



Library Lines

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Documentary film series begins

The new year brings a new documentary film series to the library starting with *For the Bible Tells Me So*, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7. The nonfiction film by director Daniel Karlake looks at the difficulties people have in reconciling homosexuality with the teachings of Biblical scripture. The award-winning film had its world premiere at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival in 2007, was shown at numerous other film festivals that year, and won the Kathleen Bryan Edwards Award for Human Rights at the 2007 Full Frame Documentary Film Festival. The film centers are five families, including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson with thoughts peppered throughout by respected luminaries such as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Reverend Jimmy Creech. Producer and director Daniel Karlake will take part in the Q&A following the film. Local documentary filmmaker, Megan Smith-Harris, will introduce the film and moderate the discussion. There is no charge. Registration is highly recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950. Additional dates and films in the series for the first quarter are Feb. 17 *Jump!* about competitive jump rope contests with a demonstration; and March 31 *Full Battle Rattle* about a real life battle in a fake town, where a "virtual" Iraq has been built.

Everyone's a WINR

WINR Circle members from grades 4 – 6 can celebrate the end of the year-long book group on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 3 – 4 p.m. Kids who have read the Nutmeg Award-nominated books will have fun with voting on their favorite reads, debating their merits, activities, and eating pizza donated by Wilton Pizza. Starting at 4, the Circle will be joined by all kids in grades 3 – 6 to watch the fun and magic of magician Scott Jameson. He will be performing magic tricks and sleight of hand including some book-themed magic from *Harry Potter* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Registration is required for both programs. There is no charge. The programs are made possible by a grant from HSBC Bank. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

Jazz for the new year

The new year kicks off right with the library's *Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck* on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. featuring the Grammy Award-nominated Quartet San Francisco. The crossover specialists explore a range of styles from jazz to tango, pop to funk, blues to bluegrass, gypsy swing to big band and more. The members of the quartet include Jeremy Cohen and Alisa Rose, violinists; Keith Lawrence, violist; and Michelle Djokic, cellist. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the release of *Time Out*, QSF pays tribute to the mastery of Dave Brubeck with the first-ever all Brubeck string quartet CD, *QSF Plays Brubeck*, with selections such as Blue Rondo A La Turk, Take Five, and Unsquare Dance with arrangements by Jeremy Cohen, Matt Brubeck, Larry Dunlap, and Robert Gilmore. QSF received two Grammy nominations this month for this CD, one for the Classical Crossover category and one for Best Engineered Classical CD. It is the group's third consecutive Best Album nomination. The suggested donation for the concert is \$10 per person. The Hot & Cool performances are funded by the William and Karen Tell Foundation with special thanks to Ed and Catherine Romer, and Tish and Chris Brubeck for their uncanny ability in finding wonderful talent for the concerts. A reception follows the concert. Advance registration is strongly suggested. Pre-registrants must arrive by 6:50PM to be guaranteed a seat. Wait-listed and walk-ins will be seated after 6:50PM, if seating is available. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

Art exhibition features WHS students

Wilton High School students from the graduating class of 2009 will have their works featured in a reception and exhibition at the library opening Sunday, Jan. 10, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. “Writes of Passage” was a project envisioned by Rusty Hurd of the art department. Initially, AP Photography students were to enhance their portfolios by taking portraits of residents of The Greens at Cannondale. The project was later expanded to a broader experience for students by including a writing component with Kristina Harvey’s Journalism and Creative Writing Class. The portraits, both contemporary and casual, will hang January 7 - January 28. There is no charge, nor registration required.

Digital pix seminar

The new digital camera is out of the box, photos were taken over the holidays and the question is “Now What?” Fortunately the answer comes from Michael Franco, the library’s camera guru, who will be addressing that and many more questions on Sunday, Jan. 10, from 2 – 3:30 p.m. in the demonstration-style class, *Got Pix, Now What?* In this free digital photography class, he will explain how to download photos to computers, organize photos, print or e-mail them, and explore other ways to enjoy and share photos. There is no fee. Registration is recommended. Michael will be leading additional classes through the winter and spring which can be seen by visiting the library’s website. For more information and to register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950.

Computer classes begin

Mary Anne Franco returns to the head of the class for the library's free *Hands-on Computer Classes with Basic Word 2007* on Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 12 and 14. In the classes, attendees will learn how to create and format a basic document. Tuesday's class is 6:30 – 8 p.m.; Thursday's is 12:30 – 2 p.m. The same material will be covered in both classes. Basic computer skills, including mouse proficiency, are required. Classes are limited to ten students each, with advance registration required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950. For information about additional classes being offered this winter and spring, visit the library's website and click on Computer Classes on the left hand side of the homepage.

Reminder: The library is closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.