

Library Lines

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Halloween haunted house

Things are getting spooky at the library especially with "Library Haunted House" on Friday, Oct. 24, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Kids in grades 3 and up get to dress in costume for this fun event with games, pizza and lots of spooky stuff. There is no program charge. Registration is required as space is limited. Caregivers are asked to remain in the building during the festivities. The program is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Children's authors

Children and their families get to meet two authors this week with very different stories to share. Nita Choukas talks about and reads from her delightful book, *Bayberry & Beau*, when she visits the library on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 2 - 3 p.m. The story is based on a true friendship between an aged champion horse and a barnyard tabby cat. An actress and director of school and community theater, this is Choukas's first children's book. A drop-in *Bayberry & Beau* craft for kids takes place from 1:30 - 2, before the author's visit. On Wednesday, Oct. 29, Richard J. Spalding, author of *The Witch with an Itch*, visits the library from 4 - 4:45 p.m. Born in England, Spalding was educated primarily in Australia and now lives in Wilton with his wife and children. He will read from his book about a mischief-loving witch who learns a valuable lesson about how to behave. The message is relayed with bold, bright, eye catching colors. Spalding's books will be available for purchase and signing. Both programs are free of charge and open to all ages. Advance registration is recommended for both. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Teens cut-up

Teens in grades 7 - 12 get to show their carving skills on Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 5 - 6 p.m. during the library's "Teen Pumpkin Carving Contest." While listening to Halloween tunes, kids will get to show their creativity. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative, funniest and spookiest pumpkins. All materials will be supplied by the library made possible by the John and Pat Curran Teen Fund. There is no charge. Advance registration is required as space is limited. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Hands-on computer classes

Basic Excel will be taught in on two separate days with the same material being covered in each session on Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. and again on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 12:30 - 2 p.m. Participants learn how to create and format a basic spreadsheet in these free classes. Basic computer skills, including mouse proficiency, are required. There is no charge. Advance registration is required as space is limited. To ensure the best learning experience for all, students are asked to arrive on time; no one will be permitted to enter 10 minutes after the start of the class. To register for either class: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Divorce law discussed

Maurice Segall, Attorney Mediator with Mediation Solutions, will return to the library for "Connecticut Divorce Law 101," an informative discussion of the basics of the divorce process in Connecticut, on Tuesday, Oct. 28, from, 7 - 8 p.m. A Q&A follows the talk. There is no charge for the program. Registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Author talk

Bob Spitz, author of the New York Times bestseller The Beatles, returns to Wilton Library to discuss his recently published book, The Saucier's Apprentice - One Long Strange Trip through the Great Cooking Schools of Europe on Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. He discusses his personal journey through the cooking schools of France and Italy to become a virtuoso in the kitchen. A Q&A follows the talk. There is no charge. Reservations are recommended. Books will be available for purchase and signing provided by The Wilton Open Book Shop. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Reminder: The library is collecting gently-used books, DVDs, videos and audiobooks on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 - 3, at the Miller School drop-off loop during the town's Hazmat Collection Day.