

# *The Library Times*

Avon, Connecticut

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

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## From The Director

If you are taking a "Staycation" this summer or venturing farther a field, don't forget to include the Avon Library in your plans. In addition to our annual summer reading clubs for children and adults, we have more programs for you to take advantage of. Whether it's yoga, cooking or cupcake decorating for children, we will have something for you. Looking for a few new summer reads? The library staff has been busy ordering the latest new fiction and nonfiction books on a variety of topics. Stop in and check out the New Books. Our friendly staff awaits your questions and will be happy to recommend something for you and your children to read this summer. If you are looking for the best guidebook to the Connecticut shore or the Great Wall of China ask our reference librarians. The library is also a *cool* place to check the best travel sites and keep up with your email. Don't forget, your public library card is the best bargain in town.

Congratulations to ***the Friends of the Avon Library*** for another record-breaking book sale. Their hard work and your support of one of the most fun community events enables the Library to offer more programming, an improved collection and an opportunity to try new services. Thanks to ***the Friends*** and thanks to you for your support of the book sale.

— *Ginny Vocelli*

## President's Letter

A big "thank you" to all of you who helped make our 2009 Book Sale a success! ***The Friends*** raised just over \$18,000 for our Library. We want to thank you for your support of our organization.

With the proceeds from the Book Sale, we will continue to publish five newsletters, fund the summer intern position and the museum pass program, as well as the Winter Music Series. Additionally, ***the Friends*** will sponsor the Nutmeg book discussion groups, children's summer stories and crafts groups, as well as the popular ice cream social. This summer, please plan to attend the cooking series, along with several additional programs. All of these special programs are funded by profits from the Sale.

Four years ago, ***the Friends*** started a special fund for monies to be distributed after the new addition to the Library is completed. We were able to add an additional sum to that fund this year from our profits. We are hoping that this fund will continue to grow and provide some special enhancements to the proposed addition.

Under the very capable leadership of Martha Dixon, chairperson, over 50 volunteers contributed their time (and hard work) throughout the year and at the Sale. Book Sale 2009 would not have been possible without the generous contribution of sorting space by John Carmon. The use of the basement of the Carmon Family Center provided ***the Friends*** with a clean, dry, spacious place to sort and store our books. We are very lucky to have been invited back for next year. This year several very capable (and strong) students from Avon Old Farms School lugged 780 boxes of books from the basement of the sorting space into the waiting trucks. As always, the crew from Avon Public Works moved truckloads of books into the Senior Center for the Sale.

It's the volunteers who make the Sale happen, and we thank you all.

— *Barbara Leonard*  
President, Friends of Avon Library



## SUMMER IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

You can look forward to daily events for all ages, starting with the opening of the summer reading club, **BE CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY, on Saturday June 13**. Pick up your reading logs and get the "scoop" (guidelines) anytime during June or July.

*Selected special events for families will include:*

- **Art Mart**, drop in crafts, Wednesdays 10:00 – Noon, July 1 – August 12



- **The Annual Ice Cream Social** at 1:00 pm on

Wednesday, July 15

- A live theatre presentation of **Pinocchio**, featuring a boy's journey to self-discovery, honesty and gratitude, at 3:30 on Thursday, July 16
- A drum, song & story evening with nationally renowned performer **Mark Shepard**, at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 13
- **The Annual Craft Fair and Tag Sale** at 9:00 am on Wednesday, August 19
- **The Summer Reading Club Party** at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, August 26. Magic Show at 3:00 pm

**Weekly offerings** will feature storytimes (including some Saturdays!), Mother-Daughter and Father-Son book discussion groups, Nutmeg and BookMates discussion groups, a Father-Son Car Racer Challenge, Janet Brown's pre-school music, cupcake decorating, Desert Living, knitting, caricatures, and many more events. Check the website.



## TEEN'S CORNER SPRING PROGRAMS

All programs grades 7-12 unless otherwise specified

Teens, this summer you can "EXPRESS YOURSELF" at the Avon Library!

Summer Reading is here again!! This year's theme is "Express Yourself". **Sign up on June 12th** and start earning library loot by doing various activities throughout the summer. Use all your library loot to buy great prizes in August!

**June 12th** - School's Almost Over Party!! 3:00-4:30 pm  
Teen Summer Reading Kick off!!  
Video Games / Food / Prizes and more!

**Starting June 29th** - Movie Magic, 2:00-3:30. Interested in movie making? This class will meet every other Monday throughout the summer and introduce everything you need to know in creating, filming and producing your own video clips and/or movies. Meet a film student and learn all about the movie industry. Come to one class, come to them all. In the end we'll create a promotional video for the library that will be featured on our library website, starring you!

**July 2nd** - Express Yourself, Teens take over the community room to display their creativity. Bring in artwork, record-ed music, photography, or anything that expresses you! Invite friends and family to this exhibit dedicated to you.

**August 4th** - Teen Crafters Club, 3:30-5:00  
Make great stuff to sell at our Tag Sale and Craft Fair in August. Great way to make some extra summer money.



**July 21st** - Name that Tune, 6:30-8:00  
How well do you know your music? Test yourself and see if you can win the grand prize!

**August 12th** - Teen Cook Off! 12:00-2:00  
Show Off your culinary skills and win a prize.

**August 18th** - TAB Meeting 6:30-8:00  
High School Students Only. Become a TAB member and help the library make Teen Services better

**August 27th** - Teen Summer Reading Party! 2:00-4:00  
Use all your saved library loot to bid on prizes and buy great stuff, plus earn more library loot at different games. DON'T MISS IT!

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### Tuesday, June 30th, 2pm

Meet Jan Mann, author of *Cruising CT in a Picnic Basket* and get summer vacation started with great ideas for local trip and adventures! Jan will discuss destinations listed in her book, as well her writing and creative process. Picnic treats will be served. Please register.

**Yoga with Ashwini Belhe** Tuesdays, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm  
June 16, June 23, June 30, and July 7, 2009 in the Avon Library's Community Room.

This free series will feature introductory Hatha Yoga and Meditation. Please bring a yoga mat and water. For ages 16+. Drop in; no registration is necessary.

Love to Bake? Cook?

Win fabulous prizes?

Come to the Avon Free Public Library's **Cookbook Cookoff!**

Choose a recipe from one of the library's many cookbooks, and bring your finished creation to the library for visitors to sample and vote for! Prizes will be awarded.

Call 860-673-9712 to register.

Or, sample the treats! Stop by the library on the any or all of the four Mondays below between 6:00 and 7:00 pm to taste and vote for your favorites!

June 22 – Appetizers and Dips

June 29 – Salads and Breads

July 20 – Crockpot Creations

July 27 – Cookies, Bars, Cakes & Cupcakes



### Thursday, June 18, 2009 7pm-8:30pm at the Library

#### JOB LOSS: HOW TO SURVIVE

A free educational seminar cosponsored by the Avon Free Public Library, Waddell & Reed and Kelly Services will present a panel discussion on how to survive job loss or temporary lay-off. In order to survive, you need a good financial plan and a re-employment plan that can be put into action. LaShawn Alexander, financial advisor with Waddell & Reed, will discuss your financial choices while out of work and Sarah Todd and Jeff Brand, search consultants with Kelly Services, will provide tips for updating your resume and marketing your skills. Reserve your spot; call the library 673-9712.

## READ AROUND THE LIBRARY

Adult Summer Reading kicks off on June 1.

June — July — August



Read three books and enter to win a monthly prize.

Read a book of your choice or check out the recommendations in the library.



## Ken Gloss Visits

It was standing room only when Ken Gloss, of Brattle Book Shop in Boston and *Antiques Roadshow* fame, visited the library in April. Over 100 people enjoyed his talk and stayed to learn the value of their own "treasures".

## Change in Holds Policy – now 3 days on the shelf –

Starting on June 1, 2009, we will hold ALL ITEMS at the Circulation desk for 3 days only. DVDs are currently held for 3 days, but books, CDs, videos, etc are currently held for one week. We are shortening the hold period to increase the turnover of the books, especially best sellers, and hopefully shorten the wait for popular items.

### Suspend Your Holds

As this is also the beginning of vacation season we remind you that all of your holds can be suspended until you return from your trip. Suspending your holds will keep your place on the hold list. Please ask a staff member about suspending your holds in person, over the telephone or by emailing [avonref@avonctlibrary.info](mailto:avonref@avonctlibrary.info). (When emailing, include your name, telephone # and your library card barcode #)



## Reference Librarian Receives Award

We are proud to announce that Chris Roy, one of our Saturday Reference Librarians, received a service award from the New Britain Bar Association. Chris works as the law librarian at the New Britain Superior Court Library. Superior Court Judge Arnold Aronson presented him with the Liberty Bell Award for outstanding service to the community and the law.

## Save the Date!

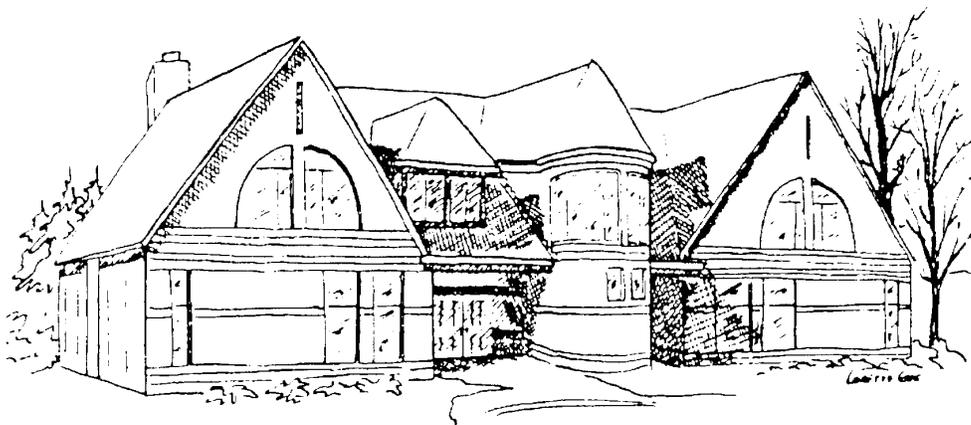
**October 8, 2009 @ Avon High School 7:00 pm**

Meet two of the co-authors of the book *They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky*.

Read a "captivating memoir of Sudan and a powerful portrait of war as seen through the eyes of children." ([www.theypouredfireonus.com](http://www.theypouredfireonus.com))

Thanks to grants from the AEF (Avon Education Foundation) and the Wattis Foundation.

Related programs will be planned in the fall. Please check our website for more details.



## **New Books in the Library**

We now have a new feature in our library catalog search screen that will let you know what new books we've been ordering. Click on "More Information" in the top right corner for links to our New Fiction and New Nonfiction books. You can access our catalog through our library website: [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info). Place a hold and enjoy a new book over the summer.

### **JOB SEARCH BOOKS:**

We have new books on resumes, cover letters, interviewing skills, careers, reentering the workforce, government jobs, business success and life coaching.

### **GARDENING:**

We have new books on kitchen gardens, homegrown vegetables, green lawn care, container gardening, backyard birds and organic gardening.

### **CRAFT BOOKS:**

We have new books on papercutting, celtic crafts, sewing and patterns, quilting, wheat weaving, knitting, wallpaper crafts, mosaics, handmade paper, 19th century embroidery techniques, paper quilling, stained glass quilts, eco crafts, knitting for babies and toddlers.

### **COOKING:**

We have new books in on Bobby Flay's Burgers, Contemporary Indian cuisine, green kitchens, Southern family cooking, stir-fries, Beef, Almost Meatless, whole grains, New York Restaurants and the Mediterranean diet.

### **THE ECONOMY:**

We have new books in on Business and Web 2.0, the Power of Less, Depression Economics, the Mortgage Meltdown, the

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.