

Library Lines

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German travels

Children in grades 1 – 5 hear stories and share customs with Wilton neighbors from different lands in the *International Folklore and Fantasy* program on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 2 to 3 p.m. Children will interact with guest speakers Marie Kappen and Hannah Ziegler who will share stories about their native country Germany. There is no charge for the program; registration is required. The series is sponsored by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund. Additional dates are March 6 and 20; April 20 and 24; and a rescheduling of the Feb. 6 program which now will take place on May 1. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

Seniors talk books

The *Senior Center Book Discussion* will be led by David Ostergren on Tuesday, Feb. 23, starting at 11 a.m. The group will discuss *The Defining Moment: FDR's Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope* by Jonathan Alter. According to Washington Post columnist Alonzo L. Hamby, "Most Americans believe Roosevelt was a great man and a great president. Alter shows us that in the end magnificent rhetoric and action do not always bring concrete results." To register for the program, call the Senior Center, Comstock Community Center at 203-834-6230.

Mystic readings

Author Jane Stern returns to the library for an eye-opening session of *Tarot Card Reading* on Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ms. Stern explores her more than 40-year fascination with the cards in this lively presentation. There is no charge for the program. Advance registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950, ext. 213.

Child's play

Joan Almon, executive director of the U.S. Alliance for Childhood screens a one-hour documentary entitled *Where Do the Children Play?* on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. The film which was made for Public Television examines how "patterns of sprawl, congestion and endless suburban development across America are impacting children's mental and physical health and development." Ms Almon, former co-chair of the Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America, will answer questions after the film. The program is sponsored by Apple Blossom School and Family Center of Wilton, Clover Hill School and the library. There is no charge. Advance registration is encouraged. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950, ext. 213.

Retirement talk

Author Julie Jason, well-known local financial expert, discusses her latest book, *The AARP Retirement Survival Guide: How to Make Smart Financial Decisions in Good Times and in Bad*, from 10:30 to noon on Thursday, Feb. 25 in another *Author Talk* session. Ms. Jason began her career as a securities lawyer thirty years ago and is currently with Jackson, Grant Advisers of Stamford. Her award-winning weekly column, published in the Sunday business sections of the Stamford Advocate and the Greenwich Time, is in its tenth year of publication. The column has been recognized by the IRS for “accurate, timely, informative, and helpful tax information,” and by the Connecticut Society of Journalists and Authors for excellence in journalism. There is no charge for the program. Advance registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950, ext. 213.

Weir Farm artist's reception

The *Weir Farm Artist in Residence* program features a reception with Kazaan Viveiros on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Her current work focuses on the natural world, incorporating images of landscapes, animals, and plants. Having become increasingly interested in the natural sciences, she is concerned with environmental changes, various species of plants and animals, and the balance of elements within ecosystems. Kazaan earned a BA from the University of Virginia in 1991 and an MFA from the San Francisco Art Institute in 1994. She has exhibited her work in solo and group exhibitions throughout the U.S. and in Europe. Co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by Wilton Library. There is no charge for the reception. Registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950, ext. 213.

Kids' book group

The *Have Your Cake and Read It, Too!* child/adult book discussion takes place on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This month's selection is *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman. Children and their adult caregivers chat about the book and snack on desserts during these monthly sessions. The program is free and made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950, ext. 217.

Please note: Due to a snowstorm on Feb. 10, *Wilton Library Readers* book discussion with Susan Boyar has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Feb. 24. The Feb. 11 *Short Stories with Bill Ziegler* seminar has been rescheduled to Thursday, Feb. 25. See the website for details or follow the library on twitter.com/wiltonlibrary.