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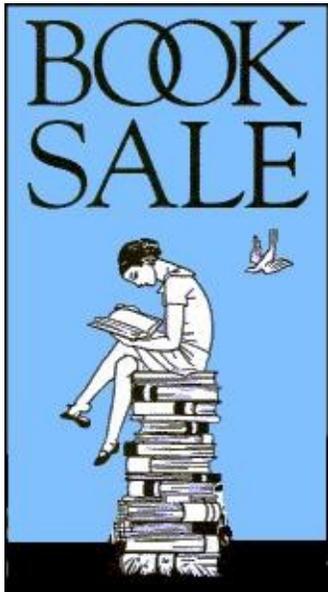
# Beyond the Bookends



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

Autumn 2021

## SAVE THE DATES!



We are thrilled to announce the return of our popular **BOOK SALE** fundraiser! The Friends are planning a streamlined and safe **Used Book Sale weekend**. In order to limit crowding in the Community Room, this fall sale will include **adult fiction and nonfiction books only**. (A separate children's book sale will be planned for another time.) All Friends members will receive postcards a week in advance, waiving the \$5.00 entrance fee for Friday evening. Now is a great time to become a member. Consider donating your new or gently-used books (preferably published since 2015) to add to our sale collection.

The **Book Sale** will be held in the Community Room:

**Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm:** Preview Sale: \$5 admission

**Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm:** No admission fee

**Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm:** BAG SALE: \$5 per bag!

Cash & Credit Cards accepted!

**\* Please wear a mask & social distance \* No strollers will be allowed inside \***

## Letter from the President of the Friends of Avon Public Library

September 2021

Dear Friends,

Who doesn't remember their first library? Mine was on Union Street in downtown Schenectady, NY. The magnificent building was completed in 1903 at a cost of \$55,000. The project was supported by The General Electric Company, Union College, and the Andrew Carnegie Foundation which donated \$50,000. The library was replaced while I was still in high school by the modern structure that houses that city's library today. But memories of my first library can never be erased.

My mom would drop me off at the lower level where the children's books were housed. She would then disappear into the stacks above. I loved story time with the children's librarian, playing with other kids, and browsing among all the colorful picture books, *Curious George*, *Madeleine*, and other favorites. As I got older, I discovered new favorites, *Ramona Quimby*, *The Borrowers*, and *Pippi Longstocking*. Finally, I was old enough to venture upstairs with my mom and older sisters. I remember being in awe of the enormous stairway, the ornate banisters, the round circulation desk, the smell of old books and oak.

It makes me smile to know that images of The Avon Public Library will be etched in the memories of the children in our community. Although the specifics of this year's fundraisers are still emerging, the Friends will continue to support both children and adult programming. Please check our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofAvonLibrary>) and the library website (<https://www.avonctlibrary.info/friends/>) to learn more about our efforts. As part of our fall membership drive, we hope you will reach out to newcomers, colleagues, friends and family to encourage them to become members of The Friends of the Avon Public Library. You may use the form attached to this newsletter, or pay online. Together, with your support, we will build library memories that will last a lifetime.

And now, back to my book (*The Last Thing He Told Me*, by Laura Dave).

Lynn Katz, President, Friends of Avon Free Public Library

***Creativity is free!***

**Visit the Take and Create table**



**in the Children's Department**

**for inspiring creative ideas to bring home!**



**Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm**  
for grades 5 - 8 (via Zoom)

Kids and teens will each get their own part in a script. There's a new script each month! No memorizing; just fun. Practice dramatic reading and acting skills with the script and even play fun theater games!

*Please register online to receive the Zoom link for this program.*

### Teen Advisory Board

**Open to teens in grades 9-12**



A great way to volunteer and have a say in the Teen Room and teen programs! Sign up online to receive the Zoom link.

Meets on **Tuesdays @ 5:00 pm**

**September 21 • October 26 • November 23**

**For the most up-to-date information, including library hours, services, and virtual programs, visit our website @ [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info) or call us @ 860-673-9712**



## UNEARTHING HISTORY: VIRTUAL LECTURES

**\* October is Archaeology Awareness Month in CT \***



### Nick Bellantoni's Greatest Hits in Connecticut Archaeology

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 @ 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Join us for a virtual presentation by Nick Bellantoni, PhD, Emeritus CT State Archaeologist. Dr. Bellantoni will look back at his 27-year career preserving and excavating archaeological sites in our state. Learn about the fascinating projects he has worked on, including criminal forensic investigations, early Native American sites, historic cemeteries and industrial mills - and even vampires! Significant archaeological sites from Avon will also be discussed, as well as how the Avon Land Trust can help preserve archaeological sites within our community. *Co-sponsored by the Avon Land Trust.*

### Connecticut's Paleo-Indian Sites

Thursday, October 7, 2021 @ 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Presented by Dr. Zachary (Zac) Singer, Research Archeologist, Maryland Historical Trust and Dr. David Leslie, Archeological and Historical Services, Storrs, CT. In this virtual program Dr. Singer will present the excavations at the Templeton Paleo-Indian site in western Connecticut, and Dr. Leslie will provide an update on the Brian D. Jones Paleo-Indian site in Avon as they begin their fourth year of analysis of the artifacts found there. This event will run for 90 minutes with Q&A to follow. *Co-sponsored by the Avon Senior Center and the Avon Historical Society.*

**Please register @ [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info) and a Zoom link will be sent to you before the event.**

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)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 2021*

**Teen Readers Unite (TRU) Book Discussion:  
*Cheer Up* by Crystal Frasier**

Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (via Zoom)**

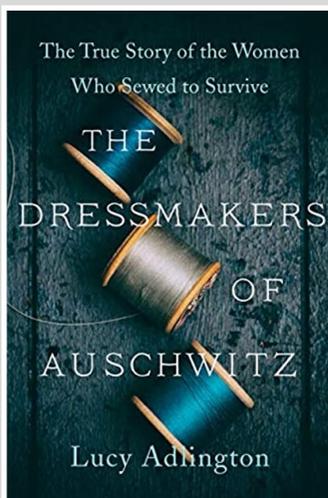
Join us for this special author event! Sign up and get a free copy of this new LGBTQ graphic novel. We will discuss the book with the author, and then you will receive a free signed bookplate. This event is open to teens in grades 7-12. Please sign up online to receive the Zoom link.



**Kid Readers Unite (KRU) Book Discussion:  
*Barakah Beats* by Malleha Siddiqui**

Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
**5:00 pm (via Zoom)**

If your child is entering grades 4-6 and they love to read, then KRU is for them! When parents sign their child up they will get a free advance reader copy (arc) of each month's book. The title for September is ***Barakah Beats*** by Malleha Siddiqui. Please sign up online @ [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info) to receive the Zoom link!



**The Dressmakers of Auschwitz: A Virtual Author Event with Lucy Adlington**

**Thursday, September 23, 2021 @ 2:00 pm (via Zoom)**

British novelist and historian **Lucy Adlington** powerfully chronicles the stories of the women who used their sewing skills to survive the Holocaust, stitching beautiful clothes in an extraordinary fashion workshop within the Auschwitz concentration camp. Drawing on diverse sources, ***The Dressmakers of Auschwitz: The True Story of the Women Who Sewed to Survive*** follows the journeys of these brave women and offers a new look at a little-known aspect of World War II history.

Please register for this program online & a Zoom link will be sent to you.  
Co-sponsored by the Avon Historical Society & the Jewish Historical Society.

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### **Meditation for Peace & Well Being** **Thursday, September 23, 2021 @ 6:30 pm**

Join Arlene Samsel for this deep and engaging meditation workshop. She will share a simple technique of spiritual meditation (explained and practiced during the session) that can help us achieve a lasting state of peace and happiness. Arlene Samsel has given many meditation workshops and retreats over the last 25 years, and can speak firsthand about the crucial role of meditation in enhancing the daily lives of busy people.

### **Recharge, Refresh, and Reset with Meditation**

### **Beyond Death, Medicine & Mysticism** **Thursday, October 21, 2021 @ 6:30 pm**

Why does the subject of near death experiences resonate so powerfully within us, and hold such an endless attraction for us? Join Dr. Matthew Raider, a physician specializing in geriatrics to hear the latest medical research and discover a simple, natural way to connect with the inner light talked about by those who've experienced a NDE. Through a simple time-honored method of meditation, you too can explore those realms of peace within you.

***Programs are virtual and will be held via Zoom. Please register @ [www.avonctlibrary.info](http://www.avonctlibrary.info) and the Zoom link will be sent to you before the program.***