

Library Lines

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Spanish Story Times

Children ages 5 – 10 can learn about Spain with Wilton High School Spanish Honors Society students on three Saturdays mornings in March. *Spanish Story Times* begin this Saturday, and continue on March 13 and 20, from 11 – 11:45. Children will hear stories, sing songs, view short videos and play games all revolving around Spanish culture. Caretakers must remain in the building. Registration is required. There is no fee. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

England Explored

Also on Saturday, children in grades one through five will “visit” England in the *International Folklore and Fantasy* program, from 2 to 3 p.m. Wilton resident and English native Emma Sutherland will be the guest speaker who will explore her country in stories, customs and in art, sharing the creativity of the people of England. Children under twelve must have caretakers remain in the building. The program is sponsored by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund and is free of charge. Registration is required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217. Additional *International Folklore and Fantasy* programs take place on March 20, April 10, 24 and May 1.

Cool jazz concert

Jazz pianist, composer and bandleader Taylor Eigsti returns to the Wilton Library with two friends for a night of *Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room* on Saturday, March 6, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Joining Taylor will be Becca Stevens on vocals and Harish Raghavan on bass. The trio will be performing songs from Taylor’s critically acclaimed CD, “Let It Come to You,” along with selections from his soon-to-be released album. An informal reception follows the concert. The suggested donation for the evening is \$10 per person. The *Hot & Cool* jazz series is funded by the William and Karen Tell Foundation, with special thanks to Catherine and Ed Romer, and Tish and Chris Brubeck. Advance registration is strongly recommended due to the popularity of this talented young musician. Pre-registrants must arrive by 7:20 p.m. to be guaranteed seating. Waitlisted and walk-ins will be seated after 7:20 and if room is available. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Art reception

Yenoin Guibbory has his opening reception for his art exhibition, "Wall Painting Maquettes," on Sunday, March 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. His paintings are representations of wall murals in modernist architecture style. The majority of his twenty-five works are available for purchase with proceeds benefiting the library. The art exhibition runs through Sunday, March 28.

Smart but scattered

Peg Dawson, Ed.D., with the Center for Learning and Attention Disorders, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, addresses parents in *Smart But Scattered: Improving Executive Function Skills for Students with Learning Disabilities and AD/HD* on Monday, March 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dr. Dawson will discuss practical strategies for developing and improving skills necessary for goal-directed and problem-solving behaviors. As a scientist studying child development, Dr. Dawson's research has found that youngsters who are 'smart but scattered' lack or lag behind in executive skills, which are crucial in tasks like getting organized, staying focused and controlling emotions. Attendees will learn what executive function skills are, how they matter, and how parents and teachers can help kids who are struggling become independent academic and social problem solvers. Dr. Dawson is past president of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), recipient of NASP's 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award, and co-author of *Smart But Scattered: The Revolutionary 'Executive Skills' Approach to Helping Kids Reach Their Potential* (2009). A Q&A follows the talk. There is no charge. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For additional information, please contact 203-563-9994 or info@spednetwilton.org. Registration is highly recommended. Sponsored by SPED*NET and the Wilton Library. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Bible study

Julie Faith Parker, Ph.D, who presented last year's *Genius of Genesis* series at the library, returns with a 3-part series, *Passions of the Prophets*, on March 9, 16 and 23, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Dr. Parker takes a closer look at the men and women whom the Hebrew Bible casts in prophetic roles and explores how it relates to today's world. The March 9 session is entitled *Marvels and Miracles*; March 16 *Wondrous Women*; March 23 *Judgment and Justice*. Julie Faith Parker is on the faculty of Yale University, and received her Ph.D in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible from the institution. She has authored four books and numerous articles. The program is presented by the Wilton Clergy Association and the library. There is no charge. Advance registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Uncertain market

Ruth Collier of American Funds leads a seminar in *Investing in an Uncertain Market*, Thursday, March 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. She will focus on four primary areas: setting realistic expectations; specific investment strategies; customizing your portfolio; and the value of long-term investing. Hosting this informative evening is Wiltonian Steve Sherman, Vice President, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. No charge. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Please check the website for the recurring sessions this week: Hands-on Computer Classes: Basic Excel, Wilton Library Readers, Visit to Ambler Farm, Shakespeare and the Uses of Imagination.