

Library Lines

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All things magical

The library's spring gala, *Moonlight Magic*, is this Saturday, May 15, beginning at 6 p.m. The evening promises to be truly magical, with Bill Herz a master class illusionist who doubles as the auctioneer, wonderful food prepared by Bon Appetit Café and Catering, and enchanting music by Airborne Jazz. Along with the great food, fun and friends, the gala features a silent auction, a Top Hat auction where winning is as easy as pulling a ticket out of a hat, and a live auction. Attendees may favor a trip to the Augusta Masters for four, a "Top Gun"-style flight class, a vacation stay on the Vineyard or a tour of the Today Show. Some of the silent auction items feature a "Buy It Now" option. Whether or not participants are attending, they may check out silent auction items at www.wiltonlibrary.org/giving/gala. If an item has the option, call Anne Rowlands at 203-762-3950 ext. 216 to buy the item outright. First caller gets it; no e-mails, please. The gala is one of the library's most important fundraisers. Proceeds from this magical evening will allow the library to continue providing visitors with the broadest possible spectrum of programs, collections, services, and technology – all delivered in a warm, welcoming environment. Tickets are \$175 per person or \$150 per person for seniors. For reservations, call Anne Rowlands at 203-762-3950 ext. 216, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or stop by the front desk.

Author affair

The library welcomes Wilton resident Lyla Ward to an *Area Author Affair* on Monday, May 17, from 6 to 7 p.m. The reception provides an opportunity for people to mix and mingle and muse with the author of *How to Succeed at Aging Without Really Dying*. The book is a "wry, witty and wise collection of essays about living in a world of bubble packs you can't open, electronics you can't turn on, the shame of not being poll-worthy, expiration dates you can only hope don't apply to you, and the difficulties of staying on the planet when it's spinning out of control." The author will be signing books that will be available for purchase. There is no charge. Registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Electrifying program for kids

Children in grades 3 to 5 will get a real charge from *It's Electric*, a program presented by the Connecticut Science Center on Tuesday, May 18, from 4 to 4:45 p.m. The kids will have a chance to explore electricity through the use of machines such as Jacob's Ladder, the type that causes the hum and pop of electricity in science fiction or scary movies. Caregivers must remain in the building during the program. Registration is required; there is no fee. The program is made possible by the Dibner Family Science Fund. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

Katrina documentary screened

The *New Perspectives Documentary Film* series showcases ***Trouble the Water*** on Tuesday, May 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The film, nominated for an Academy Award for best feature documentary, takes the viewer inside Hurricane Katrina from the human perspective. According to the producers, "It's a redemptive tale of two self-described street hustlers who become heroes - two unforgettable people who survive the storm and then seize a chance for a new beginning. Directors Tia Lessin and Carl Deal tell a story of remarkable people surviving not only failed levees, bungling bureaucrats and armed soldiers, but also their own past." Director Carl Deal will be the guest speaker for the Q&A following the film, which was a winner of the Grand Jury Prize for Best Documentary 2008 at the Sundance Film Festival. There is no charge. Registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

College process for learning disabilities

Parents will learn that their children with learning disabilities can make it through the college application process with successful results, in *Navigating the College Application Process for Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities* on Wednesday, May 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. Educational consultant Marcia Rubinstien, MA, CEP, nationally recognized for her expertise in college advising and her work with students with learning challenges, will discuss when to start preparing for the college application process, the various levels of support available at a wide range of colleges and how to handle the disclosure of a student's learning issues. A panel discussion, including two parents who have been through the process, will follow. Ms. Rubinstien is the former Chair of the Committee on Learning Disabilities of the Independent Educational Consultants Association, a Contributing Editor to the *Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities* newsletter, and an author. For additional information, please contact (203) 563-9994 or info@spednetwilton.org. There is no charge for the program sponsored by SPED*NET Wilton, the Wilton Library and Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities (www.SmartKidswithLD.org). Registration is recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Farm fresh produce and goods

The Wilton Farmers Market is officially open for the season on Wednesdays, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the library's back parking lot. Vendors include Wilton's own Ambler Farm, Wave Hill Bread and Nod Hill Soaps; Calcutta Kitchens ; Duckylife Organic Teas; Ola! Granola; IzzyB's Allergen Free Cupcakes; and Michele's Pies. Fork, Knife, Spoon Cooking will be joining the market shortly as new vendors are added each week. The market is co-sponsored by the library and the Wilton Chamber of Commerce. For information: 203-762-3950 ext. 234.

Reminder: Red Cross Blood Drive is Thursday, May 20, 1:45 – 7 p.m. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to participate.