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### Wilton Library Association Newsletter

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Greetings!

As I read over all we have in store for you in October, I am thrilled at the breadth and depth of our offerings. There are more than fifty programs happening at the Library during the month - programs for babies, toddlers, kids, teens, adults and seniors. Book discussions and story times abound throughout the month, of course, but other programs range from a flu clinic to classical music concerts to our museum trip to survivor night - the sheer variety is astounding. Almost all are free of charge, thanks to speakers and performers who do so at no or low fees, thanks to generous sponsors who cover or reduce our costs, and thanks to grants from foundations, individuals and the Town of Wilton that help support our budget.

Our collaborations with others build offerings as well - this month alone Nursing &

Home Care, Wilton Chamber of Commerce, Norwalk Symphony Orchestra, Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Senior Center, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church are among those who partner with us for the benefit of program participants.

Last year (July 2005-June 2006) more than 16,000 people attended programs at the library (over 6,900 adults, 1,300 teens, and 8,100 children). This fiscal year we anticipate there will be many more programs and participants in our newly completed spaces. The Library is your wonderful center for discovery, culture and lifelong learning - please take advantage of it!

See you at the Library!

Kathy Leeds, Director

### **Wilton Library's Wellness Month is October!**

The month of October will be a special one for Wilton Library patrons who take advantage of a program series that's sure to keep them on the path to wellness. Planned for the month:

**On Tuesday, October 3rd, from 10:30 to 11:30 am**, Margarita Shapiro, R.N. from [Nursing & Home Care, Inc.](#) will speak and distribute materials to take away. Find out about health issues and immunizations for adults, such as inoculations for flu season, pneumonia, and tetanus/diphtheria. She will also present a brief history of immunizations and pandemics in society. [Sign up now.](#)

**On Thursday, October 5th, starting at 7 pm**, Dr. Pamela Charney, Norwalk Hospital faculty and a nationally recognized leader in medical education and general internal medicine, will speak about cardiovascular health. Dr. Charney will describe the symptoms of heart disease and review current prevention guidelines. Immediately preceding this session, from **6-7 pm**, Nursing & Home Care will offer *free blood pressure screenings*, so plan to come early and make sure you [register](#) for Dr. Charney's program.

**On Thursday, October 12th, from 7-8 pm**, naturopathic physician Dr. Peter J. D'Adamo will talk about his book, *Eat Right 4 Your Type*. He will discuss the blood type dietary approach to preventing and treating disease. Dr. D'Adamo's books will be available for purchase and signing at the conclusion of the program. Please register in person, by phone, or [online](#).

**On Tuesday, October 17th, from 7-8 pm**, Simone Wan will speak about the healing and aesthetic benefits of acupuncture. Ms. Wan is licensed in Acupuncture and Chinese herbology and she will demonstrate facial acupuncture and describe its many benefits. If you have always wondered about the efficacy of this ancient technique, join us at the Library - and please - [register in advance](#).

On **Thursday, October 19th, at 7 pm**, our very own librarians Mary Anne Franco and Carolyn Benjamin will discuss and demonstrate how to find and use a wealth of reliable medical information available in print and online. Discover how to enhance your patient/doctor relationship by being an effective and cautious researcher. This session is sure to be popular, so [sign up soon](#).

Finally, on **Tuesday, October 24th, from 7-8 pm**, Dr. Elihu Rosen, D.C. and Barbara Rudolph, R.N. and M.S., will discuss pain and headache management, chiropractic care and benefits. Please [register in advance](#).

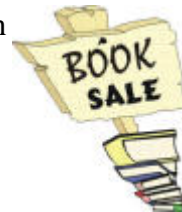
### **Columbus Day Holiday Closing**

Please note that the Library will be closed Sunday and Monday, October 8th and 9th, for Columbus Day. For information on this holiday, you may want to consult the following links:

- [Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)
- [Columbus Navigation Homepage](#)
- [Kids Domain Columbus Day](#)
- [1492: An Ongoing Voyage, an online exhibition from the Library of Congress](#)

### **Children's Book Sale - October 20th and 21st!**

Wilton Library's popular Children's Book Sale fund-raiser will take place in the Brubeck Room (just to the left of our front door) on **Friday, October 20th, from 3-6 pm, and Saturday, October 21st, from 10 am to 5 pm**. Thousands of gently used and almost new picture books, chapter books, classics, series books, videos, and DVDs will be offered for sale at incredibly reasonable prices. Saturday's sale will run concurrently with Wilton Library's 2006 Discovery Day (see below). Don't miss this opportunity to pick up presents for friends and family - kids will be enchanted with the variety of items we have for sale!



As a special added attraction, local children's author Skip Ploss will be doing readings from his books at **1:30, 2, and 2:30 pm**. His books (*If Picasso Were a Fish*, *If I had a Gift*, and *Abstracts: Minimalist Scribblings*) will be available for purchase and signing.



### **Don't Miss the 2006 Discovery Day on Saturday, October 21st**

On **Saturday, October 21st, from 11 am to 2 pm**, everyone in the community is invited to see what's new in products, services, and the collections at their Wilton Library. Music, demonstrations, crafts, the Children's Book Sale, and free food from [Barcelona Restaurant](#) will make the day one the whole family will enjoy. Stop by and have lunch, get a new library card, sign up for Library ELF email notifications, try our new downloadable audio books,

browse the book sale, and more.

One very special opportunity on Discovery Day will be the first chance to pick up a free copy of *The Sweet Hereafter*, by Russell Banks (we have 250 to give away). Thanks to our sponsors, the [Wilton Bulletin](#) and the [Wilton Bank](#), Mr. Banks will be joining us on March 15th, 2007 for the culmination of the third *Wilton Reads!* Details about all the events planned for this year's community read are outlined on our special [Wilton Reads! webpage](#) - check out what's in store.



### Fall Story Times for Kids

From **now through Thursday, November 9th**, children from 6 months to five years old can enjoy scheduled fall story times at the Library as follows:

Babies ~~ Tuesdays from 11 – 11:30 am (6-11 months old)  
Ones ~~ Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:15 – 10:45 am  
Twos ~~ Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:15– 10:45 am  
Threes ~~ Wednesdays from 11:30 am–noon and Thursday from 1–1:30 pm  
Fours and Fives ~~ Mondays from 2–2:45 pm and Tuesdays from 3–3:45 pm

Babies, Ones and Twos must be accompanied by adults. There is no charge for the program. Advance registration is required... please call 762-3950 to put your name on the list. *Note that there will be no sessions on Mondays, October 2nd and 9th.*



### Art Exhibits for October

On **Friday, October 6th, from 6-7:30 pm**, you are all invited to an opening reception for artist Jean Haughey. Her retrospective show will continue to hang until October 30th and works sold will benefit the Library's Art Fund for the purchase of materials about art, artists, and art instruction. Please join us on the 6th or at any time throughout the month to view her works.

Work by the Art Explorers from [Weir Farm](#) will continue to hang in our Reference Area throughout the month and we're delighted to provide hanging space for these young and aspiring artists in our midst.



### Poetry in Motion for Teens - Entry Deadline Approaches

Poetry in Motion: An Exploration of Diversity for students in grades 7-12 is in full swing! **The deadline for entries is October 6th**, so please call Teen Librarian Susan Lauricella at 762-3950 x243 or [email](mailto:teenpoetry@wiltonlibrary.org) [teenpoetry@wiltonlibrary.org](mailto:teenpoetry@wiltonlibrary.org) for more information on how to enter poems.

Poems about diversity and tolerance will be judged by a student board and selected pieces

will be performed by professional actors, artists, and musicians in March of next year on the stage in the Library's Brubeck Room. This exceptional program is made possible with funding from the Fairfield County Community Foundation, the Connecticut Humanities Council and the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.



### **Howard & Matthew Greene: Present Trends in College Admissions and Financial Aid**

We are pleased that Howard and Matthew Greene will be back to share their most current thoughts and insights about the college admissions process on **Tuesday, October 17th at 7 pm**. Authors of [multiple popular books](#) on this topic and nationally recognized educational consultants, the Greenes are incredibly knowledgeable and will share their strategies and tips with parents and students facing the stressful college application process. You won't want to miss their appearance if you are embarking on the college admissions quest! Please register in advance in person, by phone, or [online](#).



### **Book Discussions in October: Ben, Ann, Susan, and More**

Ben Van Vechten's *Short Series on Short Stories* will continue this month, with sessions on Tuesdays **October 5th, 12th, and 19th from 10:30 am- noon**. Short story binders are available at the Circulation Desk - please call ahead (762-3950) to let us know you are coming and to make sure there is space available for this popular seminar.

Ann Martin's seminar topic this fall is entitled *The Guns Fell Silent* and it promises to be a particularly enlightening look at the consequences of war as portrayed in several classics. The series sessions will take place on **Mondays, October 16th, 23th, 30th, and November 6th, 13th and 20th, from 10:30-noon**. Titles to be discussed (the first two should be read prior to October 16th) are:

- *The Sun Also Rises*, by Ernest Hemingway
- *Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding
- *Dawn*, by Elie Wiesel
- *The Things They Carried*, by Tim O'Brien
- *The Good Soldier*, by Ford Madox Ford

Please call us, stop by to sign up, or [register online](#) in advance to take part in this amazing discussion of conflict and consequences.

Susan Boyar will lead our Wilton Library Readers in a lunchtime discussion of *The Moonstone*, by Wilkie Collins, on **Wednesday, October 11th, from noon-1:30 pm**. Lurid features of Victorian life abound in this classic, about which Henry James noted, "to Mr. Collins belongs the credit of having introduced into fiction those most mysterious of mysteries, the mysteries which are at our own doors." Rediscover the era and its

intrigues with us - no registration is necessary and all are welcome. For further information on meetings of Wilton Library Readers, [please consult our website](#).

This month's Senior Center book discussion will take place at Comstock Community Center on **Tuesday, October 24th at 11 am**. Please join discussion leader Maureen Canary as she talks about a fellow actress and the book, ***Just Outside the Spotlight: Growing Up With Eileen Heckert***, written by Heckert's son, Luke Yankee. Call the Senior Center at 834-6240 to register.

Our International Book Group (which everyone is invited to join, of course!) will discuss ***The Rape of the Fair Country***, by Alexander Cordell, on **Thursday, October 26th, from 7-8:30 pm**. Written about a Welsh mining community of the 19th century, the book was first published in 1959 and has been translated into 17 languages. The book recounts the saga of the Mortymer family in which their struggles of working for the English owners of the harsh iron industry are turned into "a captivating tale of the passions and hopes of a resilient community." Join guest discussion leader Raye Forsey for a countrywoman's perspective on the novel. Refreshments and international desserts will be served, so please [register in advance](#).

### **More for Kids - Survivor Night and Lemony Snicket!**

On **Friday, October 13th, from 7-9 pm**, kids in 5th and 6th grade are invited to Survivor Night at the Library! *Advance registration in teams of four is required*, so call Teen Services (762-3950) to let us know you're coming - and come in costume, prepared to find items around the Library that will help your team make "survival items." It's sure to be fun!

On **Friday, October 27th, from 7-9 pm**, 3rd through 6th graders are invited to a Lemony Snicket Halloween party. Raffles, entertainment, activities and refreshments will make the evening special. Come in costume and please remember - register in advance by calling (762-3950 x217) or stopping by the Children's Library soon.



### **Blue Tulip's Anniversary - Shopping Alert for October 27th**

Just about a year ago, [Blue Tulip](#) opened its doors to the public with a wonderful celebration that benefited the Library (\$4,000 was contributed to our building fund). Now, to mark the first anniversary, our neighbor is going to donate 15% of the proceeds from all shoppers who mention the Wilton Library on October 27th when they purchase items at the store. We are so grateful to them and to all our business friends who recognize the importance of the Library to the economic vitality of the community.

Happy Anniversary, Blue Tulip - we hope all our friends stop by on **Friday, October 27th anytime between 9:30 am and 8 pm**. They'll be sure to mention the Wilton Library when they check out!

## 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:



- Thanks to Michael Crystal, founder of The Grand Crew, for donations of sparkling cider for our summer concert series.
- Thanks to Peter Keating, Nancy Dolnier, and all our friends at [The Village Market](#) for sponsoring the Summer Music & More concerts again this summer.
- Thanks to Hal Clark, Barbara Findley and Ivor Chapman for responding to our appeal and helping us add several wonderful books about Queen Hatshepsut and ancient Egypt to our collection.
- Thanks always to [Stewart Flowers](#) for the magnificent flower arrangements we display each week at the Circulation Desk.
- Thanks to everyone who donated to and shopped at the Ladies' Night Out fundraiser in September. As a result of their generosity, we raised more than \$13,000 for technology and equipment for the Library. Special thanks go to longtime friend Dolores Monteleone and Trustee Trish Clifford for being "super shoppers!" Those who donated to our giving tree will be pleased to note that we raised all we needed for both a snowblower and a leaf vacuum to keep the grounds neat and safe.

## Art for Preschoolers with Emma Sutherland

As a reprise of a "sold out" program, our guest artist, Emma Sutherland will once again offer her very popular art program for three- to five-year-olds utilizing recycled material to make terrific crafts. The program will take place on **Friday, October 13th, from 10:30 to 11:30 am** and smocks will be provided. There is no charge for the session, but space is limited and registration is required. Call the Children's Library at 762-3950 x217 or [register online today!](#)

## Museum Road Trip - New Britain Museum of American Art

We have only 22 spaces on the bus and expect them to fill quickly, so register soon for our outing to the [New Britain Museum of American Art](#) on **Wednesday, October 22nd**. The Reverend Mary Grace Williams ( [St. Matthew's Episcopal Church](#)) and I will lead the group and our tour's minibus will leave from the Library parking lot promptly at 9:30 am and return by about 5 pm.

From their website: *The New Britain Museum of American Art's founding in 1903 entitles the institution to be designated the first museum of strictly American art in the country.*

*That year, a \$20,000 gift of gold bonds to the museum's former parent, the New Britain Institute, from industrialist John Butler Talcott, created funds to purchase "modern oil paintings." Subsequent purchases, with advice from New York museums and galleries, further defined "modern" to mean American works of art, now numbering more than 5,000. With particular strengths in colonial portraiture, the Hudson River School, American Impressionism, and the Ash Can School, not to mention the important mural series, The Arts of Life in America by Thomas Hart Benton, the museum relies heavily on its permanent collection for exhibitions and programming, yet also displays a significant number of borrowed shows and work by emerging artists. The singular focus on American art and its panoramic view of American artistic achievement make the New Britain Museum of American Art a significant teaching resource available to the local, regional, and national public.*

I have heard marvelous news of the museum's collection and renovation and am looking forward to this outing. Please join Mary Grace and me - and reserve your seat today by calling the Library at 762-3950! The total cost per person for bus, one-hour group tour, and admission is \$40 and must be paid in advance at Library Circulation Desk.

### **Flu Clinic at the Library**

Sponsored again this year by Nursing & Home Care, Wilton Library will host a series of flu shot clinics. The first date and time of the series is **Thursday, October 26th, from 10:30 am to 1 pm**. Additional dates are Thursday, November 9th, from 3- 5 pm and Thursday, November 14th, from 10:30 am- 1 pm. Please call Nursing & Home Care for more information (834-6341 x444).

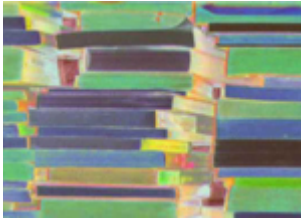
### **Wilton Chamber of Commerce Presents: Embrace Life's Imbalance**

Dr. Michael Crystal will present a seminar co-sponsored by the Library and the Wilton Chamber of Commerce entitled *Embrace Life's Imbalance* on **Friday, October 27th, from 9-11 am**. You won't want to miss this engaging and interactive seminar with Dr. Crystal about getting the most out of your life and living. His talk will focus on ways you can improve performance, thereby enhancing the fulfillment you get from both work and play.



Registration is required and the fee for the session is \$15 for Chamber members/Library Friends and \$25 for all others. Please call the Chamber office (762-0567) or the Library (762-3950) for more information about this offering, to register, or to inquire about becoming a Chamber member or Library Friend.

## **Hazardous Materials and Used Book Collection Day**



Load up your cars and head to Middlebrook School (School Road, Wilton) on **Saturday, October 21st from 8:30 am to 3 pm.**

Hazardous materials will be accepted by the town in one area and gently used books (no textbooks, please) will be very gratefully received in another. Look for our collection truck and signs to the Wilton Library book dropoff.

Last year we received several thousand volumes that were then sorted and sold in our huge April book sale and we expect that this year's donations will exceed last year's total. Book sale proceeds support Wilton Library operations, so please recycle your reading on October 28th! Of course, you may always drop off used books, CDs, and DVDs in our grey collection bins at the stairs on Godfrey Place. Receipts for donations are provided upon request.

Don't forget to stop by the Library to help us celebrate Discovery Day from 11 am to 2 pm and buy "new" books at the Children's Book Sale from 10 am to 5 pm. It will be a terrific Saturday for us all!

## **Norwalk Symphony Family Program (Not) Just For Kids**

Thanks to generous sponsorship by the [Wilton Bank](#), we will once again this year provide a series of [Norwalk Symphony](#) concerts NOT just for kids. Each of the four concerts will feature a different section of the orchestra and musicians will both entertain and educate kids (ages 3-10) and their families about the instruments and the music they play.

Please join us on **Saturday, October 28th, from 2-3 pm** in the Brubeck Room for STRINGS (not) Just for Kids. The program is free but we ask that you register in person, by phone (762-3950) or [online](#). Remaining dates in the series are Saturday, January 27th (PERCUSSION) and Saturday, April 7th (BRASS).

## **Chamber Music Concerts by Connecticut's Own: Quadrivium Quartet**

The Brubeck Room will come alive again on **Sunday, October 29th, from 4-5 pm** as the Quadrivium Quartet kicks off our schedule of chamber music concerts by outstanding Connecticut musicians. Quadrivium Quartet takes its name from the Latin word (literally, "where four roads meet") that denoted the ancient liberal arts of arithmetic, music, geometry and astronomy. It was formed in 2002 by members of the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra who bring diverse backgrounds to the collaborative art of chamber music.

Violinists Larry Shiller and Christopher McCormack, pianist Mai Kagaya, and cellist Richard Brown will present a program that includes Mozart's Piano Quartet #1, K. 478

(G minor) and Piano Quartet, Op. 26 (A Major) by Brahms.

Please join us for this and other free Sunday afternoon concerts throughout the year in the beautiful and acoustically magnificent Brubeck Room at the Library. The full schedule of concerts (all from 4-5 pm) is as follows:

**Sunday, October 29th** ~~ Quadrivium Quartet

**Sunday, November 19th** ~~ Connecticut Composers Concert

**Sunday, March 4th** ~~ Allen Brings and Genevieve Chinn-Brings, Piano, Four-Hands Concert

**Sunday, April 29th** ~~ Errante/Cho Trio

Please stop by and pick up a schedule for the wonderful [Candlelight Concerts](#), as well. Performed at the Wilton Congregational Church, they benefit the Library.

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