

## Letter from the President and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Last year we wrote to you that “Wilton Library certainly has not been immune to the effects of the economic downturn.” Sadly, the sentence remains resonant for the Library as well as for its users and supporters.

The staff of the Library, led by its Board of Trustees, continues to focus on ways to serve our community efficiently, finding creative ways to respond to an increasing level of need with shrinking resources.

A measure of our devotion to the task of serving more with less was the grant request submitted during the year to the Town for 2010-11 — a request that included no increase at all over the prior year, in spite of the pressures of inflation and dramatically higher usage by the community.

Will we be up to the challenge? As you read through the events and finances of the year just past, we think you’ll agree that we can and will remain steadfast and responsive in the difficult days ahead.

During the 2009-10 year we focused on cutting costs and increasing revenue: the negotiation of new contracts with vendors and suppliers, the extension and increase of fees for use of our equipment and facilities, the reduction of staffing, and redoubling our fund-raising efforts all contributed to a year that ended in the black.

Against that backdrop of fiscal restraint and ingenuity, the Library continued to present a robust menu of programs and services, including many that filled needs created directly by the recession: ESL classes, seminars on job search and

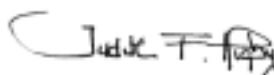
interviewing techniques, and technology training all helped those in our community who sought to gain new skills and competencies. Free concerts, art exhibits, story hours, crafts classes, author talks, and literature seminars lifted spirits and contributed more indirectly to our community’s health and well-being.

In addition to filling the more traditional role of lifelong learning and cultural center for the Town, we were called upon by Gov. Rell to be a “cooling center” for those who live and work in Wilton, providing refuge from the extreme heat that set records across Connecticut. How fitting it was to see hundreds plugging cell phones and computers into Library outlets during intermittent power outages — the concept of “recharging at the Library” was demonstrated both virtually and actually during the challenging year just past.

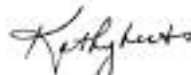
As we said in introducing last year’s Annual Report, it has “been the distinct honor of both Trustees and staff to be able to respond to our community in this time of need.” It remains an honor as the time of need continues.

Recent challenges present us with an opportunity to do more and better with less. We will all weather the storm (or heat spells and power outages) together and emerge stronger for having been tested.

Most sincerely,



Judy Higby  
President,  
Board of Trustees



Kathy Leeds  
Executive Director



Officers for 2009-10, clockwise from top right: Judy Higby, president; Whitney Janeway, secretary, Greg Jansen, vice president and Holly Sexton, treasurer.

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The Board of Trustees is made up of 24 members, six of whom are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Election of Trustees is conducted every June at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Wilton Library Association.

# PROGRAMS

The increased number of visitors and program participants in FY2010 could take part in almost 1,000 timely, relevant programs. The following illustrates the wide variety of offerings for all ages:

## Art Trips & Lectures

Day Trips (with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church)

- Metropolitan Museum of Art (preview with Joan Macy Kaskell)
- Yale Center for British Art Patricia Carr: Women Botanical Artists 1700-1990

Adair Burlingham Memorial Lecture: The Holley House – American Impressionists and Their Friends. Marybeth Gioffre Nisco (with Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site)

## Author Visits

John Barricelli: *The SoNo Baking Company Cookbook*  
 Julia Glass: *I See You Everywhere*  
 Michael Goodwin: *When Vultures Dance*  
 Frances Goulart: *Super Immunity Foods*  
 Julie Jason: *The AARP Retirement Survival Guide*  
 Peter N. Nelson: *A More Unbending Battle: The Harlem Hellfighter's Struggle*  
 Andy Pforzheimer: *The Barcelona Cookbook*  
 Christopher Plummer: *In Spite of Myself*  
 John Elder Robison: *Look me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's (with SPED\*NET Wilton, Wilton PTA Council)*  
 Peter Rubino: *Sculpting the Figure in Clay*  
 Daniel E. San Martin: *Amoralejas*  
 Amy Seidl: *Early Spring*  
 Lyla Ward: *How to Succeed at Aging Without Really Dying*  
 Kate Walbert: *A Short History of Women: A Novel*  
 Liz Welch: *The Kids Are All Right*

## Book Discussions

International Book Group: Literature of Other Lands (4 sessions)

- Seema Saksena (India): *A Good Indian Wife*, Anne Cherian
- Helene O'Dwyer-Garcia (Ireland): *Circle of Friends*, Maeve Binchy
- Deborah Symons (Spain): *A Woman Unknown*, Lucia Graves
- Marie Kappen & Hannah Ziegler (Germany): *The Reader*, Bernard Schlink

*The Grapes of Wrath*: Book Discussion with Bill Ziegler

Wilton Library Readers with Susan Boyar (8 sessions)

- *A Pigeon and a Boy*, Meir Shalev
- *Olive Kitteridge*, Elizabeth Strout
- *Let the Great World Spin*, Colum McCann
- *Lark and Termite*, Jayne Anne Phillips
- *A Room With a View*, E.M. Forster
- *One Hundred Years of Solitude and Living to Tell the Tale*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- *The White Tiger*, Aravind Adiga
- *Peace Like a River*, Leif Enger

## Civic

Danbury Branch Rail Improvements  
 EIS: Public Information Meeting  
 Meet the Board of Finance Candidates (with League of Women Voters & Wilton Chamber of Commerce)  
 Route 7 Transportation and Land Use Study  
 Stop Dangerous Wilton Intersections  
 Wilton Plan of Conservation and Development  
 Wilton Library makes its meeting spaces available without charge to town departments, the Board of Education, civic groups, municipal commissions, and committees such as CERT and the Wilton Energy Commission

## Economy & Employment

Investing in an Uncertain Market  
 JOBS? JOBS. JOBS! (with Wilton Chamber of Commerce)

- Insider Job Search Tips from Fairfield CountyJobs.com
- Marketing Plan + Elevator Speech = Results

“The Wilton Library has provided me with the most valuable resources to find information (looking for jobs) or reading material (college essays), just about everything I need to get myself back on track after many major trials and struggles. Extremely helpful and knowledgeable librarians make any visit stress-free!”

– Doreen Pelletier

- Get Tough: The Better Jobs Are Never Advertised
- Job Search Without Search!
- Resume Writing Workshop
- Starting a New Business
- Your Social IQ: Why It Matters and How It Impacts Your Success
- How to Save on Your Taxes During Job Transition

## Environment

All About Sustainability with Connor Stedman and Mai Frank \*  
 Daffodil Bulb Distribution  
 The English Lady: Healing Our Planet One Garden At A Time (with Wilton Garden Club)  
 Elaine Weiss: *Fruits of Victory* \*  
 Documentary: *No Impact Man* \*  
 Sneak Peek Screening of Documentary *FOOD FIGHT* \*  
 Wilton Go Green Festival (sponsored by Wilton Energy Commission in partnership with Wilton Library Association, Ambler Farm, Cannon Grange, Wilton Conservation Commission, Wilton Clergy Association, Wilton Family Y, Wilton Garden Club, Wilton Public Schools, Woodcock Nature Center and Wilton Rotary Club)  
 \* Sponsored by The Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative

## ESOL Training

ESL (English as a Second Language)  
 Class registration, placement testing and 44 classes (with Westport Continuing Education)

## Exhibits

Beardsley Gallery  
 5 OF THE BEST  
 66th Annual Summer Show  
 Art/Place  
 ArtWhirl: Paul Heifetz, Doug Leigh, Bill Moran, Bobbie Eike Mullen, Andy Neilly, Wendy Pieper, Ellen Spadone  
 Oriental Brush Artists Guild  
 WHS 'Writes of Passage' Project  
 Wilton Arts Council Focus '10 Juried Photography Exhibition  
 Yenoin Guibbory  
 Weir Farm Artists-in-Residence: Joanne Agostinelli, Paul Balmer, Carrie Shelley Feinerman, Tara Kelton, Aimee Lee, Nathan Lewis, Jennifer Odem, Jen Pepper, Megan Francis Sullivan, Kazaan Viveiros, Charlotte Westergren  
 Wilton Schools Fine and Performing Arts (FAPA) Exhibit

## Film

Friday Night Flicks (3 sessions)

- *Duplicity*
- *The Soloist*
- *Curious Case of Benjamin Button*

New Perspectives Documentary Film Festival (6 sessions)

- *For the Bible Tells Me So*
- *Full Battle Rattle*
- *JUMP!*
- *Man on Wire*
- *Trouble the Water*
- *In the Shadow of the Moon*

*The Grapes of Wrath*: Film Showing and discussion with Bill Ziegler  
 Wilton High School Film Festival (with Wilton High School)

## Fund-raisers & Book Sales

10th Annual Ladies' Soiree  
 Ongoing Children's Book Sale,  
 Annual Fall Children's Book Sale  
 Ongoing Lobby Book Sale,  
 Annual Spring Book Sale  
 December Holiday Book Sale  
 "Moonlight Magic" Spring Gala  
 Peony Workshop/Daffodil Sales  
 Triple Play Benefit Concert  
 Wilton Sidewalk Book Sale  
 Wine Tasting Library Benefit (with New Canaan Wine Merchants)

## General

Book Sale Volunteer Luncheon  
 Director's Reception  
 Live broadcast of Dave Brubeck honored at Kennedy Center  
 Volunteer Appreciation Tea  
 Wilton Farmers' Market (13 weeks)  
 Wilton Holiday Walk  
 Wilton Library Association's 115th Friends of the Library Annual Meeting  
 Annual Holiday Party for Friends of Wilton Library

## Health, Safety & Support

Domestic Violence Task Force Planning Session  
 Effective Ways To Protect Your Family from Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases (with BLAST and Time for Lyme, Inc.)  
 Exploring the Extremes: Richard Wiese  
 Flu Forum for Businesses (with Wilton Chamber of Commerce)  
 Giving and Receiving: Healing Loss During the Holidays (with Mid-Fairfield Hospice)  
 American Red Cross Blood Drive  
 Staying Healthy After 50 (with Mid-Fairfield Hospice)



Christopher Plummer and Zelig Pforzheimer.

### Legal Issues

America's Parthenon: The Bill of Rights  
(with Wilton Historical Society; series made possible by The Wilton Bank)

- Overturning Conventional Wisdom
- The First Amendment
- Does the Fourteenth Amendment Apply the Bill of Rights to the States?

Divorce: The Three Legged Stool  
(3 sessions)

### Literature & Poetry

Aspects of the Short Story:  
Bill Ziegler (5-part series)

In Favor of Form in Poetry: Bill Ziegler

Joanna Ecke Fall Poetry Series  
(5-part series)

Joanna Ecke Spring Poetry Series  
(4-part series)

Poet Elizabeth Bishop: Judson Scruton

Read the Book, See the Movie with  
Bill Ziegler: *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*

Shakespeare and the Uses of  
Imagination: Judson Scruton

Who Really Wrote as  
Will Shakespeare?

### Music

Connecticut's Own (5 sessions)

- Connecticut Composers Inc.
- The Orvieto Chamber Players
- Jessica Raposo, Kyle Nobles & Mary Bozzuti Higgins
- Larry Shiller and Olga Gurevich
- Suzanne Sheridan

Hot & Cool: Jazz in the Brubeck Room  
(funded by William and Karen Tell Foundation with special thanks to Ed & Catherine Romer and Chris & Tish Brubeck)

- Taylor Eigsti, Becca Stevens and Harish Raghavan
- Quartet San Francisco
- The Modern Jazz Quintet

Princeton Tigertones

Ray Kamalay: Freedom, Slavery and the Roots of American Music

Schubert Club Musicale

Shadow Act

Summer Music and More Concert Series: (sponsored by The Village Market. Wine provided by Michael Crystal, founder of the Grand Crew Wine Club)

- Steve D'Agostino
- Airborne Jazz Trio
- Jeff Harding
- In Harmony

Wilton Schools Fine and Performing Arts (FAPA): Student Musician Performances

Third Tuesday Songwriters' Circle

### Parenting

Help! My Kid is Disorganized! (with Parent Connection, Wilton Youth Council)

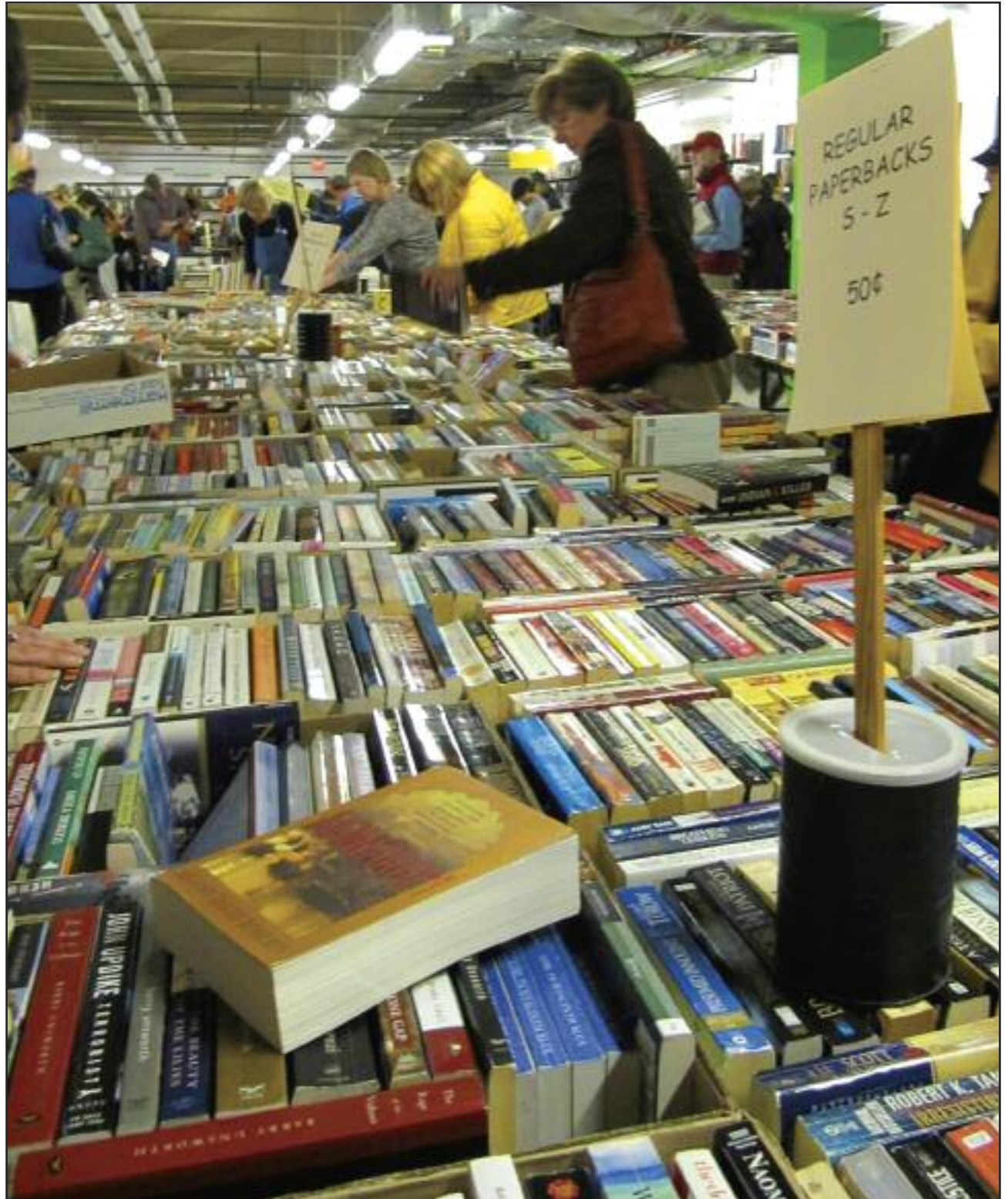
Navigating the College Application Process for Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities (with SPED\*NET Wilton, Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities)

Parents' Workshop: Our Daughters' Voices (with Positive Directions)

Creating Lasting Family Connections Workshop for Wilton Class of 2017 Parents (with Positive Directions, Wilton Youth Services, Wilton PTA, Vision 2020, United Way)

Smart But Scattered: Improving Executive Function Skills for Students with Learning Disabilities and AD/HD. (with SPED\*NET Wilton, Wilton Public Schools)

Where Do the Children Play?



A vista of bargains at our annual Book Sale.

(with Apple Blossom School and Family Center, Clover Hill School, Housatonic Valley Waldorf School)

### Religion & Culture

Belgian Beer Tasting with Gregg Glaser

Julie Faith Parker: Passions of the Prophets (with Wilton Clergy Association)

- Marvels and Miracles
- Wondrous Women
- Judgment and Justice

Korean Spirit and Culture Presentation

Tarot Card Reading: Jane Stern

Paranormal Investigator  
Lorraine Warren

### Seniors

AARP Driver Safety Class (2 sessions)

Communication for Elders:  
Medical, Legal, and Lifestyle Issues Made Simple

Senior Center Book Discussions

- Judson Scruton: *The Complete Poems: 1927-79*, Elizabeth Bishop

- Maureen Canary: *Lucia, Lucia*, Adriana Trigiani
- Ray Rauth: *Sailing Alone Around the World*, Joshua Slocum
- Bill Ziegler: *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*, Anne Bronte
- David Ostergren: *The Defining Moment: FDR's Hundred Days and Triumph of Hope*, Jonathan Alter
- Miwako Ogasawara: *Burmese Days*, George Orwell
- Kathy Leeds: *Never Let Me Go*, Kazuo Ishiguro
- Barbara Jones: *Teta, Mother and Me*, Jean Said Makdisi

Helping Seniors to Remain in Their Own Homes

Stay at Home in Wilton:  
Introductory Meeting

### Technology

CLC Introduction to PowerPoint 2007

Digital Photography with  
Michael Franco (4 sessions)

- Basic Gimp

- Working with Text in Photoshop (2)
- Got Pix? Now What?

Facebook 101 & 102 (with Wilton Chamber of Commerce)

Hands-On Computer Classes with Mary Anne Franco

- Basic Power Point 2007 (9 sessions)
- Basic Word 2007 (16 sessions)
- Basic Excel (10 sessions)
- Basic Facebook
- Basic Twitter

### Wilton Reads! 2009-10

Wilton Reads! 2009: *Run, Ann Patchett*. (Sponsored by The Wilton Bank, United Way of Coastal Fairfield County)

Book discussions with Joanna Ecke and Susan Boyar

Wilton Reads! 2010: *That Old Cape Magic*, Richard Russo (Sponsored by The Wilton Bank, United Way of Coastal Fairfield County)

Book discussions with Joanna Ecke and Susan Boyar

## Writing

First Book Authors: Panel Discussion

- Emily Arsenault, *The Broken Teaglass*
- Andrew Zornoza, *Where I Stay*
- Joshua Gaylord, *Hummingbirds*
- Jessica Bram,  
*Happily Ever After Divorce*
- Margot Berwin, *Hot House Flower*
- Matthew Dicks, *Something Missing*

Silence Your Inner Critic  
Write Yourself Free with  
The Editing Company

## TEEN PROGRAMS

Altered Books †  
Boy Scout Computer Class  
Building Bird Feeders \*  
Chill Out With Spaceballs!  
Collage †  
College Talk with the Greens  
Cross-Town Express (with Wilton  
Family Y, Trackside)  
Decorative Glass Jars \*  
Decorative Pots & Planting \*  
Duct Tape for Teens †  
Gifts in a Jar †  
Gingerbread House Decorating †  
"Gotcha Reading" Photo Contest †  
Healthy Snacks †  
Helping Battle Eating Disorders  
Jewelry Making †  
Kusudama Flower Balls †  
Locker Art †  
Natural Beauty Treatments †  
No Kidding Me Too! (with Wilton Youth  
Services, Wilton Public Schools, Wilton  
Youth Council, Wilton PTA Council,  
Wilton Family Y, SPED\*NET, Trackside  
Teen Center and Silver Hill Hospital)  
Origami Class  
Picture Frame Decorating †  
Poetry in Motion: In a World Without  
Limits! (anonymous sponsor)  
Pumpkin Carving Contest †  
Read-a-Thon for 'Read to Grow'  
Recycled Art \*  
Red Cross Babysitting Training  
(2 sessions)  
Self-Defense †  
Summer Reading Program †  
Teens Take Part: Community Service  
and Art at Weir Farm (co-sponsored  
with Wilton Family Y, Trackside, Wilton  
Youth Services, Weir Historic Farm)  
Tie Dye †  
What's Under Your Hood? †  
Wreath Making †  
Yoga and Fruit Smoothies †  
Yoga for Midterms

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mental Initiative

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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The Children's Library had  
a successful 2009-10 year,  
which would not have been



Frank Kwei, Jeena Choi, Suzanne McMenamy, Maureen O'Halloran, and Karen Luchetta at our Wine Tasting.

possible without the generosity  
and support of the community.  
Community support has given the  
Children's Library the opportu-  
nity to offer high-quality educa-  
tional and cultural children's  
materials and programs for chil-  
dren ranging in age from infant  
through the early teen years and  
their parents.

The Children's Library offered  
an annual celebration of reading  
during our Summer Reading Pro-  
gram, themed "Dive Into Read-  
ing" for the summer of 2009. We  
are grateful to *The Coyle Family  
Young Readers Fund*, *The Steve and  
Alison Sherman Family Fund*, *The  
Betsy and Jesse Fink Fund for Wilton  
Library's Environmental Initiative*,  
*Stop & Shop*, and *The Dibner Family  
Science Fund* for sponsoring a large  
part of this program. During the  
Wednesday Wonders portion of  
the summer program we were able  
to offer many programs and activi-  
ties including chantey man Geoff  
Kaufman from Mystic Seaport,  
"Bubble Technology," two envi-  
ronmental programs about sea  
creatures offered by the Maritime  
Center, crafts, story times, and  
movies. In addition, the Chil-  
dren's Library hosted a summer  
talent show, which highlighted  
the talents of many children in  
our community.

Over the course of the 2009-10

year, many other educational and  
cultural programs were made pos-  
sible by *The Coyle Family Young  
Readers Fund*. The Fund assisted  
in an art program, "Draw On!," in  
which children learned a variety  
of artistic techniques. In addition  
to a variety of craft programs  
offered throughout the year, *The  
Coyle Family Young Readers Fund*  
has sponsored several cultural and  
educational programs including  
our new Music Time series, Ameri-  
can Girl series, Mardi Gras Cele-  
bration, Star Wars Meet-and-  
Greet; Bears, Bees, and Butterflies,  
and Teddy Bear picnics. The Fund  
has also sponsored several author-  
and book-based programs such as  
Have Your Cake and Read it Too!  
(a monthly book discussion for

parents and children), Dr. Seuss  
Celebration!, and National Poetry  
Month activities.

The 2010 Summer Reading Pro-  
gram, "Readin', Ridin' & Ropin':  
Go West at Wilton Library" was  
made possible through the gener-  
ous support of *The Dibner Family  
Science Fund*, *The Betsy and Jesse  
Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's  
Environmental Initiative*, and the  
*Coyle Family Young Readers Fund*,  
providing programs and materials  
to keep our children visiting the  
Library throughout the summer.

Members of the Norwalk  
Symphony Orchestra visited the  
Library several times a year, to  
highlight instrument families and  
their importance in the orchestra.  
This program, funded through a



The Children's Library is now home for this fish tank  
in memory of T.J. Pramer.

"Since retiring I have made the Library the center  
of my life. It has enriched me in multiple ways –  
entertainment, reading fiction and nonfiction,  
the arts, programs, and support for my graduate  
study."

– Joan Perella



Visitors from near and far drop in to the Children's Library for the Star Wars Meet-and-Greet.

grant to the Orchestra, provides children with the opportunity to appreciate different types of instruments and music in a hands-on format.

*The Dibner Family Science Fund* has helped the Children's Library present wonderful science programs for children during the 2009-10 fiscal year. During the month of May, the Connecticut Science Center offered a four-week

science series for children in grades 1-5. The session topics included worms, electricity, wind currents, and polymers. In June, former NASA scientist Gary Pozzato joined us for an exciting program, *Go for the Stars!*, during which children had the chance to meet Robo the Robot. In addition to programs, the Dibner Family generously helps fund the maintenance of our new fish tank, in-

stalled in memory of T.J. Pramer.

Over the course of the year, the Children's Library has been fortunate enough to create partnerships with many community organizations. In the fall of 2009 and spring of 2010, Ambler Farm and Wilton Library offered a literature and science series at the Farm. The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. brought the art of cross stitch to children in two sessions during our winter season. Both the Spanish Honors Society and the French Honors Society were generous enough to spend their Saturday mornings offering story times to children.

In celebration of the annual Children's Nutmeg Book Award of Connecticut, HSBC Bank gave the Children's Library a generous grant to sponsor a Nutmeg book club. This book club, known as the "WINRs Circle" (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers Circle),



The crowd awaits author Ann Patchett's appearance.

"It is a place away from my noisy home to study and meet with my friends to make projects and it allows people (me) to research with books, something desperately needed in the digital age."

– Carl Rohde

met once a month to discuss one of the ten 2010 Nutmeg nominated books. In January 2010, children voted on their favorite book selection and attended a party as well as a special performance by Magician Scott Jameson. This grant has allowed the Library to host Nutmeg book authors including *Rules* author Cynthia Lord and Newbery Honor author Grace Lin for her novel *Year of the Dog*.

In addition to the many programs sponsored by generous donors, the Children's Library hosts two fund-raising events during the year. Our Chess program serves as an educational experience for children ages 6 to 13 and is offered several times a year as either a six- or eight-week program. Half of the proceeds from this program benefit the Children's Library and help us purchase new furnishings. Our other large fund-raiser is Lights Out at the Library, in which boys and girls in alternating years spend the night at the library. This year's theme was Mysteries of Egypt for boys. Both fund-raisers were very successful and we thank our community for its support.

In addition to these special events, we offered story times and craft programs throughout the year. We welcomed area nursery schools and grade schools and provided tours of the Library. When school groups visited we provided instruction suited to their individual needs, including database tutorials. Many thanks go to Wilton Pizza and The Toy Chest for their continued generosity that has embraced our programs throughout the year.

We thank everyone for the wonderful year and the role each of you played in enriching the lives of the families in our community.

"We bring our class to the library each week. It gives our kids the opportunity to explore literature and to practice skills such as respect, responsibility, kindness and research/study skills."

– Suellan Birchard

# FRIENDS OF THE WILTON LIBRARY

**D**espite the economic downturn, our Friends were there to help. Gifts received between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 from the following individuals\* bought every single new book, audio-book, DVD, music CD and magazine in the Library. Gifts from businesses, organizations, tribute gifts, special funds and in-kind donors are listed on page 12.

\* Building Fund pledge payments not included.

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Mr. Robert D. Duke

## LEADERSHIP GIFTS

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Barbara Savitzky & Bob Hoogstoel  
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Mary Jo & Bill Zieman

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Richard Hamm enjoys a magazine.



Volunteer of the year Sue Sullivan (left) and staff member of the year Carolyn Benjamin.



From left, Katherine Yee, Sarah Lowry, Edwin Carbajal, and Hui Lu spend a day reading to children.



Two Snow Whites: Paige Wallace (left) and Emma Lusignan.



Ben Van Vechten's popular Literary Potpourri.



Children put our Microsoft Surface through its paces.



Jack Friedman is hard at work in a sunny spot.



Alice Learman (background) and Lynn Ruefenacht browse the art exhibit.



Ray Kamalay strums.



Rachel Slater at our Hanukkah program.



Jana Bertkau chooses a plant at the Farmer's Market.

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– Samantha Hollander

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Olivia Holtam and her father, Eric, share a picture book.

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Maureen Locke tends the sale books.



Jim Burch sorts books.

# SUMMARY OF REVENUE & EXPENSES

## Operating Funds Summary

## Restricted Funds Summary

### Revenue

Town Grant	\$2,365,437
State Grant	3,279
Copier	7,792
Facilities/Video Rental	48,559
Programs	21,901
Book Sales	81,050
Book/Video Late Fees	56,737
Investment Income	12,343
Miscellaneous	15,057
Goslee Property Rent	8,050
Transfer from Restricted Funds	0

**Total Operating Revenue** ..... **\$2,620,205**

### Expenses

Salaries & Related Expenses	\$2,057,197
Administration	108,340
Building	244,555
Public Service	181,309
Fund-raising	16,722

**Total Operating Expenses** ..... **\$2,608,123**

**Surplus / (Deficit) of Operating Funds** ..... **\$12,082**

Long-Term Commitment (Goslee Property)

**Town Bond Principle Balance** ..... **\$80,237**

### Revenue

Annual Appeal	\$214,320
Restricted Gifts	184,485
Fund-raising Events	121,536

**Total Restricted Revenue** ..... **\$520,341**

### Expenses

Collection Materials	\$174,817
Collection Materials/Funds	31,954
Non-Collection/Funds	201,512
Fund-raising Events	64,073
Reserve Fund	0
Transfer to Operations	0

**Total Restricted Expenses** ..... **\$472,356**

**Surplus / (Deficit) of Restricted Funds** ..... **\$47,985**

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### Circulation

#### Adult

Books	112,455
Audiobooks	22,874
Music CDs	18,770
Periodicals	4,141
Video	51,436
Language USB Flash Drives	104

**Total** ..... **209,780**

#### Children’s

Books	115,167
Audiobooks	3,335
Music CDs	1,320
Periodicals	554
Video	14,787
Video Games	495

**Total** ..... **135,658**

#### Teens

Books	10,648
Audiobooks	768
Music CDs	3,973
DVDs	3,494
Periodicals	70
Video Games	444

**Total** ..... **19,397**

MP3 Players / Kill-a-watt	47
Pamphlets / Museum Passes	241

**Total Circulation** ..... **365,123**

#### Adult

Books	64,858
Audiobooks	4,205
Music CDs	4,217
Magazine Subscriptions	182
Newspaper Subscriptions	25
Videos	5,923

**Total Adult Collection** ..... **79,410**

#### Children’s

Books	47,673
Audiobooks	704
Music CDs	291
Magazine Subscriptions	27
Videos	1,990
Video Games	33

**Total Children’s Collection** ..... **50,718**

#### Teens

Books	4,156
Audiobooks	233
Music CDs	629
Magazine Subscriptions	9
Videos	546
Video Games	37

**Total Teens Collection** ..... **5,610**

Museum Passes	29
Pamphlets	16
MP3 Players / Kindle / Kill-a-watt	13

**Total Collection** ..... **135,796**

### Services

#### Adult Programs

Number of Programs	418
Attendance	22,106

#### Children’s Programs

Number of Programs	467
Attendance	14,014

#### Teen Programs

Number of Programs	67
Attendance	1,859

**Total Programs** ..... **952**

**Total Program Attendance** ..... **37,979**

Meeting Room / Study Room Use	2,761
Library Visits	297,515
Express Check Use	27,238
Web Site Visits	793,533
Reference Questions	42,681
In-House Computer Use	40,441
In-House Book Use	47,061
ILL Borrowed	1,292
ILL Loaned	1,287



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Sally Gemmill, *Program Manager*  
Anne Rowlands, *Development Director*  
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Karen Danvers, *Rentals Manager*  
Shelley Lindstrom, *Development Assistant*

### Adult Services / Reference

Lauren McLaughlin, *Head of Reference*

Melissa Baker, Carolyn Benjamin,  
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Denise Gutknecht, Jason Hoch,  
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Matt Stone, Michael Stone,  
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### Maintenance

David Palmieri, *Head of  
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Maria Caceres, Jose Marquez,  
Bill Tolles

### Network Services

Mary Anne Mendola Franco,  
*Head of Network Services*  
David Palmieri, *Systems Administrator*  
Ryan Fisher, *Webmaster*

### Technical Services

Carolyn Benjamin, *Head of  
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Betsy Goodwin, Linda Chess,  
Zachary Hofer, Seema Saksena,  
Tom Swick

### Teen Services

Susan Lauricella, *Head of Teen Services*

Marissa Antosh, Meg Fuentes,  
Whitney Walker

### Retired / Left During the Year

Denise Gutknecht, Zachary Hofer,  
Lynn McNulty, Deborah Symons

### Staff Person of the Year

Carolyn Benjamin



The staff of the Wilton Library.