



librarEmail

December 2008

In This Issue

[Jan Brett's Stories](#)

[December Storytimes](#)

[Wreath Making for Teens](#)

[Did You Know?](#)

[Healing Loss](#)

[Xbox Rock Band](#)

[Erecting Tabernacles](#)

[Nancy Goldstone's *Four Queens*](#)

[Two Holiday Invitations](#)

[Art Reception Dec. 7th](#)

[Global Energy Now](#)

[Susan Breen to Appear](#)

[Author Dan Koepfel](#)

[Tons of Holiday Fun for Kids](#)

[Special Thanks](#)

Hello and Happy Holidays!

Recently hobbled by a bit of foot surgery, I was reminded of the glories of the Internet as my computer kept me gainfully employed during my enforced inactivity just following the procedure. In between bouts of email, I bought some [theater tickets](#) after reading a [great review](#) in the [New York Times](#), shopped for holiday gifts at [Amazon](#), [LL Bean](#), [Willams-Sonoma](#), and more, made [plane reservations](#) to visit my mother-in-law in March, read [reviews of a book](#) online and then [reserved it](#) on the Library's website, checked recipes for [pumpkin pie](#), found a fun site on the [history of Thanksgiving](#), and did some research into what our [house is worth](#) (maybe) and what [stocks to buy](#) the instant the market turns around if we have any cash remaining to do so.

All that convenience allowed me time to visit with friends who stopped by to visit, to read several books (including the one I'd reserved at the Library), and to write - in longhand - notes to three friends I've not connected with in months. In short - I had time to be real - not "real time," but actually, positively non-virtual and real!

The convenience is critical, but it can also be consuming. We all need to turn off the technology from time to time and allow ourselves to reconnect with the world immediately around us. It's hard work to close the laptop, pocket (and actually turn off) the Palm or Blackberry, and unplug the iPod - but it's worth the effort.

So... after you have clicked and explored each and every link above...turn it off (oh - hey - read the rest of the newsletter, first!). Enjoy your family, have face-to-face encounters and give them your full attention, and savor the sentiments of the season on the spot, in person, and without interruptions.

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director
Wilton Library Association

Jan Brett's Birthday Stories & Craft **Monday, December 1st, 4-4:45 pm**

Jan Brett, one of our most popular authors and illustrators, was born on December 1, 1949 in Hingham, Massachusetts. Mrs. Keogh will read stories written by this beloved author and children will make a craft to take home. The program is intended for children 5 through 8 years of age.



Please **register in advance** so that we can have your child's craft supplies on hand. This story and craft session is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

December Story Times **Tuesdays, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th**



Children ages 1 through 8 are invited to drop in for Tuesday story times as follows:

- 1s-2s w/Caregiver: 10:15-10:45 am
- 2s-3s w/Caregiver: 11-11:30 am
- 3s-4s w/Caregiver: 11:45-12:15 pm
- 5s-8s: 2-2:30 pm

No registration is necessary - just come and have fun!

Wreath Making for Teens **Tuesday, December 2nd, 5-6:30 pm**

Teens in grades 7 - 12 will learn to make beautiful wreaths while listening to holiday tunes. Please bring a bag of greens (for example, boughs of holly, fir, boxwood, and laurel), work gloves and clippers. The Library will supply the wreath frames, ribbons, and berries. [I have learned to do this myself and am always astounded at the beauty of the finished product!]



Registration is required and the class is limited to 12 students. Wreathmaking is made possible by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Did You Know?

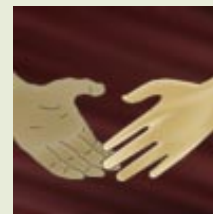


Did you know that there is still time before year-end to show your support for the Library and its mission in our community? Although Wilton taxpayers provide roughly 3/4 of the funds necessary to run our award-winning Library, all our books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and online reference databases are funded through your donations!

The 2008-09 Annual Appeal is in the mail, but you can also choose to donate online - quickly, easily, and at less cost to the Library! Please **donate now** - we need you more than ever in these difficult times.

Healing Loss During the Holidays Wednesday, December 3rd, 4-5:30 pm

We all know that the holiday season can be joyful or challenging. This workshop, led by Licensed Professional Counselor, Nanette Greene, is designed to help people deal with their losses through lecture and experiential exercises. All who grieve any type of loss (through death, relationship transitions, aging, loss of an ability or identity) are invited to participate.



The workshop is provided by Mid-Fairfield Hospice at no charge. Please **register in advance** to let us know you are coming.

Xbox Rock Band for Teens Wednesday, December 3rd & 17th, 4-5 pm



Teens in grades 7 through 12 can come play Rock Band on the Library's XBox-360 system. They'll be able to play a guitar, sing a song or try the drums. No registration is necessary - just drop in.

Our gaming sessions are made available through the John & Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Erecting Tabernacles

Thursday, December 4th, 10:30-Noon

The Bible describes in intricate detail the making, furnishing and servicing of the Tent of Meeting (Tabernacle) to serve the Israelites in their wanderings in the desert following the Exodus. Learn how this account influenced the development of Jewish and Christian houses of worship and what houses of worship illustrate about the people who erect them.



Lecturer Judson Scruton has taught English literature, journalism, and creative writing at Kent School and Goucher College. His teaching has been recognized with honors and awards. He has also directed publications, communications, public relations, and development for educational institutions in the US and the UK, including The Newberry Library. He founded a widely-acclaimed British Studies Summer Travel/Study Program now in its 12th year. He is a strong advocate of interdisciplinary approaches to the study of literature, art, and culture. **Advance registration** is suggested.

Author & Historian Nancy Goldstone

Discusses *Four Queens*

Thursday, December 4th, 7-8:30 pm



Author Nancy Goldstone will take us on an enthralling trip back to medieval Europe as she discusses her popular historical work, *Four Queens - The Provençal Sisters Who Ruled Europe*. According to the starred review by *Publishers Weekly*, "The four beautiful, cultured and clever daughters of the Count and Countess of Provence made illustrious marriages and lived at the epicenter of political power and intrigue in 13th-century Europe....This is a fresh, eminently enjoyable history that gives women their due as movers and shakers in tumultuous times."

There will be ample time for your questions and Nancy's answers following her engaging talk. Books will be available for purchasing and signing - perfect holiday gifts for the book lovers in your life! Please **register in advance**.

Two Holiday Invitations

We'll kick off the 2008 holiday season with a couple of much-anticipated events in the Brubeck Room and everyone is invited:

Friday, December 5th, 5 to 7 pm

We'll take part in the annual Wilton Holiday Walk and provide refreshments, a warm, inviting fire in the fireplace and shelter from a cold, winter night. **You can even shop in our Holiday Bookstore or select a gift from the Giving Tree! There will be a little something for everyone** and we look forward to seeing you all!



Sunday, December 7th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Our Board of Trustees invites all who have supported the Library during the year, taxpayers and donors alike, to join them in the Brubeck Room at the Library for music, refreshments, wonderful company and conversation. Come help us usher in the holiday spirit!

Art Reception: Everding, Mullen and Pascucci **Sunday, December 7th, 11:30 am to 1 pm**



Artists Bobbi Mullen, Jim Pascucci and Robert Everding will exhibit more than 60 paintings that range in scope from impressionistic to realistic to trompe l'oeil.

The show extends through Saturday, December 27th. A majority of the works will be available for purchase and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Library's Art Fund.

Global Energy One Year Later: What Happened; What Happens Next

Tuesday, December 9th, 7 to 8:30 pm

Christopher W. (Kit) Smith, Adjunct Professor of Finance, University of Connecticut, will present a look at what's happened in the year since his highly acclaimed energy talk last fall. He will speak about what's next on the horizon, focusing on traditional energy resources, as well as the state of newer energy developments such as ethanol, wind and solar power and where they now may fit into the total energy spectrum. A question and answer session will follow the address.

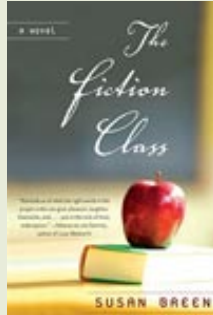


Please **register in advance** - and hold onto your hats! This promises to be a high-level and fast-paced primer! Kit's talk

is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.

Writing Workshop/Author Talk

Wednesday, December 10th



Author and teacher Susan Breen will present two programs at the Library this month:

Writers Workshop ~ ~ 9 am to noon

Susan Breen, author of *The Fiction Class* and who teaches classes in Beginning Fiction and Advanced Fiction for Gotham Writers'

Workshop in Manhattan, will lead a half-day workshop in fiction writing at the Library, followed at noon by a brown-bag lunch

(attendees should bring their own lunches - coffee, tea, and water will be provided). **Advance registration is recommended.**

Talk on *The Fiction Class* ~ ~ noon to 1:30 pm

Susan Breen's novel, *The Fiction Class*, is the story of a woman's relationship with her ailing mother and the offbeat members of the creative writing workshop she leads. Susan states that the book is autobiographical in the sense that the idea for it came out of discussions (arguments) she had with her mother. Attendees may bring brown bag lunches prior to the discussion. Coffee, tea and water will be served. Books will be available for purchase and signing. **Advance registration is suggested.**

Author Talk with Dan Koeppel on *Banana: The Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World*

Wednesday, December 17th, 7 to 8:30 pm

When I was at the American Library Association Conference last summer, I was fortunate enough to meet and hear several terrific new authors and Dan Koeppel was the best of the bunch (no pun intended!). His new book, *Banana: The*

Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World, describes a journey filled with colorful characters and startling revelations and a race against time to save the world's most beloved fruit - the ubiquitous banana.



Who would have thought that the banana was a symbol of political intrigue? I surely didn't before but do now! A question and answer period will follow Dan's talk and books will be available for purchase and signing (again - great holiday gifts!). **Reservations are recommended.**

Tons of Holiday Fun for Kids Movies, Crafts, Storytelling and More...

An Evening with Santa & Mrs. Claus

Thursday, December 11th & 18th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm



Visit with Santa and then listen to stories told by Mrs. Claus. These visits were made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. No reservations are necessary to visit and listen - come either evening - or both!

Children's Holiday Cookie Decorating

Saturday, December 13th, 1 to 2 pm



Wilton Library bakes the cookies and kids get to decorate them. Decorating workshop is intended for children ages 6 and up. This program is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. Please register in advance as space is limited.

Drop-in Christmas Crafts

Monday, December 15th, 10 am to 8 pm



Children of all ages are invited to stop by and make an ornament to hang on the tree. Supplies will be provided by the Library and no registration is required.

Drop-in Hanukkah Crafts

Wednesday, December 17th, 10 am to 8 pm



Children of all ages are invited to stop by and make their very own menorah. Supplies will be provided by the Library and no registration is required.

Hanukkah Stories with Debra Tobias

Thursday, December 18th, 4 to 5 pm



Debra Tobias will celebrate the Miracle of Hanukkah with a story involving the many facets of the holiday -- gelt, doughnuts, latkes, and dreidels. Debra's talents have taken her around the world. She has performed on Broadway, television and in films. She uses props, character voices, and song to captivate little ones. All ages are welcome, especially those children 6 and under. Registration is recommended. This appearance by Ms. Tobias has been made possible by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund.

Vacation Week Movies

December 23, 26, 29, and 30 at 2 pm



The lights go down at 2 pm for our vacation week film festival. Free popcorn and lemonade will be served! Children under 8 must be accompanied by caregivers and children 8 - 12 must have caregivers remain in the building during the show. No registration is necessary.

Tuesday, December 23rd ~ ~ *Horton Hears a Who*

Friday, December 26th ~ ~ *Prince Caspian*

Monday, December 29th ~ ~ *Space Chimps*

Tuesday, December 30th ~ ~ *Star Wars Clone Wars*

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 all who gave in memory of Margaret Capra, J.T. Pramer, Andy Schloss, Pat Bergin, Sara Napoleon, Joseph Foulke, Wendell Jones, Jean Scott Warren, Hilary Ann Jones, and James T. Sparks. The Library is honored to be chosen to serve in this manner.
- Thanks to The Earth Garden for providing lovely plantings that enhanced our front entrance all fall.
- Thanks to those who attended and donated to our Annual Ladies' Soiree, funding a convenient self-checkout station for our Children's Library.
- Thanks to Prosperous Printing for their continued and considerable help with our monthly program mailings.
- Thanks to Tom Adams, Esq., for his donation of two volumes for our reference collection.
- Thanks to the Karen & William Tell Foundation, Catherine & Ed Romer, and Tish & Chris Brubeck for their continued support for our Hot & Cool Jazz series.
- Thanks to Myriad Development for funding to enhance our Summer Music & More concert series.
- Thanks to Stewart Flowers for the gorgeous arrangements they continue to create for our Circulation Desk.
- Thanks to Joan Faulkner and Ryan Lewis for holiday greenery donated to dress the Library for the holidays.
- Thanks to all who gave in honor of discussion leader Bill Ziegler to support future literature and poetry seminars.
- Thanks to Emily Fowler and Pat & Carolyn Fulton who gave generously to support the appearance of prize-winning author Jhumpa Lahiri for Wilton Reads! 2008.
- And thank you all for the donations that continue to come

in for our Annual Appeal! **All the books, DVDs, and CDs in our collection, many of our programs, and a significant amount of technology at the Library are funded by your private donations.**

Wilton Library Association
137 Old Ridgefield Road ~ Wilton, CT 06897
phone 203.762.3950
email kcleeds@wiltonlibrary.org
web www.wiltonlibrary.org

[Forward email](#)

 **SafeUnsubscribe®**

This email was sent to mamfranco@wiltonlibrary.org by kathy_leeds@wiltonlibrary.org.
[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Email Marketing by



Wilton Library Association | 137 Old Ridgefield Road | Wilton | CT | 06897