

Scholarship Winner!

Amber Lansing, Library Specialist in the Children's Room, Avon Library, has been awarded the 2009 scholarship from the Caroline Hewins Scholarship Fund administered by the Hartford Public Library. The scholarship of \$4,000 is awarded to those who plan to specialize in library work with children and who have applied to, or are participating in, a graduate library school program. Preference is given to applicants who plan to pursue a career in public library service.



Ms. Lansing, a graduate of Westfield State College in Education, is pursuing her graduate degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She has completed two semesters of course work while working 25 hours a week in the Children's Room of the Avon Library and will continue her studies throughout the summer and next year.

Ms. Lansing began working at the Library in January 2005. She completed her undergraduate work while working for the Library with the intention of becoming a teacher or, with further study, a library media specialist. She has always enjoyed working with children and knew that she wanted to make a career of it. She liked her work at the Avon Public Library so much that she decided to get her graduate degree in Library and Information Science with the goal of becoming a Children's Librarian in a public library.

Along with Karen McNulty, Avon Children's Librarian, and Children's Specialists, Carol Randolph and Mary DeLuca, Amber provides a full schedule of children's programming and services, and a dynamic collection selected for use and pleasure by Avon's children. Amber has been instrumental in initiating programs and services for Avon's teens, including the Teen Advisory Board.