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Hi!

Or should I say, "welcome back?" While the Library has been busier than ever for the past couple of months, I know that vacations and other summer pastimes have kept some of you away. In any case, I hereby invite you to come in and see what's new! Along with other organizations in town, we'll be participating in the "Celebrate Wilton" weekend later this month.

Be sure to stop by - you won't want to miss our annual **Children's Book Sale** (Friday & Saturday, the 11th & 12th) and **Wilton Library Discovery Day** (Saturday, the 12th). Details of both events are below, but suffice it to say that the Library will be humming with buying, lunching, and learning opportunities both days. The **Wilton Rotary Club** will have grilled hot dogs for sale on Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm,; we'll be giving away free copies of Ann Patchett's **Run** (this year's Wilton Reads! selection), thanks to **The Wilton Bank**; and there will be demonstrations, crafts for kids and teens, and bargains galore to whet your appetite for all your Library has to offer. See you soon!



Kathy Leeds, Executive Director
Wilton Library Association

***P.S. Save the date for our annual Ladies' Night Out
fun(d)raiser on Thursday evening, October 1st!***

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Spotlight On: Transparent Language Software Launch

After careful consideration, we have decided to cancel our downloadable audiobook service. The quality and ease of use of the service did not live up to our expectations. We want to spend our funds carefully and ensure that we receive the best quality services for our patrons.



In order to replace the most popular element of the downloadable audiobook service, we are proud to announce the arrival of new language-learning software, **Transparent Language**.

This software, conveniently loaded on a thumb drive, is a comprehensive and visual way to learn a language. Learn with virtual index cards, hear and read dialogue, and follow video conversations in your language of choice by just plugging the drive into your computer.

Languages offered include: Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Hebrew, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Swedish. Each individual language is available to check out for three weeks and can be found in the World Languages Collection section of the Library.

Three Fascinating Art Exhibits

Chinese Language School Art Exhibit

This wonderful art exhibition presented by the Chinese Language School in Greenwich, CT, will hang in our Children's Library during the month of September.



Artist's Opening Reception--Designing with the 26 Letters and 10 Numerals, by Lester Feldman

Sunday, September 13th, 11:30 am to 1 pm

Please join us as we welcome artist Lester Feldman who uses his 37 years as creative director at Doyle Dane Bernbach as a backdrop for his unique typography designs. According to the artist, the exhibition shows "a respect for the integrity of great letter design." This unique exhibit will run through Monday, September 28th.

Weir Farm Artist-in-Residence Exhibition/Reception: Shelley Fienerman

Thursday, September 17th, 6 to 7:30 pm

Shelley Fienerman will discuss and exhibit work



from her term as a Weir Farm Artist-in-Residence. She writes that her work "speaks to the endless possibilities of paint on canvas and a sensibility shaped by color and the mystery of making light in a painting. I am a representational artist who continues to sustain the traditions of still life and landscape painting." Shelley received her MFA from Brooklyn College. **Please register in advance** to attend the exhibit and reception. All are welcome. This program is co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by the Wilton Library.

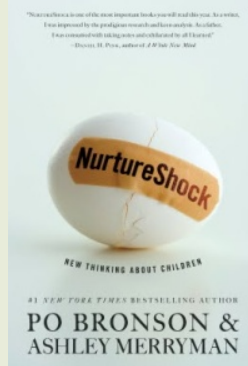


Three Amazing Author Talks

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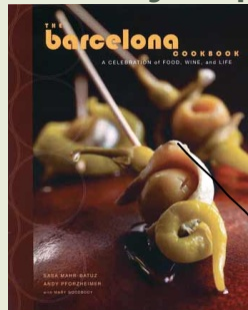
Tuesday, September 1st, noon to 1:30 pm



Award-winning science journalist Po Bronson will discuss modern society's strategies for nurturing children and how these strategies are backfiring. Kare Anderson, Emmy-winning former *Wall Street Journal* reporter, writes in her blog, *"From the real root cause of obesity to where the worst bullying really happens, this book is a wake-up call for parents and anyone involved with schools or children. I'm betting it will spark some excited - and heated conversations."* There will be time for questions and answers following Bronson's talk and books will be available for purchase and signing. **Please register in advance** to save a seat for this eye-opening program that is co-sponsored by the Wilton League of Women Voters and the Wilton Library.

Andy Pforzheimer: The Barcelona Cookbook

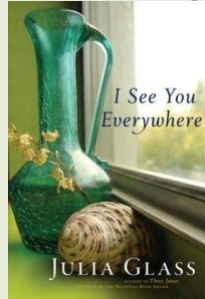
Thursday, September 10th, 7 to 8:30 pm



Local chef and restaurant developer, Andy Pforzheimer of the Barcelona Restaurant and Wine Bar group in South Norwalk and five other locations across the state, will bring his celebration of food and wine to a new cookbook, *The Barcelona Cookbook: A Celebration of Food, Wine, and Life*, capturing the cosmopolitan soul of the restaurant. Andy will talk about his life as a chef, working with top chefs in France, California and New York City, and the development of his new cookbook, undertaken with his partner Sasa Mahr-Batuz, a native of Argentina. Books will be available for purchase and signing following Andy's talk. **Please register in advance.**

Julia Glass - *I See You Everywhere*

Wednesday, September 16th, 7 - 8:30 pm



Julia Glass, author of the best-selling and National Book Award winning novel, *Three Junos*, will come to Wilton Library to discuss her new work of fiction, *I See You Everywhere*. The book is a tale of two sisters told in alternating voices over 25 years and deals with life and death, compassion, sorrow, and sisterhood. *The New York Times* reviewer Liesl Schillinger says, "In this novel, Glass has used the edges and color blocks of her own life to build an honest portrait of sister-love and sister-hate - interlocking, brave and forgiving - made whole through art, despite missing pieces in life." Julia will answer questions following her talk and books will be available for purchase and signing. **Please register in advance to reserve a seat.**

Fun For Families

Teddy Bear Picnic

Thursday, September 3rd, 11 to 11:30 am

Children ages 3 through 5 (accompanied by a parent or caregiver) are invited to join us for teddy-bearific stories, songs and crafts. Kids can bring a favorite Teddy Bear (or other stuffed animal) and juice and cookies will be served. **Advance**

registration is required for this popular program that has been made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers' Fund.



Grandparents' Day Brunch

Sunday, September 13th, noon to 1 pm

Grandparents and their grandchildren are invited to celebrate their special bond with us! They'll listen to stories, make a craft, share memories, then enjoy a special brunch. Our Grandparents' Day brunch is also made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers' Fund. Children and adults of all ages are welcome, but **registration is required** as space is limited.



A Visit to Ambler Farm

Wednesday, September 16th, 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to join Wilton Library in visits to Ambler Farm each month - September through December. Caregivers and children will meet us at Ambler Farm to enjoy theme-based stories



as well as a nature walk. Kids may check books out at the farm (we'll bring some along), so parents should bring Library cards. During the month of September the focus will be on seeds (**please register online**); October 14th will focus on leaves; the November 18th visit will be about flowers, and December 16th will center on fruits. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is required each month.

Family Game Night

Thursday, September 24th, 6 to 7 pm

Families are invited to the Library to play favorite board and card games in a fun, informal atmosphere. Games will be provided, including Clue, Monopoly Jr., Scrabble, Old Maid, Uno, and more. We'll have yummy snacks for participants, too!

What a great way to spend time with the family! Our Game Night program is open to children and adults of all ages, but children must be accompanied by a caregiver. No need to register - just come and have family fun! Family Game Night is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.



Tales to Tails

Saturday, September 26th, 11 am to noon

The Good Dog Foundation regularly brings therapy dogs to the Wilton Library so that children may read to them. The use of trained therapy dogs in reading programs can result in children who feel comfortable reading

out loud, read more often, attempt more difficult books, and actually look forward to reading. Kids must be able to read independently to benefit from this program. They may bring a book from home or choose one from the Library's collection.

Advance registration is required, as space is limited. A Library staff member will call to confirm your registration and assign a time slot.



Norwalk Symphony (Not) Just for Kids - Woodwinds

Saturday, September 26th, 2 to 3 pm

Children ages 3 through 10 and their families will get to experience hands-on participation with woodwind instruments, thanks to the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra. **Please register in advance to attend.**



Additional dates in this exciting series are:
November 14th - strings

March 13th - percussion
April 24th - brass

Wilton Farmers Market

Wednesdays from noon to 4 pm



Farm-fresh produce and fresh-baked breads and pies are just some of the offerings that are available to those who come to the new Wilton Farmers Market, in the back parking lot of the Library. The market will be open each Wednesday through the end of the month, from 12 to 4

pm.

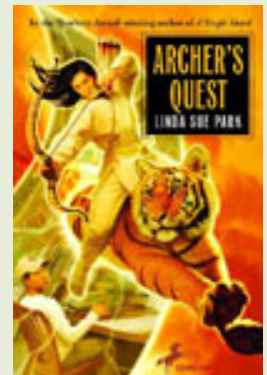
The Library and the Chamber of Commerce encourage everyone to come and purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables, free range eggs, homemade jams, herbs, and fresh cut flowers along with fresh bread and pies. Our vendors include Ambler Farm, Izzi B's Allergen Free Cupcakes, Killam & Bassette Farmstead, Michele's Pies, Ola Granola, Schulze Family Farm, Twombly Nursery, Veronica's Garden and Wave Hill Breads. Come check it out!

Book Discussions for Kids

**WINRs (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers) Circle
Saturday, September 5th, 3 to 3:45 pm**

Children are invited to enter the WINRs Circle, a book group that discusses the 2010 Nutmeg nominees for kids in grades 4 through 6.

Connecticut's Nutmeg Award encourages children to read literature as they choose their favorite book out of ten titles selected by a panel of state librarians. On the first Saturday of each month the WINRs Circle meets for fun, pizza donated by **Wilton Pizza**, and discussion.

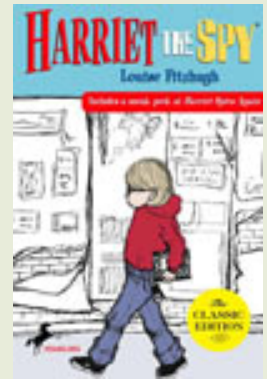


September's book discussion will be about *Archer's Quest*, by Linda Sue Park. The novel features Kevin, age twelve, who is startled when a prince from ancient Korea appears in his bedroom. The two try to figure out how the prince, Chu-mong, has slipped from his own time (around 30 B.C.) to Kevin's. Please **register in advance** to let us know you're coming. Our WINRs Circle is made possible by **HSBC Bank**.

Have Your Cake and Read It Too!

Thursday, September 17th, 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 are invited to come along. Children and their adults will read the book selection and then join the discussion. This month's book is ***Harriet the Spy***, by Louise Fitzhugh. Harriet isn't the world's best role model: she's nosy, she thinks a lot of unkind thoughts, and she's also sneaky, stubborn, and self-absorbed. But those negative qualities only serve to make her more real and, ultimately, lovable. **Please register in advance to attend.** Our Kids' Book Club is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.



Book and Literature Discussions for Adults

Wilton Library Readers

Wednesday, September 9th, noon to 1:30 pm



Professional book discussion leader Susan Boyar will discuss ***One Hundred Years of Solitude*** and ***Living to Tell the Tale***, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, winner of the 1982 Nobel Prize in Literature. Bring your lunch and we'll provide the beverages. The Wilton Library Readers meet the second Wednesday of each month September through May (except December). For a list of titles, visit our [WLA Readers](#) page. **Advance registration is**

suggested.

Senior Center Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 22nd, 11 am to noon



Judson Scruton will lead a discussion of ***The Complete Poems: 1927-1979*** by Elizabeth Bishop, Past Poet Laureate of the United States. The Senior Center Book Group is open to those of all ages and meets the 4th Tuesday of each month through May (except in December). Call the Senior Center for details and to register at 834-6240. The discussions take place at Wilton's Comstock Community Center (180 School Road).

Ben Van Vechten Seminar: Literary Potpourri

Thursday, September 24th and Friday, September 25th, 10:30 am to noon



Popular guest lecturer Ben Van Vechten will



return to the Wilton Library for a special 2-day seminar. The title of the session, *Literary Potpourri*, reflects his eclectic choice of works to discuss. The selections are available now at the Library's front desk. **Please register in**

advance (if you register for the first date, we'll assume you are coming to the second) and come in to pick up your packet to prepare for Ben's visit.

International Book Group: Literature of Other Lands Thursday, September 24th, 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. In September, guest speaker Deborah Symons will discuss **A Woman Unknown: Voices from a Spanish**

Life, by Lucia Graves. *The New Yorker* says, "Graves [daughter of poet Robert Graves] has given us a multifamily portrait as essential to the understanding of the reversals of present-day Spain." 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**.

JobNow Help is Here!

Wilton Library is pleased to bring you access to **JobNow**, the online resource for resume assistance, live job coaching, and links to other quality online resources.



JobNow provides templates for different types of resumes - you can create your resume, upload your file to their Resume Lab and JobNow experts will critique your resume and return a marked-up document to you. You can also have an online chat with a JobNow coach who will work with you to help you ace your upcoming interviews. There are tips about what you should do before the interview, during the interview, common interview questions and sample responses, a section on substantive questions, questions to ask the interviewer, the Don'ts of interviewing and what to do after the interview.

Visit the Library's homepage to get started (look for the JobNow paragraph) - all you have to do is create a username and password. If you access the service from home, you will

need your Wilton Library Card number to use the service. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mary Anne Mendola Franco, Head of Network Services at 203-762-3950, ext. 210.

Charles Grodin Talks About Wilton Intersections

On **Wednesday, September 9th, from 7 to 9 pm**, Charles



Grodin will lead a roundtable discussion with elected officials and those who've had experiences at dangerous intersections in Wilton. The conversation will center on how to keep drivers and pedestrians safe. All are welcome to come and weigh in on this issue that impacts our community!

Registration is highly recommended.

Celebrate Wilton Weekend ...at the Library

**Children's Book Sale Fundraiser
Friday, September 11th (1 to 6 pm) and Saturday,
September 12th (10 am to 5 pm)**

This annual sale includes a large selection of brand-new and gently-used picture books, chapter books, classics, series, videos and DVDs. Take advantage of great prices while giving back to our community!



Wilton Library Discovery Day Open House

Saturday, September 12th, 11 am to 2 pm

The community is invited to see what's new in products, services and the collection at Wilton Library.



Run, by Ann Patchett, the selection for the **Wilton Reads! 2009** community reading project, will be provided free to the first 150 visitors. **Wilton Reads! is sponsored by The Wilton Bank and The United Way of Coastal Fairfield County.**

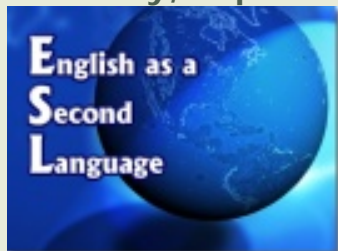
Stop by to get your book, see technology demonstrations, sign up for a Library card, take part in autumn crafts for kids and

teens, and have lunch, deliciously grilled by the Wilton Rotary Club! You can be sure there will be something for everyone at Discovery Day 2009.

ESL with Westport Continuing Education at Wilton Library

ESL (English as a Second Language) Class Placement Testing

Thursday, September 10th, 10 am to noon



Please come to take part in placement testing for the twice-weekly classes in English as a Second Language to be held on **Mondays and Wednesdays from September 14th to December 16th at the Wilton Library**. Placement testing will also be held on Thursday, September

3rd from 7 to 9 pm at Westport Continuing Education, Staples High School, 70 North Avenue, Westport. No registration is necessary for the placement testing, which is required for all ESL classes.

ESL (English as a Second Language) Class

Monday, September 14th through Wednesday, December 16th, 9:30 to 11:30 am

Twice-weekly classes in English as a Second Language will be taught at Wilton Library by Westport Continuing Education for Wilton residents and those in surrounding communities. Class size is limited and will be determined by placement testing.

Note that placement testing for the class is required and will be conducted as listed above.

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Do you Tweet? Would you like to try it? Follow Wilton Library on Twitter to get quick updates about programs and reviews of the latest books, CDs and DVDs delivered right to your desktop or cellphone!



It's fun and easy - just go to **Twitter's**

site and create your own account by clicking on the green "Sign up now" button and filling in your name, a user name, a password you create,, and your email address on the form that appears. Click on "find people," search for "Wilton Library," and click "follow" once you've found us. You'll get quick reminders of events, notification of new services, brief reviews

of new items you can check out, and more. Try it!

Wilton Reads!

Ann Patchett's *Run* is the 2009 Selection



We encourage all community members to join us this fall and winter as we come together to read, discuss and reflect upon *Run*, a moving work of fiction by acclaimed author Ann Patchett.

Ms. Patchett will visit Wilton Library on November 15th (Sunday), and you won't want to miss either her visit or the book discussions we've scheduled in October to precede it. Please visit our Wilton Reads! 2009 page for more information and to register early.

Songwriters' Circle Continues

Tuesday, September 15th, 11 am to 12:30 pm

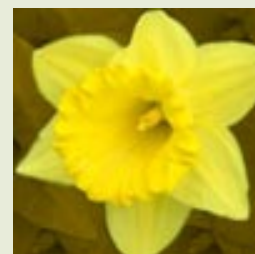
Join us for this monthly get-together for songwriters "in the round," followed by time for a brown bag lunch in the Brubeck Courtyard, weather permitting. Participants are encouraged to share work or work-in-progress, listen and meet writing partners. Please register in advance.



Don't Miss Our Daffodil Sale

Order Great Bulbs on September 22nd

Thanks to our Garden Gurus, Donna Ferries and Lydia Wallis, we'll have a selection of fabulous daffodils for sale at the Library just in time for fall planting. These robust bulbs will color your yard for years to come, so buy some to add a smile to your spring! Stop by on September 22nd to view the varieties available and place your order.



We'll have 'Flower Record', 'Ice Follies', 'Tahiti' and 'Sundisc' for sale. Bulbs will be sold in quantities of 20 for a price of \$15 (except Sundisc which is priced at \$10 for 20 bulbs). All sales will benefit the Wilton Library gardens and a range of future pick-up dates will be announced.

Fall Story Times Begin

Please note that our story times will continue into October (the fall sessions end October 28th).



Literary Littles

Mondays, 2 to 2:45 pm

Tuesdays, 2 to 2:45 pm

These story times are intended for independent listeners 4 through 6 years of age. The sessions will provide children with experiences that enrich and encourage early literacy. Please register below for sessions in September:

Monday: September 21st (there is no storytime scheduled for the 28th because of the holiday)

Tuesdays: September 22nd & September 29th

Wonderful Ones and Twos

Tuesdays, 10:15 to 10:45 am

Wednesdays, 10:15 to 10:45 am

These programs are sharing times for 1 and 2 year olds and their caregivers, with an emphasis on books and some songs and puzzles. Please register below for sessions in September:

Tuesdays: September 22nd & September 29th

Wednesdays: September 23rd & September 30th

Look, Listen and Learn

Tuesdays, 11 to 11:30 am

Wednesdays, 11 to 11:30 am

These sessions are intended for 3 and 4 year olds with a parent or caregiver. By interacting with stories, singing songs and acting out finger plays and rhymes, children gain pre-reading skills and learn how to participate in a group setting. Please register below for sessions in September:

Tuesdays: September 22nd & September 29th

Wednesdays: September 23rd & September 30th

Hands-On Computer Classes

Computer guru and Head of Network Services at Wilton Library, Mary Anne Franco, will teach three free classes in basic Word 2007 this month. The new version is dramatically different from earlier versions, and Mary Anne will show participants how to create and format a basic document using the software's new features.



Basic computer skills, including mouse proficiency, are required. Class size is limited to ten students and advance registration is required. To ensure the best learning experience for all, students are asked to arrive on time; no one will be permitted to enter the classroom 10 minutes after start of the class. Please register below for one of the three sessions:

Tuesday, September 22nd, 6:30 to 8 pm

Thursday, September 24th, 12:30 to 2 pm

Tuesday, September 29th, 6:30 to 8 pm

Thursday, October 1st, 12:30 to 2 pm

Healthy Video Gaming:

Helping Children Maintain a Healthy Gaming Hobby



Child and adolescent psychologist Eric Schleifer has studied the long- and short-time effects of video games on children. On **Wednesday, September 23rd, from 11:30 to 1 pm**, he will provide strategies for parents to manage their children's video game use as well as offer new ways for parents to think about how some video games can have beneficial effects. Dr. Schleifer received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Gordon F. Derner Center for Psychoanalytic Studies at Adelphi University.

This important program is co-sponsored by Wilton Parent Connection, Wilton PTA Council, Wilton Youth Council, and Wilton Library. **Registration is strongly suggested.**

Newcomers Activities Fair

Thursday, September 24th, 8:30 am to 1 pm

Are you new to Wilton? Would you like to meet other new residents and find out more about town? The Newcomers Activities Fair is a great place to start! It's open to new and prospective members of the Wilton Newcomers Club to see what the club and Wilton Library have to offer new residents. There is no need to register - just come to the Brubeck Room at the Library. The Newcomers Fair is co-sponsored by the Wilton Newcomers Club and Wilton Library.



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