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Wilton Library announces Wilton Reads 2010 for June

Wilton, CT – Wilton Library announces its *Wilton Reads!* book for 2010 with the selection of *That Old Cape Magic* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo. The *Wilton Reads!* event is a community-wide reading program with book group discussions during June, with the author's visit as the culminating event on Sunday, June 27. The 6th annual Wilton Reads! program is made possible by generous grants from The Wilton Bank and The United Way of Coastal Fairfield County.

The program kicks off with free books being given away at the library on Tuesday, June 1. An evening book group discussion takes place on Tuesday, June 8, from 7 to 8:30 with popular discussion group leader Susan Boyar. Dr. Joanna Ecke takes her turn at discussing the novel on Thursday, June 10, from 10:30 to noon. Both Ms. Boyar and Dr. Ecke have enjoyed heading up *Wilton Reads!* discussions in previous years. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo will visit the library on Sunday, June 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. In recognition of his exemplary contributions to contemporary literature, Mr. Russo will become the third recipient of Wilton Library's Grodin Family Fine Writers Award. Although the library is closed on Sundays in the summer beginning June 20, it will open for these limited hours for this special occasion on June 27.

Bob Minzesheimer, *USA Today* reviewer, said of the author, "Russo has a gift for creating flawed characters you care about, despite or because of their flaws." Those who have read his previous works will remember the complex yet resonating personalities that came to life on the pages of *Mohawk*, *The Risk Pool*, *Nobody's Fool*, *Straight Man*, *Empire Falls* (2002 Pulitzer Prize), and *Bridge of Sighs*. His publisher notes, "Russo's vision of America would be bleak, except for the wit and optimism he infuses into his stories. Even when his characters are less than lovable, they are funny, rueful, and unfailingly human."

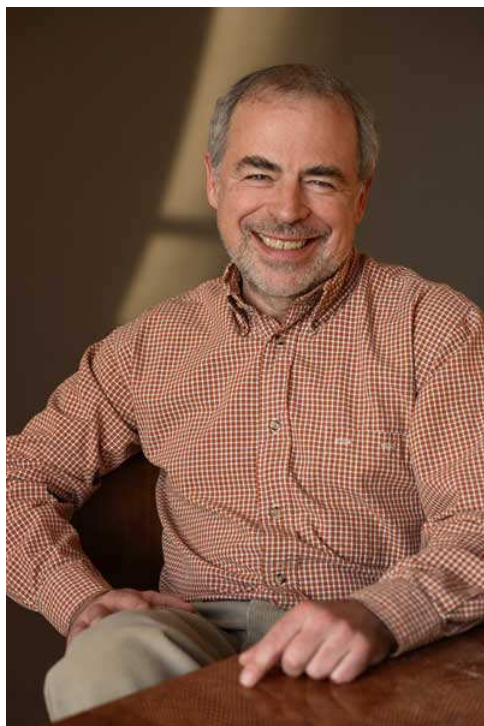
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Books will be available for purchase and signing following Mr. Russo's talk. All of the programs are free of charge. Advance registration is strongly recommended by visiting www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or calling 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

In addition to the free books being given away, the library has purchased extra copies that can be borrowed along with large print, audio CD, and Playaway versions. Any of the versions can be reserved and picked up at the front desk or the library's drive-up window on Godfrey Place. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For more information about *Wilton Reads 2010*, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org and click on *Wilton Reads 2010* on the right hand side of the homepage.

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Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo visits Wilton Library on Sunday, June 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. for the culminating event of the Wilton Reads! 2010 community-wide reading program, for which *That Old Cape Magic* was chosen as this year's selection. Free book giveaways and book group discussions are all part of the program in June, made possible by generous donations from The Wilton Bank and The United Way of Coastal Fairfield County. For more information, directions and registration for programs, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.