



The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

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

November 2011

Avon Library Closed from October 31 to November 28



The trees arrive!

(Halloween to Thanksgiving, or as soon as we can open.)

We are moving into the new library space so the old space can be renovated.

When the library is closed for three weeks:

- You can access your account online to place holds.
- Holds will be available for pickup in late November.
- The bookdrop will always be open.
- No items will be due during this time.

Reminder: Your library card can be used at all area libraries.

We apologize for this temporary inconvenience.

Please come visit us when we open in the new temporary space.

All of our online services will be available: www.avonctlibrary.info

Expansion Update

The fundraising campaign has exceeded the \$1 million goal. This is a wonderful accomplishment and an historic result. At the November Town Council meeting, we will present the Council and the Town Manager with the first \$500,000 to contribute to the library expansion project. These capital campaign funds will be used to cover some of the costs associated with finish work inside the building such as furniture, fixtures, lighting, carpeting and basic computer installations. Additional campaign funds will be used to support enhancements to the building, including more extensive electronic capabilities and services, such as RFID (Radio Frequency Identification Technology), electronic bulletin boards, and self-check-out stations, as well as workstations, signage, programming and collection development.

We still need more funding to equip the library with all of these features. The most expensive of these enhancements is RFID. What exactly is RFID and why is it important for the library to have this capability? Radio Frequency Identification is the most advanced collection management technology available to libraries. It is a state-of-the-art approach to the way a library is able to track its collections, inventory and usage statistics. RFID increases productivity, efficiency, customer service and security of the library's collection. This is particularly important because we are very focused on maximizing the capacity and capabilities of the new space, while minimizing the costs associated with doing so. In addition, it is very important that we secure funding for the cost of RFID installation throughout the library, because one of the grants we received includes an allocation for RFID, but it is contingent upon our ability to fully fund RFID in all other departments of the library.

If you have not yet made a contribution to the Avon Library Expansion Fund, please consider doing so today. Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Further information is available on our web site, at the library, or by contacting Campaign Chair Mark Nolan at: markpgs@comcast.net

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

President's Letter

The *Friends* offer a big thank you to all of you who have joined the Friends of the Library during our annual membership campaign. It is possible for us to provide programs and services that otherwise would not be possible through your membership dues. Although construction has made it challenging to find space for programs, we have still managed to have quite a few. We moved the very popular Thursday Classic Movie Afternoons to the Avon Senior Center. We also sponsored a teen party and several children's programs, as well as the summer ice cream social and the adult summer reading program. Both the Nutmeg Book Clubs found a space to meet, as well as the Chess Club, all sponsored by the Friends. And, as always, we sponsored the Summer Intern position at the library. If you have not joined yet for this year, please go online and print out a membership form. Then you too can enjoy the satisfaction of being a Friend and supporting our community library: the place that has something for everyone.

— *Barbara Leonard* President, Friends of Avon Library

AVON LIBRARY DONOR WALL

Did you know that donors who make a significant contribution to the Avon Library Expansion Fund will receive a special acknowledgement of their generosity? This will provide a lasting and public tribute to their generosity and support of the library and the Avon community.

Significant gifts at or above \$2,500 will be recognized on a donor wall which will be located in a prominent place in the new library, once construction is completed. Donors at the following giving levels will be identified, unless the donor requests anonymity.

\$100,000 and above	\$10,000 - \$24,999
\$ 50,000 - \$99,999	\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999
\$ 25,000 - \$49,999	\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999

DECEMBER BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, December 1

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
7:00-8:30 at the Avon Senior Center.

Professor Nels Highberg, University of Hartford will lead the discussion. Register online.

Sponsored by the Library, *the Friends* and the Avon Senior Center.

WELCOME KINDLE USERS!

The Avon Public Library is pleased to offer our downloadable book service to Kindle Users. To find out more check out the library website for instructions and available titles.

Download library books to your KINDLE!

OverDrive eBooks in our catalog are now compatible with the Kindle.

Find books at www.avonctlibrary.info, or at <http://libraryconnection.lib.overdrive.com>

You need an Amazon account to use the Kindle feature. A valid library card from a participating library is also required.



Welcome Back Teen Fridays!!

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Storytime Returns!!

All programs require registration unless noted "Drop in".
Storytime online registration December 3 - December 23.
Storytime will start with a five week session
January 3 - February 3.

Preschool Programs

December 3-23: Storytime Registration!

Register online at www.avonctlibrary.info

Mon, December 5 - 1:30-2:00 pm: Storytime for Twos

Wed, December 7 - 1:30 pm: "Once Upon a Time"

Storytime! Ages 4-5

Thurs, December 8 - 6:30-7:30 pm: Milk and Cookies

Pajama Storytime! Ages 3-6

Wed, December 14 - 10:30am: Tiny Babies Storytime.

Ages 0-12 Months

Mon, December 19 - 10:30am: Twinkle Twinkle Little Twos

Tues, December 20 - 6:30 pm: Pajama Storytime. Ages 2 & up

Wed, December 21 - 10:30am: Cats and Kiddies Storytime.
Ages 3-5

January 3- February 3- Winter Storytime Session, Ages 1-6

School Age Programs

Tue, November 29 - 4:00-5:00 pm: BYOS "Bushel of Fun" Stories, Grades 1-3

Thurs, December 1- 4:00pm: Kids Crafters Club, featuring holiday crafts. Grades 2 and up

Sat, December 3 - 1:00-2:00 pm: Gingerbread Man workshop! Grades K-1st..

Tues, December 6 - 4:00-5:00pm: Bookmates Book Discussion, *Bertie's Picture Day* by Pat Brisson. Grades 1-3

Thurs, December 15 - 6:00-7:00pm: Kids Nutmeg Book Club Discussion, *Extra Credit* by Andrew Clements, Grades 4-6. Pizza will be served!

Thurs, January 19 -6:00-7:00pm: Kids Nutmeg Book Club Discussion, *Gollywhopper Games* by Jody Feldman. Grades 4-6. Pizza will be served!

Tue, January 24 - 4:00-5:00 pm: Bring Your Own Snacks, "Doggone Great Dog Stories", Grades 1-3

Tue, January 31- 4:00-5:00pm: Bookmates Book Club, Grades 1-3

TEEN CORNER

Teen Friday is back!!

Dec 2 Teen Snack Shack 3:00 pm

Dec 9- Teen Crafters Club

Tues, **December 13-** 2:30-3:45: Teen Nutmeg Book Club, Grades 7 & 8. Join us to discuss this month's nominee Compound by S.A. Bodeen. Held at the Avon Library!

Jan 6- Teen Snack Shack

Jan 13- Teen Gaming Competition

Jan 20- Teen Crafters Club

The 4th Annual Friends Author Luncheon on October 14 featuring Pulitzer Prize Winning novelist Elizabeth Strout

was a big success with nearly 200 people in attendance.

The Friends wish to thank everyone who helped support this year's event.



Most Popular Books at the Library?

Think you know what nonfiction books are the most popular at the library?

Avon Library users like books on Cooking, Knitting, Interior Decorating, Personal Finance, Kitchen remodeling, Diets, Resumes, Watercolor painting, Baking and Hawaiian travel.



Become a Fan on Facebook

The Avon Library has a growing following on Facebook. We share events, photos, blogs, ideas and fun facts. You will *like* it.



Mac Kids!

CIVIL WAR PROGRAMS

A dramatic one-man performance of Walt Whitman was presented by actor Steven Collins at the Avon Senior Center on October 3rd to an audience of 58 poetry lovers and Civil War buffs. Mr. Collins portrayed Walt Whitman as he reflected on his lifetime work, *Leaves of Grass*, and recounted how his life was changed by working with wounded soldiers during the Civil War. The program was co-sponsored by the Avon Senior Center and Avon Education Foundation as part of the Avon Library's commemoration of the Civil War.



On Thursday, October 13, the library sponsored a Civil War program titled *Up Close and Personal: The Everyday Life of the Union Soldier*, presented by Avon resident, Jim Genco. The program had an outstanding attendance of 70 people and was held at the West Avon Congregational Church. This event was a continuation of the library's Civil War commemorative series, sponsored by a grant from the Avon Education Foundation.

IRA ROLLOVER

If you are at least 70 1/2 years of age and have an IRA, you should consider a charitable IRA Rollover to the Avon Library Expansion Fund before the end of 2011. Qualified rollovers are not included in taxable income and can be tax advantageous. To initiate, contact your IRA administrator for directions and for a form to complete. Please notify the library of your intentions.

Avon Public Library
WINTER FILM SERIES
Thursday Matinee Movies • 1:30 PM
Avon Senior Center • 635 West Avon Road

- Jan. 12** ***The Seven Year Itch***
Marilyn Monroe, Billy Wilder, Tom Ewell
- Jan. 19** ***Mark of Zorro*** Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell
- Jan. 26** ***Can-Can*** Shirley MacLaine, Frank Sinatra
- Feb. 2** ***From the Terrace***
Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, Myrna Loy
- Feb. 9** ***Caprice*** Doris Day, Richard Harris
- Feb. 16** ***Paper Chase***
John Houseman, Timothy Buttons, Lindsay Wagner
- Feb 23** ***On the Riviera*** Danny Kaye, Gene Tierney

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



Drilling the geothermal wells