

TECHNOLOGY

FREE COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

- Using the Library Catalog, Tues., Feb. 13th, 3:30 - 4:30
- Using the Library Databases, Wed., Feb. 14th, 3:30 - 4:30
- Microsoft Publisher Parts 1 & 2 - **2 sessions**
Tues. & Thurs., Feb. 20th & 22nd
6:30 - 7:30

Space is limited. Please register at the circulation desk.

PC USERS MEETING

Monday, February 19th from 6:30 - 8:00 p. m.

"Under the Hood" with Ed Ranalli

- How does all this computer hardware work?
- How to troubleshoot common computer problems
- When to call the technician for help

For more information, call 967-7155.

New Buzzword Contest Results

The Avalon library's first New Buzzword Contest was a huge success. The **three winning words** and their creators were recently announced by Sue Jacobson of the Avalon library staff.

- *Avalonging*—a strong desire to be in Avalon—submitted by Mary Frankland of Avalon
- *environmentology*—developing environmentally responsible technology—submitted by Milt Kuhn of Avalon
- *mouse potato*—the on-line wired generation's answer to the couch potato—submitted by Rosemarie Whelan of Strathmere

The other ten finalists were *blamestorming*, *rearmosis*, *salmon day*, *cube farm*, *swipeout*, *blanderica*, *cellnoyed*, *Avalatioc*, *seagull manager*, and *Wawaholic*.

The **Avalon library knitters** meet Mondays from 3:30 to 5:00. All levels are welcome.



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February 2007 Newsletter

NEW AND IMPROVED CARD CATALOG!

The Avalon library has greatly **enhanced** the **card catalog** by adding a wealth of descriptive information about books. This enrichment includes cover images, fiction profiles, author notes, first chapters, excerpts, tables of contents, and reviews. Another feature is "Find Similar Titles," which lets you find books with similar themes. **Check it out!**

Help with Basic Tax Return



Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), a program coordinated by the Internal Revenue Service in cooperation with the Avalon Free Public Library, will provide free tax information and assistance to county residents age 60 and over.

Trained community volunteers will be available at the Avalon library **every Friday afternoon** during **February and March**.



TCE community volunteers recently met with Dan Patterson, representative of New Jersey's Department of the Treasury.

Seated: Don Mattson and Ruth Rhoad

Standing: Milt Kuhn of the library, John McKelvey, and Dan Patterson.

An appointment is necessary.

Call 967-7155 to schedule your appointment.

Programs for Children

American Girls Doll Play: Girls 8 - 12 rehearse from 3:45 - 4:45 every Wednesday afternoon.

K - 4 Club: Stories, games, science, and fun for kindergarten through 4th grade, Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:15 from February 1st until spring break.

Story Time for Preschoolers: Wednesdays from 10 - 11 a. m.

Tumble Books is an online collection of animated, talking children's books accessible on the library's homepage.

New Programs



GENEALOGY WORKSHOP WILL AGAIN BE OFFERED

A free **3-session** genealogy course will be held from 7 - 9 p. m. **Wednesdays, March 7th, 14th, and 21st.** Instructor Catherine "Casey" Zahn will teach participants how to research their family tree using online and print resources. The class is limited to 20 people, and **registration is required.**

New Class! Intro to Tap

with Instructor Daisey Buckmuse
6 Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p. m.
Feb. 14th, 21st, 28th; March 7th, 14th, 21st
in the school multi-purpose room
Registration is required.



Great Decisions 2007 is an eight-week study and discussion program that promotes citizen participation in the foreign policy process. It is the oldest and largest grass roots world educational program of its kind.

These free discussion programs will be held every Tuesday evening in February and March from 7:00 - 8:30. Participants will be able to order a briefing book produced by the Foreign Policy Association for \$15.00.



An **Italian culture group** is being formed and will meet in the Avalon library 4:00 on the 14th and 28th. All are welcome.

Programs

AVALON TO VISIT KING TUT EXHIBIT

In February, an exhibit of more than 130 objects from Egyptian royal tombs will begin an eight-month stay at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, its final stop of a four-city tour of the U.S. The AFPL will sponsor a bus trip to view this historic exhibit.

Information about King Tut and the 18th Dynasty will be presented. The first session will be held Wednesday, **April 18th**; the second on Wednesday, **April 25th**, will show slides of the exhibit. Both programs will run from 3:30 - 5:00. The trip to the Franklin Institute will follow on Friday, **May 11th.** The bus will leave the library at 12:30.



The cost of the bus and exhibit ticket is \$60.00; the lectures are free. Please register at the AFPL. Payment is due at registration; make check payable to AFPL.

Calling All Creative Types to an Artists' Forum:

Creative types meet twice a month (the first and third Thursdays) from 7 - 9 p. m. in the Avalon library to discuss a literary theme. This month the artists will share their works.

Share the Art Open House

Free—Open to the Public

Wednesday, February 14th, from 7 - 9 p. m.

Refreshments will be served.

Did You Know?

- The library offers **wireless access.**
- **Fax services** are available.
- A **video magnifier** is available to help the visually impaired.
- **Back issues** of magazines circulate.
- The **Rosetta Stone**, which offers online study of 30 languages, is available on library computers and your home computer as well.
- You can download **free audio books** to your computer and listen on your PC or MP3 player or burn the book to a CD.
- **We deliver** library materials to homebound Avalon residents.
- Would you like to share your hobby or special skill at **Hobby Talk?** Talk to the staff.