

Minutes

Avon Library Board Meeting	
March 17, 2009	7:30pm Avon Library: Community Room
Meeting called by	Mary Suter, President
Attendees	Mary Suter, President; Ruth Timme, Secretary; Virginia Vocelli, Library Director; Tad Kuziak, Jeffrey Ratner, and Barbara Leonard. Absent: Leonard Oremland, Pamela Moore, Angela Scott-Henderson, Carl Sauerbrunn, and Jeffrey Becker.
Minutes for February 11th Board Meeting	
	submitted by Ruth Timme
Discussion	The minutes were submitted and will be approved electronically.
Treasurer's Report	
	Jeffrey Ratner
Investments	Consolidated all the CDs into Schwab so that easier to ladder CDs.
January and February reports	Income is significantly down, and expenses could not be reduced to the same extent. Two more months of Sunday hours will be eliminated in the 09-10 budget.
Librarian's Report	
	Virginia Vocelli
Human interest	Amber Lansing, the Children's Library Specialist (who, incidentally, loves teenagers!) received a scholarship from the Caroline Hewins Scholarship Funds. A scholarship that is nationally sought after. The library got a high ranking in <i>Library Journal</i> – 54 th out of 1126 public libraries.
Adult Services	The VITA Tax Assistance Program is going strong. There is an increased response to the SCORE free business counseling program. The 4 th annual Real Estate seminar had 50 attendees.
Children's Services	Weekends are packed with well attended programs. Nine story time sessions have been run by staff. Book discussions for 1 st through 6 th grades are popular. Amber has initiated a variety of games, programs, and even a whodunit dinner for teenagers.
Technical	There has been comprehensive weeding of "dusty" books – i.e. not checked out in the past three years. Friends of the Library found Better World Books to buy discarded books. The 5% of the sale designated to a charity is going to libraries that suffered from Hurricane Katrina.
Administration	Final version of the Town Manager's budget proposal for the Council is anticipated. The library must find 10% of its budget to cut. It appears that fewer hours, namely Sundays, is expected to be the major part of the cut.
Friends of the Library Report	
	Barbara Leonard

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Membership	Currently have 702 members vs. 719 last year.
Book Sale	The Book Sale will be May 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd . Fortunately, Avon High School and Avon Old Farms students have volunteered to help with the physical labor of the book sale.
New Business	
	Mary Suter, President
Board Members	Angela nominated Jane Brady to the Board, and the Board readily accepted Jane as a new Board member. Jane has been working for the last two years in Income Development with the American Cancer Society. Mary Suter and Jeff Ratner agreed to remain in their positions until the end of 2009 or until the referendum for the expansion is passed.
Use of facilities	There was discussion as to whether the library could have rooms used by "for-profit" entities. Donna Miller will study this matter thoroughly, including policies of other CT libraries, and report to the Board before a policy decision is made.
Library Calendar	
March 30	Public hearing on proposed budget.
April 21	Regular Board Meeting
April 12-18	National Library week