Abraham Lincoln re-enactor, Howard Wright, will perform *1863: Lincoln's Remarkable Year* on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 1:00 pm at the Avon Senior Center. Using letters, speeches, and quotes by Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Wright will give an insightful first-person portrayal of our 16th president. This program is co-sponsored by the Avon Public Library, Avon Senior Center and Avon Historical Society and is part of the series "Avon to Appomattox: Lives and Legacies of the Civil War". Generously funded by a grant from the Avon Education Foundation. The Avon Senior Center is at 635 West Avon Road. Program is free and open to the public. To register or for more information call the Avon Public Library 860-673-9712 or register online at [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info)



## Got an iPad and need some help?

## Sign up for one of our iPad workshops!

Bring your iPad and your questions to these upcoming workshops:

**Making the most of iCloud:** Monday, Jan. 23,  
from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Learn how to setup and use Apple's iCloud service. Some topics covered will be: backing up data and updating an iPad over WiFi, syncing information across multiple devices, and more.

**Ebooks on an iPad:** Tuesday Jan. 24, from 6:00-7:30 pm  
Learn how to use the Overdrive Media Console app on your iPad to download ebooks and audio-books from the library. The Kindle and Nook apps will be covered as well.

**iPad 101:** Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 4:00-5:30 pm  
Learn the basics of using an iPad in this entry-level workshop. Whether you've had your iPad for a while or have just taken it out of the box, if you have questions, this class is for you.

*These programs are sponsored by  
the Friends of the Avon Library.*

Visit the library's website for more information and to sign up.

## Free Tax Assistance for 2011 tax returns at Simsbury Public Library



Avon Free Public Library AARP/TCE volunteers will provide free tax appointments at the Simsbury Public Library on Wednesdays and Saturdays from February 8 through April 14. This service is relocated to the Simsbury Library Program Room 2, 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury due to the continuing renovation project at Avon Public Library. For an appointment call the Avon Reference Desk 860-673-9712, ext. 4. No walk-ins please. Appointments are for one hour on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm or Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

AARP/TCE volunteers prepare simple returns only. Please bring your social security card, photo identification, a copy of last year's return, W-2, 1099, amount paid on town auto and property taxes, as well as other necessary documents. If you have any questions about the program please call the Avon Library Reference Desk.

The Avon Library has federal and state tax forms available to the public, and access to them online on the library website: [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info).

**Avon Public Library**  
**THURSDAY MATINEE MOVIES • 1:30 PM**  
**Avon Senior Center • 635 West Avon Road**

Jan. 26	<b>Can-Can</b>	Shirley MacLaine, Frank Sinatra
Feb. 2	<b>From the Terrace</b>	Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, Myrna Loy
Feb. 9	<b>Caprice</b>	Doris Day, Richard Harris
Feb. 16	<b>The Paper Chase</b>	John Houseman, Timothy Buttons, Lindsay Wagner
Feb 23	<b>On the Riviera</b>	Danny Kaye, Gene Tierney
March 2	<b>Daisy Kenyon</b>	Joan Crawford, Dana Andrews, Henry Fonda
March 8	<b>Broken Arrow</b>	James Stewart, Jeff Chandler, Debra Paget
March 15	<b>Kiss Them for Me</b>	Cary Grant, Jayne Mansfield, Leif Erickson
March 22	<b>The Prime of Miss Jean Brody</b>	Maggie Smith, Gordon Jackson, Robert Stephens
March 29	<b>The Quiller Memorandum</b>	George Segal, Alec Guinness, Max von Sydow
April 5	<b>Ghost &amp; Mrs. Muir</b>	Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison, George Sanders
April 12	<b>A Letter to Three Wives</b>	Jeanne Crain, Linda Darnell, Ann Sothern, Kirk Douglas
April 19	<b>Ox-Bow Incident</b>	Henry Fonda, Dana Andrews
April 26	<b>Monkey Business</b>	Cary Grant, Ginger Rogers, Marilyn Monroe

*Co-sponsored by the Avon Public Library, the Friends of the Avon Public Library and the Avon Senior Center. Refreshments provided.*

## Sunday Hours are back!!



Our Sunday hours have begun, as of January 8. Please stop by and enjoy a winter afternoon in our new library space. We are open from 1:00-5:00 on Sundays. Check out our New Books selection, browse through the stacks, visit the Children's area or read in a comfortable chair by a window.