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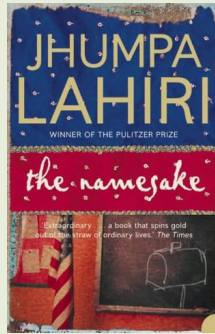
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Hello!

We've got a new look for our newsletter this fall. I hope you'll find it easier to browse for articles and programs that interest you by using the quick link index just to the left of this message. I know, with so much news to share, I sometimes send you very long monthly messages. Our new layout should help cut down on the time it takes to mine for the "news nuggets" that interest you and your family most. Be sure to let me know how you like it!

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director
Wilton Library Association

Wilton Reads! *The Namesake*



October is Wilton Reads! month and we have several events planned to get folks talking about this wonderful novel and its many messages that resonate in our community.

Registration for Pulitzer Prize winning author Jhumpa Lahiri's reading on October 19th is filled, but I still encourage you to sign up for the waiting list - we may want to move the event to a larger venue or simulcast her talk outside the Brubeck Room.

Note that we will have copies of the book for sale and Ms. Lahiri will stay that evening to sign them for all of you. The full roster of Wilton Reads! events:

Thursday, October 2nd, 1:30 pm ~ ~ Movie ([register](#))

Thursday, October 2nd, 7 pm ~ ~ Movie ([register](#))

Tuesday, October 7th, 10:30 am ~ ~ Book Discussion with Dr. Joanna Ecke ([register](#))

Wednesday, October 15th, 7 pm ~ ~ Book Discussion with Susan Boyar ([register](#))

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Sunday, October 19th, 4 pm -- Author Talk by Jhumpa Lahiri with Castafiori Award presentation ([register](#)). **Note that the Library will open at noon and close at 3 pm in order to accommodate this special program. Doors will re-open at 3:30 pm and pre-registrants must arrive by 3:45 pm to be guaranteed seating. After 3:45 and if space is available, wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be admitted.**

Wilton Reads! is sponsored by The Wilton Bank and The United Way of Norwalk & Wilton with media support from The Wilton Bulletin. We are so grateful to them all for helping bring us all together to discuss and savor this wonderful book.

Rock Band for Teens

Wednesday, October 1st, 4-5 pm
Wednesday, October 15th, 4-5 pm



On both dates, teens entering grades 7 - 12 can come play Rock Band with the Xbox-360 system on the big screen in our Brubeck Room. They'll be able to play a guitar, sing a song or try the drums - and compete with their friends. These programs are made possible through the John & Patricia Curran Teen Fund and no registration is necessary.

Norwalk Symphony Orchestra (Not) Just for Kids - Woodwinds

Saturday, October 4, 2 pm

This is the first part of a 4-part series for children 3-10 years old and their families. Members of the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra woodwind section will talk about and demonstrate their instruments and let even the smallest audience members try them out. Next month, on November 15th, we'll have a program on strings and then in January and May the series will introduce percussion and brass instruments.

Please register in advance for the [woodwinds](#) and [strings](#) programs. This series is sponsored by the Maximilian E. and Marion O. Hoffman Foundation, Inc.



Connecticut's Own Concert: *Bach to Broadway*

Sunday, October 5th, 4-5pm



Conductor, music director, and founder of the Connecticut Chamber Orchestra, Sayard Stone has conducted orchestras in over a dozen European countries, Canada, and Mexico. Bernice Stochek Friedson, violin soloist and concert master, is the director of the MACH (Music and Arts for Humanity)

School of Music in Bridgeport. The program promises a musical journey from the Baroque period to Contemporary Theater.

Additional dates in the Connecticut's Own Series are: 11/9/2008 Igor Lovchinsky; 2/1/2009 Laurel Double Reed Ensemble; 3/1/2009 Rex Cadwallader; 5/3/2009 Amore Trio.

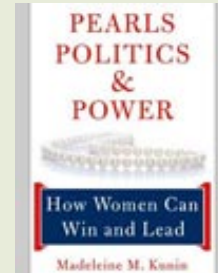
There is no charge for the concert and advance registration is strongly recommended. Pre-registrants must arrive by 3:50 pm to be guaranteed seating. After 3:50 pm and if space is available, wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be

admitted.
Please [register in advance](#) for this delightful Sunday afternoon performance.
[More information...](#)

Visiting Author Madeleine Kunin *Pearls, Politics and Power*

Monday, October 6th, 7-8:30 pm

Madeleine M. Kunin, first female governor of Vermont, will come to the Wilton Library to discuss her book, *Pearls, Politics and Power - How Women Can Win And Lead*. Described as a "fabulous 'how to' book for women who want to make a difference in their communities, states, or the nation," it is insightful, impactful, and above all, readable. Former President Bill Clinton comments, "This book is a must for any woman interested in becoming one of tomorrow's leaders."



Currently a professor at the University of Vermont, Kunin encourages young women to become leaders in politics. A question and answer session will follow her talk. Books will be available for purchase and signing, thanks to our friends at The Wilton Open Book Shop. This program is cosponsored by the Wilton Woman's Club, the Wilton League of Women Voters, and the Wilton Library. Please [register in advance](#), and bring your friends and daughters!

Gregg Glaser's Oktoberfest Tasting Tuesday, October 7th, 7-9 pm



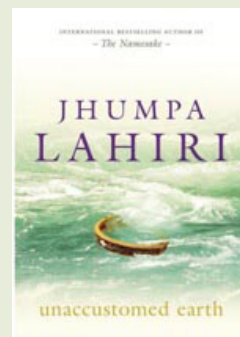
Oktoberfest is a sixteen-day festival held each year in Munich during late September through early October. It is one of the most famous events in the city, the world's largest fair, with some six million people attending every year, and an important part of Bavarian culture.

Celebrate Oktoberfest at the Wilton Library with local beer expert, Gregg Glaser. Gregg is the news editor for *All About Beverage Media* and *Modern Brewery Age*, a syndicated beverage writer for Tribune Media Services, and Editor-in-Chief for *Yankee Brew News*. He will discuss the production of beer, its amazing varieties and tastes, and then provide a tasting. Registration is limited and we highly recommend that you [sign up now](#) to reserve a spot!

More October Book Discussions

We have several book discussions scheduled during October in addition to those about our Wilton Reads! selection, *The Namesake* (see above):

The **Wilton Library Readers**, with discussion leader Susan Boyar, will discuss the most recent of Jhumpa Lahiri's books, *Unaccustomed Earth*, on **Wednesday, October 8th, from noon to 1:30 pm**. Given a starred review by *Publisher's Weekly*, the short stories are lauded, *Lahiri's stories of exile, identity, disappointment and maturation evince a spare and subtle mastery that has few contemporary equals*. All are welcome, but we ask that you [register in advance](#). Bring your lunch and we will provide beverages for this lunchtime gathering.



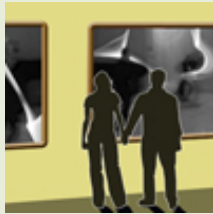
Our **International Book Group** that explores the literature and culture of other lands, will meet on **Thursday, October 23rd, from 7 to 8:30 pm** to talk about

The Silver Darlings, by Neil Miller Gunn. The guest speaker for this session will be Elizabeth Johnston of Scotland and she'll share her special perspective of her native land. Refreshments and international desserts will be served. Please **register in advance** to let us know you are coming and join us!

The **Senior Center Book Discussion** will take place on **Tuesday, October 28th, from 11 am to noon**. Maureen Canary will lead a discussion of ***Summer at Tiffany***, by Marjorie Hart. The memoir evokes New York City in the 40s as seen through the eyes of two innocent smalltown girls. Call the Senior Center for details and to register at 834-6240. The discussion will take place at Comstock Community Center, 180 School Road, in Wilton. Again, all are welcome.

Art Reception: Unhung Heroes

Friday, October 10th, 6-7:30 pm



Please join us for an evening reception to celebrate the artists and their work as "unhung heroes" come to the Library for the month of October (the exhibit will remain until Thursday, October 30th). The artists exhibiting are all showing for the very first time at the Wilton Library and we look forward to seeing a varied and exciting collection of works. All proceeds (many of the pieces will be offered for sale) benefit the Library's Art Fund for the purchase of books on art and art instruction. [More information...](#)

Fall Storytimes for Kids

All the details of our many storytimes for children are linked to registration forms on [our website](#). Please take a look and see what fits your schedule.



Children who are exposed to more literacy experiences early in their development are positioned to take advantage of the educational opportunities presented to them in preschool and elementary school. There is no greater gift you can give your children than the gift of reading and literature appreciation - and we would love to help you deliver the present!

Computer Classes at the Library with Mary Anne and Michael Franco



Come learn computer skills in our comfortable lab. Our free, hands-on classes are limited to ten students, and require advance registration. Basic computer skills, including mouse proficiency, are required. To ensure the best learning experience for all, students are asked to arrive on time; no one will be permitted to enter 10 minutes after the start of the class.

October's classes include:

Basic Word

Tuesday, October 14th, 6:30-8 pm

Mary Anne Franco will teach participants how to create and format a basic document. ([register now](#))

Basic Word

Thursday, October 16th, 12:30-2 pm

Mary Anne Franco will teach participants how to create and format a basic document. ([register now](#))

Digital Photography Class: Photo Editing

Saturday, October 18th, 11-12:30 pm

Michael Franco will return to instruct this popular hands-on class. Using a photo provided by the instructor, students will learn how to use basic tools to enhance their picture. ([register now](#))

Hands-on Computer Classes: Basic Excel

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30-8 pm

Mary Anne Franco will teach participants how to create and format a basic spreadsheet. ([register now](#))

Hands-on Computer Classes: Basic Excel

Tuesday, October 30, 12:30-2 pm

Mary Anne Franco will teach participants how to create and format a basic spreadsheet. ([register now](#))

Four More Author Talks This Month

Our program manager, Sally Gemmill, has been working overtime to bring you opportunities to meet authors this month!

Kathy Caprino

Breakdown, Breakthrough

Tuesday, October 14th, 7-8:30 pm

Wilton resident, Kathy Caprino, will discuss her just-published book, ***Breakdown, Breakthrough: The Professional Woman's Guide to Claiming a Life of Passion, Power and Purpose***. Her work is based on important new findings that emerged from her national in-depth research study with over 100 working women called Women Overcoming Professional Crisis: Finding New Meaning in Life and Work. Kathy has lectured widely on the 12 common crises working women face today, and how to overcome them. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Please [register in advance](#).



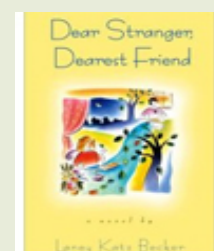
Laney Katz Becker

Dear Stranger, Dearest Friend

Wednesday, October 15th

9:30-11:30 am

In recognition of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we welcome Laney Katz Becker, breast cancer survivor and author of ***Dear Stranger, Dearest Friend***. This is her first novel, though Becker has written articles for more than fifty publications including *Self*, *American Health*, *Seventeen* and *First For Women*. A 1979 graduate of Northwestern University's School of Speech, Becker has spoken at the kick-off breakfast for the American Cancer Society's (ACS) yearly fund-raiser, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, the Northern Westchester Conference for Jewish Women on Breast Cancer, and has appeared as a panelist on a cable TV talk show about breast cancer. Refreshments will be served before the talk. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Please [register in advance](#).



Mark Albertson

USS Connecticut: Constitution State Battleship

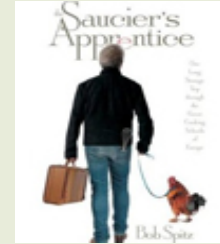
Tuesday, October 21st, 10:30-noon

Author Mark Albertson will discuss his recently released book ***USS Connecticut: Constitution State Battleship***, the only battleship in U.S. Navy history to bear the name of our state. Twice she was the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet, but her greatest honor was as flagship of President Theodore



Roosevelt's Great White Fleet for the epic round-the-world cruise in December 1907. A question and answer session will follow the discussion. Books will be available for purchase and signing. **Please register in advance.**

Bob Spitz
The Saucier's Apprentice
Wednesday, October 29th
11 am-noon



Bob Spitz, author of *The New York Times* bestseller, *The Beatles*, will return to the Wilton Library to discuss his recently published ***The Saucier's Apprentice - One Long Strange Trip through the Great Cooking Schools of Europe***, which chronicles his odyssey through the cooking schools of France and Italy to become a virtuoso in the kitchen, after hitting a personal crossroad. Spitz will recount his experiences and also tempt us with his upcoming project. A question and answer session will follow the discussion. Books will be available for purchase and signing, courtesy of the Wilton Open Book Shop. **Please register in advance.**

Playaways and More! Changes in Our Media Department



In a continuing effort to keep up with patron demand for the best and newest audiobooks, music, and movies, the Media collection is undergoing some big changes. We will be increasing our shelf space for music CDs as well as creating an easy-to-browse display of new audio items. This means you will easily be able to see the new music, books on CD, and Playaways as they arrive.

It is a constant challenge to stay abreast of swiftly changing technology. We make an effort to find out what formats folks in town want and purchase accordingly. As demand has been dwindling for books on tape and video tapes, we have been withdrawing them from the collection and replacing them with new formats. Don't worry, you'll still be able to find *The Music Man*, but it will be on DVD rather than VHS.

Many people have been discovering our newest format for audiobooks, the Playaways. These devices, each smaller than a pack of cards, contain an entire audiobook. They are perfect for the person on the move. They can be used with headphones or in your car with an adapter for your cassette player or radio. The Playaways are ideal for travel. No need to pack multiple discs or download books to an MP3 player, just take the one small device and listen away! Stop by and see the ever-growing picture display of Staff and patrons using Playaways in distant lands.

Short Stories with Bill Ziegler

During October and November, the Wilton Library will welcome Bill Ziegler in his first turn as seminar leader. Bill has led other discussions, but this fall he will take on an explication of several short stories in a five-part series (**October 16th, 23rd, 30th, November 6th and 13th**) with all sessions scheduled from **10:30 am to noon**. Participants will read and discuss a variety of short stories that illustrate the characteristics of the genre and provide a basis for critical evaluation.



Copies of the stories are available at the Circulation Desk. There is no charge for the program, but we ask that you register in advance by clicking on each of the links above.

Family Focus

Special Events for Parents and Kids



No Child Left Inside Friday, October 17th 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us for a special initiative by Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell, coordinated by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Rachael Sunny, a representative from the Department of Environmental Protection, will encourage Connecticut families to enjoy all the recreational resources and outdoor activities available in Connecticut's state parks, forests and waterways. It's time to discover the great outdoors and plan your family's outings for the fall and winter! All ages are welcome. **Please register in advance.**



A Visit from Teddy Roosevelt Thursday, October 23rd 7-7:45 pm

Celebrate the 150th birthday of Theodore Roosevelt with a live performance (by an impersonator) in which this beloved president will talk about his life including his explorations, his presidency, and his work on conservation. Birthday cake will be served in honor of the occasion and no registration is necessary. Our President's Party is made possible by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund.



Influence of Fathers on the Lives of Their Children Thursday, October 23rd 7-9 pm

Yale child psychiatrist and author Dr. Kyle Pruett (*The Nurturing Father*) will share his insights on the *Influence of Fathers on the Lives of Their Children: Perspectives of Fathering in the 21st Century*. He will show a short DVD as part of his presentation. This program is co-sponsored by Wilton Youth Services, Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council, Parent Connection, SPED*NET, the Rotary Club of Wilton, and the Wilton Library. **Please register in advance.**

A Concert for the Arctic

Saturday, October 18th, 7:30-9 pm

Internationally acclaimed violinist Eugenia Choi and concert pianist Henry Wong Doe will visit the Library's Brubeck Room on October 18th! They will perform classical music selections to help highlight the threat of global warming in the Arctic.



Described as a "sensational force" by La Republique (France), Miss Choi regularly plays at venues such as Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. Mr. Wong Doe is a winner of "Audience Favorite" prizes at the Rubinstein and Busoni International Piano Competitions.

The recital will be introduced by Adam Markham, founding CEO of the non-profit environmental organization Clean Air - Cool Planet, with a short visual presentation on a recent National Geographic expedition to Svalbard in the Norwegian high Arctic in which both he and Choi participated. Audience members can meet the artists at a reception following this performance.

We suggest a donation of \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, and proceeds will benefit both Clean Air-Cool Planet and Wilton Library's collection of books and other materials on the environment. We highly recommend that you **register in**

advance for this inspiring concert.

More Great Fun For Kids



Day of the Dead Pinata Workshop Sundays, October 19th (1-2:30 pm) & November 2nd (2-3:30 pm)

Children will learn about the Day of the Dead holiday (Dia de los Muertos). This is a 2-part workshop to make a piñata and celebrate this special holiday of Mexico in which families gather to remember and celebrate friends and relatives who are deceased. Children must be in attendance on both Sundays to finish the piñatas. The Day of the Dead Workshop is intended for students in 3rd grade or older. Please note that registration is

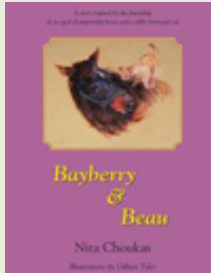
required.



Library Haunted House Friday, October 24th, 6:30-8 pm

Calling all ghosts and goblins! Come dressed in your Halloween best for games, pizza and spooky activities. The program is intended for children at least 8 years of age and caregivers must remain in the building while the festivities are going on. Registration is required and only 40 reservations are available, so sign up now! We are grateful

to the Coyle Family Fund for making this holiday fun possible. Please call the Children's Library (203.762.3950 x217) for more details.



Drop-in *Bayberry and Beau* Crafts Saturday, October 25th, 1:30-2 pm

Children will be able to make crafts based on the characters in Nita Choukas's book, *Bayberry and Beau*. Ms. Choukas will be visiting speaking at 2 pm, so drop by at 1:30 pm (no registration is necessary) to get the fun started early. This program is made possible by the Coyle Family Fund.

Visiting Children's Author: Nita Choukas *Bayberry & Beau*

Saturday, October 25th, 2-3 pm

Visiting author Nita Choukas will talk about and read from her delightful book, *Bayberry & Beau*, based on a true friendship between an aged champion horse and a barnyard tabby cat.

Though the relationship was real, the tale is fiction, and it will draw listeners into the story and unleash each child's imagination. With three children and ten grandchildren, Nita Choukas has honed her storytelling skills over the years in addition to having studied literature all her life. An actress and director of school and community theater, Nita created *Bayberry & Beau* as her first children's book. Please register in advance to attend!



Children's Halloween Movie Thursday, October 30th, 4-5 pm

It's time for the Halloween tale about a boy and his dog, his gang of friends, and a big pumpkin! A perennial cartoon favorite, *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* is a traditional showing this time of year. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by adults and caregivers of children 9-12 must remain in the building. Popcorn and lemonade will

be served and no registration is necessary - just stop by for the film fun.

Pumpkin Carving Contest for Teens

Tuesday, October 28th, 5-6 pm

Teens in grades 7-12 will be able to carve pumpkins while listening to Halloween tunes. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative, funniest, and spookiest pumpkins!

Please **register in advance** so we can have your pumpkin ready. All materials will be supplied by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.



General Assembly Candidates Forum

143rd District



On **Tuesday, October 21st, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm**, voters can meet the candidates for the 143rd General Assembly: Peggy Reeves (Democrat) and Susan Bruschi (Republican).

The Forum is sponsored by the Wilton League of Women Voters, the Wilton Chamber of Commerce and the Wilton Library.

Please **register in advance** to let us know that you are coming.

Energy Saving Lighting Sale

Wednesday, October 22, 10 am-7 pm

An Energy Saving Lighting Sale will be sponsored by Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P), the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF), and Wilton Library on October 22nd. Energy Saving Lighting Fairs give residents the opportunity to purchase energy efficient light bulbs and fixtures at discounted prices. Energy efficient light bulbs, called CFLs, use 75% less energy and last up to ten times as long as standard incandescent bulbs.



TechniArt, the Lighting Fair vendor, will offer several wattages and styles of CFLs starting at only \$1.00. The CEEF was created by the Connecticut legislature to promote efficient energy use, help residents and businesses save on their electric bills, promote economic development, reduce electric demand and help reduce air pollution.

Connecticut's energy-efficiency programs are funded by the conservation charge on customer electric bills. Additional information on Connecticut's energy-efficiency programs can be found at www.CTSavesEnergy.org or www.cl-p.com.

Hazardous Materials & Used Books

Collection Day: Saturday, October 25th



Don't forget to bring your gently-used books, videos, and DVDs to the Library's truck in the Miller School parking lot between 9 am and 3 pm on October 25th! (We ask that you donate no encyclopedias, magazines, or textbooks.)

The Town of Wilton will be collecting hazardous materials in the Miller/Driscoll parking lot as well and you can find more information about that collection on the Town of Wilton [website](#).

Connecticut Divorce Law 101 Tuesday, October 28th, 7-8 pm

Maurice Segall, Attorney Mediator with Mediation Solutions, will return to the Wilton Library for an informative discussion of the basics of the divorce process in Connecticut. There will be ample time for questions and answers following the talk. Please **register in advance** for this free and fact-filled program.



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