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Hi!

This month at the Library promises to be an exciting one. First and foremost, our **new website** has just made its debut and I urge you to try it out. You'll find new functionality in its calendar of events with clickable links to daily events that will make registration for and information about our programs more accessible. The new three-column view puts more features "above the fold" so you can find what you're looking for more quickly. Look for new features in coming months and join the thousands each week who make a visit to www.wiltonlibrary.org a part of their routine.

Speaking of visiting, and if you are a Wilton resident, please **don't forget to vote** on Tuesday, May 5th (at the Annual Town Meeting), at Middlebrook School. The adjourned vote, for those unable to attend Tuesday night, will take place on Saturday, May 9th (at Middlebrook School as well), starting at 9 am. Of course, we hope you will continue to speak out in support of the Wilton Library during this difficult time when we are challenged to provide more service to our community with fewer resources. Your opinions - whether spoken or written, are important.

I'll see you at the Library!

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director
Wilton Library Association

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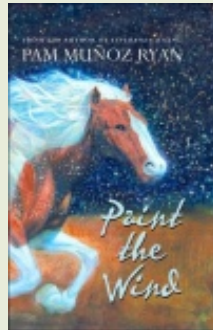
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Digital Photography: What Can My Camera Do? Saturday, May 2nd, 11 am to 12:30 pm

Michael Franco, our popular photography guru, will discuss the buttons and features on a digital camera. Participants will learn what the camera can do in this demonstration-style class. **Please register in advance.**



Book Talks & Book Fun for Kids WINRs Circle Saturday, May 2nd, 3 to 3:45 pm



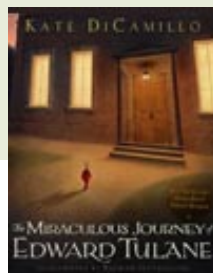
Come to the WINRs (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers) Circle, a book group for kids in grades 4-6 that discusses the 2010 Nutmeg nominees. CT's Nutmeg Award encourages children to read literature selected by a panel of state librarians. The children choose their favorite book out of ten titles. On the first Saturday of each month the WINRs Circle will meet for fun, pizza (donated by **Wilton Pizza**) and discussion. May's book discussion is **Paint the Wind**, by **Pam Munoz Ryan**. Join the WINRs Circle with a friend or make a new one and **please register in advance.** This terrific program is made possible by **HSBC Bank**.

Are you a Demi-God or a Demi-Goddess? Friday, May 8th, 7 to 8:30 pm



Fans of the Percy Jackson series, written by **Rick Riordan**, are invited to join us for a celebration of the final book in the series, **The Last Olympian**. Refreshments will be served including Nectar and Ambrosia and kids are encouraged to come dressed in costume. Activities will include a Mythology Bee and Olympic challenges, with prizes awarded to winners. This exciting program is intended for kids in grades 3 and up and is made possible by the **Coyle Family Young Readers Fund**. **Registration is required.**

Have Your Cake and Read It Too! Child/Adult Book Discussion Thursday, May 28th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm



Wilton Library's Kid's Book Club for children in grades 3 and up meets once a month. Desserts are served and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend. Children and their adults



read the book selection and then join in the discussion. May's book is *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, by Kate DiCamillo. **Registration is recommended.**

The *Have Your Cake* series is made possible by the **Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund**.

Kill-A-Watt Debuts at Wilton Library!

Want to save money on your electric bill?

Try one of our **Kill-A-Watt** meters to find out how much energy any appliance or device uses. Simply plug in the meter, plug your appliance or device into the meter and wait 24 hours. Using the information displayed on the meter, you can calculate the number of kilowatts used per hour, day and year!



Find out how much energy is used by cell phone chargers that are left plugged in 24/7, or how much energy you can save by unplugging your television when you go to sleep. As energy costs continue to rise, this small meter can help you save money by discovering unnecessary electricity usage. Try one today!

Wilton Library Volunteer Tea Sunday, May 3rd, 3 to 4 pm



Wilton Library volunteers are invited to join us for an afternoon tea honoring those wonderfully generous and talented people who are so important to the Library.

Come for refreshments between 3 and 4 pm and stay for the Connecticut's Own Concert at 4 pm featuring The Amore Trio (see below).

Please register for both the **Volunteer Tea** and the **Amore Trio concert** and contact Volunteer Coordinator and Head of Circulation, Karen Zeibak at 203-762-3950 ext. 238 with any questions about this lovely afternoon or to RSVP.

Connecticut's Own Concert:
The Amore Trio
Sunday, May 3rd, 4 to 5 pm

The final concert in our Sunday concert series features the Amore Trio, consisting of violin, cello and piano. The group, who chose their name because of their love of music, was founded in 2002; they seek to bring the music of the great composers to Connecticut residents in a variety of settings including libraries and other public forums



There is no charge for the program, but we ask that you **register in advance** for this popular concert. Pre-registrants must arrive by 3:50 pm to be guaranteed a seat. After 3:50 pm and if space is available, wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be admitted.

Story Times for May



Literary Littles
Mondays or Tuesdays
from 2 to 2:45 pm

Children ages 4 to 6 years are provided with experiences that enrich early literacy. These story times are intended for

independent listeners.

Mondays

May 4th ([register online](#))
May 11th ([register online](#))
May 18th ([register online](#))

Tuesdays

May 5th ([register online](#))
May 12th ([register online](#))
May 19th ([register online](#))



Wonderful Ones and Twos
Tuesdays or Wednesdays
from 10:15 to 10:45 am

This action-packed program engages little ones in language-based activities. This series is open to children 1 to 2 years of

age and their parent or caregiver.

Tuesdays

May 5th ([register online](#))
May 12th ([register online](#))
May 19th ([register online](#))

Wednesdays

May 6th ([register online](#))

May 13th ([register online](#))

May 20th ([register online](#))



**Look, Listen and Learn
Tuesdays or Wednesdays**

from 11 to 11:30 am

Children can enjoy hand clapping, toe tapping songs, finger plays, and stories that encourage emerging language skills.

These sessions are intended for 3 and 4 year olds and their parents/caregivers.

Tuesdays

May 5th ([register online](#))

May 12th ([register online](#))

May 19th ([register online](#))

Wednesdays

May 6th ([register online](#))

May 13th ([register online](#))

May 20th ([register online](#))

Thanks for Helping!

As you know, this is a difficult year for all of us in the community, and we are so grateful for those who participated recently frequented local businesses and organizations on our behalf. I thought you would like to know the results of your efforts to date (proceeds will help purchase books, DVDs, and CDs, update technology, and fund programs at the Library):

Wilton Turnover Shop ~ \$153

Wilton Pizza & Pasta ~ \$638

New Canaan Wine Merchants ~ \$700



If you know of a business that would like to partner with us in the future, just let me know. The Library is a private non-profit organization that must raise roughly \$600,000 this year alone to balance its budget. Your help will close the gap.

Art Exhibits & Receptions

Wilton Schools Fine and Performing Arts (FAPA) Exhibition Opening

Monday, May 4th, from 6 to 7:30 pm



This popular annual event will feature more than 400 works from students in kindergarten through 12th grade on exhibit throughout the Library. Our opening reception will include musical performances by students, as well (performed in the Brubeck Room). Refreshments will be served. Please come early (and carpool, if you can) to get a parking place near the Library! The exhibit runs through Thursday, May 28th, so drop by to see the considerable talents of our students on display.

Woodcock Nature Center Photography Exhibition & Reception

Friday, May 29th, from 6 to 8 pm

Darryl Hawk, a well-known Wilton photographer, taught a photography class for young people at Woodcock Nature Center during Earth Week in April. This reception at the Library will celebrate the young photographers displaying their chosen works from the class in the Children's Library after the reception on May 29th. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

More for Kids in May

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Tuesday, May 5th, from 4:30 to 5:15 pm

Children in grades K-3 can learn more about this festive holiday at the Library! They'll listen to stories, learn the Mexican Hat Dance, and break open a piñata that is filled with goodies!

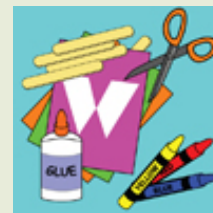
Please register in advance. This international celebration has been made possible by the **Coyle Family Young Readers Fund**.



Drop-in Mother's Day Craft

Saturday, May 9th, from 10 am to 5 pm

Children of all ages can stop by during regular Library hours (10 am to 5 pm) to make a Mother's Day craft they'll take home to delight moms, grandmas, and aunts. No registration is necessary. Thanks again to the **Coyle Family Young Readers Fund** for making this special crafts day possible.



French Storytime for Children Ages 3 to 8

Saturday, May 16th, from 11 to 11:45 am

French teachers from Franc-O-Fun French for Children invite children of all levels to enjoy a





time of French immersion with puppets, songs, French stories read aloud, and a special skit of *Les Trois Petits Chatons* (*Three Little Kittens*) followed by a gouter of baguette et chocolat!! Oooh la la!! **Please register in advance.**

Teddy Bear Picnic

Thursday, May 21st, from 11 to 11:30 am

Join us for teddy-bear-ific stories, songs and crafts. Bring your favorite Teddy Bear (or other stuffed animal). Juice and cookies will be served. This program is designed for kids 3-5 years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver.



Registration is required. This program is made possible by the **Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.**

Tales to Tails Returns

Saturday, May 23rd, from 11 am to noon

The Good Dog Foundation will once again bring therapy dogs to the library so that children may read to them. The use of these trained dogs in reading programs has been shown to lead to kids who feel more comfortable reading aloud, read more often, attempt more difficult books, and actually look forward to reading.



Children must read independently to participate in this program. They'll be scheduled to read for 10 minutes from a book they've brought from home or one chosen from the Library's shelves. There is no charge for Tales to Tails, but **registration is required in advance.** We will call to confirm your registration and assign a time slot.

Hands-On Word with Mary Anne Franco



This month, Mary Anne Franco will teach her introductory class on Word twice (please register in advance for one or the other):

Tuesday, May 5th, from 6:30 to 8 pm (register)

Thursday, May 7th, from 12:30 to 2 pm (register)

Students will learn how to create and format a basic document. Basic computer skills, including mouse proficiency, are required. Students must register in advance and the class is limited to 10 students.

PLEASE NOTE: 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.

ALSO: To insure the best learning experience for all, latecomers will not be seated ten minutes past the posted start time. The door to the Training Lab will be closed at that time.

Let's Chat: Learn to Speak Conversational English

Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm

Is English not your native language? You can learn to speak conversational English in this free 6-week program for adults (sessions run from April 28th through June 2nd). There is no charge for program, but registration is required.

May 5th ([register online](#))

May 12th ([register online](#))

May 19th ([register online](#))

May 26th ([register online](#))

June 2nd ([register online](#))



JOBS! JOBS? JOBS:

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**Coping with the Emotional Journey
of Job Transition**

Thursday, May 7th

7 to 8:30 pm

Susie Bedsow Horgan, CPCC, a Personal Life Coach living in Wilton, will conduct a workshop to help people identify self-limiting beliefs and

negative voices that can make job transitions more painful than they need be. She will explore ways to move beyond these blocks to take a more inspired and productive action. This program is part of the on-going JOBS! JOBS? JOBS series co-sponsored by the Wilton Chamber of Commerce and Wilton Library. **Please register in advance.**

Starting Your Own Business

Wednesday, May 13th

7 to 9 pm

Norm Sylvester, Vice Chairman of SCORE Norwalk, will discuss the alternative to finding a job by creating your own employment. This workshop is designed to answer questions such as:

- Do you have what it takes to be an entrepreneur?
- Do you need legal help?
- Why do you need a business plan?
- How would a banker look at the business?

SCORE is a nationwide organization of successful professional and business men and women who volunteer their time for one-

on-one business counseling and low cost workshops. The local SCORE chapter is located at 24 Belden Avenue, Norwalk. This program co-sponsored by Fairfield County SCORE, Wilton Chamber of Commerce and Wilton Library. **Registration is recommended.**

Especially For & About Seniors

Caring for Your Aging Parent Wednesday, May 6th, 4 to 5:30 pm

Caregiving presents rewards and challenges. Licensed Professional Counselor Nanette Greene will lead a discussion about risks, challenges, health-preserving strategies and resources and will encourage participants to share experiences and questions. This program is sponsored by the **Mid-Fairfield Hospice**. **Advance registration is suggested.**

AARP Driver Safety Class

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom driver safety course designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. The two-part, eight-hour course covers the normal changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time associated with aging and provides practical techniques on how to adjust to these changes, along with learning to operate vehicles more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. There are no written or driving tests - classroom only.



Registration is required and there is a program cost of \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, payable at the time of the first class (check to AARP or cash only). Please register for both sessions:

I Saturday, May 9th, 1 to 5 pm ([register online](#))

II Saturday, May 16th, 1 to 5 pm ([register online](#))

Social Networking Primer... For Parents

Social Networking & Internet Smarts: How to Keep Your Kids Safe Online Wednesday, May 13th 11:30 am to 1:30 pm



A panel of local experts will address the topic of teens and today's popular social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace. They'll cover cyberbullying, online predators, "sexting," and ways parents can monitor their teens'



online activities and teach them how to be savvy and safe on the Internet.

Panelists include:

- **Richard J. Colangelo Jr.**, a Senior Assistant State's Attorney in Stamford/Norwalk and a local prosecutor of child sexual exploitation cases involving the Internet
- **Martha Turner**, a representative of Cablevision's Power To Learn program
- **Rich Ross**, Wilton Police Officer
- **Aaron Britton**, Camp and Neighborhood Club Director at the Wilton Family Y.

This important program is presented by the Parent Connection and co-sponsored by Wilton Youth Council and the Wilton Library. There is no charge, but we ask that you **register in advance**.

Social Networking-Hands-on Computer Classes

On Thursday, May 14th, two hands-on classes will be offered by Aaron Britton to help parents understand their children's social networking sites. The class size is limited to 20 people. These sessions are sponsored by the Parent Connection and Wilton Library. Advance registration is required. Please sign up below to register for one session or the other:

Session 1: 10 to 11:30 am

Session 2: Noon to 1:30 pm

May Book Discussions

What a varied group of titles are up for discussion in May! As always, everyone is welcome to attend:

Wilton Library Readers

Wednesday, May 13th

Noon to 1:30 pm

Leader Susan Boyar will discuss the classic, ***Age of Innocence***, by **Edith Wharton**.

Registration is suggested. This session is our annual "pot luck lunch." Bring something fun to share and we will supply the beverages. For a complete listing of meetings and book selections, visit the [Wilton Library Readers page](#) on Wilton Library's website.

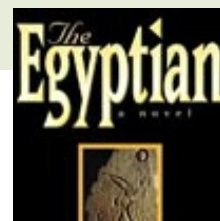


Literature of Other Lands

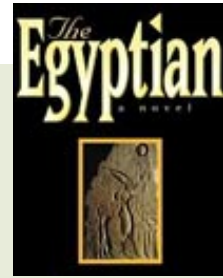
Thursday, May 21st

7 to 8:30 pm

Our International Book Group reads for pleasure to learn about authors from other

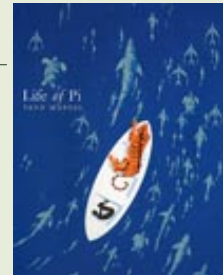


lands and their works as seen through the eyes of their countrymen. Guest speaker Marika LeFevre of Finland will discuss *The Egyptian*, a best-seller in Finland by Finnish author **Mika Waltari**. Participants need not read the literature to enjoy the informal discussions of the countries and cultures. Refreshments and international desserts will be served. There is no charge for the program and advance registration is suggested.



**Senior Center Book Discussion
Tuesday, May 26th
11 am to noon**

I will lead a discussion at the Senior Center on May 26th of one of my favorite books, *The Life Of Pi*, by **Yann Martel**. Call the Senior Center (at Comstock Community Center on School Road) for details and to register at 834-6240.



**Art Discussion with Judson Scruton
Thursday, May 14th, from 11 am to 12:30 pm**



Please join us as noted lecturer, Judson Scruton, talks about the origins, development, and legacy of Thomas Cole's "*The Course of Empire*," the artist's highly influential series of five paintings depicting the stages of empire. Entitled "Are We a Falling Empire?" **Judson's lecture will preview our trip on**

Wednesday, May 20th (see below) to the New York Historical Society to view their exhibition, *In Nature and the American Vision: The Hudson River School*.

Please register in advance to listen to and join in the discussion.

**Champagne & Caprices
Saturday, May 16th, 6:30 to 9 pm**

Champagne
& Caprices



World class violinist Netta Hadari will provide a rare performance of Niccolo Paganini's 24 Caprices for solo violin to benefit the Wilton Library. This enchanting evening will include a pre-performance food and wine reception, post-performance champagne and chocolate reception, and an auction of intriguing music-themed items.

Our fundraiser is generously sponsored by The Wilton Bank. Tickets are available: \$75 for preferred seating; \$50 for general

seating. **Advance reservations are required.** Classical music buffs know what a rare and fine treat this performance will be!

Options for Facing Reality in the Housing Downturn

Monday, May 18th, from 7 to 8:30 pm

Diminished housing prices, reduced salaries, mortgage shortfalls and foreclosures are some of the perils facing people today. A panel of experts will address these and similar issues in this seminar. The panel will include:



- **Peg Koellmer**, owner/broker, Realty Seven, who will speak about housing values in today's market, renegotiating a mortgage and short sales
- **Roberta Palmer**, program manager, Foreclosure Mediation Program, who will address foreclosures - in particular, the steps needed to take if foreclosure threatens and also, the process of foreclosure
- **The Honorable Douglas C. Mintz**, Judge of the Superior Court in Stamford, who will discuss the legal process of foreclosure

This program is sponsored jointly by Wilton Social Services and Wilton Library. **Registration is recommended.**

Calling All Writers

We have a couple of opportunities for writers (and those who appreciate writers!) coming up this month:

Writers' Group Readings

Tuesday, May 19th, 7 to 8:30 pm

Join local authors **Gretchen Bishop, Julie Curtis, Megan Smith-Harris and Toni Wiseman**, as they read excerpts from their works in progress. **Advance registration** is suggested.

Refreshments will be served.



**Write Yourself Free:
A Workshop for Writers and Others
Who Want to Write
Wednesday, May 20th, 7 to 9 pm**

This two-hour workshop is designed both for published writers and for those who feel that they want to write, but don't have a writer's toolbox. 'Write Yourself Free' is designed by **Susan Horgan**, Emmy award-winning producer/writer from daytime television, screenwriter, and personal life coach and by **Patrick McCord**, a college professor specializing in writing instruction and cognitive narration. Susan and Patrick

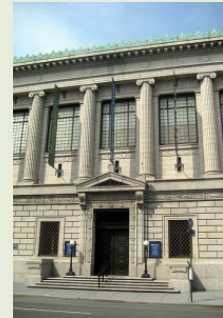
bring their varied experiences to address some of the intrinsic issues and difficulties in creative and nonfiction writing. This workshop will offer strategies for conceptualizing projects, tapping inspiration, overcoming blocks, and understanding the story as a fundamental form of logic and communication.

Registration is recommended.

Art & Culture To Go

Wednesday, May 20, 9 am to 5 pm

We have an exciting trip lined up for you in May to the **New York Historical Society** on Central Park West. The current New York Historical Society show features more than 100 famous paintings by artists of the Hudson River School, including Thomas Cole, Asher B. Durand, John F. Kensett, Jasper F. Cropsey, and Albert Bierstadt, in a series of exhibitions drawn from the Society's extraordinary American art collection.



We'll depart for NYC promptly at 9 am and leave the Historical Society at 3:30 pm, returning to Wilton at about 5 pm. A one-hour docent-led tour will begin for the group at 11:30 am. We have arranged lunch at a nearby restaurant for those who would like to join us.

Cost:

Museum with docent-led tour and lunch on own: \$55
Museum with docent-led tour and lunch at **Isabella's Restaurant** (Columbus Avenue at 77th): \$75

Reservations must be made in advance, with payment due at registration. Please call the Library (203-762-3950) or stop by to register.

Blood Drive at the Library

Thursday, May 21st

1:45 to 7 pm



The Library is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on May 21st from 1:45 to 7 pm in the Brubeck Room.

To sign up, please call 1 800 GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or go to the [American Red Cross](#) site. Walk-ins will be accommodated. Please note: Positive ID will be required at the time of donation.

A Sense of Wonder:
An Evening With Rachel Carson

Tuesday, May 26th, 7 to 8 pm

As part of The 100-City Tour, Wilton Library will present a film screening of Kaiulani Lee's documentary-style film about Rachel Carson, pioneering environmentalist and author of ***Silent Spring***, published in 1962, in which Carson exposed the risks of chemical pesticides.

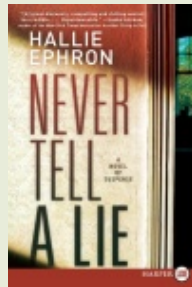


The film depicts Carson in the final year of her life, struggling with cancer but recounting with both humor and anger the attacks by the chemical industry, the government, and the press as she focuses her limited energy to get her message to Congress and the American people. **Registration is recommended.**

Author Talk:

Hallie Ephron and Roberta Isleib

Wednesday, May 27th, from 12:30 to 2 pm



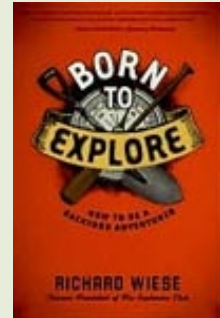
Lovers of classic mysteries will adore Hallie Ephron's richly atmospheric tale ***Never Tell a Lie***. Ephron, an award-winning *Boston Globe* crime fiction reviewer, has now joined the ranks of the Ephron writing clan (writers Nora, Delia and Amy are her sisters) with this first fiction publication, a mystery that has been bringing in terrific reviews.

Joining Hallie onstage in the Brubeck Room will be Darien resident Roberta Isleib, author of ***Asking for Murder***.

Books will be available for purchase and signing, courtesy of RJ Julia Booksellers, following the talk. A light lunch will be provided at noon for a suggested donation of \$10 to cover costs. **Registration is highly recommended.**

Author Talk: Richard Wiese
Saturday, May 31st, 3 to 4:30 pm

In an interactive lecture, explorer, TV adventurer, host, spokesman, and now author, Richard Wiese discusses his just-published *Born to Explore: How to Build an Igloo, Pan for Gold, and Other Useful Projects*, to help parents organize activities that involve getting outdoors and exploring. His message is not simply about spending more time outdoors; it is also about the act of doing, being creative, civic mindedness, and learning skills that will make us interesting and more evolved people.



Mercury Astronaut Scott Carpenter says of the book, it's "a guide book for parents as well as their children and a reminder that the joy of being outdoors has not been completely lost to the computer age."

Reservations are strongly recommended. There will be a question and answer period after the talk. Books will be available for purchase and signing, provided by RJ Julia Booksellers.

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