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Hello!

The Library has been incredibly busy this fall - you surely have noticed if you've been by to see us. 9% more materials have been checked out: 16% more people have visited, and 12% more have attended programs since the start of our fiscal year on July 1st compared to the same period last year. Why the increase? Because we serve an additional and very special purpose for the community in tough economic times - acting as a valuable resource to so many more people, among them:

- *those who can no longer afford to purchase books, DVDs, and CDs and instead now borrow ours
- *those looking for employment who use our job search, resume writing, and interview skills resources
- *those who use our quiet rooms and study carrels as offices away from home
- *those who seek to learn new skills for new jobs and attend our computer classes
- *those who come to be in the company of others learning to cope with the stresses of the economic downturn

Please remember the many ways our Library will be called upon to serve as Wilton's safety net in the months to come and give as generously as you can to support our efforts on behalf of your friends and neighbors who are less fortunate.

Our Annual Appeal will be in the mail within a week or two of this newsletter. We depend on donations for 1/4 of our annual budget. Gifts fund all of the books, DVDs and CDs that we purchase to loan, as well as many programs, and a large

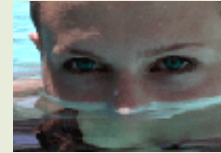
percentage of our computer hardware and software. We need your support to rise to the increasing challenge before us.

Please help us make a difference for all those who live and work in Wilton - you can even do so online!

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director
Wilton Library Association

Under Our Skin Lyme Disease Documentary

On **Saturday, November 1st, from 2-4 pm**, we'll show an encore production of *Under Our Skin*, a dramatic tale of microbes, medicine and money. This eye-opening film investigates the untold story of Lyme disease, one of the most misunderstood and controversial illnesses of our time. Because the disease is difficult to test accurately, tens of thousands of people go undiagnosed - or misdiagnosed with such conditions as fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, autism, MS and ALS. Each year many of these patients are told that their symptoms are 'all in their heads.'



Following the stories of patients and physicians as they battle for their lives and livelihoods, the film brings into focus a haunting picture of our health care system and its ability to cope with a silent terror under our skin. The film was an Audience Choice Award Finalist at the Tribeca Film Festival. **Please register in advance** and arrive early to secure a good seat.

Art Reception for Elizabeth Lefevre *Children at Play*

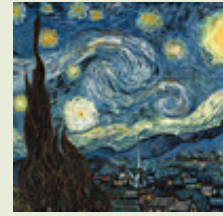


Please join us on **Sunday, November 2nd, from 11:30 am to 1 pm**, when Elizabeth Lefevre, of Paris and Wilton, opens her *Children at Play* exhibit at Wilton Library. This exhibit runs through Friday, November 28th and the reception is open to the public with no registration required.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of Ms. Lefevre's work will benefit the library's Art Fund and will help us purchase books and other materials on art and art instruction.

Van Gogh's *Starry Night* Talk and Trip

The Library and St. Matthews Episcopal Church will sponsor a two-part art experience to celebrate the special exhibit of Van Gogh's *Starry Night* at the Museum of Modern Art this fall:



On **Monday, November 3rd, from 11 am to noon**, art lecturer Judson Scruton will lead participants in an exploration of the famous painting.

This lecture is intended for anyone interested in the topic, not simply those going on the bus trip to the Museum. **Please register in advance** to let us know you're coming.

On **Thursday, November 5th, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm**, we'll board the comfortable mini-bus to travel in to New York City to see ***Van Gogh and the Colors of the Night*** at the Museum of Modern Art. This major exhibition represents all periods of Van Gogh's career and is comprised of more than two dozen works.

The trip is co-sponsored by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and the Wilton Library. Our mini-bus will depart from the Wilton Library promptly at 9:30 am, and we ask that those leaving cars at the Library all day park in our rear (Godfrey Place) parking lot to free up space for others. We'll leave the Museum at 3 pm and be home by about 4:30 pm. The trip fee includes transportation, Museum admission, and the Museum Highlights Tour. Lunch is on one's own, but we will provide a list of area restaurants for your convenience.

The cost for this trip is \$48 (Seniors) and \$51 (Adults) and seating will be on a first come-first served basis, as the bus can accommodate only 28 people. **Please come to the Library to register in advance and pay or you may call (762-3950) to reserve a spot and pay prior to the departure for NYC.** Credit cards, checks and cash are accepted and refunds will be issued only if the unused reservation is filled.

Captain Papillon

A Pirate Who Cares About the Earth



'Captain' Papillon is a national award winning musician and storyteller who hails from New Orleans, but on **Monday, November 3rd, from 4 to 5 pm**, he'll be with us at the Wilton Library! Through music, stories and the imaginative milieu of pretend pirating, children can learn the values of caring for the earth and sea. The earth is a treasure and it rightfully belongs to children, the KidPirates! Let the adventure begin!

This program is intended for all ages. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver and children between 8 and 12 years of age must have a caregiver who remains in the building during the program. Captain Papillon's visit has been made possible by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's environmental initiative. **Please register in advance** as space is limited.

Xbox Rock Band for Teens

On **Wednesdays, November 5th and 19th, from 4 to 5 pm**, teens entering grades 7 through 12 can come play Rock Band on the Xbox-360 system at the Library. Teens can play a guitar, sing a song, or try the drums.



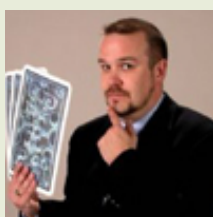
No registration is necessary - just come and have fun! This program is made possible through the John & Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

More Great Programs for Kids and Families



Learn to Draw Your Own Superhero Thursday, November 6th 4 to 5:30 pm

Working with a professional artist, children will develop a comic book cell incorporating their own characters. All materials will be supplied by Art Spot of Danbury. This program has been made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund and is intended for kids in grade 4 and older. Children under 12 must have a caregiver who remains in the building during the program. **Advance registration is required** as space is limited.

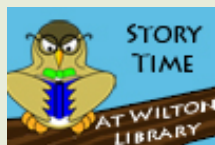


The Magic of Reading - Terry Parrett Sunday, November 9th 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Terry uses magic and comedy to show how reading can take a child anywhere. Those of all ages will enjoy the program and registration is required. Advance registration (until October 20th) was extended to Young Reader members to show the Library's appreciation for their support. Making a child (through age 12) a Young Reader ensures that the donation will be used for Children's Library books, materials, and programs. New Young Readers receive a book bag, a membership card good for extra DVD rental days -- all for a \$25 donation per child.

Please call 762-3950, extension 217, if your child would like to become a Young Reader and/or register. This special program has been made possible by the Coyle Family Young

Readers Fund. You may [register online](#) for this terrific program.



Storyteller Debra Tobias
Thursday, November 13th
3:30 to 4:30 pm

Ms. Tobias's performances include Broadway, national tours, films, and television. She provides a multi-dimensional book reading experience, combining a multitude of character voices, with interactive use of puppets and other props. Debra's storytelling is intended especially for children up to age 6, all of whom must be accompanied by a caregiver. This terrific program has been made possible by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund. Please [register in advance](#) to save a space.



Have Your Cake and Read it Too!
Thursday, November 13th
6:30 to 7:30 pm

Due to popular demand, the Kids' Book Club will continue with a twist - dessert will be served and adults will be included. Now children in grades 3 and up and their adults can read the book selections and then join in the discussions. November's book selection is [Gregor the Overlander](#), by Suzanne Collins. This program has been made possible by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund and [advance registration is required](#).



Norwalk Symphony Orchestra (Not)
Just for Kids: Strings
Saturday, November 15th
2 to 3 pm

Thanks to the Maximilian E. and Marion O. Hoffman Foundation, children 3 to 10 years old and their families have a special treat in store at the Library. In this second part of a 4-part series, members of the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra will play, talk about, and demonstrate string instruments. Participants will get to try the instruments out and learn about them.

Please [register in advance](#) to take part in the fun.

Mel Schwartz

On **Thursday, November 6th, from 7 to 8:30 pm**, author and psychotherapist Mel Schwartz, will share his insights on embracing uncertainty and harnessing disorder for personal growth.



He'll share tips to help you:

- enliven your relationships
- break free from the limitations of your comfort zone
- shift from states of being to becoming
- make uncertainty your ally
- increase your intuition and spontaneity
- free yourself from issues of control and fear.

Author of the acclaimed book ***The Art of Intimacy, The Pleasure of Passion***, Mel earned his graduate degree from Columbia University and has been a keynote speaker at Yale. He is in practice in Westport, CT and Mt. Kisco, NY. **Please register in advance.**

Hot Topic: Comstock Community Center - What's in Store?

**Saturday, November 8th
1 to 2:30 pm**



The League of Women Voters of Wilton and the Wilton Library will present a panel discussion on the status of plans to redesign Comstock Recreation Center to accommodate both senior center requirements and the recreational needs of the general community.

Our panel will be comprised of Comstock Building Committee members Susan Bruschi (BOS liaison), Chris Finkelstein, Malcolm Whyte, and Judy Zucker. **Please register in advance** to attend and find out whether this long-discussed project will soon come to fruition.

Connecticut's Own: Igor Lovchinsky

Sunday, November 9th, 4 to 5:15 pm



The second performer in Wilton Library's Sunday concert series is pianist Igor Lovchinsky. Although only recently graduated from the Juilliard School of Music, Mr. Lovchinsky has already been acclaimed by the press for his 'mesmerizing and fiery' performances and hailed for his 'profoundly communicative' and 'wonderfully poignant' music-making.

His notable engagements have included performances at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, the Bushnell Center, the Eastman Theater and the Ohio Theater. Most recently, Mr. Lovchinsky released his debut album on the Ivory Classics label. The record features music by Chopin, Scriabin and Gershwin/Wild.

Additional dates in the CT's Own Series:

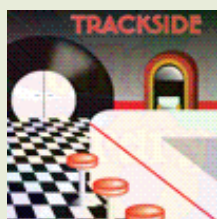
2/1/2009 Laurel Double Reed Ensemble

3/1/2009 Rex Cadwallader

5/3/2009 Amore Trio

Advance registration is strongly recommended and pre-registrants must arrive by 3:50 p.m. to be guaranteed a seat. After 3:50 p.m. and if space is available, wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be admitted.

Cross Town Express for Kids



On **Friday, November 14th, from 6 to 10:30 pm**, kids in grades 6, 7 and 8 will have their very own "progressive night," cruising between Wilton Library, Trackside and the Wilton Y. Kids will be transported through three decades - the 50's, 60's and 70's - with games, scavenger hunts, trivia contests, raffle prizes, music and food, food, food. Appetizers, diner burgers and dogs and desserts served. Be part of this great first-time community collaboration between the Wilton Library, Trackside, and the Wilton Family Y.

The evening will start promptly at 6 pm at the Library. Kids will then be transported to Trackside and the Wilton Family Y by bus, to take part in the festivities. Participants must be picked up at 10:30 pm sharp at the Wilton Family Y by parents or other caregivers.

A fee of \$20 per student will pay for all food, transportation and activities. **Advance registration and payment are required** and space is limited. Registration forms are available at all three locations, but they must be returned with payment to the Library only. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and must be in by Wednesday, November 5th. Call Teen Librarian Susan Lauricella at 762-3950 for more information.

Special Thanksgiving Fun for Kids

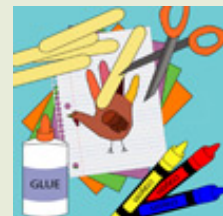
A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Thursday, November 20th 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Charlie Brown is in a dilemma when Peppermint Patty invites herself and several friends to his house for Thanksgiving dinner. Come see the film and enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. Children under 8 must be accompanied by caregivers, while those who are 8 through 12 years old must have caregivers who remain in the building while the movie is in progress. No registration is required.



Drop-in Thanksgiving Crafts Monday & Tuesday November 24th & 25th 10 am to 8 pm

Children of all ages can stop in during regular library hours for special Thanksgiving-themed crafts. No registration is required.



Thanksgiving Stories Wednesday, November 26th 11 am to 11:30 am

These stories are intended for independent listeners who are 3 to 5 years old. Kids will enjoy some turkey-riffic stories. No registration is required.



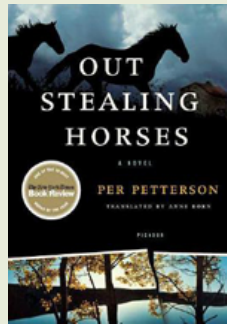
Day After Thanksgiving Movies Friday, November 28th

We'll have free movies for little kids in the morning and big kids in the afternoon:
**10:30 am ~ ~ *Dora the Singing Sensation*
2 pm ~ ~ *Wall-E***

Free popcorn and lemonade will be served. No registration is necessary, but children under 8 must be accompanied by caregivers and caregivers of kids 8 to 12 years of age must remain in the building during the show.



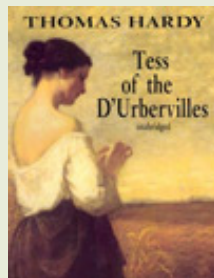
Book Discussions in November



Wilton Library Readers

Wednesday, November 12th Noon to 1:30 pm

All are welcome when Susan Boyar discusses *Out Stealing Horses*, by Per Petterson. An early morning adventure leads to the tragic death of one boy and a resulting lifetime of guilt and isolation for his friend, in this moving tale about the painful loss of innocence and of traditional ways of life gone forever. Please **register in advance** and bring lunch, if you like. Beverages will be provided. For a complete listing of meetings and book selections, visit the [Wilton Library Readers](#) page on Wilton Library's website.



Senior Center Book Discussion

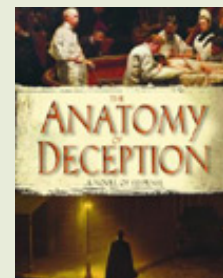
Tuesday, November 25th
11 am-noon

Karen Tatarka, reference librarian and Head of the Library's Circulation Department, will lead a discussion of *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*, by Thomas Hardy. Hardy poured his profound empathy for both humanity and the rhythms of natural life into this story of the beauty, goodness, and tragic fate of Tess. In so doing, he created a character who, like Emma Bovary and Anna Karenina, has achieved classic stature. All are welcome to attend. 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.

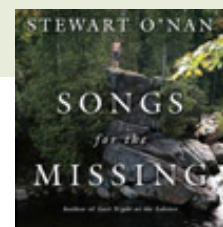
Author Talks for November

Lawrence Goldstone
The Anatomy of Deception
Tuesday, November 11th
7 to 8:30 pm

Acclaimed popular historian, Lawrence Goldstone, will discuss his compelling fiction debut, *The Anatomy of Deception*, a medical thriller set in 1889 Philadelphia, which garnered a *Publishers Weekly* starred review. This book is a special treat for lovers of history, mystery, medicine, and forensics. A question and answer session will follow the talk and we'll have books available for purchase and signing. Please **register in advance**.



Stewart O'Nan
Songs for the Missing



**Tuesday, November 18th
7 to 8:30 pm**

Join Connecticut author Stewart O'Nan in an informal chat about his books and writing, including his newest novel, ***Songs for the Missing***. The book "begins with the suspense and pacing of a thriller and soon deepens into an affecting family drama of loss." O'Nan is a finalist for the Seventh Annual Connecticut Book Awards for his *Last Night at the Lobster*. Books will be available for purchase and signing (provided by The Wilton Open Book Shop). Please **register in advance**.



Wilton Candlelight Concert Stephen Hough, Pianist



On **Sunday, November 23rd, at 4 pm**, internationally-recognized pianist Stephen Hough will perform to benefit the Wilton Library as part of the 2008-09 Wilton Candlelight Concert series.

Winner in 2001 of the prestigious MacArthur fellowship, Mr. Hough has been recognized internationally as one of the most important and distinctive pianists of his generation. A scholar and composer as well as a conductor and pianist, Mr. Hough has produced prize-winning recordings.

Please join us at the Wilton Congregational Church on Ridgefield Road near Wilton Center. For ticket information call 762-3401 or visit the Wilton Candlelight Concert website at www.wiltoncandlelightconcerts.org.

Flu Shots! Friday, November 28th 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Get your flu shot at the Library! This session is sponsored and managed by Nursing & Home Care and Mid-Fairfield Hospice. For further details and costs, call Nursing & Home Care at 834-6341.



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