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Hello!

The holiday season is upon us and gift buying, making, giving and receiving reaches a crescendo these next few weeks. As I write this note on "Black Friday," I am assaulted by emails, TV, magazine, radio, and newspaper ads about sales on *everything* you can imagine buying for *everyone* you can imagine knowing. The exhilaration of shopping for the perfect gift is almost as heady as the delight in receiving one - and perhaps more so. Your exhilaration need not be tempered by tough times or even by the onslaught of advertising, for the most meaningful presents are often only expensive in terms of your time and caring. They most likely won't even require a trip to the mall.

My suggestions (admittedly prejudiced):

- **Give your children the gift of reading.** Let them see you reading, let them enjoy your storytelling, let them hear you talking about what you've read. They'll build more than vocabulary and a love of literature - and they'll thank you for years to come.
- **Give your friends the gift of a book** you've read, or even a just a list of "must reads" with your personal 3- or 4-sentence annotation. Sharing your recommendations and then discussing them will bring you the reward of deeper understanding and appreciation.
- **Give yourself time to savor** that latest best-seller or classic novel - it will give you new perspectives in return.

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director
Wilton Library Association

Holiday Happenings at the Library

Wilton Library's Holiday Book Sale
December 1st through December 23rd

The Library's holiday book sale in the gallery is a seasonal delight. Bargains can be found and most of the items are in new or like-new condition, just right for holiday gift-giving. Items include books, unopened CDs and DVDs, and children's books. As items are sold, new ones appear daily, thanks to the hard-working book sale volunteers, who seem to have an un-ending supply of tantalizing offerings. All sales support the Library. Our holiday book sale is open during regular library hours through December 23rd.



Wilton Holiday Walk

Friday, December 3rd, 5 to 7 pm

Wilton Library will take part in the annual Wilton Chamber of Commerce Holiday Walk and provide free refreshments, a warm, inviting fire in the fireplace and shelter from a cold, winter night. Make us one of your stops as you stroll through Wilton Center!



Candlelight Concert at the Wilton Congregational Church: The Waverly Consort

Sunday, December 5th, 4 to 6 pm

In the timeless spirit and pageantry of the medieval church dramas and mystery plays, eight singers and five instrumentalists recount the events of Christmas. An uplifting and moving celebration of ritual drama and song. All performances are on Sunday afternoons at the Wilton Congregational Church located at 70 Ridgefield Road, Wilton. A portion of the proceeds benefits Wilton Library. For ticket information call 203-762-3401 or visit the [Candlelight Concerts website](#).



Wilton Library's Annual Friends Holiday Party

Sunday, December 5th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Wilton Library Association trustees host this annual holiday get-together. Please join us for a lovely annual event replete with music and refreshments prepared for our supporters by members of the Board of Trustees. All are welcome. **RSVP by calling 203-762-3950, ext. 216.**



Day Trip to the New York Botanical Garden:

Holiday Train Show

Thursday, December 9th, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

New York Botanical Garden's Holiday Train Show is a winter tradition not to be missed! Wrapped in the glow of twinkling lights, model trains and trolleys enliven the exhibition zipping over bridges and along winding tracks through replicas of 140 New York landmarks. Lunch is on your own (there are two eateries at the Botanical Gardens and Arthur Avenue is close by). Cost of trip - \$55. Bus leaves promptly at 9:30 am and will return to the Library by approximately 4:30 pm. **Payment of \$55 with registration must be made by Friday, December 3rd to reserve a seat.** Refunds will be provided only if your space is filled. Our day trips are co-



sponsored by Wilton Library and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. **To register, please call 203-762-3950 x234 or stop by the Circulation Desk at the Library.**

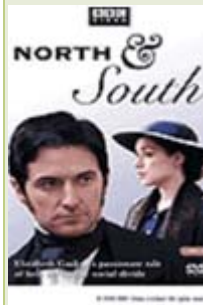
**"Sip & Support" Wine Tasting Fundraiser for Wilton Library
Ancona's Wines in Wilton
Saturday, December 18th, 2 to 7 pm**



In a continuing effort to give back to our community, Ancona's Wines & Liquors will host a holiday tasting for Wilton Library in which 100% of all profits of the sales of the selected wines offered for the tastings will be donated to the Library. Stop by and you'll be just in time for holiday gift buying and dining. As an added treat, Dr. Michael Crystal will be present for several of the hours to chat with and inform tasters about the wines. Ancona's is located in the Stop & Shop shopping center at 5 River Road in Wilton. We are so grateful to our new neighbors and urge you to drop by, taste, and buy!

Read the Book, See the Movie:

North and South, by Elisabeth Gaskell



Bill Ziegler will lead a discussion of Elizabeth Gaskell's *North and South* on December 3rd, from 10:30 am to noon. A revolutionary social and political commentary, *North and South* solidified Gaskell's place in the company of Victorian England's finest novelists. Copies of the book will be available in the Book Club book area for advance reading. The following two Fridays, the approximately 3-hour film of the same name will be shown in two parts in the Brubeck Room

from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, with a brief Q&A following the film. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch; the Library will provide coffee, tea, water and chips. There is no charge for this program.

Please register in advance:

Book Discussion	<u>December 3rd, 10:30 am to noon</u>
Film Part I	<u>December 10th, 10:30 am to 1 pm</u>
Film Part II	<u>December 17th, 10:30 am to 1 pm</u>

The Message is the Medium:

New Ways to Connect with Customers

Optimizing Search Engines

**with Judi Virgulak & Jessica Trichilo
Tuesday, December 7th, 8 to 9:30 am**

Our "Message is the Medium" series is sponsored by the Wilton Chamber of Commerce and Wilton Library. In this final program of the series, JumarMarketing, LLC founder and president, Judi Virgulak and senior manager, Jessica Trichilo will present a workshop geared toward business



owners with solid information on how to boost your marketing and build your business. Online marketing strategies, including Search Engine Optimization, Search Engine Marketing and Social Media Marketing will be highlighted.

A fee of \$10 will be collected at the door, but **please let us know you are coming by registering in advance.**

iPad? Kindle? Nook? Oh my!

Tuesday, December 7th, 11 am to 12:30 pm



Wilton Library's Executive Director, Kathy Leeds, and Head of Network Services, Mary Anne Franco, will discuss and demonstrate the iPad, Kindle, and Nook. Learn about the pros and cons of the various devices, along with their costs, just in time for holiday purchases. **Advance registration is strongly suggested.**

Author Talks in December

**Author Lori Sandler: *The Divvies Bakery Cookbook*
Tuesday, December 7th, 7 to 8:30 pm**

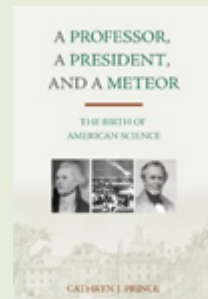
Meet Lori Sandler, the Mom behind Divvies, who is treating the world to her kid-tested secrets, recipes and tips for making sweets without milk, eggs, and nuts (some are gluten-free, too!), just simply delicious; and making eating her treats a shared, fun experience with her new cookbook, ***The Divvies Bakery Cookbook: No Nuts. No Eggs. No Dairy. Just Delicious!*** Samples will be available. We'll have books for purchase and signing from Elm Street Books. Book sales will benefit both Elm Street Books and Wilton Library. **Please register in advance.**



**Area Author Affair: Cathryn J. Prince
*A Professor, a President, and a Meteor: The Birth of American Science***

Monday, December 13th, 6 to 7 pm

In ***A Professor, a President, and a Meteor*** and based on a wealth of original source documents and interviews with current experts in history, astronomy, and geology, journalist Cathryn J. Prince tells the remarkable story of Benjamin Silliman, arguably America's first bonafide scientist, who discovered a meteor in 1807 and seemingly changed the world perspective on American science. Cathryn J. Prince (Weston, CT) is the author of *Burn the Town and Sack the Banks: Confederates Attack Vermont!* and *Shot from the Sky: American POWs in Switzerland*. She is an adjunct professor of journalism at Quinnipiac University, a reporter for *Wilton Patch*, and a freelance reporter for the *Christian Science Monitor* and *Weston Magazine*. Books will be available for purchase and signing to benefit the Wilton Library. Refreshments served. There is no charge for this program, but we ask that you **register in advance.**



Art Exhibit Reception for Artisan House

A Retrospective: Four Decades of Artistry

Friday, December 10th, 6 to 7:30 pm



This unique exhibition will trace the development of the C. Jeré line - beginning with representational sculptures from the 1970's to 2010's contemporary designs. The exhibit features sculpture made with various metals including steel, brass, copper,

bronze and aluminum. Sculptures will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Library. The Artisan House exhibit runs through December 30th. Our reception is open to the public and no registration is necessary. Refreshments will be served.

Value Line Online

A new Library resource for investors

Wilton Library is pleased to bring you the online version of Value Line! Value Line is a multidimensional investment management tool that helps both new and experienced investors to make decisions. It provides a wealth of in-depth financial information, objective research, insightful commentary, price projections, and advanced analytical tools. [Our online version is available to Wilton residents with current Wilton Library cards -- if you are a Wilton resident in need of a card, stop by the Library.]



· [Click here](#) to use Value Line if you are in the library. If you are using your own laptop in the Library, do not use this link.

· [Click here](#) to use Value Line if you are not in the library (e.g., you are at home). Use this link if you are using your own laptop in the Library.

If you have any questions about this new service, please contact Mary Anne Franco, Head of Network Services, at 203-762-3950, x210.

New Perspectives Documentary Film

The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls

Tuesday, December 14th, 7 to 9 pm



The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls is the first time that the extraordinary personal story of the Kiwi entertainment double act, Jools and Lynda Topp, has been told. The film offers a revealing look into the lives of the world's only comedic, country singing, dancing, and yodeling lesbian twin sisters. Celebrating their half century this year, the Topp Twins have attained a unique status within New Zealand culture, and their fans

range from hard-core political activists to sheep farmers and "Ladies who Lunch." Their ability to relate to all kinds of people, and their natural gift for humor, has helped them cross from the fringes to the mainstream.

There is no charge for admission, but donations are always welcome. **Registration is strongly recommended.** Local documentary director and producer Megan Smith-Harris will host the Q&A following the film.

Board of Finance Mill Rate Meetings Wilton Library Brubeck Room

Thursday, December 9th at 10:30 am

Thursday, December 16th at 7:30 pm

As the Town budget season begins, the Board of Finance invites you to an informational meeting at which members of the Board will present an overview of how the Town's Mill Rate is developed and discuss the Board of Finance's preliminary Three Year Forecast of Mill Rates.



The Board will welcome your questions and comments. Please attend one of the December information sessions and help shape the Town's priorities! No registration is necessary.

Thanks & A Request

Last month, I received an email from **Pat Bam** shortly after the newsletter went out, offering to fulfill my wish of funds to purchase a Nook (the Barnes & Noble e-reader) so that we could let folks try it by checking it out at the Library. The Nook is ready for action, so please give it a test run by **reserving it today**. Thank you, Pat!



From the day we offered to loan our first Kindle (from Amazon, and again to give people a chance to try before buying), the lists of those waiting in line to check it out have been long. We added a second Kindle some months ago and now would like to add a third - particularly because of the lower price and new features of the Kindle 3. The demand is remarkable and we are proud to be able to provide the "try out" service thanks to the generosity of donors.

Please consider if you'd be willing to help us buy the **Kindle 3** at a cost of \$189 that includes the handheld device and its case. **Call me (203-762-3950, ext. 215) or email me if you can, and give our community a lovely holiday present...one that will delight over and over again.**

Getting Real About Retirement

Behavioral Finance: The Science of Fear & Greed
Thursday, December 16th, 7-8:30 pm

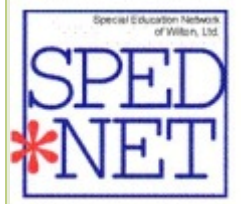
Why do investors get it wrong? How do your emotions affect your investments? How emotionally are you tied to your money? Mimi O'Leary, Vice President for ING Funds, will answer these questions and explore the theme of Behavioral Finance in this last seminar in a series organized by Steve Sherman, Vice President/Portfolio Manager, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney,



Westport, CT. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. This retirement seminar is sponsored by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, ING, and Wilton Library. **Please register in advance.**

SPED*NET at the Library

**A yearlong series hosted by Michael Weiss, Ph.D.
Developing a "Behavior Support Plan"**



Monday, December 20th, 10 am to 12:30 pm

This month, Dr. Weiss will discuss the formal construction of behavioral strategies that can be useful in supporting a behaviorally challenged child, along with proactive strategies that influence behavior.

Participants will leave with tailored lists of information relevant to using behavioral techniques with their child, such as 'interest inventories,' reinforcement strategies and forms of time-out strategies that may be influential with your child. Many of these strategies will flow from the development of a 'Functional Developmental Analysis (FDA)' discussed in the October 25th session. All are welcome!

Participants will leave with tailored lists of information relevant to using behavioral

Coffee and tea will be served. Registration is highly recommended. To register, please call Wilton Library at 203-762-3950, ext. 234, **register online**, call SPED*NET Wilton at 203-563-9994, or **e-mail your RSVP** to SPED*NET.

TEENS

Holiday Crafts for Teens

Tuesday, December 14th, 4 to 5:30 pm

Join artist Katie Stevenson and learn to make beaded ornaments -- snowflakes, stars, wreaths and candy canes -- while listening to holiday tunes. This program is intended for teens in grades 7-12.

Registration is required. Please note that space is limited. There is no charge, thanks to sponsorship by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.



KIDS

December Fun for Kids

Lego® Club

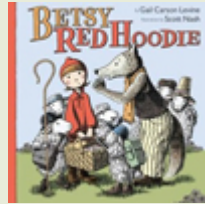
Wednesday, December 1st & 15th, 4 to 5 pm

Kids in grades 3 and up are invited to join this bi-weekly club. Each session will be based on a new theme such as castles, vehicles, towers and more. Children will learn about the theme through stories and non-fiction books and then create a Lego masterpiece from the library's Lego collection. Advance registration is required, but there is no fee. **Please sign up for December 1st and 15th.** Our Lego Club is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.



**Children's Author Gail Carson Levine
Saturday, December 4th, 2 to 3 pm**

Children of all ages are invited to meet Newbery Honor winning author Gail Carson Levine. Ms. Levine will be talking about her latest picture book, *Betsy Red Hoodie*, and will also be available for autographs afterward. Book sales will be provided by Elm Street Books of New Canaan and benefit both the library and Elm Street Books. Don't forget your cameras!



Registration is required, but there is no fee for the program. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver. Sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Drop-in Story Times for 1s and 2s

Tuesdays, December 7th, 14th & 21st, 10:15 to 10:45 am

This program is a sharing time for toddlers and their caregivers. The finger plays, songs, books and activities are selected to introduce children to the library and to story times. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration is necessary - just stop by!

Drop-in Story Times for 3s and 4s

Tuesdays, December 7th, 14th & 21st, 11 to 11:30 am

For 3 and 4 year olds with a caregiver. By interacting with stories, singing songs and acting out finger plays and rhymes, children in this program gain pre-reading skills and learn how to participate in a group setting. No need to register!

Drop-in Story Times for 4s - 6s

Tuesdays, December 7th, 14th & 21st, 2:15 to 3 pm

For independent listeners 4-6 years old. This is a story time that provides children with experiences that enrich early literacy. Children will hear stories, watch short films, sing songs, and do a craft. No registration is necessary - just drop in!

Drop-in Story Times for 2s and 3s

Wednesdays, December 8th, 15th & 22nd, 11 to 11:30 am

Join the Children's Library staff for our 2 and 3 year old story time. Children and their caregivers will sing songs, listen to stories, and enjoy playtime together while building literacy and social skills. No registration is necessary.

Fancy Nancy Author Jane O'Connor Visits

Saturday, December 11th, 11 to 11:45 am

Children and parents are invited to a special presentation with popular children's author Jane O'Connor. Ms. O'Connor will share her latest book, *Fancy Nancy and the Fabulous Fashion Boutique*, as well as answer questions from the audience and sign books. Make sure you bring your cameras! Copies of Jane O'Connor's books will be provided by Elm Street Books of New Canaan and will be available for purchase and signing following the presentation. Book sales benefit both the library and Elm Street Books of New Canaan.

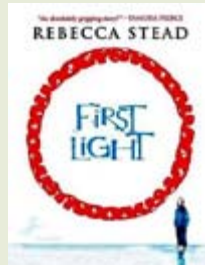


Registration is required as space is limited, no fee. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver. This event is co-sponsored by Wilton Library and Elm Street Books.

WINRs Circle (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers)

Saturday, December 11th, 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. December's book is



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