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Wilton Library's Annual Book Sale Fundraiser April 9 - 12

Wilton, CT – It was almost 75 years ago that Wilton Library's first book sale of "unnecessary books" was held netting a cool \$69.33 for the library. It is doubtful that those organizers could have dreamed of the 75,000 item sale that now takes place every year, making it a major fundraiser for the library. This year's *Annual Gigantic Book Sale* for Wilton Library begins Saturday, April 9 through Tuesday, April 12. Early Buyers gain admittance from 7 to 9 Saturday morning for a fee of \$15 per person. The book sale opens to the public for free from 9 to 5 on Saturday; noon to 5 on Sunday; 10 to 5 on Monday with items at half-price; and 10 to 2 on Tuesday with pricing at \$5 per bag. A silent auction of rare books takes place on Saturday and Sunday during the book sale hours. As an added treat on Saturday, the Rotary Club of Wilton will be selling grilled hot dogs at lunch time with the proceeds benefiting the library.

Janet Zuckerman, a tri-chair noted, "We're not selling any 'unnecessary' books here. We have such a wonderful community that not only loves to read, but loves to recycle their gently-used books so that others can enjoy them, too." Lila Griswold, another tri-chair continued, "The quality of our donations for the book sale is what sets us apart from other sales. Our volunteers go over each and every book, movie, CD and DVD that is donated for the sale, to make sure it is in tip-top shape."

Bob Russell, Wilton's historian and overseer of the silent auction for the library book sale, seconds that thought based on the rare books he finds for the auction. "We have some wonderful selections that I've prepared for the sale – from *The Original Watercolor Paintings by John James Audubon for The Birds of America*, a 1966 reprint, two large volumes, boxed and in great condition, to *1601 Conversation As It Was by the Social Fireside in the Times of the Tudors*, by Mark Twain, a humorous, risqué work published anonymously in 1880, and acknowledged by Twain in 1906. These are just a few titles in the collection that are up for bid

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on Saturday and Sunday.” A full list of the auction items can be seen on the library’s website at www.wiltonlibrary.org, by clicking on “Book Sale” in the “Quick Links” column on the right-hand side of the homepage.

Besides the collectible and rare books, the book sale features more than 75,000 gently used and new items sorted in more than 50 categories – mysteries, gardening, travel, and science fiction; and various media such as DVDs, CDs, books on tape and books on CDs.

According to Pat Gould, one of the tri-chairs of the event, “Each year we depend heavily on this book sale to raise a great deal of money for the library, so our hundreds of volunteers work throughout the year preparing for this event. Thanks to our legion of helpers and to diligent library staff, we even dodged the potential damage from spring flooding this year and we are ready to go!”

Wilton Library is located in the heart of Wilton Center at 137 Old Ridgefield Road. For information and directions, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950, ext. 213.

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Caption: Shoppers peruse Wilton Library’s *Annual Gigantic Book Sale* fundraiser last year. This year’s sale is Saturday, April 9 through Tuesday, April 12, with a silent auction of rare and collectible books on Saturday and Sunday. The Rotary Club of Wilton will sell hot dogs and sodas at lunch on Saturday. All proceeds benefit the library. For information: www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950, ext. 213. Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT.