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## Wilton Library Association Newsletter

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Hello!

September is always a month for reconnecting - with school, with our friends, and with the world around us. Summer - with or without vacation - is traditionally a time that is slower paced, more relaxed, and often far removed from the rest-of-the-year routine. As we climb back into the saddle of "normal life," the Library has lots in store to help us pick up the reins.

More details are below, but I want to make sure that you don't miss these wonderful opportunities to reconnect with your community:

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**September 12th and 13th:** Our Children's Book Sale runs both days (see hours below) and special events on the 13th will include Discovery Day Open House at the Library from 11-2 - we're proud to be a big part of celebrating Wilton with the Chamber of Commerce that weekend. Be sure to stop by the Library both days for bargains, lots of information, and on the 13th for free copies of *The Namesake* and free food. Your friends and neighbors will be there!

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**September 21st:** Our Annual Ladies' Soiree is a great time to see and make friends while benefitting the Library. Come from 6-8 pm to wine, dine, and be merry!

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And during the month, please join hundreds of others in the community as we read and discuss *The Namesake*, by Jhumpa Lahiri. Wilton Reads! 2008 will shift into high gear in October with film showings and book discussions at the Library, culminating with an appearance by the Pulitzer Prize winning author on October 19th.

Come back and reconnect - we look forward to seeing you!

## Spotlight On: World Languages

In keeping with the Olympic spirit that ran high in August, the Library is pleased to introduce its World Language Collection, a growing number of new fiction and non-fiction books, newspapers and magazines. Located near the fireplace in the reference area of the Library, the World Language Collection now includes materials in Spanish, French, Italian, German, Russian, Korean, Mandarin and Hindi. Japanese and Portuguese materials will be coming this fall. My hat is off to our staff (particularly Assistant Director, Lauren McLaughlin and Head of Technical Services, Carolyn Benjamin) who have worked with colleagues in the field to develop selection, ordering and processing procedures for materials of all sorts in languages other than English.



The World Languages Collection also houses books, audiobooks, and DVDs on learning to speak foreign languages and our very popular English as a Second Language teaching materials. If you are multilingual or would like to become so, stop by and see this lovely area just past the Library's Reference Desk. Comfortable chairs and tables make it a wonderful place from which to discover the world.

## Announcing Poetry in Motion 2009!



Teens entering grades 7 through 12 can end their summer or begin the school year with a bang, writing for this year's **Poetry in Motion**, the Library's extraordinarily popular annual poetry creation and performance event.

"*Life's Challenges-Tell Me About It!*" is the third program of its sort in as many years, with this year's theme centered on the trials and tribulations faced by teens today. Students' original poetry will be selected by a student board and its advisors to be part of a two-evening performance event in March, 2009, in the Wilton Library's Brubeck Room.

For more information, teens may contact Teen Librarian Susan Lauricella by phone at 762-3950 (extension 243) or by e-mail at

[teenpoetry@wiltonlibrary.org](mailto:teenpoetry@wiltonlibrary.org). **All submissions must be received by October 31st, 2008.** **Poetry in Motion 2009** has been underwritten with private funding from a generous donor.

## J.M.W. Turner's *The Fighting Temeraire* with Judson Scruton

Please join us on **Thursday, September 4th, from 10:30 am to noon** for a fascinating discussion of the 1838 masterwork of celebrated artist Joseph Mallord William Turner. Our discussion leader, Judson Scruton, will examine the work and explain why it's deemed so important a painting in British history. 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.



The first major retrospective of the work of J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851) to be presented in the United States for more than 40 years is now on view at [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](http://www.metmuseum.org) through September 21st, so this talk is particularly timely. There is no charge for our program, but we ask

that you [register in advance](#).

## Wilton Newcomers Activities Fair at the Library

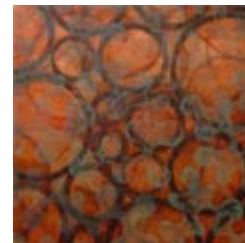


We are so delighted to host the annual Wilton Newcomers Activities Fair on **Friday, September 5th from 9:30 to 11:30 am**. The Fair welcomes new residents and prospective members of the Wilton Newcomers Club and will show some of what both the Club and the Library have to offer those new to town.

Free babysitting is available, but not required (to reserve child care, please email Kathryn Johnson at [davekathryn@optonline.net](mailto:davekathryn@optonline.net) or call 210-5564). There is no charge for the Fair and no registration is required.

## Art Reception and Exhibit: Roger Mudre

On **Sunday, September 7th, from 11:30 am to 1 pm**, the Library will host an artist's opening reception for abstract artist Roger Mudre. *Art Folio Now* says, *Roger Mudre's paintings are created by the constant manipulation of acrylics and other media on the image surface. The thought of infinity as part of our lives has been the inspiration for his work. Multiple layers of glazes both additive and subtractive are applied over a metal leaf surface. These organic forms are created in the moment as the paint reacts to the process. Creating these microscopic worlds of cellular growths, auras, cosmos, places unseen and only imagined informs his work.*



Please join us to enjoy refreshments, meet the artist, and view his works in an engaging exhibit that runs through Monday, September 29th. A portion of the proceeds from art sales during the exhibit will benefit the Library's Art Fund, used to purchase books and DVDs on art and art instruction for our collection, so bring along your checkbook or credit card!

## Grandparents' Day Brunch on September 7th at Noon

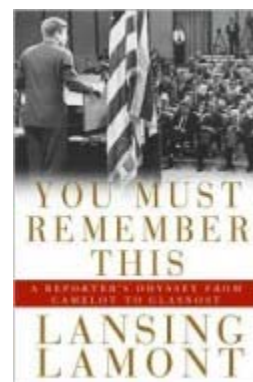


On **Sunday, September 7th, from noon to 1 pm**, the Library will celebrate grandparents with a lovely Grandparents' Day Brunch. Grandparents and their grandchildren (age 3 and older) will be able to celebrate their special bond by listening together to stories, making a craft, and sharing memories.

A special brunch will follow the activities and the event is made possible by a grant from the Coyle Family Fund. [Please register in advance](#) to let us know that you are coming. **SPACE IS LIMITED.**

## Four Author Talks in September

On **Tuesday, September 9th, from 7 to 8:30 pm**, author **Robert H. Patton** will discuss his book, *Patriot Pirates-The Privateer War for Freedom and Fortune in the American Revolution*. Robert H. Patton, grandson of World War II's General George Patton, has written that during America's Revolutionary War, what began in 1775 as a New England fad - converting civilian vessels to fast-sailing warships, and defying the Royal Navy's overwhelming firepower to snatch its merchant shipping - became a massive seaborne insurgency that ravaged the British economy and helped to win America's independence. There will be opportunity for questions and answers following Patton's talk and books will be available for purchase and signing. [Please register in advance](#) for this enlightening program.



On **Sunday, September 14th, from 4 to 6 pm**, **Lansing Lamont** will discuss his book: *You Must Remember This -- A Reporter's Odyssey from Camelot to Glasnost*. As a correspondent for *Time* magazine from 1961 to 1975, Lamont covered many of the major stories in the 1960s, including the assassinations of John and Robert F. Kennedy and of Martin Luther King Jr., and his book describes a journalist's view of these events and more that defined the Greatest Generation. There will be opportunity for questions and answers following the talk and books will be available for purchase and signing. Please [register in advance](#) for this informative and engaging program.

On **Saturday, September 20th, from 4 to 5**, kids and their parents can meet the wildly popular **Dr. Ernest Drake** as he discusses mythical creatures in *Monsterology*, his follow-up book to *Dragonology* and the latest entry in the popular 'Ology' series. Books will be available for purchasing and signing, thanks to RJ Julia Booksellers. [Registration for this talk is strongly recommended!](#) SPACE IS LIMITED.

On **Monday, September 29th, from 10:30 to noon**, author **Robin P. Williams** will discuss her book, *Sweet Swan of Avon: Did a Woman Write Shakespeare?*. Questioning whether the great Bard actually penned the works of William Shakespeare, Williams dares to suggest the possibility that a well-educated woman named Mary Sidney Herbert, the Countess of Pembroke, actually wrote the works. Herbert was at the forefront of the literary movement in England, yet was not allowed to write for the public stage. Come to the Library to listen to this dynamic author speak of her well-researched theory. A question and answer session will follow the talk and books will be available for purchase and signing, thanks to The Wilton Open Book Shop. This program is jointly sponsored by the Wilton Library and the Wilton Women's Club and all are welcome. [Please register in advance.](#)

## Did You Know?

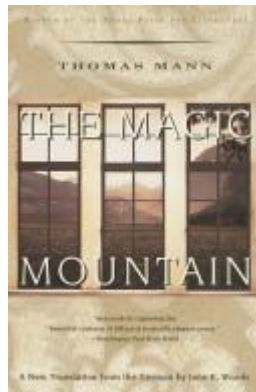


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If you are a student or teacher, a member of a book discussion group, or simply want to learn more about what the critics have written about books you've read, we have a terrific online resource for you!

Easy access to extensive information about titles and authors and fine plot summaries are at your fingertips - and your results can be produced in PDF format for sharing. [Literature Criticism Online](#) provides quick and easy access to extensive biographical and critical information that you'd otherwise need days and weeks to locate. *Literature Criticism Online* contains full-text, single-search access to hundreds of volumes of *Contemporary Literary*

*Criticism*, *Nineteenth-Century Literary Criticism*, and *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*. Try it now and see what the excitement is all about.

Please note that access to this online resource is restricted by vendor licence to Wilton residents with current Library cards (you'll need to fill in your Wilton Library card number to enter the database). If you are a Wilton resident in need of a card, stop by the Library or fill out this simple [online application](#). It's free, it's easy, and it's your ticket to a world of great research and recreation.



## This Month's Book Discussions

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On **Wednesday, September 10th, from noon to 1:30 pm**, our Wilton Library Readers will discuss Thomas Mann's *The Magic Mountain* with leader Susan Boyar. First published in November 1924, this novel is widely considered to be one of the most influential works of 20th century German literature. Feel free to bring your lunch - beverages will be provided for this stimulating discussion. Please [register in advance](#) and for a complete listing of meetings and book selections, visit the [Wilton Library Readers](#) page on our website.

On **Tuesday, September 23rd, from 11 am to noon**, Judson Scruton will lead a discussion at

the Wilton Senior Center (180 School Road) of *The Trouble with Poetry*, by Billy Collins. Collins, former Poet Laureate of the United States, is known for the accessibility of his poems. Please call the Senior Center for details and to register at 834-6240.

On **Thursday, September 25th, from 7 to 8:30 pm**, our International Book Group will welcome Monica Shaw as guest speaker. This group reads for pleasure to learn about authors from other lands and their works as seen through the eyes of their countrymen. This month, Ms. Shaw will discuss Mexico and the wonderful novel, *Like Water for Chocolate*, by Laura Esquivel. Participants need not read the literature to enjoy the informal discussions of countries and cultures. Refreshments and international desserts will be served. [Please register](#) to let us know you're coming.

### September 12th & 13th are Jam-Packed



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The upcoming weekend of September 12th and 13th is absolutely bursting at the seams all over town. Be sure you stop by the Library as you celebrate Wilton!

On **Friday, September 12th, from 1 to 6 pm** and **Saturday, September 13th, from 10 am to 5 pm**, our annual **Children's Book Sale** will take place in the Library Lobby. The huge sale will include a large selection of brand-new and gently-used picture books, chapter books, classics, series, videos, DVDs and silent auction of rare children's books. Come do early holiday shopping at bargain

prices and benefit the Library at the same time!

On **Saturday, September 13th, from 11 am to 2 pm**, our 4th annual **Wilton Library Discovery Day Open House** will take place. The community is invited to see what's new in products, services and the collection at Wilton Library. In addition, we'll be giving away hundreds of free copies of *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri, the selection for the Wilton Reads! 2008 community reading project. Wilton Reads! is sponsored by The Wilton Bank and The United Way of Norwalk & Wilton, with media support from The Wilton Bulletin. The day includes technology demonstrations, Rock Band, autumn crafts, and free food as well. Stop by for lunch, to register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot, to get a library card, or to try out our newest equipment and services.

Later Saturday afternoon (from 2 to 3 pm) the whole family can **Pig Out on Reading with Farmer Minor and Daisy the Pig**. Daisy the Pig is returning to our Library to help kids develop a love for reading. All ages are welcome, especially kids through 12 years old. There is no charge for the program, thanks to the Coyle Family Fund, but [registration is strongly recommended](#). **SPACE IS LIMITED.**

### Senior Seminars

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On **Wednesday, September 17th, from 10:30 to noon**, caregivers and family members will be able to learn from an expert how to help elderly loved ones remain safe, sound, and independent at home. Lea Mintz, Family & Children's Agency in Norwalk, will lead this encore discussion about "Helping Seniors to Stay in Their Own Homes." A LifeLine coupon for free installation and 2 months free service will be available for each attendee. There is no charge for the program, but we ask that you [register in advance](#).



And on **Tuesday, September 23rd, from 4 to 5:30 pm**, we'll have a session on **Aging Gracefully**, sponsored by Mid-Fairfield Hospice. There is no charge for program, but we ask that you [register in advance](#).

### Schenck's Island Meadow Restoration in the Works



On **Wednesday, September 17th, from 4 to 6 pm**, Larry Weaner will talk about the work that has been ongoing at Schenck's Island recently.

Wilton Land Conservation Trust and Town officials are collaborating with other groups to recreate exemplary native meadow and riparian habitats at Schenck's Island - a natural flood plain area of the Norwalk River. A progress report and explanation of the work ahead will be presented by Mr. Weaner, natural landscape designer, with photos followed by a late summer afternoon walk in the work-in-progress meadow. The Norwalk River Watershed Association's 2008 Photo Exhibit will also be on display at the Library. [Please register in advance](#) for this program about a bright spot in our very own environment.



### **Breakfast with the Candidates**

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Please join us on **Thursday, September 18th, from 9 to 10 am**, for breakfast and conversation with the candidates for the Connecticut State Senate (26th District), **Toni Boucher** of Wilton (Republican) and **John Hartwell** of Westport (Democrat).

There is no charge thanks to our sponsors for the breakfast, the Wilton League of Women Voters, the Wilton Chamber of Commerce and Wilton Library. Please [register in advance](#) to let us know you are coming.

### **Book Club Alert: Don't Miss September 18th Symposium!**



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I am so delighted to announce an exciting new program that we hope will become an annual event at the Library. On **Thursday, September 18th, from 7 to 8:30**, we'll host our very first Book Club Symposium. All those who come (and you needn't be a member of a book discussion group to participate!) will get an advance look at what's new and hot in the publishing world.

**Roxanne Coady**, author and owner of RJ Julia Booksellers in Madison, CT, will do "book group therapy" - telling us how to best run and/or revitalize a book group. She'll also introduce what's new in readers' guides and discuss her "best picks." **Karen Torres and Evan Boorstyn** from Hachette Group USA will present their picks, too - both current and upcoming books that are likely to be popular this fall. As a special treat, there will be free galley giveaways as part of the evening - our audience will not only get tips for great reading, but the great reading, too. Books will be available for sale, as well, so you can stock up for the year ahead.

The program is open to all readers, but book club members especially should love being on the inside track. There is no charge for the program, but we ask that you [register in advance](#). The Symposium is sponsored by our friends at RJ Julia Booksellers.



### **9th Annual Ladies' Soirée**

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Please join us for Wilton Library's 9th annual Ladies' Soirée, on **Sunday, September 21st, from 6 to 8 pm** in the Brubeck Room at the Library. This wonderfully fun fundraiser specifically for the 'ladies,' will reprise last year's popular theme of Friendship. Bring or meet a friend that night - as always, it will be a great time to catch up after the summer and as the school year begins. Friends can look forward to an exciting selection of items in the Silent Auction and opportunities to support the Library through our Giving Tree. Delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served throughout the evening. Proceeds from our Ladies' Soirée benefit the library. Admission is \$50 per person and payment will be accepted in advance at the Library's front desk, by mail (please address to Anne Rowlands, Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton CT 06897), or at the door that night. Cash, check and credit card payments are all accepted and your advance registration would

be most appreciated. Please [register online](#) or call to let us know you are coming (203-762-3950, extension 270), or simply stop by.

It's such great fun - and a terrific way to get back into the swing of things with your friends - I'll see you there!

## Fall Story Times Start September 22nd



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From **Monday, September 22nd through Wednesday, November 12th**, the Library will conduct Fall Story Times from Mondays through Wednesdays for children 1 through 6 years of age. Please note that there will be no sessions on Tuesday, September 30th, and Monday, October 13th. As always, we offer different levels of interaction with and without caregivers based on children's ages and there is no program charge. Advance registration is recommended and appreciated - you can click on the links below to secure a spot

for the September sessions. Feel free to call the Children's Library for more information at (203) 762-3950, extension 217.

### Week of September 22nd

1s and 2s with Caregiver: [Tuesday 9/23, 10:15-10:45 am](#)

1s and 2s with Caregiver: [Wednesday 9/24, 10:15-10:45 am](#)

2s and 3s with Caregiver: [Tuesday 9/23, 10:15-10:45 am](#)

2s and 3s with Caregiver: [Wednesday 9/24, 10:15-10:45 am](#)

3s and 4s: [Tuesday 9/23, 11-11:30 am](#)

3s and 4s: [Wednesday 9/24, 11-11:30 am](#)

4s through 6s: [Monday 9/22, 2-2:45 pm](#)

4s through 6s: [Tuesday 9/23, 2-2:45 pm](#)

### Week of September 29th:

1s and 2s with Caregiver: [Wednesday 10/1, 10:15-10:45 am](#)

2s and 3s with Caregiver: [Wednesday 10/1, 10:15-10:45 am](#)

3s and 4s: [Wednesday 10/1, 11-11:30 am](#)

4s through 6s: [Monday 9/29, 2-2:45 pm](#)



## Summer Reading Draws to a Close

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What a glorious summer we've had at the Library! 419 kids participated in the Summer Reading Program this year, reading a total of 4,098 books! In addition, within our *Travel the 50 States* theme, they learned all about our country and had lots of fun along the road. Thanks to all our sponsors that made the busy and

enlightening summer possible for so many young readers: Stop & Shop, the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund, the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative, and the Fannie M. Lienhard Fund.

Now that the program is drawing to a close, we'd love kids to have their book title charts and decorated cars to take home. Charts and cars can be picked up in the Children's Library during regular Library hours anytime before October 18th - just inquire at the desk.



## **MOMOIRS: The Umbilical Cord Stops Here!**

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On **Tuesday, September 23rd**, the Library will host a memorable performance of *MOMOIRS: The Umbilical Cord Stops Here!* The show was written and will be performed by award-winning professional actor/writers: Randye Kaye, Kathryn Marchand, Jo Anne Parady, and Nadine Willig. What began in a Momoirs writers'

group has been transformed into a stage production presenting true-to-life stories of motherhood, resonating with viewers at all stages of life. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers following the performance.

Mothers, bring your daughters, and daughters, bring your own daughters, but please note that the play contains material that is NOT suitable for small children, so leave the youngsters at home if they aren't in school. Come early for **breakfast from 9:30 to 10:30 am and the performance will run from 10:30 to 11:30 am**. This fabulous and funny show has been made possible by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund and we suggest that a donation of \$10 per person will echo their generous underwriting and make other programs of this sort possible at the Library.

[Reservations are highly recommended.](#)



## ***The History of Jury Duty on September 24th***

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On **Wednesday, September 24th, from 10:30 to noon**, Shari DeLuca and Jammy Davies from the Jury Administration will present "The History of Jury Duty," an informative and highly

entertaining program. They will trace the history of jury duty from the Vikings through the Connecticut witch trials (you'll learn, for instance, that it wasn't Salem who hung the first witch) to today.

This engaging program will put the concept of jury duty in a whole new light for you - we promise! There is no charge for the program, but we ask that you [register in advance](#)



## **Happy Birthday, Johnny Appleseed!**

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In celebration of the birthday of [Johnny Appleseed](#) (actually John Chapman), Wilton Library will hold two very special sessions for kids to highlight his legacy. As many of you know, John Chapman (September 26, 1774 - February 18, 1845), was an American pioneer nurseryman who introduced apples to large parts of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. He became an American legend during his lifetime, largely because of his kind and generous ways and his great leadership in methods of

conservation.

On **Thursday, September 25th from 10am to 8 pm**, our Children's Library will hold **Drop-In Fall Crafts** and children of all ages are invited to stop by during Library hours to make some apple-themed crafts. No registration is necessary and there is no charge for the program.

Later that day, from **7 to 7:30 pm**, kids can **meet 'Johnny Appleseed'** and hear the story of how he traveled across America planting apple orchards along the way. This program is recommended for children who are 5 years old or above. There is no registration required and, thanks to the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund, there is no fee for this program.

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