

Library Lines

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Children's Book Sale

The library is joining the Celebrate Wilton weekend with a host of events starting with the Children's Book Sale on Friday, Sept. 12, from 1-6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10-5. The book sale is a perennial favorite with materials for toddlers through teens. The sale has a section of brand new books, along with gently-used chapter books, picture books, series and teen reads, graphic novels, classics, DVDs, and videos. A silent auction of rare children's books also will take place during the sale on Friday and Saturday. As with all the library's book sales, the quality and quantity of the donations makes the difference. The sale is a perfect opportunity to buy books for bedtime reading, book reports, or quiet rainy day reading time at grandma and grandpa's house. For information: 762-3950.

Discovery Day Open House

Whether people were away for vacation, or just haven't spent much time here due to busy schedules taking them elsewhere, the fall is a great time to come back to the library to see what's new and different. The library's fourth annual Discovery Day is Saturday, Sept. 13, from 11-2, during the library's Children's Book Sale and the town's Celebrate Wilton weekend. Discovery Day gives people of all ages a chance to see new technology, products and services that may benefit them throughout the year. Customers can learn how to use the new self-checkout station, hear and try the Playaway audiobooks, sign up for Library Elf, or wail on a guitar during a Rock Band session in the Brubeck Room. This year's Wilton Reads! choice, *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri, will be given out free to the first two hundred visitors to Discovery Day. Program schedules for the fall community read will be available, with programs starting Oct. 2 through to the author's appearance on Oct. 19. Free hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled and served on the front patio during the open house which is free to everyone. For more information: 762-3950.

This little piggy

The crowning touch for Book Sale/Discovery Day Saturday, is Farmer Minor and Daisy the Pig, coming from 2-3 p.m. for Pig Out on Reading! Daisy the Pig returns to the library to encourage kids to develop a love of reading. All ages are welcome, especially kids ages 4-12. There is no charge for the program which is sponsored by the Coyle Family Fund. Space is limited, so registration is strongly recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

A reporter's talk

The library's final program for the Celebrate Wilton weekend is an author talk with Lansing Lamont on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. Lamont will discuss his book, *You Must Remember This--A Reporter's Odyssey from Camelot to Glasnost*. As a correspondent for *Time* magazine from 1961 to 1975, Lamont covered many of the major stories in the 1960s, including the assassinations of John and Robert F. Kennedy and of Martin Luther King Jr., and his book describes a journalist's view of these events and more that defined the Greatest Generation. There will be opportunity for questions and answers following the talk and books will be available for purchase and signing. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Restoration discussed

On Wednesday, September 17, from 4 to 6 p.m., Larry Weaner will talk about the work that has been ongoing at Schenck's Island recently in the program, *Schenck's Island Meadow Restoration in the Works*. The Wilton Land Conservation Trust and Town officials are collaborating with other groups to recreate exemplary native meadow and riparian habitats at Schenck's Island - a natural flood plain area of the Norwalk River. A progress report and explanation of the work ahead will be presented by Mr. Weaner, natural landscape designer, with photos followed by a late summer afternoon walk in the work-in-progress meadow. The Norwalk River Watershed Association's 2008 Photo Exhibit will also be on display at the Library. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Breakfast with the candidates

The Wilton League of Women Voters, the Wilton Chamber of Commerce and Wilton Library sponsor a Meet the Candidates breakfast on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 8-9:30, with the candidates for State Senate-Toni Boucher of Wilton (Republican) and John Hartwell of Westport (Democrat). There is no charge. Reservations are suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Publishers' picks

On Thursday, Sept. 18, participants get an advance look at what's coming up in the publishing world in the Book Club Symposium/Publishers' Picks program, from 7-8:30 p.m. Roxanne Coady, author and owner of RJ Julia Booksellers in Madison, CT will do "book group therapy" - how to best run and/or revitalize a book group, introduce what's new in readers' guides and discuss her "best picks." Karen Torres and Evan Boorstyn from Hachette Group USA will present their picks-current and upcoming. The program is sponsored by RJ Julia Booksellers. The event is open to all free of charge. Reservations are highly recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.