

Library Lines

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Grownup movies

Adults have a chance to see their favorite old movies with the library's new *Friday Film Fest* series beginning Jan. 2, from 1 – 3 p.m. Each Friday, movies will be shown with a special theme selected for the month – perhaps a director, an actor/actress, or a genre. Movie musicals kick-off the first month with *Singin' in the Rain*, starring Gene Kelley, Debbie Reynolds, and Donald O'Connor (102 minutes; 1952). This rousing feature was written by Betty Comden and Adolph Green depicting the era when the movie business was moving from silent pictures to “talkies.” The remaining January films are: Jan. 9 *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* starring Wilton's own Jane Powell; Jan. 23 *An American in Paris*, again with the masterful Gene Kelly; Jan. 30 *West Side Story* featuring the wonderful collaboration of Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim. The movies and popcorn are free. Advance registration is recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Lights Out meeting for parents

The annual Lights Out at the Library sleepover takes place February 6 for girls in grades 2 – 4. On Monday, Jan. 5, from 7 – 8 p.m. an informational meeting will be held for parents whose daughters will be attending the Laura Ingalls Wilder themed slumber party. The meeting will provide background, schedule and expectations for the overnight event. Registration is required. To register for the informational meeting: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events. Those unable to attend the meeting should call Eileen Caulfield or Lesley Keogh in the Children's Library at 762-3950.

Winter poetry

With cold, raw January days ahead, people can warm up their spirits with a lively poetry discussion in *Winter Poetry Series with Joanna Ecke*, beginning Thursday, Jan. 8, from 10:30 – noon. Dr. Ecke, a popular guest lecturer, conducts this five-part series on consecutive Thursdays (Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5) exploring various poets and their diverse writing styles. Packets with the poetry are available at the front desk. Dr. Ecke is a graduate of Smith College and received her Ph.D from Duke University, having selected Robert Frost for her dissertation. The series is free and advance registration is required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Lofty reception

A new year and a new month brings a new art exhibition to the library. The artists' opening reception for Loft Artists Association from Stamford is on Friday, Jan. 9, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. More than 30 artists will showcase their works in their exhibit, "Change of Space," beginning Sunday, Jan. 4 through Friday, Jan. 30. The reception is open to the public. The exhibition features more than 60 pieces varied in style, subject matter and media, ranging from oils to acrylics, from mixed media and glicée prints to photography. The majority of the artwork will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the library. For information: 762-3950.

Fixing photos

Now that owners have been clicking away on their digital cameras during the holidays, it's time for Michael Franco to instruct people on how to enhance portrait photos. On Saturday, Jan. 10, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Franco leads *Hands-on Digital Photography Class: Intermediate Photo Editing*. Using a photo provided by Franco and Photoshop Elements, students learn how to improve portrait photos by blurring and making other changes to backgrounds using layers, selection tools, filters, and more. Basic computer skills including mouse proficiency are required. Due to the fact that it is a hands-on class, the size is limited to 10 students. There is no charge. Registration is required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Jazz returns

The first Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room concert for 2009 is on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 4 p.m. with jazz pianist Gerald Clayton. This young, impressive musician is the son of bassist/composer John Clayton and the nephew of saxophonist Jeff Clayton. Gerald studied classical piano with Linda Buck, and jazz piano and composition with Kenny Barron, Shelley Berg and Billy Childs. A reception follows the performance. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. The Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room series is sponsored by the William and Karen Tell Foundation with special thanks from Catherine and Ed Romer. Advance registration is highly recommended. Pre-registrants must arrive by 3:50 to be guaranteed seating. Waitlisted and walk-in registrants will be seated after 3:50 and if space is available. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Reminder: The library is closed Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The library opens at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2.