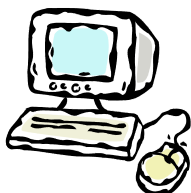


TECHNOLOGY

FREE COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

- Beginning Computers 1: 3:30 - 5:00, Tuesday, February 19th
- Beginning Computers 2: 3:30 - 5:00, Tuesday, February 26th

Space is limited. Please register.



PC USERS MEETING

PC Users Group will meet from 6:30 - 8:00 February 21st to share techniques and find solutions to computer problems. The meetings have featured guest speakers on the following topics: digital photography, databases, podcasts, MP3 players, Excel, cyber safety, and wireless technology, web pages, etc.

For more information about the February 21st meeting, call 967-7155.



NEW

On Our Web Page

The Encyclopedia Britannica, fully illustrated, full-text access to all that *Encyclopedia Britannica* has to offer.

Auto Repair Reference Center contains information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles, with repair information for most vintage makes starting as far back as 1945. Over 205,000 pictures and step-by-step photos, 130,000 wiring diagrams, and more!

Home Improvement Reference Center contains 26 major reference works in full text with more than 10,000 images (none found available online anywhere else). Additionally, the database contains full-text magazines (e.g. *This Old House*).

Small Engine Repair Reference Center is the definitive online tool for small engine repair assistance, including ATVs, commercial mowers, farm tractors, generators, motorcycles, marine (boats), outdoor power equipment, PWC (personal watercraft/jet ski), snow blowers, snow mobiles, tillers and other small engines.

Remote access for patrons to use from home

All you need is your library card to log in.

For assistance, call 967-7155.



February 2008

About the Library



End-of-the-year statistics show that 1,228 library cards have been issued to Avalon year-round residents, and 4,068 non-resident homeowners are library cardholders.

The Library Board of Trustees recently revised the library strategic plan that will serve as a guide for the development of library services through 2011. The strategic plan, as well as additional statistics about circulation, programs, library materials, and upcoming events, may be found on the library's Web site.

Summer 2008



Author Series: Lisa See, international bestselling author of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* and *Peony in Love*, is among the authors already signed to visit the Avalon library this summer.

Bay-Atlantic News: The Avalon library (AFPL) and the Avalon Performing Arts Council (APAC) are pleased to announce the return of *Symphony by the Sea* featuring the Bay-Atlantic Symphony.

- May 24: Brass Quintet (APAC)
- July 12: Italian Opera Extravaganza (AFPL)
- August 23: Tchaikovsky's Jubilee (AFPL)
- September 20: String Quartet (APAC)

Tickets for the APAC-sponsored programs may be purchased in April at Sturdy Bank, Chamber of Commerce, and Community Hall.

Tickets for the free AFPL-sponsored programs will be available starting June 1st.

Programs for Children

American Girl Doll: 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

Story Time for Preschoolers: Wednesdays at 10 a. m.

Special Programs

Great Decisions 2008 Discussion Group on Foreign Policy

These free discussion programs will be held Tuesday evenings in February and March from 6:00 - 8:00.

A briefing book may be purchased from the Foreign Policy Association for \$15.00.

Call the library (967-7155) for more information or to register for the course.



Safe Boating Course



The library is offering a one-day boater safety course. Classes will be held from 9:30 - 5:30 on the following Saturdays: April 5th, May 3rd, May 17th, June 21st, and July 26th.

Details are available in the library and online.

Class size is limited to 20 people. Registration is required.



Art Workshops

The Avalon library, in collaboration with the Cape May County Art League, is sponsoring a series of free art workshops each month beginning in mid-March: oil painting, drawing, watercolor, pastels, portraits, acrylics, and sculpture.

The times and required supplies will be posted as we approach each event. Check in the library and on the library's homepage.

Class size is limited. Registration is required.

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.

An appointment is necessary.

Call 967-7155 to schedule your appointment.



Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Music Monthly Lectures

featuring lecturer Paul Somers

Presented by the Avalon library, Maurice River Music and the Bay-Atlantic Symphony

7:00 - 8:30 Tuesday, February 26th: Nature in Music

Ongoing Programs - Newcomers Welcome

The Avalon Library Knitters meet at 3:30 every Monday afternoon. All levels are welcome.

Books to Movies: Free discussion program second and fourth Thursday of every month. Call to find out the title of the book / movie to be discussed.

Creative Writing: Free seminar the first and third Saturday of every month from 10 - 12. February classes: the 2nd and 16th

Italian Culture Group meets monthly. Join us Wednesday, February 13th at 4:00.

Memoir Writing: Free seminar from 6:30 - 8:00 the first and third Thursday of the month.

A Place to Paint will resume in March.

Scrabble: Play in the library the second and fourth Monday from 6 - 8. February play dates: February 11th and 25th