



Beyond the Bookends



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

Autumn 2018

Join the Friends of the Avon Library
for their **9th Author Luncheon**

featuring

ELIN HILDERBRAND

the bestselling author of *The Perfect Couple*
and *The Identicals*

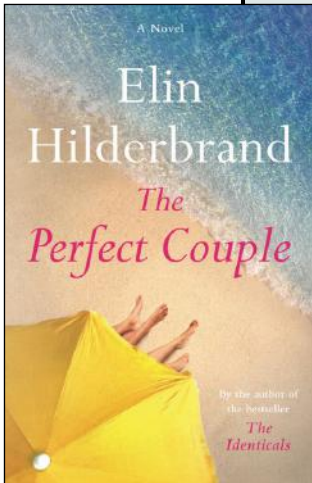
Friday, October 26, 2018

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Farmington Club, 162 Town Farm Road, Farmington CT

Tickets \$50 per person

To register, or for more information, please visit the library's
website @ www.avonctlibrary.info



Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

September 2018

Dear Friends and Friends-to-be,

Fun facts about libraries: Did you know that our country has more public libraries than McDonalds? Did you know there are more than 30,000 registered Little Free Libraries around the world? I even discovered one this summer while traveling in Croatia. Although Little Free Libraries are adorable and serve an important function, we are fortunate to have a Large Free Library in our community. The Avon Free Public Library is a welcoming place for all. We are a hub for children eager to check out new books, for teens coming together with their peers to eat pizza and talk about YA novels, for seniors honing their computer or photography skills, for new immigrants learning English, for job-seekers researching opportunities online, for film buffs, and music lovers, and writers, and of course-for readers. Our library is a safe environment for learning, for accessing entertainment, immersing ourselves in culture, and finding enrichment in our lives. Our library is a mecca for resources, educational opportunities, cutting-edge technology, for history. All this awesomeness under one roof along with a team of dedicated librarians who are there to answer our questions, point us in the right direction, and add value to our lives.

We hope you will take a moment of your time to join the **Friends of the Avon Public Library**. (Please see the form inside.) By becoming a Friend, you are making a positive difference in our community. Your donation helps to support unfunded special exhibits, classes, technology, paid interns, and so much more.

Looking back: More than 350 members of our community enjoyed J. Foster's ice cream at our **Annual Friends Ice Cream Social** on August 8. A special thank you to the teens and our amazing librarians who rolled up their sleeves to scoop. We couldn't have done it without you!

Looking ahead: The **Annual Avon Public Library Book Sale**, our big fundraiser, is October 12-14, in the Community Room. If you just can't wait, remember the **Booktique** is stocked with some of our best books for sale at great prices. Thank you for leaving your book donations in **bags and boxes** inside the closet at the far end of the Gallery.

We are thrilled to announce that **Elin Hilderbrand** will be this year's speaker at the Friends' **Author Luncheon** on October 26. Be sure to buy your tickets early, as this is sure to be a sold-out event at The Farmington Club.

And now, back to my book. (*The Bees*, by Laline Paull)

Lynn Katz, President, Friends of Avon Free Public Library

New
expanded
hours



The Avon Library is now
open on Wednesday
evenings until 8:30pm !!!

Mon.Tue.Wed.Thu : 10am-8:30pm
Fri.Sat : 10am-5pm

BOOK SALE

The Book Sale will be held in the Community Room:

Friday, October 12th ~ 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Preview Sale: \$5 admission
(free with Friends membership postcard)

Saturday, October 13th ~ 9:00am - 4:00pm

No admission fee

Sunday, October 14th ~ 12:00pm - 3:00pm

No admission fee - BAG SALE: \$5 per bag!

Cash & Credit Cards accepted!

no strollers will be allowed inside the Community Room

An Evening with author Hester Fox

Monday,
October 15, 2018
@ 6:30 pm

Join us for an evening
with author **Hester Fox**,
and learn about her new
book *The Witch of Willow
Hall*. This addictive
historical debut novel is
about strange power, fierce love, family
secrets and how the past haunts us in
ways that demand to be seen. Books
will be available for sale and signing at
this event.



SAVE THE DATE!

Mon., November 19th
4:00pm-7:00pm

Special Holiday FARMER'S MARKET

Featuring your favorite vendors from the summer! Held in the Avon Library community room. Select winter vegetables, baked goods, honey, gelato & everything you need for your Thanksgiving table!

Kids & Teen Holiday Craft Fair

Monday, November 19th
5:00 - 7:00 pm

For more information, please call 860-673-9712 x240



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AND UP!

AVON LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

Tuesday
Nov. 6th
2 pm

Thank you for your support as a Friend of the Avon Public Library.

Your annual Friendship is extremely important as it helps to provide a wide variety of programming at the library. In addition to joining, please consider volunteering by checking off the list below.



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to join the Friends at the following level:

- Individual / Senior \$10
- Senior Couple \$15
- Family Bookworms \$25
- Booklover \$50 - \$99
- Bibliophile \$100 - \$199
- Book Collector \$200 & up

Yes, I would like to volunteer for:

- Booktique, Book Sale
- Friends Board Member
- Baked Goods Donation (programs & special events)
- Special Projects Volunteer (Fundraisers)
- Garden Swat Team

Amount Enclosed _____

Please make checks out to the Friends of the Avon Library. Include this form with your tax deductible contribution and matching gift form if your company participates. Mail to: **281 Country Club Road, Avon CT, 06001.**

Fall 2018

Magic Show

starring Kathie

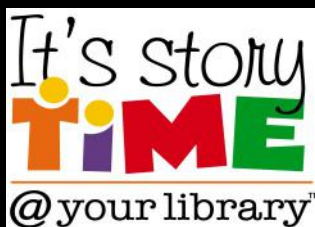
Saturday, December 1st
@ 2 pm

Featuring
magic,
hilarious
comedy and
audience
participation!



for ages 5 & up

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Fall Storytimes Coming Soon!

Registration for Fall storytimes will begin on September 14th for Avon residents (non-residents begin September 17th). Call to register @ 860-673-9712 ext. 240

The Friends of the Avon Library invite you to our
Library Birthday Celebration!



Saturday, October 6th
@ 2:00pm



Join us in the Community Room for a special musical program for all ages by **Rob Duquette!**
Birthday treats will also be served!

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Teen DIY Zombie Friday!

Friday, October 26th
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Come to the Teen Room and learn how to use makeup and some household items to turn yourself into a **zombie!** Drop-in event for teens in Grades 7-12.



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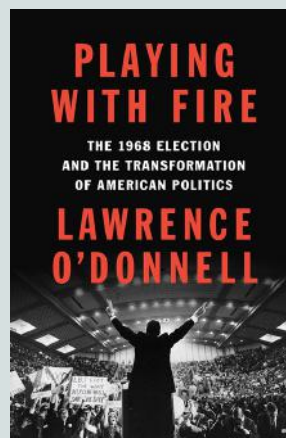
Tuesday, October 30, 2018

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm



This year marks the 80th anniversary of Orson Welles' *War of the Worlds* radio broadcast that terrified and stunned the nation. Join us as we celebrate it in style and re-play the original broadcast in its entirety! We're even going to transform the library's atrium into a 1930's era

living room, complete with a 1936 antique radio console on loan to us from the Vintage Radio and Communications Museum in Windsor. You will not want to miss this one-of-a-kind event!



ELECTION DAY Roundtable Book Discussion

Tuesday,
November 6, 2018
@ 2:00pm

After you cast your vote at the polls, join us for this Election Day roundtable book discussion! Stephen McGrath, CCSU History Professor, will lead the discussion of Lawrence O'Donnell's book *Playing with Fire: the 1968 Election and the Transformation of American Politics*. This delightful combination of vivid storytelling and sharp political insight brings to life the most fascinating election of modern times.

This free program will be held in the library's atrium. No registration is required. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk.

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