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Wilton Library holds its Gigantic Annual Book Sale Fundraiser April 10 - 13

Wilton, CT – Regardless of the weather, Wilton Library will be opening its doors at 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 10 to a rush of early buyers for its Gigantic Annual Book Sale. The sale continues through Tuesday, April 13 with a silent auction of rare and collectible books on Saturday and Sunday. Known throughout the region as a book sale with quality merchandise, the event is one of the most important fundraisers for the library every year and this year is no exception. According to Pat Gould, one of the chairs of the event, “With more than 70,000 books, audio books, DVDs, CDs and videos, the sales are projected to bring in much needed revenue for the budget-constrained library; and we’re able to provide items in wonderful condition at terrific prices, which helps people who also are budget-constrained at home.”

The book sale opens Saturday, from 7 to 9 a.m. for early buyers with a \$15 admission fee. The sale then is open to the public from 9 to 5 for free with no admissions charged during the remaining days. On Sunday, April 11, the sale is open noon to 5, Monday, April 12, 10 – 5 with items ½ price and Tuesday, April 13, 10 – 2 with \$5 per bag.

The silent auction of rare and collectible books takes place on Saturday and Sunday. To preview the collection, buyers may visit the library’s website at www.wiltonlibrary.org and click on Book Sale on the homepage. According to Bob Russell, who oversees the selection and the auction each year, “This year’s auction has some wonderful treasures for buyers. From *Republican Party History, Principles, and Policies* (1888) to twenty volumes of *London Times History of WWI* (1918) to *Mary Richmond, a Day in the Life of a Spoiled Child* (1850), we have something for everyone. People can come in, browse the selection and make their bids.”

Wilton Library’s book sale always is a highly anticipated event every spring for savvy shoppers. Lila Griswold, another chair of the event noted, “We have hundreds of volunteers who work tirelessly all year long, sorting, cleaning, categorizing each and every item. We hear from

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people who come back year after year that one of the many reasons they look forward to this event is because of how well organized it is.” Janet Zuckerman, another chair, added, “We have Wilton residents to thank for the wonderful condition of the items. They understand how important this sale is to the library, and they provide quality new and gently-used materials for the sale.”

Wilton Library’s book sale wouldn’t be complete without the help of the Wilton Rotary Club on Saturday. In the morning, club members will be selling coffee and donuts; thereafter they will be selling hotdogs and beverages. The proceeds from the food sales also will benefit the library.

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

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Caption: Volunteer Linda Fein prepares books for Wilton Library’s Gigantic Annual Book Sale which takes place Saturday, April 10 through Tuesday, April 13. The sale opens Saturday for early buyers at 7 a.m. with a \$15 admissions fee and is free to the public beginning at 9 a.m. A silent auction is Saturday and Sunday. Wilton Rotary Club sells coffee, donuts, hot dogs and beverages on Saturday. Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, (203) 762-3950 ext. 213, www.wiltonlibrary.org.