

The Library Times

Avon, Connecticut

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

January 2010

Mrs. McNulty is retiring!



Can you believe it? We can't! But Karen McNulty, our Children's Librarian Extraordinaire since 1989, has decided to retire. We are throwing a big party for her on Wednesday, January 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, and we hope you can stop in to say good bye to her. Mrs. McNulty is responsible for developing

a dynamic and responsive children's program for our library in which Avon children have thrived and learned to love reading. We will miss her but wish her the best in her retirement.

President's Letter

Although the holidays are but a memory, don't settle in for a boring winter. Join the **Friends of the Library** for six Sunday afternoon concerts this winter. There is a variety of music that should suit just about everybody, from jazz to classical. Mark your Sunday calendars for 3:00 and get ready to be entertained. Linger over refreshments after the concerts and get to know the musicians.

Be sure to check out the variety of programs that are being offered this winter for both adults and children. No need to watch the snowflakes fall when you can come to the Library for such a variety of things to do.

Additionally, a huge thanks to all of you who helped make our Holiday Boutique a success this year. We raised over \$1000 in the two day event. So again, thanks to all of you who came to buy as well as those who volunteered to staff the event. It is **Friends** like you who make our efforts worthwhile.

— *Barbara Leonard*
President, Friends of Avon Library

Social Media : What Is It and How Can I Use It?

Do you feel clueless about Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn? Do you want to know what they are, and how to use them to keep up with family and friends? Do you want to understand the newest platform for advertising your business?

Suzanne Hard, Avon resident, lawyer and social media user, will present the same workshop at two convenient times: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm and Tuesday March 16, 2010 at 10:30 am and will cover the three hottest social media sites by demonstrating how to create and post to your own Facebook page, tweet on Twitter and connect on LinkedIn in order to communicate your business message effectively in this new environment.

To register, please call the Reference Desk 860-673-9712.

We're on Facebook! Follow us on Twitter.

Meet Two Local Authors this Winter

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Meet Tido Holkamp

Tido Holtkamp is an Avon resident, and author of *A Perfect Lady - A Pictorial History of the U.S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle*. Mr. Holtkamp will present the history of the Eagle, along with his love affair with her and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Meet Louis Norton

Louis Arthur Norton is the author of *Captains Contentious: The Dysfunctional Sons of the Brine*, *New England's Stormalong*, and *Joshua Barney: Hero of the Revolution and 1812*. Mr. Norton is a Maritime Historian, a native of the old seaport of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and a professor emeritus at the University of Connecticut. Norton writes frequently on maritime history topics, and he was awarded the 2002 and 2006 Gerald E. Morris Prizes for maritime historiography for articles published in the Log of Mystic Seaport.

Both programs will be held in the Community Room at 1:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. The authors will have their books available for purchase and signing.

Donor Designation Program of the United Way

Did you know that the Avon Library is eligible for donations through the United Way's payroll deduction program? If your employer participates in their Donor Designation Program and you would like to use that method for contributing to the Library, we'd be most appreciative. Just fill in the name of the Avon Free Public Library, Inc. Thank you!

Save the date (June 12) for the Piano Marathon



Calling all musicians! We've given you a break for a few years but we want to celebrate our beautiful piano and the gift of music by holding the Piano Marathon on June 12. You may sing, play, dance, as long as you use the piano. June 12, 1:00-5:00 pm. Sign-ups won't be taken for a few months but we wanted you to know so you can start practicing!

The Old Leatherman

Learn the fascinating story of the Leather Man, a wanderer who traveled a 365 mile loop between the Connecticut and Hudson Rivers in the 1880's. Dan W. DeLuca, author of *The Old Leather Man, Historical Accounts of a Connecticut and New York Legend* will speak at the Library on Saturday, January 30, 10:00 am. Mr. DeLuca has been researching the "Leather Man" for twenty years and is the leading expert on his subject. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Sponsored by the Library and the Avon Historical Society.

5 Deadly Pitfalls of Job Searching in a Down Economy

A free workshop with Marcia LaReau is scheduled for Tuesday January 26, 2010 at 2:00 pm. Ms. LaReau, a career consultant and founder of Forward Motion, will offer tips on finding and securing a job in a difficult economy, including preparing a resume and cover letter, on-line applications, telephone screenings, the interview process, and how to handle awkward questions. Register by calling the Reference Desk 860-673-9712.

The Perfect Pairing: Gourmet Chocolate & Wine

Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 pm



Join Klassic Kreations Gourmet and discover the best pairings of fine wines and different varieties of Belgian chocolates. Pairings with cheese, fruit and bread will also be discussed.

This program is limited to twenty people. Please call the library to register. (Must be 21 or over, since wine will be served.)



Miss Amber helps a kindergarten class get their first library card.

Classic Book Discussions Spring 2010

Thursday, February 18: Carole Shmurak, mystery author formerly from CCSU will lead a discussion of Wilkie Collins' *The Moonstone* (snowdate February 25)

Thursday, March 25: Kerry Driscoll, of Saint Joseph College, will lead a discussion of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* which is part of the Greater Hartford Big Read tribute to Mark Twain.

Thursday, April 15: Nels Highberg, of The University of Hartford, will lead a discussion of Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*.

Thursday, May 13: Paul Karpuk, of CCSU will lead a discussion of *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky.

Get a copy of one or all of these classics, start reading and join us Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30.



New Tax Rules and You

H. & R. Block is back again on Saturday February 27, 2010 at 2:00 pm to present a free seminar that will answer your questions about the new rules that may affect your filing, such as: government stimulus payments, tax credits, energy credits, first time home buyers credit, owning vs. renting for a single person. Register by calling the Reference Desk 860-673-9712.

Medication and ADD/ADHD

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 from 7-8:30pm Dr. Shawn M. Carney will present a program for adults on alternatives to medication for ADD/ADHD. Adults and children both struggle with the effects of this disorder and Dr. Carney, a naturopathic physician with Hartford Hospital Avon Wellness Center, will discuss the effective and science-based natural treatment options including dietary changes and nutritional supplements. To register, call the Reference Desk 860-673-9712.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

**As with any public program, if you are concerned about weather or a cancellation, always call the children's room before travelling to the library.

WINTER READING BOOK CLUB: "Snow is falling... books are calling!" Pick up a reading log, a bookmark, and guidelines.

JANUARY

Jan. 4 - 16: Storytime registration for the winter session, stop in to fill out a form, ages 2 – 6. Session runs Jan. 25 – March 26.

Tue. Jan. 5 & 12: Chess Club, 3:30 – 5:00 pm; register for the year upstairs.

Wed. Jan. 6: Boo-Hoo Bye-Bye Storytime with Mrs. McNulty, who retires Feb. 1. Ages 3 – 6 sign up for 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. With craft.

Sat. Jan. 9: Also: Easy Origami with Joel, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, grades 3 & up sign up.

Thu. Jan. 14: Boo-Hoo Bye-Bye Storytime with Mrs. McNulty, who retires Feb. 1. For older students, ages 6 – 9, sign up for 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Craft included.

Fri. Jan. 15: No school in Avon!! Lego building contest for ages 7 – 10 from 11:00 am – Noon. Sign-up required.

Fri. Jan. 15: Star Book Craft for grades 3 and up at 2:00 pm. See samples and sign up in the Children's Room.

Sat. Jan. 16: *The Friends* sponsor the Beekeepers Association from 3:00 – 3:45 with a presentation on the wonders of bees in nature. Drop in, ages 4 & up.

Thu. Jan. 21: Mrs. DeLuca's BookMates discussion, grades 1 – 3 sign up for 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Sat. Jan. 23: Meet Catherine Gibson, local author of *Though Sophie's Eyes*, a lovely story about a deaf child and ballet. Ages 4 & up wear your tutus if you like; sign up for the story & an activity from 3:00 – 3:45 pm. Illustrated by Avon's Robert Noreika.

Mid-January: Grades 4 – 8: don't forget to vote for your favorite Nutmeg!!!

Mon. Jan. 25: New storytime session begins, you must be registered.

Sat. Jan. 30: Mrs. Randolph's annual Gingerbread Man Storytime, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, ages 3 – 6 please sign up.

FEBRUARY

Tue. Feb. 2: PJ storytime with Mrs. St. Jean, 6:30 pm, ages 3 – 6, please sign up.

Tue. Feb. 9: Mrs. DeLuca's BookMates discussion, grades 1 – 3 sign up for 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Week of Feb. 14: School vacation, no regular storytimes.

Tue. Feb. 16: "Bring Your Own Snack" storytime, grades 1 – 3 sign up 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Wed. Feb. 17: NUTMEG BOOK BUFFET Read-A-Thon for grades 4 – 8 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Pick up our special flyer on this event.

Fri. Feb. 19: Miss Amber's annual Princess Party. Ages 4 – 6 sign up for 1:30 – 2:30 pm.

FEBRUARY (continued)

Sat. Feb. 20: The famous AIRBORNE JUGGLERS return from 3:00 – 4:00 pm, for a wild display of the best juggling in America. Ages 3 & up drop in. Sponsored by *the Friends*.

Tue. Feb. 23: Annual Nutmeg Trivia game, grades 4 – 6, sign up for 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

Sat. Feb 27: Mrs. Randolph's annual Teddy Bear Storytime from 2:00 – 3:00 pm for ages 3 – 6. Please sign up.

Tue. Mar. 2: PJ storytime with Mrs. St. Jean, 6:30 pm, ages 3 – 6, please sign up.

Sat. Mar. 6: Mrs. DeLuca's Winter Bingo, grades 1 – 3 sign up for 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Tue. March 9: "Bring Your Own Snack" storytime, grades 1 – 3 sign up 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Sat. Mar. 13: End of the winter READING CLUB PARTY, featuring a magic show from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Ages 3 and up drop into the Community Room, sponsored by *the Friends*.



TEEN CORNER

All the events listed below are for Grades 7-12. Sign up in Children's Room Notebook.

Tuesday's- January 12th, February 9th and March 23rd. TAB Meetings 6:30-8:00, Exclusively for High School Students. Find out how you can help the library in purchasing Teen materials and creating great Teen programs!!

Sat, Jan 16 - Teen Winter Reading Club Starts!! "Chill Out with a Good Book" Stop in to enter a raffle and join in on our paperback swap! Swap any of your old teen-aged paperbacks for some new and gently used ones!! FREE ALL WEEK!

Wed, Jan 20 - The Great Pizza Taste Off!! Can you guess your favorite local pizza place!! 3:30-4:30

Fri, Jan 29 - Afterschool Gaming Nintendo Wii and snacks. 3:00-5:00.

Tue, Feb 2, 3:30 - Snowy Snack Sensation! Come create a winter themed snack afterschool

Tue, Feb 23, 7:00 - Teen Improv Comedy Show! Back by popular demand, 3 years running!! The Marshmallow Masquers and their awesome Improv Comedy show!!

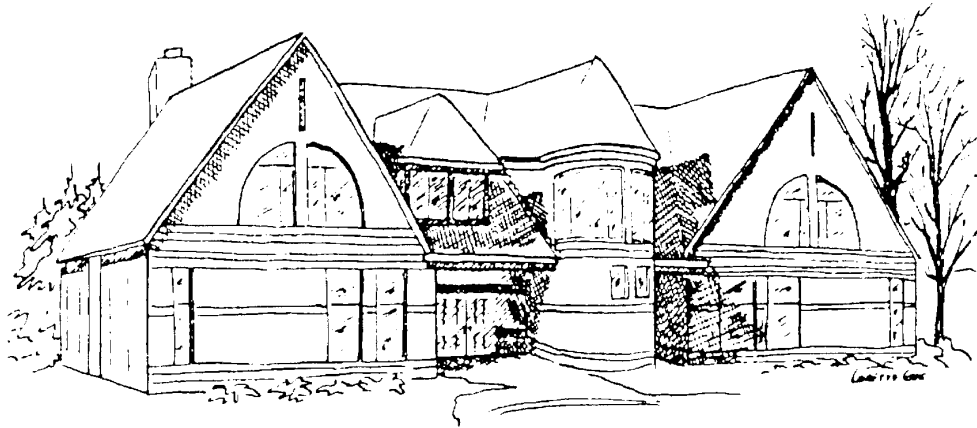
TEEN TECH WEEK - March 7 -13

Tue. Mar 9 - Digital Scrapbooking Workshop. Bring in a flash drive or CD with at least 10 pictures and create your own digital scrapbook. 6:00-8:00

Wed. Mar 10 - Cyber Cafe - Play traditional games with a techy twist and coffee-shop style snacks. 3:00-4:00

Fri. Mar 12 - Teen Winter Reading Club Party!! Nintendo Wii, raffle winners every 10 minutes! Pizza and More!! 3:00-4:30

Also during this week, sign up for our first ever, "High School Online Book Discussion!"



Winter Classic Film Series

A Winter Classic Film Series, co-sponsored by the Friends and the Senior Center, begins again on Thursday, January 7th with **Roman Holiday**. Classic films will be shown **every Thursday at 2pm** during the months of January, February and March. Refreshments will be served.

Jan. 7 **Roman Holiday**
Gregory Peck and
Audrey Hepburn



Jan. 14 **East of Eden**
Julie Harris and James Dean

Jan. 21 **All About Eve**
Bette Davis and Anne Baxter

Jan. 28 **Pillow Talk**
Rock Hudson and Doris Day

Feb. 4 **To Catch a Thief**
Cary Grant and Grace Kelly

Feb. 11 **The Thin Man**
William Powell and Myrna Loy

Feb. 18 **The Long, Hot Summer**
Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward

Feb. 26 **High Noon**
Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly

Mar. 4 **Place in the Sun**
Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Clift

Mar. 11 **Bell, Book and Candle**
James Stewart, Kim Novak and
Jack Lemmon

Mar. 18 **Notorious**
Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman

Mar. 26 **The Big Sleep**
Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall

REMINDER

The Library will be open on Sunday from 1 - 5 pm,
January through March!

First Sunday is January 3.

We're on **Facebook!** Follow us on **Twitter!**

A Special Music Program

On Friday, February 5, Analia Marigliano, Argentinian pianist, will perform selections of the music from South America. The program will begin at 7:30 pm.