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Wilton Library's Annual Book Sale Fund-raiser April 25 - 28

Wilton, CT – Cartons have been carted, selections have been sorted, and items have been inventoried, all toward the final goal of launching Wilton Library's annual Book Sale fund-raiser Saturday, April 25 through Tuesday, April 28. Book sale organizers have been dusting, cleaning, sifting and moving books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs and videos since last May for this all-important fund-raising event of the year. According to Pat Gould, co-chair of the event, "This book sale is a win-win situation for everyone. In these trying economic times, people are looking for ways to keep costs down, and here's where you can find \$30 hardcover books for \$3, or children's books for as little as 50 cents each. At the same time, Wilton Library is experiencing a burgeoning rise in patron usage, yet is seeing less in fund-raising dollars coming in." Lila Griswold, another co-chair added, "This book sale is one of the key factors in maintaining the high quality services and programs that this community has come to love and expect from its library."

Buyers can gain early entry to the sale on Saturday morning, from 7 – 9 for an admissions fee of \$15; the general public will be admitted free from 9 – 5. Also on Saturday, the Rare and Collectible Books live auction will take place at 11 a.m. with well-known collectibles expert John Reznikoff handling the auctioneering duties. A silent auction will be ongoing during Saturday and Sunday hours. The live and silent auction items can be viewed by visiting the library's website at www.wiltonlibrary.org and clicking on "Book Sale 2009." The sale continues on Sunday from noon – 5; Monday books are half-price from 10 – 5 and on Tuesday, the books are free from 10 – 2 with donations accepted.

Buyers will find more than 75,000 items arranged into 50 different categories, including organic farming, history, fitness, art and music, science, business and self-help to name a few.

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Children and teens can sort through mounds of picture books, chapter books, serial books, young adult fiction and non-fiction, and hundreds of videos. Noted Janet Zuckerman, another co-chair, “We have the people of Wilton to thank for the quality of this wonderful sale. The books are always gently-used and in terrific condition—buyers know they have a sure thing each and every year.”

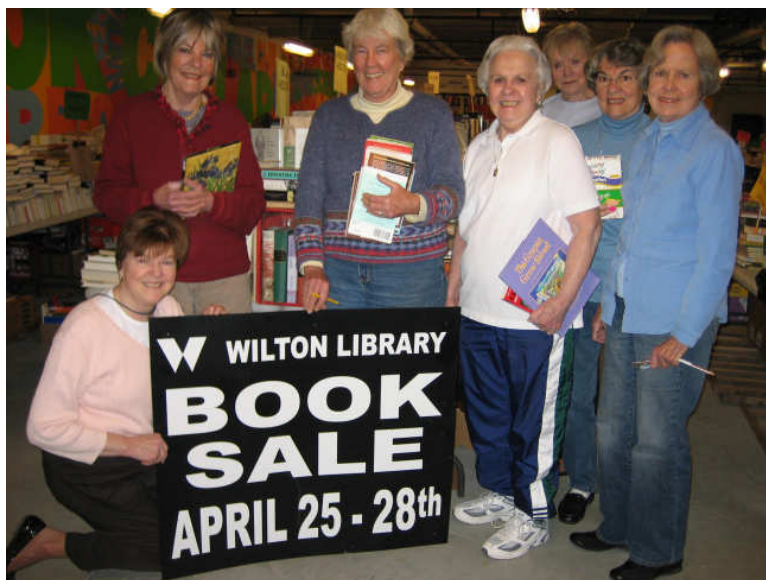
When asked about Saturday’s Rare and Collectible Books live auction, Bob Russell, auction organizer and author of *Wilton, Connecticut—Three Centuries of People, Places and Progress* remarked, “We have an impressive selection of books ready for this year’s live auction. This is the best kept secret in the area. The quality of the books is terrific. From history books such as, a 21-volume set by the *London Times* on World War I to a first edition by contemporary author Dennis Lehane, we cover the gamut. The silent auction is just as much fun with many hidden treasures for adventurous buyers.”

Shoppers can take a break from the buying frenzy on Saturday with donuts and coffee in the early morning, and hot dogs and sodas being sold thereafter by the Rotary Club of Wilton. Proceeds from the morning and noontime sales also will benefit the library.

Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For auction items, directions and information, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call (203) 762-3950.

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Caption: Wilton Library’s book sale organizers are getting ready for the library’s annual fund-raiser on April 25 – 28. Representing the hundreds of volunteers are (l-r) Pat Gould, co-chair, Jen Shelley, Nancy Faesy, Mary Hogan, Jean Schlesinger, Lin Brotherton and Jo Bullinger. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton. For directions and listings of the auction items, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call (203) 762-3950.