

Library Lines

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Concert for the Arctic

Global warming will be on people's minds as they listen to heartwarming classical music on Saturday, Oct. 18 with "A Concert for the Arctic," from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Internationally-acclaimed musicians Eugenia Choi and Henry Wong Doe will perform classical selections for violin and piano to help highlight the environmental threat. A short film from a recent National Geographic expedition to Svalbard in the Norwegian high Arctic will be shown. The expedition included Ms. Choi, as well as other influential world leaders such as President Jimmy Carter, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, e-bay CEO Meg Whitman, Senator Tom Daschle and Google co-founder Larry Page. A reception will be held following the performance in which participants will be able to meet the musicians. The program will be introduced by Adam Markham, CEO of Clean Air-Cool Planet. Suggested donation \$15 adults, \$5 children - proceeds will benefit Clean Air-Cool Planet and Wilton Library's environmental collection. Reservations are highly recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Celebrating relatives

Children will learn about an important holiday of Mexico, Dia de los Muertos, with "Day of the Dead Piñata Workshop" on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 2, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. This is a 2-part workshop for students in third grade and above to make piñatas to celebrate this special holiday in which families gather to remember and celebrate friends and relatives who are deceased. Children must be in attendance on both Sundays to finish the piñatas. There is no charge the program for which the library supplies the materials. Advance registration is required and space is limited. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Wilton Reads author visit

Jhumpa Lahiri, the author of the Wilton Reads selection, *The Namesake*, will visit the library on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m. in the culminating event for the community-wide reading program. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author's novel was published in the fall of 2003 to great acclaim. *The Namesake* is a story of parents and children, of cultural heritage and family values. It speaks to everyone, exploring the ways in which "communities, families, and individuals establish their own identities as they are shaped by both internal and external pressures in the kaleidoscope kiln of time." A Question & Answer period follows the talk. The Wilton Reads program is sponsored by The Wilton Bank and The United Way of Norwalk & Wilton with media support from The Wilton Bulletin. There is no charge for the program. Books are available for purchase and signing. Reservations are strongly recommended (taking names for wait-list only). The library will open at noon and close at 3 p.m. in order to accommodate the program. Doors will re-open at 3:30 p.m. Pre-registrants must arrive by 3:45 p.m. to be guaranteed seating. After 3:45 p.m. and if space is available, wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be admitted. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Connecticut's battleship

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 10:30 - noon, author Mark Albertson discusses his recently released book *USS Connecticut: Constitution State Battleship*, the only battleship in U.S. Navy history to bear the name of our state. The ship was twice the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet, but her greatest honor was as flagship of President Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet for the epic round-the-world cruise in December 1907. A Question & Answer period follows the discussion. Books are available for purchase and signing. There is no program charge. Registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Candidates gather

The Wilton League of Women Voters, the Wilton Chamber of Commerce and the library sponsor Meet the Candidates for the General Assembly - 143rd District on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the library. Voters can meet the candidates - Peggy Reeves (Democrat) and Susan Bruschi (Republican). There is no charge and reservations are suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

A bright idea

Once again, the Energy Saving Lighting Sale sponsored by Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P), the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF), and Wilton Library takes place on Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Several wattages and styles of CFLs will be sold starting at only \$1.00. For more information: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events; www.CTSavesEnergy.org or www.cl-p.com.

Perspective for fathers

Yale child psychiatrist and author Dr. Kyle Pruett (*The Nurturing Father*) will share his insights on the Influence of Fathers on the Lives of Their Children: Perspectives of Fathering in the 21st Century on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 7 - 9 p.m. A short DVD will be shown along with the talk. The program is sponsored by Wilton Youth Services, Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council, Parent Connection, SPED*NET, the Rotary Club of Wilton and the library. There is no charge. Advance registration is recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Reminder: On Sunday, Oct. 19 only, the library will open at noon and close at 3 p.m. to accommodate the Wilton Reads author visit with Jhumpa Lahiri.