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Wilton Library and Wilton Chamber of Commerce help job seekers with new series

Wilton, CT – Wilton Library and the Wilton Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to present a series of free programs over the next few months designed to help job seekers present themselves in the best possible light – whether on paper, online, or in person. The series, entitled *Jobs! Jobs? Jobs*, can help people who find are facing unemployment, entering the workforce for the very first time, or reentering it after a long hiatus.

The series covers the gamut from laying the groundwork for a job search plan to creative resume and cover letter writing, from developing interviewing skills to learning how to network and market oneself. According to Kathy Leeds, executive director of Wilton Library, “The Chamber and the library joined forces to bring this series to the community. We’ve seen an amazing influx of new patrons coming into the library to use our public Internet computers for searching, e-mailing, and resume-writing, online databases for company job information, copy and fax machines for creating and sending. The series is designed to help our constituents retain, find and land jobs in this difficult economy.”

The individual programs in the series are as follows:

- ***Tuning Up Your Job Search Plan for 2009, Thursday, February 26, 8 – 10 a.m.***
Fred Rhines, President of On Track Staffing and consultant for Manchester Partners, a leading outplacement firm, conducts this overview workshop that addresses strategies and plans that people can use to enhance their job searches. The topics covered include today’s job market, the importance of creating an effective resume, selecting references and using them wisely, networking, using search firms, and using the web effectively. Attendees may bring copies of their resumes to the workshop for review.
- ***Perfecting Your Resume and Cover Letter, Thursday, March 5, 7 – 9 p.m.***
Lisa Chubinsky of Staff Providers is the instructor for creating well-written resumes and cover letters which are key items to making a good first impression with an employer.

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- ***Networking for Success, Thursday, March 19, 8 – 10 a.m.***
Rich Gee, president of Rich Gee Coaching, provides strategies and tips on how to network for success. Topics include basic interpersonal behaviors and tips on getting one noticed and appreciated with key influential people.
- ***Interviewing with Confidence, Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.***
Lynne Davidson, Ph.D., head of Organizational Behavior and Communications at NYU and president of Davidson Coaching and Consulting, discusses strategies for handling a job interview.
- ***Marketing Yourself, Wednesday, April 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m.***
Michael Crystal, managing principal, Myriad Development, explores how to be one's best – the first and lasting impressions one makes – when engaging, interacting, and influencing recruiters, HR managers, potential bosses, team members, or anyone else who can impact one's job search. The session stresses how a person can differentiate himself or herself amongst the many other candidates with whom he/she will likely be competing.

Stephanie Barksdale, executive director of the Wilton Chamber of Commerce noted, “Over the coming months, we’ll be adding programs based on the needs of our participants. At some point, we’re even considering a “Pink Slip Party” to provide an opportunity for job seekers to network with local companies and each other.”

The programs are free of charge. Advance registration is highly recommended for all programs. To register, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950. All of the programs will be held at Wilton Library which is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For information about the Wilton Chamber of Commerce, visit www.wiltonchamber.com or call (203) 762-0567.

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