

Library Lines

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Weekend celebration

The holiday season has officially begun and Wilton marks the occasion with its annual Holiday Walk tomorrow night from 5 - 7 p.m. sponsored by the Wilton Chamber of Commerce. Merchants' stores will be all aglow welcoming holiday shoppers; kids can meet Santa at the Town Center gazebo; and Wilton Library welcomes everyone inside from the cold winter night with holiday cheer, warm fireplaces blazing and lots and lots of refreshments. Everyone is invited to partake in this festive night. On Sunday evening, from 5:30 - 7:30, Wilton Library Association's trustees welcome everyone to the annual holiday get-together. Delicious appetizers and warm, neighborly mingling is the highlight of this party. The library's Giving Tree will be trimmed to the max throughout the holiday season with gift cards for people to donate items to the library in honor or in memory of someone. The cards signify new books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs and programs that would be wonderful additions to the library's collection and services. Everyone benefits from each other's generosity to the library.

Reception for three artists

"Best of the Season," the December art exhibition opens Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. featuring new and familiar works of Robert Everding, Bobbie Eike Mullen and Jim Pascucci. The exhibition will have more than 60 paintings by these versatile artists, with works ranging in style from impressionistic to realistic to trompe l'oeil. The exhibit runs through Saturday, Dec. 27 with the majority of the works available for purchase. The proceeds benefit the library's art collection fund.

Global energy talk

Christopher W. (Kit) Smith, adjunct professor of Finance, University of Connecticut, returns to the library on Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. to present an update on what has transpired in the last year since his highly acclaimed energy talk last fall. He looks at what is next on the horizon, focusing on traditional energy resources, as well as newer energy developments such as ethanol, wind and solar power, and how they fit into the total energy spectrum. A question and answer period follows the talk. The presentation is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative. Advance registration is recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Workshop and author talk

Fiction for Gotham Writers' Workshop in Manhattan discusses fiction writing in the morning session from 9 to noon. Attendees are invited to bring their own lunches - the library will supply beverages. From noon to 1:30, Breen talks about her latest novel, *The Fiction Class*, which is the story of a woman's relationship with her ailing mother and the offbeat members of the creative writing workshop she leads. Breen states that the book is autobiographical in the sense that the idea for it came out of discussions (arguments) that she had with her mother, and the fact that Breen teaches a fiction class. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Advance registration is recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Children's holiday fun

Drop-in Tuesday Story Times take place on Dec. 9, 16 and 23, for children ages 1 - 8 years at various times. Patrons may visit the library's Web site to find times based on the children's age groups. Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to the library on Thursday, Dec. 11 and 18, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for children of all ages. Children will be able to visit with Santa, and then hear stories from Mrs. Claus. There is no registration. Holiday Cookie Decorating is set for kids ages 6 and up on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 1 - 2 p.m. The library bakes the cookies and the kids get to decorate them. Registration is required. The Santa and cookie decorating programs are made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.