

Library Lines

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Magic happens

Kids in grades 4 – 6 who have been part of the WINRs Circle book group come together for a celebration on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 3 – 4 p.m. The kids who have been reading the Nutmeg Award-nominated books will enjoy pizza donated by Wilton Pizza, have fun activities, and debate the merits of and vote for their favorite nominees. Following the party, magician Scott Jameson will entertain the WINRs Circle kids, along with any and all kids in grades 3 – 6, from 4 – 4:45. The programs are sponsored by HSBC Bank. Both programs are free of charge and advanced registration is required for both. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

Adult jazz

Some adult magic happens this weekend when Quartet San Francisco takes the stage for the *Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck* on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. The Grammy Award-nominated group performs from its repertoire -- jazz to tango, pop to funk, blues to bluegrass, gypsy swing to the big band sounds. The group comprised of Jeremy Cohen, violinist, Michelle Djokic, cellist, Keith Lawrence, violist and Alisa Rose, violinist recently received two Grammy nominations for its Brubeck-inspired CD, *QSF Plays Brubeck*. A reception follows the concert. The Hot & Cool performances are funded by the William and Karen Tell Foundation with special thanks to Ed and Catherine Romer; and Tish and Chris Brubeck. The suggested donation is \$10 per person. Pre-registered attendees must arrive by 6:50 p.m. to be guaranteed seating; waitlisted and walk-in registrations will be seated after 6:50 if space is available. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

Capturing time

In the winter of 2009, Wilton High School seniors collaborated on a project for their AP Photography class in which they captured photographic images of some of Wilton's senior citizens. Coupled with a writing segment from their Journalism and Creative Writing class, the students' end results will be on display in an opening reception for "Writes of Passage" on Sunday, Jan. 10, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The exhibition will remain in the library through Jan. 28. The reception is open to the public.

Digital photo seminar

For those people who might be inspired by the art exhibition, or for those who just want to know what to do with their digital photos from their new cameras, Michael Franco has the answers. On Sunday, Jan. 10, from 2 – 3:30 p.m., Michael returns to the library for *Got Pix, Now What?* Michael explains how to download photos to computers; how to organize, print or e-mail them; and how to generally have fun with them. The class is demonstration-style. There is no charge; registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

Computer classes begin

Mary Anne Franco takes people through *Basic Word 2007* on Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. with a repeat session on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 12:30 – 2 p.m. The classes are free; advance registration is required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

Wilton Library Readers convene

The *Wilton Library Readers* book group meets on Wednesday, Jan. 13, from noon to 1:30 p.m. to discuss Meir Shalev's book, *A Pigeon and a Boy*. Popular discussion leader Susan Boyar moderates the group. Attendees are reminded to bring lunch. Registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

Writing workshop

A two-hour workshop, *Write Yourself Free with The Editing Company*, takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. The seminar is designed for published writers and those who feel they want to write, but feel they do not have the right tools. The workshop is presented by Susan Bedsow Horgan and Patrick McCord. There is no charge. Registration is recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

Short stories seminar

Bill Ziegler begins his *Aspects of the Short Story* seminar on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 10:30 to noon. The five-part series runs on consecutive Thursdays through Feb. 11. Participants read and discuss a variety of short stories that illustrate the characteristics of the genre and provide a basis for critical evaluation. The stories are now available at the circulation desk. There is no charge; registration is required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

Bill of Rights series in January

A 3-part scholarly speaker series, *America's Parthenon: The Bill of Rights* takes place in January presented by the library and the Wilton Historical Society. On Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m., Akhil Reed Amar presents *Overturing Conventional Wisdom* at the library. The Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University addresses both the organizational structure of government and individual rights addressed within the Bill of Rights. A Q&A session with reception follows. There is no charge to attend, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Reservations are highly recommended. Part II: Tuesday, Jan. 26 *The First Amendment with Professor Jed Rubenfeld*, 7 – 8:30 p.m.; Part III Sunday, Jan. 31 William E. Nelson, *Does the 14th Amendment Apply the Bill of Rights to the States?*, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Road. The series is sponsored by The Wilton Bank. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.
