



Wilton Library

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Roald Dahl celebration

Over the next week, children will have a chance to celebrate the anniversary of author Roald Dahl's birthday. From September 7 through Sept. 10, children of all ages can stop into Wilton Library to pick up a ticket for a prize drawing of a Dahl book and a Willy Wonka Chocolate Bar. The drawing will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11. On the actual anniversary of his birth date which is Monday, Sept. 13, children can participate in *Roald Dahl Crafts Day* from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There is no registration and no fee.

Fall story times begin

Children ages one to six have story times on Mondays through Wednesday, at various times depending upon age groups beginning Sept. 7 through Oct. 27. *Wonderful Ones and Twos with Caregivers* will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. beginning Sept. 7; *Terrific Tales for Twos and Threes with Caregivers* are Wednesdays, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 8; *Look, Listen and Learn for Threes and Fours with Caregivers*, are on Tuesdays, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 7; *Literary Littles* for ages 4 to 6 are on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 2:15 to 3 p.m. commencing Sept. 7 (no session on Oct. 11). There is no registration and no fee. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to just drop in with their little ones. For more detailed information, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call (203) 762-3950 ext. 217.

Author talk with Wiltonian

Right in the middle of his book tour for his debut novel, *Bill Warrington's Last Chance*, author James King of Wilton will stop by the library to talk about his work on Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Bill Warrington is working hard to reconcile with his estranged family before the disease robs him of all his memories. The story is one of self-exploration for the grandfather and his granddaughter, as they journey across the country and try to learn about themselves and each other. The book has been selected as a 2009 Amazon Breakthrough Novel of the Year, and has received praise from *People Magazine*, among others. There is no charge for the program. Books will be available for purchase and signing, with proceeds benefiting the Elm Street Book Store and the library. Reservations are recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Readers group begins

Wilton Library Readers reconvene after the summer hiatus with a discussion of Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall* on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from noon to 1:30 p.m. This group gets together on the second Wednesday of each month, facilitated by professional book group leader Susan Boyar. The listing of future dates with book selections is on the library's website (www.wiltonlibrary.org). Participants are encouraged to bring brown bag lunches; the library provides the beverages. Registration is suggested by visiting www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or calling 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Everyone's a winner

As school begins this September, children entering grades 4 to 6 are encouraged to join the WINRs Circle (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers) on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 3 – 4 p.m. This group gets together the second Saturday of each month to discuss another selection from the Nutmeg Award-nominated books. Kids will get to vote on their favorite books in January. Kids also enjoy games, activities, trivia and pizza donated by Wilton Pizza. September's book is *The Thing About Georgie* by Lisa Graff. The remaining selections for the fall are: Oct. 9—*Eleven* by Patricia Reilly Giff (note: the author will visit the library on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 2 – 3 p.m.), Nov. 13—*Iron Thunder* by Avi; Dec. 11—*First Light* by Rebecca Stead. The WINRs Circle is sponsored by HSBC Bank. There is no program fee. Registration is required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

Seeing is believing

Two area artists are featured in September's "Get Real" art exhibition opening at the library on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Mike Rafferty and Christopher Iorillo share the concept of "realistic" art, but their techniques are very different. Mike Rafferty of New Canaan works in oils with seascapes, landscapes, still lifes and golf links. Christopher Iorillo, Ridgefield, is an illustrator who specializes in the use of high end 3D modeling and rendering software. Their results are astonishingly real. The majority of the works are available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the library. The exhibition runs through Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Ben is back

Popular guest lecturer Ben Van Vechten returns to the library for a two-day seminar entitled *Literary Miscellany* on Sept. 13 and 14, from 10:30 – noon both days. The title reflects his eclectic choice of material, which does not fit into any one category. Copies of his selections are available now at the circulation desk. Registration is required for the seminar, although the program is free of charge. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Reminder: The last Sunday the library will be closed is Sept. 5. The library is closed Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day.