

# Minutes

Avon Library Board Meeting	
Dec. 16, 2008	7:30pm Avon Library: Community Room
Meeting called by	Mary Suter, President
Attendees	Mary Suter, President; Jeffrey Ratner, Treasurer; Ruth Timme, Secretary; Virginia Vocelli, Library Director; Barbara Leonard, Friends; Carl Sauerbrunn, Tad Kuziak, Pamela Moore, and John Healy. Absent: Leonard Oremland, Angela Scott-Henderson and Jeffrey Becker.
Minutes for November 18, 2008 Board Meeting	
	submitted by Ruth Timme
Discussion	The minutes of November 18 <sup>th</sup> were submitted and approved with the note that Jeffrey Ratner's name has only one T.
Treasurer's Report	
	Jeffrey Ratner, Treasurer
Presentation	Jeff reviewed the numbers for October and November. Income is below budget and expenses are over budget through November, but not significantly as evidenced by the consistent investment (cash) balances. Mitnick income will probably be \$6,000 less than anticipated this year due to the market and interest rate drop.
Friends of the Avon Library Report	
	Barbara Leonard
Discussion	The Friends sponsored the Annual Birthday party and continues its activities with fervor and zest. There are now 670 (the number was 609 last month!) members of The Friends of the Library. The Holiday Boutique netted \$1,100, and the sale of paperbacks is very popular.
Library Report	
	Virginia Vocelli, Library Director
Circulation	Circulation numbers were slightly down because those numbers were skewed by the usage of Simsbury residents last year. Patrons are happy that now Sunday hours are available.
Adult Services	Staff is busy helping students with homework assignments and helping Avon residents with computer job searches and resumes. In November Ginny helped to cover the Reference Desk so that staff could attend November faculty meeting at the High School. Julie Styles, the Technical Services librarian, is working a regular shift at the Reference Desk. The <b>Marian Hunter History Room</b> received a collection of reminiscences of Avon veterans from the local VFW chapter.
Children's Services	The Teen Advisory Board sponsored many programs with 12 to 25 in each program. Book discussions for several ages were held. More programs were purchased for the ever popular Wii.

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Professional Activities	Staff attended the quarterly meetings of the library network service. Ginny attended a "Green Institute" on library buildings at the State Capitol, and the staff enjoyed a Holiday party at 99.
Expansion	The staff and board continue to be excited by the State grant for \$1,000,000 that Ginny and staff secured. However, the delay of the expansion seems to exacerbate the frustration with the overcrowded conditions. Further scrutiny of equipment and materials is being undertaken. The Library Building Committee and Staff presented the expansion project to the River Mead Condominium Association at their annual meeting. Additional venues are being explored.
Library Calendar	
January 8	Avon Town Council Meeting
January 11	Sunday afternoon music series begins
January 20	Regular Board meeting.