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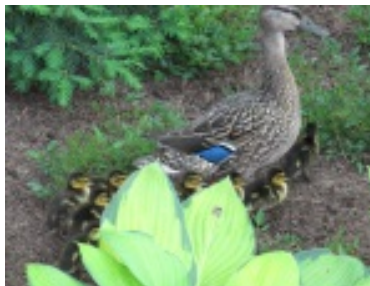
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Hello!

We truly are at the start of summer, with school winding down and vacation plans in the wings. Be sure to make the Library a destination for your family during the summer months, just as this mother duck did the other day as this newsletter went to press.

She clearly has discerning taste when it comes to finding a place to raise her 13 ducklings...our Northeast Courtyard provides the nurturing peace and serenity a harried mother of a brood like this appreciates (this is her second year of nesting with us!). We are hoping for a "*Make Way for Ducklings*" scene once the babies are old enough to usher out of their oasis in the heart of Wilton Center - stay tuned.



And if you come to see the little family in person, please do so from the windows around the courtyard - we don't want to disturb this hard-working mom! Ask at the Reference Desk for the optimal vantage point.

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director

Wilton Library Association

Our Mission:

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

Our Vision:

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

Special June Activities for Kids

What a terrific line-up of events we have planned for the Children's Library in June! On the exciting list are:

Music Time

Tuesdays, June 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd, 4 to 4:45 pm

Children ages 4 to 6 (whose caregivers remain in the Library during the program) will be able to explore music in this hands-on four week program by learning songs, rhymes, and playing games. In addition to singing songs and taking part in games, kids will have fun with several percussion instruments and listen to musical stories. Our Music Time programs are sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. **Please register in advance** for each session you wish to attend on the Children's Library events page of our website.



Green Meadows Farm

Saturday, June 5th, 2 to 3 pm

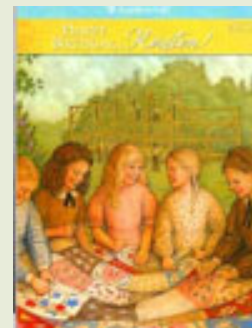
Children will have the opportunity to learn about frogs, bugs and animals of many different shapes, colors and sizes when Green Meadows Farm returns to Wilton Library. Three of our special guests are Stickers the tree frog, Toothpaste the tortoise and Tickles the hedgehog. Everyone will have the chance to meet and pet lovable creatures including bugs, reptiles, hedgehogs, bunnies, and baby animals. This program is intended for children ages 3 and up accompanied by a caregiver. **Please register in advance.** This return visit from Green Meadows Farm is free to participants, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.



American Girl: Happy Birthday, Kirsten!

Wednesday, June 9th, 4 to 4:45 pm

American Girl Kirsten Larson celebrates her birthday on June 8, 1854. Girls in grades 1-4 are invited to bring their own dolls to Wilton Library to celebrate Kirsten's birthday. Kirsten is a pioneer girl of strength and spirit who settles on the American frontier. Participants will hear selections from **Happy Birthday, Kirsten!**, learn about Kirsten's life as a pioneer in Minnesota, play a game, and partake in a craft and snack. Caregivers of birthday guests must remain in the Library during the party. **Please register in advance.** Our American Girl party is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young



Readers Fund.

Go for the Stars

Thursday, June 10th, 4 to 5 pm

Liftoff to learning with this hands-on multimedia presentation. Meet Robo the friendly robot, who talks, moves, and interacts with the audience. Learn about robotics in space, living in space and so much more. Presented by Gary Pozzato, aerospace educator who has worked closely with NASA personnel on several educational projects, was a certified flight instructor and has helped with the manufacture of equipment for the NASA Space Suit, Space Shuttle Orbiter, and the International Space Station. Ages 5-105. Children under the age of 12 must have a caregiver present. **Registration is required**, but there is no fee. *Go for the Stars* is sponsored by the Dibner Family Science Fund.



A Visit to Ambler Farm

Wednesday, June 16th, 2 to 2:45 pm

Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to join members of the Wilton Library staff on a visit to Ambler Farm. Caregivers and children (children must be accompanied) will meet at Ambler Farm (257 Hurlbutt Street) to enjoy theme based stories as well as a nature walk. Children may check books out at the Farm, so caregivers should bring their library cards. This month's focus will be on bees. **Please register in advance.**



Wilton Farmers Market

Wednesdays through October 27th, 2 to 6 pm



Farm-fresh produce and fresh-baked breads and pies are just some of the offerings available to those who come to the Wilton Farmers Market in the back parking lot at Wilton Library. Shoppers can purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables, free range eggs, homemade jams, herbs, and fresh cut flowers, along with fresh bread and pies.

Vendors currently include Ambler Farm, Ducky Life Teas, IzzyB's Allergen Free Cupcakes, Killam & Bassette Farmstead, Michele's Pies, Nod Hill Soaps, Ola! Granola, Schulze Farm, Wave Hill Breads, and Grassroot Granookies, with new tents being added each week. The Wilton Farmers Market is co-sponsored by the Library and our Wilton Chamber of Commerce.

Did You Know?

Looking for the perfect spot for a party? Need to find a reasonably priced "hall" for the wedding reception? In the market for a place to hold a company function? Look no further! The Brubeck Room and Courtyard at the Wilton Library is available for rent when it is not being used for our own programs. Hourly rates range from \$150 (Brubeck Room & Courtyard) to \$300 (Brubeck Room & Courtyard, Catering Kitchen and Gallery), with half-price rates for non-profit organizations. Custodial and/or audiovisual help is available for an additional fee. Please contact our Rentals Manager, Karen Danvers, at 203-762-3950 x247 for more information or to reserve a date. You may also want to **consult our website for policies and rental forms.**



In addition, our two meeting rooms on the second floor and the craft/story room in the Children's Library are available for rental. **Please see terms and prices on our website.** We depend upon the revenue from modest room rental fees to help support our operating budget each year. At the same time, we are able to provide our community with well-equipped and maintained spaces to use at well below market rates. A win-win situation, for sure. As you might imagine, the calendar fills up quickly, so let us know as soon as possible when you plan your event.

Art Lectures & Exhibits in June

Beardsley Gallery Exhibition Opening - Traditions Friday, June 4th, 6 to 7:30 pm



Beardsley Gallery will present "Traditions," featuring paintings and sculptures by more than fifteen artists that are created primarily in the style and tradition of the old masters. During this exhibit at the Library, landscapes, still lifes, and portraits by both established and emerging artists will be showcased. Landscape artists exhibiting include Burt Silverman, Curt Hanson, Dennis Sheehan, Glenn Harrington, Dmitri Danish and William Thomson. Still life painters on exhibit include Robert Palevitz, Kirill Doron, Grace Devito, Jean Walworth, Sandra Wakeen, and Kelly Birkenrut. A more contemporary collection will be exhibited by artists Ronald Ray Rogers, Sam Emler, Rich Denisiewicz, and muralist Tim Huhn. Two works by renowned Chinese painter Tang Wei Min also will be on display. The Beardsley Gallery Exhibition will run through Monday, June 28th. Proceeds from sales will benefit the Library, so please come shop as well as appreciate!

**Weir Farm Adair Burlingham Memorial Lecture:
*The Holley House - American Impressionists and Their
Friends***

Wednesday, June 9th, 7 to 8:30 pm



Marybeth Gioffre Nisco, Director of Education at the Greenwich Historical Society, will present a talk on life in the Holley House. Attendees will be able to learn more about American Impressionist artists John Henry Twachtman, Childe Hassam, J. Alden Weir, Theodore Robinson, Elmer MacRae and Ernest Lawson. Not only will Ms. Nisco discuss their work and inspiration, she will also talk about the everyday job of running a boarding house for artists and the lives of Edward and Josephine Holley, the proprietors. A discussion based on photographs, letters, and diaries from the archival collection will bring to life the bohemian atmosphere that abounded at the Holley House, located at 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob - now a National Historic Landmark. The outstanding Adair Burlingham Memorial Lecture Series is co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by the Wilton Library. A reception will follow the talk. **We ask that you register in advance.**

**Weir Farm Artist-in-Residence Exhibition/Reception-Paul
Balmer**

Tuesday, June 29th, 6 to 7:30 pm



Paul Balmer was born in South Africa, and lived in Australia before art took him to Europe and the US and specifically New York City. The colors, shapes, and primitiveness of his New York cityscapes reflect the influence of his roots in South Africa and Australia. The Artist-in-Residence Reception is co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by Wilton Library. **Please register in advance** for this unique view of NYC.

Story Times & Book Discussions for Kids

Polish Story Times

Mondays, June 7th & 14th, 4:30 to 5:15 pm

Polish story times continue in June with activities that include stories, games, songs, and more. Polish native Stasia Konarzewska will share her love of Polish culture and language with children of all backgrounds. Our Polish story times are offered without fee to children 3 to 5 years old, and we ask that you **register in advance to attend.**



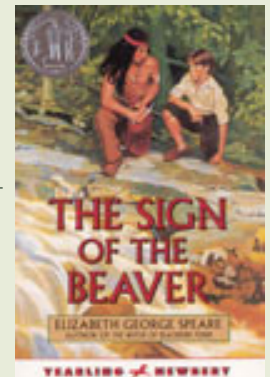
WINRs (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers) Circle Saturday, June 12th, 3 to 4 pm

Each month the WINRS Circle book club discusses a new 2011 Nutmeg-nominated book. In addition to discussion, children can enjoy activities, games, trivia, and pizza generously donated by **Wilton Pizza**. June's book is **Swindle**, by Gordon Korman. About a boy and his baseball card, the book hilariously describes how Griffin Bing assembles a band of misfits to recapture the stolen card. Bring a friend, win a prize! Caregivers of participants (children in grades 4 through 6) must remain in the Library during the discussion. **Registration is required**, but there is no fee, thanks to a generous grant from **HSBC Bank**.



Have Your Cake and Read It, Too! Book Discussion Thursday, June 24th, 6:30 to 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. Children and their adults will read the book selection and then join the discussion. This month's selection is **The Sign of the Beaver**, by Elizabeth George Speare. A story of two boys who become friends in spite of themselves, the book is a moving tribute to the ability of shared experience to overcome prejudice. There is no program fee, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund, but we ask that you **register in advance.**



Kiwanis Kids' Korner

Saturday, June 26th, 11 to 11:30 am

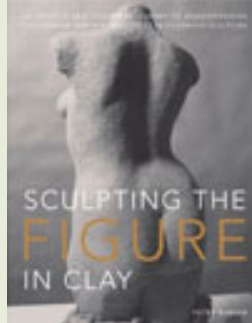
Kids 4 to 7 years of age are invited to this story time program offered by the Wilton Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis member Gail Lavielle will share stories, songs and activities with the children.



Caregivers must remain in the Library during the story time. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Wilton, no fee or registration is required - just stop by!

Area Author Affair:

Peter Rubino - Sculpting the Figure in Clay
Monday, June 7th, 6 to 7:30 pm



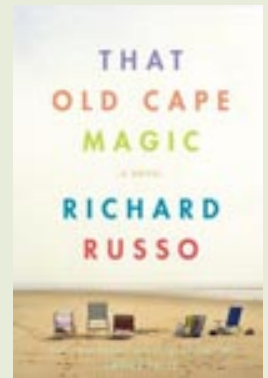
Artist and Wilton resident Peter Rubino's new book, ***Sculpting the Figure in Clay*** is a comprehensive instructional guide that simulates step-by-step the classroom learning experience. The work includes a foreword written by jazz icon Dave Brubeck.

Meet the artist as author and sculptor at the Area Author Affair, where Rubino will talk briefly and show a short DVD as well as present a clay sculpting demonstration. Refreshments will be served at a reception following the demonstration and books will be available for purchase and signing. **Please register in advance.**

Wilton Reads! 2010

***That Old Cape Magic*, by Richard Russo**

We encourage all community members to join us as we come together to read, discuss and reflect upon ***That Old Cape Magic***, an always touching and often hilarious work of fiction by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo. It's been called "a novel of deep introspection and every family feeling imaginable," threaded through with "moments of great comedy and even hilarity alternating with others of rueful understanding and heart-stopping sadness."



In recognition of his exemplary contributions to contemporary literature, Mr. Russo will become the third recipient of Wilton Library's Grodin Family Fine Writers Award when he arrives to speak to us on June 27th.

We are most grateful to our sponsors **The Wilton Bank** and **United Way of Coastal Fairfield County** for their generous contributions to underwrite our distribution of 100 free books, publicity, and fees associated with the Wilton Reads! Program.

Tuesday, June 1st, 10 am
Distribution of 100 free books

Tuesday, June 8th, 7 pm

Discussion of *That Old Cape Magic* with Susan Boyar ([register now!](#))

Thursday, June 10th, 10:30 am

Discussion of *That Old Cape Magic* with Dr. Joanna Ecke ([register now!](#))

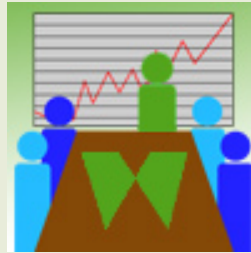
Sunday, June 27th, 4 pm

Author Appearance: Richard Russo ([register now!](#))

Wilton Library Association's 115th Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 13th, 4 to 5:30 pm

Everyone is invited as we celebrate the 115th birthday of the Wilton Library Association on June 13th. The Library will close one hour early that Sunday so that all may attend. A brief



business meeting will include the election of new trustees and officers, a celebration of those who are retiring from the Board of Trustees, and the presentation of awards for Wilton Library's outstanding volunteer and staff person of the year.

Following the General Meeting and Election of Officers, Bill Hosley, advocate for Connecticut and New England history and art, will speak on "More than Books: Libraries, Community and Historic Preservation," tracing almost 200 years in American library practice with a special focus on New England and its many municipal, historic and specialty research libraries. Bill's background is in history, art history, economics and American culture, with degrees from Middlebury College (BA, Economics), the Winterthur Program (University of Delaware) and University of Colorado (Museum Management) that complement 30+ years of experience in historic preservation, exhibition and program development, institutional advancement and planning and marketing.

A lovely reception will follow the meeting and talk. [Please let us know you are coming by registering in advance.](#)

Third Tuesday Songwriters' Circle Tuesday, June 15th, from 11 am to 12:30 pm

Join this small group of songwriters for a session "in the round," followed by time for a brown bag lunch. Participants are encouraged to share work or work-in-progress, listen and meet writing partners. **Please register in advance.**



Have You Seen Our New Sign?



It's hard to believe, but we began planning the Library's expansion almost ten years ago and the construction started in June, 2004. Although we will continue to maintain and improve our wonderful building, the official realization of the dream we all had years ago took place with the installation of our new site sign on Old Ridgefield Road in May.

We are tremendously grateful to the Sheldon T. Shoff Charitable Trust in Memory of Louise E. Shoff for funding this final and fitting touch - it truly is an elegant welcome for all who visit.

Local Issues Take the Stage

Danbury Branch Rail Improvements EIS: Public Information Meeting Tuesday, June 15th, 7 to 9 pm

Hosted by the Connecticut Department of Transportation, this meeting is being held as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process sponsored by the U.S. DOT's Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The



meeting is a 'Pre-Draft Environmental Impact Statement' information session to offer the public a chance to review and provide input on the potential improvements to the Danbury Branch commuter rail line that are presented in the EIS, and to review the potential environmental impacts that could result from these proposed improvements. The public will have an opportunity to meet with Connecticut DOT representatives, ask questions, and provide input into the preferred alternatives. It will be an interactive session and will include presentations and a video on the proposed project. All are welcome and **registration is suggested.**

Route 7 Transportation and Land Use Study Open House Tuesday, June 22nd, 4:30 to 8 pm

This study is sponsored by the South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA) as well as the Town of Wilton. The workshop is an open house format giving people a convenient timeframe to view draft concepts and provide input. Includes table-top maps of the study corridor and will focus on the Wilton Center area. This meeting is open to the public. **Registration is encouraged.**



Jobs? Jobs! Jobs:

Resume Writing Workshop with Meredith Horton
Tuesday, June 15th, 7 to 8:30 pm



This workshop has been constructed with all the different varieties of job hunters in mind: from the college student entering the job market or seeking an internship, to those changing careers, to the formerly employed re-entering the job market, and beyond. Meredith Horton, owner of The Golden Ticket: Professional Resume Writers will host this workshop.

Participants should bring their resumes or construct a list of job experiences and achievements. There is no charge for the program, but we ask that you **register in advance.** Our Jobs series is co-sponsored by Wilton Library and Wilton Chamber of Commerce.

WHS Video Projects and a Discussible Documentary

New Perspectives Film Series:
In the Shadow of the Moon

Thursday, June 17th, 7 to 8:30 pm

Winner of the 2007 Sundance Film Festival's World Cinema Audience Award for Documentaries, ***In the Shadow of the Moon*** encapsulates the era between 1968 and 1972 when America went to the moon. All the pride and passion of that time is captured in the archival material from the original NASA film footage and interviews with surviving astronauts. The film is directed by David Sington, a self-taught documentary film director who produced and directed 22 documentary films on a very wide range of subjects while working for the BBC.



Bill Harris, an Emmy-award winning documentary film producer and broadcast television executive and Wilton resident, will host the Q&A following the film. Bill has built a 30+ year career with every major network, including A&E television networks and the History Channel. There is no charge, but donations are always welcome. **Registration is recommended.**

**Wilton High School Film Festival
Wednesday, June 23rd, 7 to 8 pm**

For the seventh consecutive year, Wilton High School Video Production students have assembled the best of their video projects to be viewed by the public. Teacher Ken Boehm will be screening and giving out awards for video programs from the fall and spring of this school year. This year's screenings will focus on the Wilton Go Green Festival held on May 2nd that the students taped and edited to create a documentary of the day. There is no charge for the program, but **advance registration is suggested.** The WHS Film Festival is co-sponsored by Wilton High School and Wilton Library.



Readin', Ridin' & Ropin' - Go West at Wilton Library!

Our terrific summer reading program kicks off with the opening of registration on Monday, June 21st. Children up to age 12 can register for the program and then take part in activities that run from June 24th through Aug. 20th. We'll have crafts, story times, movies, musical entertainment and much more. Kids can begin the fun by coloring their very own Readin', Ridin' & Ropin' posters when they sign up for the program.



**Rootin', Tootin', Readin' Roundup
Thursday, June 24 , 1:30 to 4:30 pm**

Lasso your friends and come on down to the Children's Library's annual summer reading kick-off event! Children can sign-up for the *Readin', Ridin' & Ropin'- Go West at Wilton Library* summer reading program as well as enjoy crafts, games, activities, and food. The event is open to children of all ages - no registration or fee is necessary, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

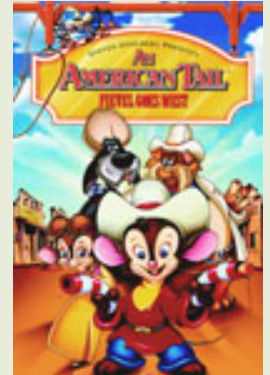
**Drop-in Summer Crafts
Monday, June 28th, 10 am to 8 pm**

Children of all ages can stop by during regular library hours on Mondays through August 16 (Library closed Monday, July 5) and make a craft to take home. Crafts follow the theme of *Readin', Ridin', & Ropin'- Go West at Wilton Library*. No registration or fee

is necessary, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

An American Tail: Fievel Goes West
Wednesday, June 30th, 3 to 4:30 pm

Stop by the Library to see this fun movie that goes along with our summer theme - *Readin', Ridin' & Ropin'- Go West at Wilton Library*. Snacks will be served. The show is intended for all ages, but children under the age of 8 must have caregivers accompanying them and children 8-11 must have caregivers in the building during the film. No registration or fee is necessary, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.



Library Elf Reminders

Sign Up To Start Getting Yours Today!



Want to avoid late fees on your Library books and other materials? Need a reminder a few days in advance when it's time to renew? Want to be alerted when your holds or reserves are ready, no matter where you are? Then sign up for Library Elf, a terrific service for library customers across the US and in Canada. With Elf, you can:

- Get email/RSS alerts for items due or overdue and holds
- Track your library card(s) or your family's library cards
- Take advantage of selectable delivery dates for reminders
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Go to the [Library Elf website](#) to learn more about the service and set up your own Elf account. It's a great way to stay on top of all you've borrowed and placed on hold - and there is no cost to you! **Wilton Library is pleased to be able to offer Premium subscriptions to all its cardholders.** Try the [demo on the Elf site](#) to see how it works.

Have your Wilton Library card and pin number (the last 4 digits of the phone number associated with your Wilton Library account - call us at 203-762-3950 x213 if you are not sure which phone number to use) to set up your account today!

New Residents at the Library Fish Love the New Aquarium!

As the children who visit our Children's Library know, the salt water aquarium (given in memory of T.J. Pramer by his family and friends) holds endless fascination and learning opportunities...and hours of just plain fun! We have slowly been adding new residents - stop by and meet them all. We thought you might like to see this "fish-eye view" of the territory - the tank is positively inspiring.



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