

The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

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

June 2010



Amber Lansing – Our New Children’s Librarian

We are pleased to announce that Amber Lansing is our new Head Children’s Librarian. Amber has been a valuable member of the Children’s Department since 2005 and recently completed her MLS degree.

Expansion Update

Plans continue and much progress has been made toward our goal of starting the library construction later this year. The Library Building Committee recently recommended to the Town Council the hiring of a construction manager to oversee the project and the council has approved their recommendation. The architect is completing detail drawings of both the exterior and the interior of the building, so that revised project cost information can be developed. The good news is that the current construction environment will likely allow us to take advantage of more favorable pricing opportunities for both materials and labor.

We continue to do everything possible to appeal to state authorities to secure final Bond Commission approval of our construction grant, but due to the severe financial crisis the state faces, it is possible that our grant will not receive final approval in the near future. The Town Council is considering various options to deal with this possibility.

The Avon Library Capital Campaign is underway, chaired by Mark Nolan. Mark has assembled an extraordinary team of talented individuals in key campaign positions. They include: Magda Stayton, Dick Kisiel, John Carmon, Don McDonald, Jeffrey Baldwin, Lisa House, Lou Dibacco, Nancy Muench and many others. In addition, we are pleased to announce that Nancy and Jeffrey Hoffman will serve as honorary chairs of the campaign. We are currently seeking leadership gifts and grants, and expect to launch the Avon community campaign later this year. We welcome pledges and donations to the campaign at any time. If you would like to discuss a pledge or gift to the library, please contact Mark Nolan at 860.673.3200, or any other member of the campaign committee.

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

President’s Letter

Book Sale 2010 was another great success --- a big thanks to all of you who helped and attended. *The Friends* raised almost \$22,000 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. 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. All programs are the result of the profits from the Sale.

Five 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 expanded and renovated library.

A special thank you to the volunteers who made the Book Sale happen. Under the very capable leadership of Marie Peluso, chairperson, over 60 volunteers contributed their time (and hard work) at the Sale. Book Sale 2010 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. As always, the crew from Avon Public Works moved truckload after truckload of books into the Senior Center in a timely and efficient manner. This year 20 very capable (and strong) students from Avon Old Farms School lugged 950 boxes of books from the basement of the sorting space into the waiting trucks --- an arduous task, to say the least. Many, many hours are spent throughout the entire year: sorting, filing, lugging books. It’s the volunteers who make the Sale, and we thank you all.

Be sure to check out the slide show of Book Sale 2010 on the Library’s website!

— *Barbara Leonard*
President, Friends of Avon Library

Water Your Mind: READ Adult Summer Reading 2010

Kick off your summer reading on Friday June 25. Stop by to pick up some great summertime reading. Enter all summer for weekly prizes.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Wacky Science Wednesdays!

Talcott Mountain Science Center Presents...

Explore new technology with energy. Grades 3 & 4!

Advanced Alternative Energy- June 16 - 4:30 pm

Investigate new forms of energy that are helping benefit the earth, Grades 5 & 6!

Water Play- July 14, 4:30

Discover and explore the wonders of water. Grades K-2.

Wild Weather- July 21, 4:30

Explore and investigate the wonders of Wild and Wacky Weather! Grades 3 & 4.

Pond Life – July 28, 4:30

Slimy and scaly fun! Grades 5 & 6.

Sign up for each day separately.

Sat, June 26- 1:30 pm **KIDS SUMMER READING KICK OFF!**

Kids Summer Reading Kick Off featuring "Kahana Hula" Join us for a fun Polynesian Luau with snacks and refreshments! Sign up for summer reading and join in on the fun!

Tues June 29, July 27 and August 24 - 4:30 Nutmeg Book Discussion. Grades 4-6 (including newly graduated 3rd graders!!) Register for each class separately.

Thursdays in July and August! 10:30 - 12:30 Art Mart
Stop by the library for some free arts and crafts, all ages. No need to register.

Thurs, July 1, 1:30 pm - Fourth of July Picnic Storytime
Join us for a Fourth of July Storytime! Wear your Red, White, and Blue! For ages 3-6! Sign up.

Thurs. July 1, July 22, & August 12 4:00-5:00 PM
Pen Pal Club. The Avon Free Public Library will be hosting a new "Pen Pal Club" Come in and get a pen pal from another library and make a new friend! See how your letters and more can travel across the United States. Grades 3-6. Sign up.

Tue, July 6, 27 & August 10- 10:30 am - Bouncing Babies Drop In Storytime! For babies ages 0-2! Sign up for each class separately.

Wed, July 7- 1:00- Mad Science presents- Black & Blue Oceans
This class will take a dive of discovery into the largest ecosystem on the planet – the ocean! Through a hands-on activity, participants will explore the effects of, and the difficulties in, cleaning up an oil spill. Grades K-5, Sign up.

Wed, July 7, 2:30- Mad Science presents- Sea, Sand & Surf
Create your own miniature ocean and explore the wonders of sand, shells and sea life. Ages 3-5, Sign up.

Thurs, July 8, 22, Aug 5 & 12 - 10:30
Tots, Tunes and Tails- Drop-In 2's Storytime
Stop by for some music, movement and stories for 2 year olds.

Thurs, July 8, 1:30- Fantastic Fish Fun- Arts and Crafts with Miss Mary. Create a beautiful piece of art using our Summer Reading Theme!! Ages 3-6, Sign up.

Tues, July 13 & Aug 17- 3:00 - Bookmates Book Club
Mrs. DeLuca's Bookmates Book Club. Grades 1-3. Books: *Tales from the Waterhole* and *The Waterhorse*. Sign up.

Tue, July 13- 6:30 pm- Pajama Storytime. Join Mrs. St. Jean for her popular pajama storytime. Sign up quick, spaces limited!

Wed, July 14, 1:00- Friends Annual Ice Cream Social
Free! Make your own sundae, while supplies last. Stay after for outdoor game fun.

Thurs July 15, Aug 3 & 10 - 1:30- Summer Storytime Fun!
Stop by the library for some stories, music, games and more. Ages 3-6.

Tues July 20 - 11:00- Swim with the Mermaids Storytime!
Storytime all about mermaids! Ages 4-6, Sign up.

Tue, July 20- 6:30 pm- Family Storytime
Join our new addition to storytime, Family Storytime! All Ages!

Fri, July 23 - 6:30 pm- Family Night- Treasure Island. Check out the Hampstead Stage as they perform, "Treasure Island" Snacks and refreshments will be served. Free for all families.

Tue, July 27- 2:00- Arrrrr!!! Pirates!!
Ay mates, sail on in for some swashbuckling fun! Ages 3-6. Sign up.

Wed, July 28 & August 4 - 10:00 - Fit to Knit! Knitting lessons and circle. Ever want to learn how to knit? Here is your chance. Join Heather Singer from "InDetail Studio" in this class that will teach you how to knit. Must be able to attend both classes, July 28th and August 4th. Each participant will receive a starter kit that includes great knitting needles and a starting spool of yarn. Spaces limited, sign up fast! Grades 3-6.

Thurs July 29 & August 24 - 1:30 pm- B.Y.O.S. Storytime
Bring Your Own Snack to enjoy while you read stories, play games and more. Grades 1-3. Sign up for each class separately.

Fri, July 30, 2:00 PM - Make a Boat, Watch it Float
Kids and Parents, join teams and build a boat out of a variety of materials. Whose can float the fastest, the farthest or the longest? Guess you'll have to sign up to find out! Grades K-2, Sign up.

Mon, August 2, 13 & 20- 12:30 pm Lunch on the Lawn
Stop by for a picnic lunch with Miss Amber and enjoy some stories, music and more. Ages 2 and up. (Lunch is not provided, no need to register.

Tues, August 10- 2:00- Movie vs. Book Discussion
Grades 3-6, Read Ramona and Beezus and then meet at Hoyts to see the new film with a short discussion after. (Will need parent permission and travel). Sign up.

Tues, August 17- 11:00 am- Teddy Bear Picnic
Don't forget your Teddy Bears! Grades K-2! Sign up.

Wed, August 18- 9:00-1:00-KIDS TAG SALE & CRAFT FAIR!
Sign up and pick up guidelines in the children's room.

Thurs, August 19- 11:00 am- AFPL presents Amy Rogell
Check out popular recording artist Amy Rogell for some interactive music fun for ages 2 and up.

Fri, August 20- 1:30- Mother Daughter Tea Party
Grades K-2, bring your mom's for a fancy dancy tea party. Don't forget to wear your finest! Sign up.

Wed, August 25- 1:00 - 3:00 pm
END OF SUMMER READING CARNIVAL!! All participants of the summer reading club, join us to celebrate your wonderful accomplishment of reading all summer. Play games, win prizes and the unveiling of our Mystery Prizes!

Thurs, August 26- 4:00 pm- Back to School Storytime
Fun stories and more all about school! Grades K-2. Sign up.



TEEN CORNER

All programs for Grades 7-12 are drop in unless specified "Sign up".

Wed, June 16 - 3:00 pm - Teen Summer Reading Kick-Off Water Wars!

Thurs, July 8 - 5:00 - 8:00 pm - Book Vs. Movie Discussion
Join us for a viewing and discussion of the book and movie "Speak". Pick up the book at the library and read before you attend the program. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Fri, July 9 - 3:00-5:00 - Teen Readers Theater Club
Join other teens in creating and producing a short play for young children. Be prepared for weekly meetings and rehearsals. Production in August!

Thurs, July 15 - 11:00 am
Iron Chef Avon Teen- Bagel Topping Contest
Compete against other teens (Grades 7-12) to win the honor of being named the Teen Iron Chef Bagel Champion. Bagels provided by Brueggers Bagels. Some topping choices available but you may bring your own.

Wed, July 21 - 2:00 pm - Beach Towel Tie Dye
All supplies provided. Sign up!

Tues, July 27 - 3:00 pm - Teen Nutmeg Book Discussion
The Last Dragon. Grades 7 & 8 (including newly graduated 6th graders!!).

Thurs, August 5 - 3:00 - Sand Castle Building Competition
Bring your buckets and prepare to build a real sand castle!

Wed, August 11 - 11:30-1:30 - Make your own Luncheon!
Come to the library and help prepare a different dish! Then enjoy lunch with all of the participants!

Mon, August 16 - 2:00 - Make your Own H2O holder
Grades 7-12, stop by to make a great H2O holder you can use all summer long to stay cool!

Mon, August 23 - 6:30 pm - Fearful Food Factory
Do you have what it takes to try these treats?!?

Fri, August 27 - 2:00-4:00 pm -
TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB PRIZE AUCTION
Got Library Loot? Don't waste it, spend it here!



Summer Yoga Series

7:00 pm
Mondays, June 14 & 21
Tuesdays, July 6 & 13

Yoga with Ashwini Belhe! Ashwini studies yoga in India and has been teaching for over 10 years. 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.

Avon Library Seeks Grant for Treasures of Connecticut Libraries Project



Card game at Climax Fuse Company, circa 1899

The Avon Library has applied for a grant from the Connecticut State Library and Library Connection consortium to participate in the Treasures of Connecticut Libraries project to digitize a portion of the historical photograph collection of Clinton B. Hadsell (1872-1947). The digital photos will be cataloged and made available online for searching through the Treasures of Connecticut Libraries website. The website is a collection of digitized items from the historical collections of public libraries across Connecticut featuring photos, maps, landmarks and gravestones.

The Hadsell collection consists of approximately 200 photographs taken by the Avon resident at the turn of the 20th century. Subjects include local sites such as bridges, Route 44, Avon Mountain, local farms, and Avon residents at work and play. The collection is housed in the archives of the Marion Hunter History Room at the library.

The grant will allow us to highlight our unique collection by providing free, web-based access for Avon residents, students, teachers, historians and genealogists with roots in Avon. For more information about this project, please contact Patrice Celli at the Reference Desk 860-673-9712.

MUSEUM PASSES

— — NEW — —

Harriet Beecher Stowe Museum is coming soon!

Save money on your day-cations by reserving a Museum Pass from the library!

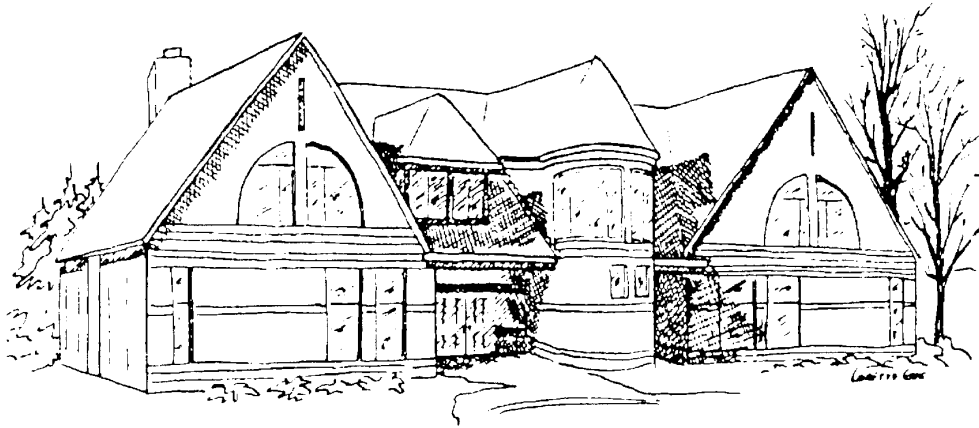
The Museum Pass program offers discounted or free admission to CT parks and museums for Avon residents, courtesy of the Friends of the Avon Library. Place your reservation online! To reserve a pass:

Log on to www.avonctlibrary.info

Click on "Museum Passes" (left side)

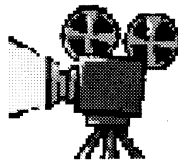
Select a Museum and date, enter your information, hit "continue" and a screen will pop up for you to REVIEW the information that you have entered.

After reviewing the info, scroll to bottom of screen and select "submit". The screen will now say PASS RESERVATION COMPLETE. Print that page out and bring it to the library when you come in to pick up the museum pass. Please note that you will only be able to reserve one Museum Pass at a time



Thursday Movie Matinees

2:00 pm



July 15 An American in Paris

Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron. (1951) An American WWII veteran living in Paris is trying to make it as a painter.

July 22 Ninotchka

Greta Garbo, Melvyn Douglas. (1939) A dour, Soviet official experiences the allure of the west in Paris.

July 29 Arsenic and Old Lace

Cary Grant, Josephine Hull, Jean Adair. (1944) Two adorable elderly ladies believe it's their responsibility to end the lives of lonely old bachelors by serving them elderberry wine spiked with arsenic.

Aug. 5 The Goodbye Girl

Richard Dreyfus, Marsha Mason. (1977) Subletting an apartment can only go from bad to worse

Aug 12 Sabrina

Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, William Holden. (1954) A chauffeur's daughter is in love with a rich playboy who ignores her until. . .

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with Jan Brennan • June 29 • 7:00 pm

Family Program – Register online

Meet Jackie Kennedy!

June 19 2:00 pm at the Avon Senior Center

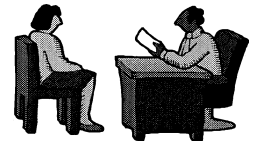
In this compelling one-woman show, Robin Lane reveals the real Jacqueline Onassis. Stylish refreshments will be served! Please register online from the library's website.

Program for Job Seekers

Tues., July 27 • 2:00-3:30 pm

Job-Seekers: Stretch Don't Settle!

with Marcia LaReau, Ph.D.



An interactive seminar on how to increase the likelihood of an interview, key points to landing a job offer and what kinds of positions to consider.

Author Talk

June 24, 7:00 pm

Allan G. Johnson, local author, will read from his new novel *The First Thing and the Last*. This is a story of domestic violence and healing. Copies of the book will be for sale.