

The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

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

April 2010

Capital Campaign Update

Part of the Library Expansion and Renovation project includes a Capital Campaign to raise money privately for part of the cost. The Library Board of Directors has appointed Mark Nolan to chair the Campaign, and he is now busy ramping up for the public part of the effort. Mark, an Avon resident for the past 12 years, retired in 2007 after 38 years as an educator, the last 17 years as Principal of Pine Grove School.

Mark has assembled a team of dedicated Committee members who are working with him on the plans for a successful Campaign. They have been working quietly but diligently on the preparations and details that will give all Avon residents an opportunity to contribute to the future of the Library.

We are currently completing campaign planning and applying for grant opportunities. We have already received a number of very generous gifts and pledges. Once all the specifics of the Campaign have been planned, look for an announcement regarding how you can make donation and help with the success of the drive. All residents will be asked and given the chance to join the effort.

If you have questions or would like more information, you may contact Mark Nolan at 860.673.3200

Making your summer plans?



"Avon Camping Party, 1894" From the Marian Hunter History Collection. Avon residents have always hit the road during the summer.

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, April 30 through May 2. A great benefit of being *a Friend* is receiving a postcard in late April that will admit you to the Friday Preview Night free. If you are not *a Friend*, consider joining today. 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, with many quality children's books as well as a variety of exceptional cookbooks, so we are betting there is something for everyone.

Friday, April 30:

Preview Night: 6:00-9:00 pm
\$5.00 entrance fee

Saturday, May 1:

Book Sale: 9:00am-4:00 pm

Sunday, May 2:

Bag Sale: Noon- 2:30 pm
\$5.00 per bag



In this economy, forget the high book store prices! Shop Book Sale 2010 and we are sure you will find plenty of quality items to interest you at a fraction of what those book stores charge. See you there.

— *Barbara Leonard*
President, Friends of Avon Library



Return of the Piano marathon: June 12

The fifth annual (after a brief hiatus) piano marathon will be held Saturday, June 12, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Participants are invited to call the Reference Department at 860-673-9712 to sign up for their 5 to 15 minutes of fame. The performance is not restricted to piano solo but must include use of the piano. Do you sing? Play an instrument? Sign up. Everyone is invited to stop by throughout the afternoon to listen to the music.



Readers Theater Princess Buffet

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

***Starting April 12th all program registration will be available online!!*

Mrs. St. Jean presents **"Pajama Storytime"**
Tuesdays, April 6th, *May 4th, June 1st - 6:30 p.m. Ages 3-6, Sign up for each class

Chess Club- Sign up in Children's room and pick up a contract, held in community room **First two Tuesdays of April and May, 3:30-5:00**, Ages 7 and up
End of Chess Club Pizza Party for members!!- Tuesday, June 1st, 3:30-5:00

Froggy Storytimes!! Join "Froggy" for fun stories, crafts, and more **April 11th-17th** Ages 2-6, Sign up for one day

Storytime Registration for the spring 2010 session
Monday, April 12th- Saturday, April 24th

Bookmates Book Discussion
Tuesdays, April 13th & May 18th- 4:00-5:00,
Grades 1-3, Sign Up

Froggy Family Fun Storytime
Tuesday, April 13th- 6:30 p.m. All Ages, Sign up

B.Y.O.S. Storytime
Tuesday, April 20th- 3:00-4:00 Grades 1-3, Sign Up

Miss Mary's Flower Fairies Storytime
Thursday, April 22nd- 11:00 Ages 4-6, Sign Up

Nutmeg Book Discussions
Tuesdays, April 27th, May 25th & June 25th, 4:30-5:30,
Grades 4-6, Sign Up

Break Free of TV Week Programs - May 2nd - 8th

P.J. Time with Mrs. McCabe
Thursday, May 6th- 6:30-7:30, Sign Up. Ages 3-5

"Fan-sea-ful Fish Tales" Storytime and Craft with Author Virginia Buck
Thursday, May 6th- 4:30-5:30 Grades K-3, Sign Up

Beginners Origami
Saturday, May 8th- 1:30 Ages 7 and up, Sign Up

-- and more...

Family Storytime
Tuesday, May 11th- 6:30 p.m. All Ages, Sign Up

TEEN CORNER

All programs are free and drop-in unless otherwise noted.



Teen Board Game Day!
Friday, April 9th 4:00-5:30

Make your own soda!!
Thursday, April 15th 3:00-5:00

Afterschool Gaming
Friday, April 30th, 3:00-4:30

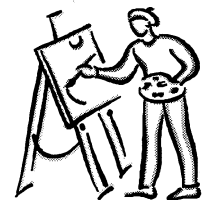
Teen Crafters Club
Tuesday, May 4th & June 1st, 3:00-4:30

"O'library Olympics" Spring Celebration
Friday, May 7th, 3:30-5:00

Great Pizza Taste-Off
Wednesday, May 19th, 3:00-4:00

Teen Nutmeg Book Discussion Grades 7 & 8, Sign Up
Tue, April 27th, 3:00-4:30
Tue, May 25th, 3:00-4:30

Attention Aspiring Artists!
Thursday, April 8 • 7 pm



Come to the presentation "Start Your Career in Art: Create a Portfolio, Choose the Right School and Get in with a Scholarship."

Deborah Sacks offers a program for anyone planning to apply to art or design school. She will discuss portfolio preparation, strategies for choosing the right school, getting scholarship money and learning where the jobs are for art and design graduates.

Deborah is a former middle school and high school art teacher and department chairperson. She holds a BFA from Rhode Island School of Design and Masters degrees from Towson State University and Wesleyan University in education and studio arts.

You may register for this program online at:
www.avonctlibrary.info



We love to get an "A"

It is always rewarding for the reference staff to work with local students on their school research projects. It is even more rewarding when they come back afterwards to report their success. We are here for both research help and to offer reading recommendations.

George Washington's Birthday Contest



The winners of this year's cherry pies from Big Y were: Peter Sottile and David Ecke, who correctly guessed that George Washington was 57 when he was elected as President.

JOBNOW

Avon Free Public Library Announces JobNow - A Free Online Resource for Job Hunters

Job Hunting? Need advice on building your resume? Let JobNow at the Avon Library help you through the process. JobNow provides live interactive help and Internet resources to help you with every step of your employment search.

Here's how it works: Just click on JobNow, on the Avon Library homepage (www.avonctlibrary.info) and select the service of your choice: Write the Resume, Ace the Interview or Links & Tips.

Write the Resume lets you connect with a live resume expert to help you build a winning resume and download sample templates. Once your resume is completed, you can login to your account and submit it to a JobNow resume expert who will provide constructive feedback within 24 hours.

Need help in preparing for an interview? Ace the Interview connects you to a live coach for a "mock interview" to help improve your interviewing skills and answer common questions. JobNow coaches are available Monday - Sunday 3:00 pm -- 11:00 pm est.

If you're changing careers or just beginning your job search, JobNow Links & Tips self-assessment tools can help you choose a career path that matches your individual skills and strengths. It also provides valuable websites for national and local job postings.

The Avon Public Library has a complete listing of new books and web sites on job searching, interview techniques, resume building, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. To view a complete listing, check out the library's website at www.avonctlibrary.info, and click on Job Search Resources.

If you would like a demo of JobNow or have any questions, please call the Reference Desk.

Social Media for Business

Wednesday, May 12 • 7:00 pm

Suzanne Hard, social media consultant and coach, will present a program on Facebook and Twitter for business people. Increase your business exposure by using social media tools.

Integrative Medicine for Arthritis Sufferers

Tuesday, April 27 • 9:30 am

Shawn M. Carney, ND will discuss the common forms of arthritis and how alternative dietary recommendations and supplements may stem the disease.

Meet Jackie: An American Original Sat. June 19 • 2 pm • Avon Senior Center

In this compelling one-woman show, Robin Lane, actress, director and producer, reveals the real Jacqueline Onassis... the private woman behind the public mask, while keeping alive the mystique, the magic that was Jackie.

In addition, we will learn about Jackie's years in publishing and her great love of literature.

Register online at www.avonctlibrary.info



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK EVENTS

Saturday, April 10 • 12:00

Poetry and Piano

In the spirit of Romanticism—A program with Corbin Beisner, pianist, and Nathaniel Baker, narrator, using poetry and music to portray the darker side of Romanticism.

Saturday, April 10 • 3:00

Horizon Wings—Birds of Prey

Meet some birds of prey, presented by Horizon Wings, a CT wildlife rehabilitation center. For ages 3 and up.

Tuesday, April 13 • 1:00 pm

Meet Ernest Hemingway!

Richard Clark returns as Ernest Hemingway in this one-man show! Relive, with Ernest, those days from WWI through the inauguration of JFK.

Co-Sponsored by the Friends and the Avon Senior Center

Tuesday, April 13 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Froggy Family Fun Storytime!

All ages. Enjoy storytime with Froggy as the special guest.

Wednesday, April 14 • 12:30 pm

Meet local poet Shannon Mazurick

Stop by to enjoy refreshments and a book signing after local poet Shannon Mazurick reads from her recent collection of poetry.

Wednesday, April 14 • 7:00 pm

LinkedIn and Facebook just for job seekers.

Suzanne Hard, social media coach and consultant, will demonstrate how to use these two resources during a job search. Please register.

Co-sponsored by Farmington Valley Re-employment Group.

Thursday, April 15 • 2:00 pm

True Grit movie matinee. Come see John Wayne's Oscar winning performance in *True Grit*.

Thursday, April 15 • 7:00 pm

Classics Book Discussion: Ernest Hemingway

Professor Nels Highberg, University of Hartford, will lead a discussion of Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*. All are welcome.

Saturday, April 17 • 11:00 am

What are downloadable Audiobooks?

Max Rowe, from Library Connection, will be here to demonstrate, explain and eliminate the mystery behind using downloadable audiobooks. Please register online and feel free to submit questions ahead of time.

Saturday, April 17 • 2:00 pm

Tom Sawyer

Cast members from the Hartford Stage production of Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* will perform. An event for all ages.

Saturday, April 24 • 1:30 pm

Don't miss this!

Performance of a finalist from the Connecticut Young Artists' Piano Competition. Sponsored by *the Friends of the Avon Library*.

Spring Classic Film Series

Thursday Movie Matinees at 2pm



In Memoriam: F. Dean Hildebrandt

We are saddened by the loss of Dean Hildebrandt. Dean was a dedicated library volunteer for the VITA tax assistance program for almost ten years. He coordinated the IRS program for four of those years, and he had quite a following. He put in many hours of service to the library and the community.

We will miss him.

April 8 Imitation of Life

Lana Turner as a struggling young actress.

April 15 True Grit

John Wayne as Rooster Cogburn.

April 22 Charade with Audrey Hepburn, Cary Grant.

Romance and suspense in Paris.

April 29 From Here to Eternity

Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr. World War II Hawaii.

May 6 Love is a Many Splendored Thing

William Holden, Jennifer Jones.

Romantic story set in Asia.

May 13 The Apartment

Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine. Can an apartment help a man move up the corporate ladder?

May 20 Woman Of the Year

Katharine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy.

Rival reporters get married.

May 27 Love in the Afternoon

Gary Cooper, Audrey Hepburn. Love is a game.

Tennis Anyone?

