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Hello!

We are seeing such an upsurge in usage at the Library these days, as folks flock in to take advantage of free (or very low fee) books, DVDs, and CDs for both entertainment and educational purposes. Our staff members find the challenge of serving our growing community of users invigorating and we are concentrating particularly on finding creative ways to provide programs that inspire and support people during the economic downturn. We're grateful to the many corporate and individual donors who help **support our efforts** in this regard - and to performers, authors, and speakers who charge reduced fees or offer their services free.

I hope you will take time to visit this month - to take a class, listen to a lecture or concert, choose a book, watch a movie, use our business center to fax, copy, or scan, master a language, gain computer skills, or simply to relax and work in our "oasis" of learning and culture in Wilton Center. We'll be ready for your visit - make sure you let us know if there's anything more you'd like us to provide.

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director
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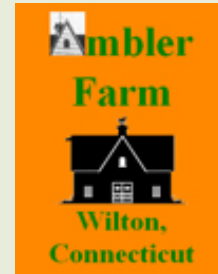
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Wilton Library/Ambler Farm Crafts

YoYos on Sunday, February 1st

Swedish Weaving on Sunday, February 8th

Ambler Farm and the Wilton Library are co-sponsoring a craft series for adults and high school students, with the final two sessions on February 1st and 8th at the Library. Each workshop features a different craft that might have been employed at the Farm in its heyday.



On **February 1st, from 2-4 pm**, instructors Kathy Rosenbaum and her mother, Anna Murray, will teach attendees the fun and versatile craft of fabric yoyos. Yoyos can be put together to make baby blankets, placemats, pillow covers, wreaths, and quilting squares, or used to decorate clothing, barrettes, bags, or hair bands. **Please register in advance.**

On **February 8th, from 2-4 pm**, Sally Gemmill will lead the group in embroidering a hand towel in this easy-to-learn style that utilizes huck toweling, a soft fabric that features pairs of raised threads that are easily counted to form a geometric pattern. **Please register in advance**

February Story Times

Literary Littles

Mondays or Tuesdays, 2-2:45 pm

Children 4-6 years old will be provided with experiences that enrich early literacy. These sessions are intended for independent listeners. Note that there is no session on February 16th. Please register for each session:

February 2nd

February 3rd

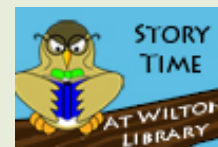
February 9th

February 10th

February 16th - no session

February 17th

February 23rd



February 24th

Wonderful Ones and Twos

Tuesdays or Wednesdays

10:15-10:45 am

This action packed program engages little ones in language based activities. These sessions are intended for children 1 to 2 years old and their parents/caregivers. Please register for each session:

February 3rd
February 4th
February 10th
February 11th
February 17th
February 18th
February 24th
February 25th



Look, Listen and Learn

Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 11-11:30 am

Children can enjoy hand clapping, toe tapping songs, finger plays and stories that encourage emerging language skills. These sessions are intended for 3 and 4 year olds and their parents/caregivers. Please register for each session.

February 3rd
February 4th
February 10th
February 11th
February 17th
February 18th
February 24th
February 25th



Creating Lasting Connections

For Class of 2016 (5th Grade) Parents

Tuesdays, February 3rd to March 31st, 9:15 to 11 am;

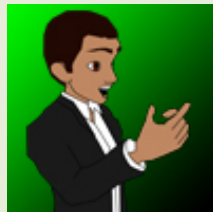
Wednesdays, February 4th to April 1st, 7:30 to 9:15 pm;

Thursdays, February 5th to April 2nd, noon to 1:45 pm

These popular parenting workshops will continue on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in February. For additional information or to register, please call 227-7644 ext.132 or e-mail: prevention@positivedirections.org.



Let's Chat: Learn to Speak Conversational English



Participants will learn to speak conversational English in this free program for adults. No registration is necessary. Join us from **7-8:30 pm on Tuesday evenings**, February 3rd, 10th, 24th and March 3rd. Refreshments will be served.

Wishlist

Help Wanted: International Herald Tribune

Based in France and published since 1887, the International Herald Tribune provides news and provocative commentary in less than thirty pages.

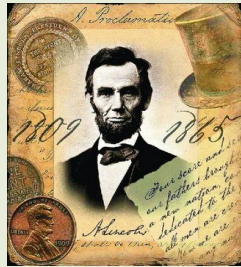


It is billed as the "global edition of the New York Times" and is available six days a week. Each issue also contains book reviews, updates for international travelers and a European weather forecast. It is available in 185 countries and the Standard Periodicals Directory calls it a paper for "opinion leaders and decision makers from around the world."

We have been able to provide the IHT for use by Library visitors for several years because of a resident's generous donation (the subscription rate is \$420 per year), but our benefactor has recently moved away.

If you are able to help us resubscribe and keep this wonderful global resource on our shelves, please email me immediately at kcleeds@wiltonlibrary.org.

The Age of Lincoln Lectures



This extraordinary series of five lectures during February and March is presented by the Wilton Historical Society and the Wilton Library and generously sponsored by **The Wilton Bank**. Due to overwhelming popularity, all of the lectures are already over subscribed, but you can put your name on a waiting list and we will let you know if space becomes available. The lectures are:

February 3rd (Library) 7:30 pm - Ronald C. White, Jr.

A. Lincoln: Wisdom for Our Times

February 8th (Hist. Soc.) 2 pm - David Blight

Lincoln and Slavery

February 26th (Library) 7:30 pm - Fred Kaplan

The Words of Lincoln

March 8th (Hist. Soc.) 2 pm - Harold Holzer

Lincoln and Secession

March 31st (Library) 7:30 pm - Paul Finkelman

The Great Emancipator as Lawyer (note new date)

For more information on each lecture and to register, [click here](#). Note that you must register for each session you wish to attend.

Children's Chess Returns!

During February on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 5 pm, we will host chess instruction and play at the Library with popular instructor **Christopher Potts**. Mr. Potts has taught more than 400 students over 16 years as a scholastic chess instructor. He has been a tournament player for more than 30 years, has several years experience as a U.S. Chess Federation certified tournament director, and has served on the board of the Connecticut State Chess Association.



In this program for children in grades 3-7, those brand new to chess will learn:

- the history and rules of the game
- basic checkmate themes and patterns
- basic strategy and tactics

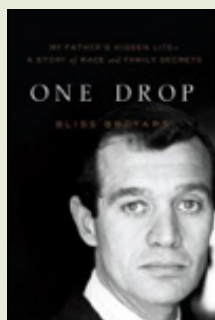
More advanced students will:

- review the basics
- learn more advanced strategy and tactics
- learn optimal opening and endgame play
- gain an appreciation for the vital importance of making and carrying out sound plans

Time will be provided for students to play games and put the classroom lessons into practice. The most important lesson is that chess is a pastime that can develop the mind and provide a lifetime of fun!

A program fee is \$10 per student is required, as is in-person registration, but you can call 203-762-3950, extension 217, for details.

Fascinating Author Talks in February



Bliss Broyard

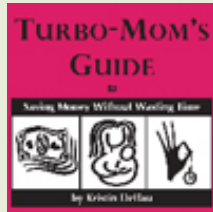
One Drop

Wednesday, February 4th

7-8:30 pm

Anatole Broyard, for many years the daily book reviewer for *The New York Times*, maintained a lifelong secret of passing for white while actually being of mixed race. At the age of 24, as her father lay dying of cancer, Bliss Broyard and her brother learned their father's secret from their mother. Her book, *One Drop: My Father's Hidden Life--A Story of Race and Family Secrets* is actually many stories - her own and how the disclosure affected her, her ancestors, and particularly, her father. Donna Seaman, writing a starred review for *Booklist*, notes that this "remarkably perceptive and well-wrought saga of blood ties denied and nurtured celebrates the grand diversity and true

interconnectivity of the entire human family." There will be time for questions and answers following the talk and books available for purchase and signing. **Please register in advance.**



Kristin Delfau
The Turbo-Mom's Guide to Saving Money Without Wasting Time
Tuesday, February 10th
10:30 am-noon

The Turbo-Mom's Guide is written for women who need to save both time and money - while living in constant "turbo mode" to squeeze everything into a 24-hour day, performing the daily balancing act between family, careers, and everyday life. Kristin Delfau provides well-researched, straightforward advice and guidance with the "big stuff," like insurance, taxes, and investments, along with quick and easy ways to save on the everyday decisions, like grocery shopping, home repair and improvements.

In addition to being a mom, Kristin is a member of the National Association of Tax Professionals; she is also a Fulbright Scholar. There will be time for questions and answers following the talk and books available for purchase and signing. **Please register in advance.**

Little Linguists: German for Kids

On **Thursdays, February 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th, from 11-11:30 am**, our "global neighbor" Germany, will be introduced to children 2-5 years old. German au pairs, currently living with host families in Wilton, will do mini-interactive language lessons including counting, singing, playing games, and listening to stories. What a fun way to learn about a country and a language!



Please call 203-762-3950, extension 217, for more information and to register.

Stay and Play Sessions Continue



the company!

On **Fridays, February 6th through February 27th, from 11 to noon**, children 2 and older can come together for unstructured playtime, as long as they bring parents/caregivers along. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other families with young children. There is no registration necessary - just drop in and enjoy

Friday Films Continue

February's theme for Wilton Library's Friday Film Fest is **Black History Month**. Films to be shown from 1-3 pm each week (popcorn and cider are free!):

February 6th, [Amistad](#)

February 13th [Show Boat](#)

February 20th [To Kill a Mockingbird](#)

February 27th [The Color Purple](#)



Movies and popcorn are free, but we ask that you reserve your seat by clicking on the titles linked above. More information about the films is available when you click to register, as well.

Silvermine Guild Artists' Reception

Friday, February 6th, from 6-7:30 pm (new date)



This exciting exhibition, entitled **The Abstracted Eye**, consists of a selection of photographs by Silvermine Guild Artist members. Unlike the straightforward photography seen every day in newspapers and magazines, these photographers don't use the camera to record images merely of what they see, but instead use the techniques specific to photography to create abstract images of aspects and objects from the everyday world.

Please join us for the reception on February 6th or throughout the month until Friday, February 27th, to see these creative interpretations of reality. The majority of the photographs will be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting Wilton Library's Art Fund.

Nutmeg Nominees

**HSBC Sponsors WINRs Circle Kickoff!
Saturday, February 7th, from 4-4:45 pm**

Calling all book lovers in grades 4-6. Come to the WINRs Circle for the kick off party as the 2010 Nutmeg nominees are announced. CT's Nutmeg Award encourages children to read literature selected by a panel of state librarians.



Kids will have an opportunity to choose their favorite book out of ten titles. Children who register will receive a participation kit including a binder, journal, book light, and bookmark to use throughout the course of the program. Children will learn this year's titles while playing games and having pizza donated by our friends at **Wilton Pizza**.

On the first Saturday of each month the WINRs Circle will meet for more fun, food and discussion. Join the WINRs Circle with a friend or make a new one. Registration is required. This wonderful program and the purchase of multiple copies of all Nutmeg nominated books have been made possible through a generous grant from **HSBC Bank USA, N.A.**

Please **register in advance** for the kickoff party!

Jobs? Jobs! Jobs 2009 Series

Wilton Chamber of Commerce & Wilton Library Join Forces

In response to the interest of our community, the Wilton Chamber of Commerce and the Wilton Library are co-sponsoring a series on retaining, finding and landing jobs in this difficult economy. In February we'll feature an encore presentation of our very popular online job search class and have an expert guest speaker, Fred Rhines, give an overview of the employment scene.

**How to Search for a Job Online
Tuesday, February 10th, 8-9:30 am**



Wilton Library's computer guru, Mary Anne Franco, takes participants through an informative class on finding employment resources online using databases available through the library's website and other online sites. Topics include job searching resources, resumes, networking. **Advance registration is strongly suggested.**

**Tuning Up Your Job Search Plan for 2009
Thursday, February 26th, 8-10 am**

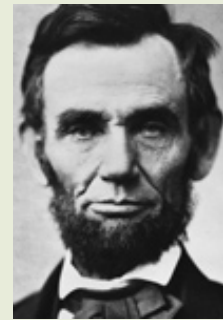


This outstanding workshop will be led by Fred Rhines, President of On Track Staffing, and consultant for Manchester Partners, a leading outplacement firm. This workshop will address strategies and plans that people can use to enhance their job searches. The topics covered include today's job market, importance of creating an effective resume, selecting references and how to use them, networking, using search firms, using the web. Attendees may bring a copy of their resumes to the workshop. **Please register in advance.**

Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday! Thursday, February 12th, from 7 to 7:45 pm

Our fabulous Children's Library staff has arranged to have Abraham Lincoln return to spend his 200th birthday with us!

Children ages 5 and above can help celebrate the event as Abe (shhh - actually an impersonator) reads selections from the *Gettysburg Address* and talks about his life.



Birthday cake will be served. There is no program fee and **registration is strongly recommended**. President Lincoln's visit has been made possible by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund.

Erica vanderLinde Feidner: Selecting a Piano February 12th, 7 to 8:30 pm



Do you feel overwhelmed when thinking about purchasing a piano - too many choices, budgetary constraints, not enough information?

If any of these concerns sounds familiar, please join us for Ms. Feidner's return visit to the Library to talk about "What to Look For and What to Look Out for When Choosing a Piano."

Erica is an independent piano consultant based in Wilton, matching people to pianos. She has appeared as the cover story in *The New Yorker* and has been featured in numerous other national publications. There is no charge and we ask that you **register in advance** to attend.

Cookie Decorating for Teens

Katie Wilbur Returns on February 12th

Teens - come decorate very special Valentine's cookies for your friends, family, or sweetheart on Thursday, February 12th, at 4 pm. Expert decorator Katie Wilbur will lead the group and provide all the materials needed. These cookies will be a terrific treat for those you love! **Please register in advance**, as space is limited. This yummy program is sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.



This Month's Kids Crafts



Drop-In Valentine's Day Crafts
Saturday, February 14th
10 am-5 pm

All ages are welcome to stop by during regular Library hours and make a valentine for their special someone. No registration is necessary. Our Valentine's Day craft program is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.



Drop-in Presidents' Day Craft
Sunday, February 15
1-5 pm

Children of all ages can stop by during regular Library hours and make a themed craft to take home. No registration is necessary - just drop in and create!

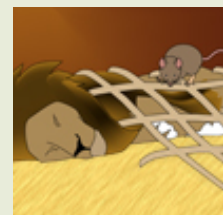
More Children's Reading Events

International Folklore and Fantasy
Saturdays, February 14th & 28th
2-3 pm

Travel to other countries through books. Each meeting, presented by a native of that country who is now a Wilton resident, will feature aspects of that culture, including stories, childhood memories and refreshments. These sessions are intended for students in grades 1-5 and registration is required:

February 14th **February 28th**

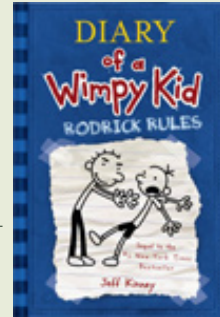
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Have Your Cake and Read It Too!
Child/Adult Book Discussion
Thursday, February 19th

6:30-7:30 pm

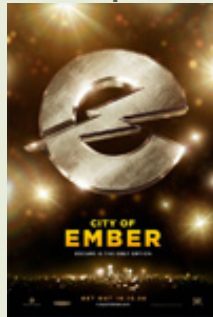
Wilton Library's Kid's Book Club for children in grades 3 and up meets once a month, desserts will be served, and both kids and adults are invited. Children and their parents or caregivers will read the book selection and then join in the discussion. February's book is ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid***, by Jeff Kinney. **Please register in advance.**



Vacation Week in February

The Library will be closed on Monday, **February 16th**, in observance of Presidents' Day, but open the rest of the week for those who are not taking a vacation on the slopes or someplace warm. We even have some special treats in store for kids:

Vacation Movie: *City of Ember*
Friday, February 20th
2-3:45 pm



For generations, the people of the City of Ember have flourished in an amazing world of glittering lights. But Ember's once powerful generator is failing ... and the great lamps that illuminate the city are starting to flicker. *City of Ember* is rated PG. Free popcorn and lemonade will be served during the movie. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver and children 8 through 12 must have a caregiver in the building. No registration is necessary - just come and enjoy the film!

Tales to Tails Returns!
Saturday, February 21st
11 am-noon



The **Good Dog Foundation** will be bringing therapy dogs to the Library for children to read to them. The use of trained therapy dogs in reading programs can result in children who feel comfortable reading out loud, read more often, attempt more difficult books, and actually look forward to reading. As they improve their literacy skills, they're not just learning how to read, they're learning to love to read!

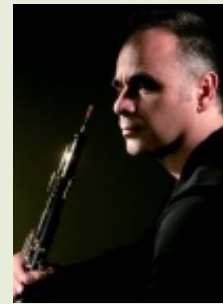
Children must be able to read independently to participate in this program. **Registration is required** and space is limited. We'll call to confirm your registration and assign a time slot.

Wilton Candlelight Concerts Presents The Adaskin Trio with Thomas Gallant

On **Sunday, February 22nd, at 4 pm**, Wilton Candlelight Concerts will present the **Adaskin String Trio with Thomas Gallant, Oboe**. Thomas Gallant, praised by the New Yorker as a "player who unites technical mastery with...charm and wit," joins the Adaskin, three remarkable Canadian string players on the faculty of the Hartt School. The Adaskin is regarded as the premiere string trio in North America.

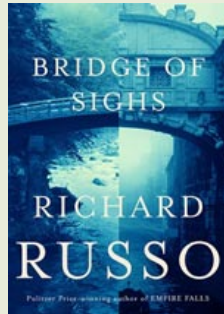


This concert will take place at the Wilton Congregational Church located at 70 Ridgefield Road (Route 33) in Wilton. A portion of the proceeds from these concerts benefits the Wilton Library classical music collection. For more information, consult the Wilton Candlelight Concerts [website](#) or call 762-3401.



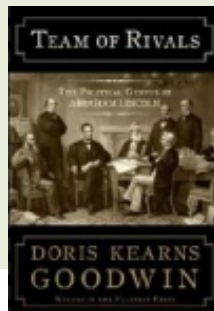
Book Discussions for February

**Wilton Library Readers with Susan Boyar
Wednesday, February 11th, noon-1:30 pm**

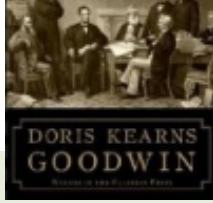


Please join popular discussion leader Susan Boyar on February 11th as she discusses ***Bridge of Sighs***, by Richard Russo. Jeffrey Frank of *Publisher's Weekly* wrote, "Richard Russo's portraits of smalltown life may be read not only as fine novels but as invaluable guides to the economic decline of the American Northeast." Please **register in advance** and feel free to bring your lunch (beverages will be served). For a complete listing of meetings and book selections, visit the [Wilton Readers page](#) on Wilton Library's website.

**Senior Center Book Discussion
Tuesday, February 24th, 11 am-noon**



Librarian David Ostergren will lead the February Senior Center discussion of ***Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*** by Doris Kearns Goodwin. A multiple biography of the entire team of personal and political competitors that Lincoln put together to lead the country through its greatest crisis, the book's focus has been cited as a



model for our current administrative team. Please call the Senior Center for details and to register at 834-6240. The discussion will take place at the Comstock Community Center on School Road in Wilton.

Special Thanks

Although it is impossible to adequately thank all who donate money, time and services to the Library each month, I'd like to mention a few recent gifts:



- First and foremost, thanks to all those who have donated to our annual appeal. Although we are running about 15% behind last year in total dollars given, we have great hopes that percentage will shrink as we contact folks who have not yet responded. Our books, DVDs and CDs are funded entirely by your private donations.
- Thanks to The Wilton Bank for their generous donations for the printing/distribution of our 2008 Annual Report and for underwriting our Age of Lincoln lecture series.
- Thanks to the Wilton Rotary Club for funding the purchase of books about other countries for both adults and children.
- Thanks to the family and friends of Pat and John Curran who continue to support our special memorial fund in their name that funds teen programs.
- Thanks to Wilton Candlelight Concerts for their donation to augment our outstanding classical music collection.
- Thanks to all who purchased gifts for the Library from our Giving Tree. With your donations, we were able to purchase wishlist items from books to DVDs to technology to ivy to be planted in the Brubeck Courtyard.
- Thanks to the Wilton Garden Club and Ryan Lewis for providing wreaths for the holiday season.
- Thanks to Joan Faulkner for providing her annual gift of a huge poinsettia - we look forward to it every year. Stop & Shop gave us several smaller plants to brighten our holiday festivities, as well.
- Thanks to Prosperous Printing for continuing to donate the work on our monthly program postcards.

Schubert Club Workshop

Wednesday, February 25th, 10 am-1 pm

Come in from the winter cold and enjoy a warm musical workshop presented by the Schubert Club of Fairfield County. The Schubert Club was founded in the autumn of 1910. The Workshop, which dates from 1947 when it started with five people interested in the study and performance of music, presents both public and private performances on a monthly basis, giving members the opportunity to renew or maintain performance skills as well as hear performances of new works by composer members.



There is no charge for the workshop, and refreshments will be served. Please **register in advance** to let us know you are coming.

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