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Hello!

February is shaping up to be a month full of music and art at the Library, with several concerts for a variety of ages and two wonderful art exhibits that showcase the amazing talent in our community and its surrounds:

- The artists from the February ArtWhirl exhibit will attend a reception to which you are all invited on February 5th. Their marvelous works will hang (and be offered for sale) throughout the Library all month.
- Toward the end of the month, on February 25th, we will co-host with Weir Farm Art Center an exhibit and reception for Artist-in-Residence Kazaan Viveiros. We are fortunate indeed to celebrate her talent.
- On February 6th, two back-to-back Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) concerts will fill the Brubeck Room with the music of Acoustic Wilton as we join in the effort to fight this deadly disease.
- On February 18th, in observance of Black History Month, kids and then adults will learn about the roots of American music in our heritage of spirituals, blues, minstrel shows, ragtime and jazz. How fitting it is that Ray Kamalay will play in the room named for the Brubeck family, as Dave Brubeck's role in integrating jazz performances is legendary.
- And on February 28th, at the Congregational Church, the Wilton Candlelight Concert will feature harpsicord and violin Baroque music of extraordinary quality, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Library.

Join us - for concerts, exhibits, author talks, book discussions, discussions of difficult topics like teen eating disorders, retirement, the importance of outdoor play for kids, and classes in job search techniques, chess, cross stitch, and computer software...among other things. We offer thanks to the performers, donors, audiences and participants that continue to make our program offerings outstanding - despite the economy!

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director
Wilton Library Association

Candlelight Concert

International Herald Tribune

Our Mission:

*Informed and inspired minds;
enriched and connected lives.*

Our Vision:

*A lifetime of discovery at the
heart of our community.*

Hands-On Computer Class Schedule Excel & PowerPoint 2007 Instruction

Mary Anne Franco, Head of Network Services at Wilton Library, will focus on Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint 2007 this month in free basic classes (donations will be gratefully accepted). Each class is limited to ten students and advance registration is required - as are basic computer skills and mouse proficiency.

Basic Excel 2007:

Learn to create and format a basic spreadsheet!

Tuesday, February 2nd, 6:30 to 8 pm

Please register in advance online.

Thursday, February 4th, 12:30 to 2 pm

Please register in advance online.



Basic PowerPoint:

Learn to create and format a basic presentation!

Tuesday, February 9th, 6:30 to 8 pm

Please register in advance online.

Thursday, February 11th, 12:30 to 2 pm

Please register in advance online.



To ensure the best learning experience for all, students are asked to arrive on time; no one will be permitted to enter the classroom more than 10 minutes after the start of the class. When the class is full, additional registrants will be added to a wait list. If any original registrants drop out, people from the wait list will be moved up to take the vacated spot.

Jobs Series Continues

Two terrific seminars in February

How to Save on Your Taxes During Job Transition

Tuesday, February 2nd, 7 to 8:30 pm



Job searches can be hard work, but they can also lead to some valuable tax deductions at the end of the year. Changing jobs may change your tax situation, and it pays to stay informed. Susan McAteer, Enrolled Agent and Master Tax Advisor at H&R Block, will discuss tax rebates and deductions for the

unemployed, new rules governing COBRA, using your home as an office, and things to consider before tapping your 401K to cover expenses. Please register in advance for this free

program.

Marketing Plan + Elevator Speech = Results

Tuesday, February 9th, 7-8:30 pm



After you have built your resume and cover letter, it is important that you communicate who you are and what you want. How you communicate is important. You will benefit from having an Introduction Speech (commonly called an Elevator Speech) that takes only 30 seconds. In some cases, a

handout called a Marketing Plan is necessary for follow-up communication. In this session, Ron Drew, founder of Exec2Tech, a management consulting group, will show you how to create an Elevator Speech that catches the listener's attention and teach you how to use your contacts by using a Marketing Plan (sometimes called a Networking Plan). Join Ron to learn some tips and techniques that will put you in front of the pack in the job hunt. **Advance registration is suggested for this valuable free program.**

Our *Jobs! Jobs? Jobs:* series is co-sponsored by Wilton Library and the Wilton Chamber of Commerce.

Children's Cross Stitch Classes

Session I: Wednesday, February 3rd, 4 to 5:30 pm

Session II: Wednesday, February 10th, 4 to 5:30 pm

In celebration of National Embroidery Month, children in grades 3-5 are invited to this hands-on program where they will learn how to cross stitch. Cross stitch is a popular form of embroidery that uses X-shaped stitches to create designs.



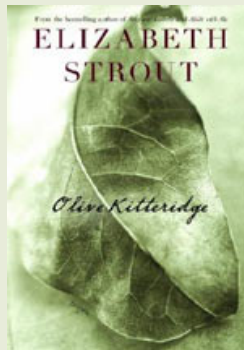
Members of the **Embroiderers' Guild of America**, sponsor of this program, will teach basic cross stitch on a small sampler which can then be framed, used as a greetings card insert, or as a coaster. The program consists of 2 sessions:

- ~ ~ The first (February 3rd) is the main teaching session after which students will go away to continue working on their own.
- ~ ~ The second session (February 10th) will follow up with a show-and-tell of the finished product, help with students' stitching problems, or advice on further study.

Registration is required and there is a small supply fee of \$3 per child. Participants may sign up at the Children's Library reference desk, making payment upon registration. Space is limited, so come in and sign up today!

Upcoming Book & Literature Discussions

Wilton Library Readers with Susan Boyar
Wednesday, February 10th, from noon to 1:30 pm



Professional book discussion leader Susan Boyar will discuss Elizabeth Strout's ***Olive Kitteridge***. *Library Journal* called Olive "her small Maine town's heart and soul - and its interfering tyrant." *Publishers Weekly* lauded the book, calling it "a heart-wrenching, penetrating portrait of ordinary coastal Mainers living lives of quiet grief intermingled with flashes of human connection." All are invited to

join Susan, but we ask that you **register in advance**. A complete listing of Wilton Library Readers selections are **available online**.

Senior Center Book Discussion
Tuesday, February 23rd, 11 am to noon



Join retired Wilton Library reference librarian David Ostergren to discuss ***The Defining Moment: FDR's Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope***, by Jonathan Alter.

Washington Post columnist Alonzo L. Hamby said of the book, "Most Americans believe Roosevelt was a great man and a great president. Alter shows us that in the end magnificent rhetoric and action do not always bring concrete results." Join us at the

Comstock Community Center, 180 School Road to discuss this perspective of the man. All are welcome, but please call the **Senior Center** to let us know you are coming.

Children's Chess Instruction & Play Thursdays in February & March

Children in grades 1 through 7 are invited to join the Children's Library Chess Club, with instructional leader, Christopher Potts. Beginners will learn the history and rules of the game, basic checkmate themes and patterns and basic strategy and tactics. More advanced players will review the basics, learn more advanced strategy and tactics, learn optimal opening and endgame play, and gain appreciation for the vital importance of making and carrying out sound plans.



Our **Beginners' class** will take place from 4 to 5 pm every Thursday in February and March, while the **Advanced class** will follow from 5 to 6 pm. The 8-week sessions begin February 4th and cost \$80, with payment due at the time of registration. Space is limited, so stop by and sign up in the Children's Library soon!

Helping Teens Battle Eating Disorders Thursday, February 4th, 7 to 8:30 pm



Please join Lynn S. Grefe, CEO of the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) as she shows a video about eating disorders and talks about NEDA's role in combating the disease.

In addition, we will welcome Christiane Kinseley, a clinical supervisor at Wilton's Renfrew Center, who will discuss the various eating disorders, how these disorders manifest themselves and what to watch for, and the dangers associated with disorders. A guest speaker will talk about her own eating disorder battle and recovery. Lynn and Christiane will discuss ways to help friends, children or yourself and then end with a question and answer session. **Please register in advance to attend.**

February Art Receptions

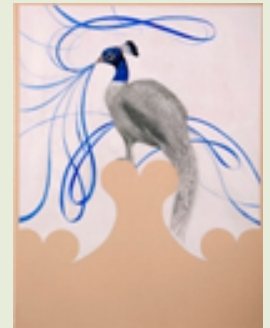
Opening Art Reception for ArtWhirl Friday, February 5th, 6 to 7:30 pm

All are invited to meet the multi-talented group of artists who will bring an exciting exhibition of diverse styles, media and subjects to Wilton Library's gallery walls this month. The ArtWhirl artists on exhibit are Paul Heifetz, Dough Leigh, Bill Moran, Bobbi Eike Mullen, Andy Neilly, Wendy Pieper and Ellin Spadone. Our exhibition of their work will run through Monday, March 1st. Stop by to enjoy the show - and consider making a purchase as an investment that will benefit both you and your Library. No registration is necessary for the reception on February 5th.



Weir Farm Artist-in-Residence Exhibition/Reception: Kazaan Viveiros Thursday, February 25th, 6 to 7:30 pm

February brings Kazaan Viveiros to the Weir Farm artist-in-residency program. Her current work focuses on the natural world, incorporating images of landscapes, animals, and plants. Having become increasingly interested in the natural sciences, she is concerned with environmental changes, various species of plants and animals, and the balance of elements within ecosystems. Kazaan earned a BA from the University of Virginia in 1991 and an MFA from the San Francisco Art Institute in 1994. She has exhibited her work in solo and group exhibitions throughout the U.S. and in Europe. Co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by Wilton Library. Please **register in advance** to let us know you are coming.



Lights Out at the Library: Mysteries of Egypt

**Friday, February 5th at 7 pm
to Saturday, February 6th at 9 am**



Boys in grades 2 through 4 are invited to spend the night at the Library and celebrate all things Egyptian at this annual sleepover.

Children will hear stories, make crafts, play games, have snacks, and watch short films. Special guest Nevine Michaels will be sharing

activities from her native country of Egypt! Breakfast will be served in the morning.

Parents and guardians are invited to join in the festivities, and we greatly appreciate your assistance. The fee for this program is \$50, to cover costs and be used for future programs and materials. Registration is required at the Children's Library reference desk, with payment upon sign up. Our snow dates are February 19th and 20th.

Book Discussions for Kids

International Folklore and Fantasy

This series offers children in grades 1 through 5 the opportunity to meet people in the Wilton community who come from other cultures and backgrounds. During each session kids can enjoy stories, dress, activities, and food from a different country. This wonderful series is sponsored by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund.



Saturday, February 6th , 2 to 3 pm

Our guest speaker will be Marika LeFevre who will share stories from her native country of **Finland**. Please register in advance.

Saturday, February 20th, 2 to 3 pm

Our guest speakers will be Marie Kappen and Hannah Ziegler who will share stories from their native country of **Germany**. Please register in advance.

WINRS (Wilton Intermediate Readers) Circle

Saturday, February 13th, 3 to 3:45 pm

Calling all book lovers in grades 4-6: Come to the WINRs (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers) Circle to discuss the 2011 Nutmeg nominees. Connecticut's Nutmeg Award encourages children to read literature selected by a panel of state librarians and choose their favorite book out of ten titles. During February's meeting, club members will have the opportunity to meet-and-greet friends, view all 10 Nutmeg nominees, enjoy pizza, and receive a goody bag. Kids who bring a friend will win a prize! There is no program fee, but registration is required. This program is made possible by HSBC Bank.



Have Your Cake and Read It, Too!

Child/Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, February 25th, 6:30-7:30 pm



Join Wilton Library's Kids' Book Club for children in grades 3 and up! Dessert will be served and adults will be included in the fun. February's book is **Odd and the Frost Giants**, by Neil Gaiman. In this simple but well-done tale, Newbery Medal-winner Gaiman introduces Odd, a boy with an injured leg whose Viking father died at sea. **Registration is required for both parents and kids.** This series is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.



Relay for Life Concerts



On **Saturday, February 6th**, Acoustic Wilton, Relay For Life of Wilton, and Wilton Library will co-host "The Relay Sessions" in the Brubeck Room at the Wilton Library. There will be two sessions: the first at 6 pm and the second at 8 pm.

Local musicians Joan Wallace, Dave Keefe, Kim Troy, Lauren Mirabile, Patty Perry, Tim Geaney, Chris Brown, Amy Jonsson and Scott Weber will perform songs from their upcoming CD release "*Acoustic Wilton - The Relay Sessions*," a fundraising benefit for the American Cancer Society's annual "Relay For Life of Wilton." Donations will be accepted at the door. Seating is limited. Please pre-register and arrive early!

First concert: 6 to 7:15 pm ([register online](#))

Second concert: 8 to 9:15 pm ([register online](#))

Drop-in Crafts for Kids

Drop-in Olympic Crafts

Friday, February 12th, 10 am to 6 pm

Children of all ages can stop by to make an Olympics-themed craft in the Children's Library.

Drop-in Valentine's Day Crafts

Sunday, February 14th, 1 to 5 pm

Children of all ages can stop by to make a Valentine to take home.

No registration is necessary and materials are provided free, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.



Mardi Gras Celebration!

Tuesday, February 16th, 4 to 5 pm



Join us in the Children's Library for a fun-filled afternoon in celebration of Mardi Gras. Children ages 4 through 8 will decorate cupcakes, make crafts, enjoy stories, and have a parade around the Library! Caregivers must remain in the building during the program. **Registration is required.** This party and parade is sponsored

by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

New Perspectives Film Series: *Jump!*

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

Jump! is a feature-length character-driven documentary about competitive jump rope that follows kids on five teams from around the country who push physical and psychological limits in pursuit of winning the World Championship.



At 7 pm, before the film, the Moon Jumpers from Newtown, with coach Pam Patterson, will provide a short demonstration of jumping in the Brubeck Room, so be sure to be on time for this special treat! Also, local documentary filmmaker, Megan Smith-Harris, will share some behind-the-scenes stories from her interview with Producer/Director Helen Hood Scheer. Although there is no charge for the show, donations are certainly welcome! **Please register in advance** to see this amazing film and demonstration. Bring the whole family.

Ray Kamalay Concerts for Young & Old

Thursday, February 18th



We are tremendously fortunate to host a very special afternoon and evening of music on February 18th in celebration of both Black History Month and our national musical heritage. Thanks to sponsorship by an anonymous donor, Ray Kamalay will perform two educational concerts. Kamalay is a Detroit

native, with a degree in philosophy from the University of Detroit. He has been a professional musician since 1974 and has performed at some of the most prestigious venues including the Edinburgh Festival, Interlochen and the Philadelphia Folk Festival. In 1998, his work with Howard and

Ralphe Armstrong was nominated for the W. C. Handy Award.

Roots of American Music for Kids

4 to 5 pm

Ray will adapt his program for the younger set (ages 6 and up) with a lively musical performance presenting a selection of early ragtime and jazz music that developed from its links to slavery. **Please register in advance.**

Freedom, Slavery, and the Roots of American Music

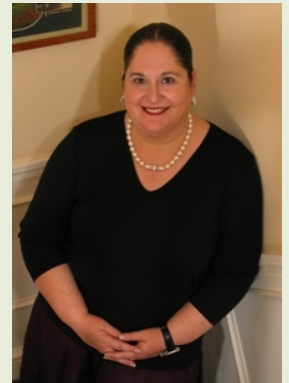
7 to 8:30 pm

In this program for adults and teens, Ray Kamalay will trace the development of early American music from its links to slavery up to the early jazz age. Discussion and demonstration performance will include freedom, ancient and modern slavery, the Haitian Revolution, the origin of blackface, spirituals, blues, minstrel shows, ragtime and jazz. **Registration is highly recommended for this exceptional program.**

Tarot Card Reading with Jane Stern

Tuesday, February 23rd, 7 to 8:30 pm

Well known author Jane Stern will join us again to share one of her longtime interests - The Tarot. For more than 42 years, Jane has been fascinated with this card game played since the 15th century in Europe and the Middle East. She has been a guest on numerous television shows including Oprah!, Good Morning America, and The Today Show, speaking about her books, her stint as an EMT in Georgetown, CT, and her practice of card reading. Originally used for a simple game, the tarot deck gradually took on an association with mysticism and magic. Jane will demonstrate tarot card reading and fill us in on the historical development of the deck. **Please register in advance for this interesting session.**



Where do the Children Play?

Wednesday, February 24th, 7 to 8:30 pm



Where Do the Children Play? is a one-hour documentary made for public television that examines how restrictive patterns of sprawl, congestion, and endless suburban development across America are impacting children's mental and physical health and development.

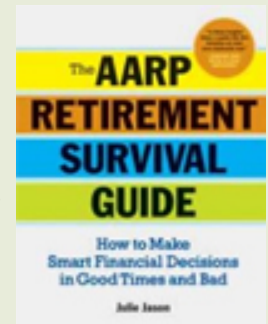
Joan Almon, Executive Director of the U.S. Alliance for Childhood, and former Co-Chair of the Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America, will answer questions after the screening. This important program is co-sponsored by Apple Blossom School and Family Center in Wilton, Clover Hill School, and Wilton Library. **Registration is encouraged.**

Author Talk: Julie Jason

The AARP Retirement Survival Guide

Thursday, February 25th, 10:30 to noon

Julie Jason, well-known local financial expert and a trusted voice in retirement investment protection, will talk about her just-published ***The AARP Retirement Survival Guide: How to Make Smart Financial Decisions in Good Times and Bad.*** This new release is the definitive guide for individuals who want to be both smart and skeptical about their financial future.



Julie began her career as a securities lawyer thirty years ago. She is principal of Jackson, Grant Investment Advisers, Inc., of Stamford, Connecticut, an SEC-registered investment adviser. Jackson, Grant serves conservative retirees who want to create retirement income. Her award-winning weekly column, published in the Sunday business sections of the *Stamford Advocate* and the *Greenwich Times*, is in its tenth year of publication. The column has been recognized by the IRS for "accurate, timely, informative, and helpful tax information," and by the Connecticut Society of Journalists and Authors for excellence in journalism.

There will be time for questions and answers following the talk. Books will be available for purchase and signing. **Registration is strongly recommended.**

Wilton Candlelight Concert Sunday, February 28th, 4 to 6 pm



Berkshire Bach Society director Kenneth Cooper teams up with Ani Kavafian, artist member of the Lincoln Center Chamber Society, and others in a recital of Bach violin sonatas as well as Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*. This performance will take place at the Wilton Congregational Church located at 70 Ridgefield Road. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Wilton Library. For ticket information, please call 203-762-3401 or visit the Wilton Candlelight Concert [website](#).

Wishlist

International Herald Tribune

For the last several years we have striven to give our readers a big picture view of our globe and the events that occur beyond our borders. Thanks to generous donors, we were able to provide two international publications. Sadly, the donor for one subscription has relocated, and we are appealing to one of you for help with the annual subscription price of \$420.



Based in France and published since 1887, the [International Herald Tribune](#) provides world news and provocative commentary in less than twenty-five pages. It is billed as the "global edition of the New York Times" and is available six days a week. Each issue also contains a business section, updates for international travelers and a weather forecast for Europe and north Africa. 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."

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