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### Our Mission:

*Informed and inspired minds;  
enriched and connected lives.*

### Our Vision:

*A lifetime of discovery at the  
heart of our community.*

Greetings!

We are in the midst of the busiest season on the calendar - religious observations, family gatherings, shopping and gift-giving spell a wonderful whirlwind from late November to early December.

It's also a time when we take time to remember the less fortunate among us: those who are grieving for lost loved ones and those who suffer from economic losses. If you know someone who is mourning the loss of a friend or family member, urge him or her to attend our workshop on the 6th (see *Coping with Grief* below). And if you would like to help families in need (as our Library staff does each year), consider a gift to the Wilton Interfaith Council's Fuel Fund (call Lauren Hughes or Cathy Pierce at 203-834-6238 for more information).



Doing either or both will warm you and yours during the holidays.

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director

Wilton Library Association

## Holiday Happenings

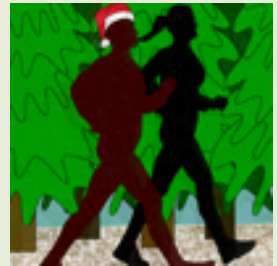
### **Wilton Library's Holiday Sale! December 1st through 23rd**

The Library's holiday book and media sale in the Gallery is a seasonal delight. Bargains can be found - most of the items are new or in like-new condition, making a terrific opportunity for holiday gift-giving. Items include books for adults, teens and children, unopened CDs and DVDs, and a wonderful selection of art books. As items are sold, new ones appear daily, thanks to the hard-working book sale volunteers who always seem to have an unending supply of tantalizing offerings. All sales support the Library and our Holiday Sale is open during regular Library hours through December 23rd. Stop by often and stretch your gift-giving dollars!



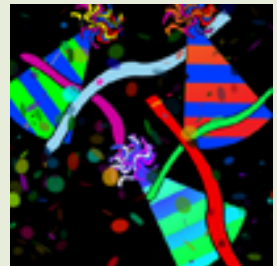
### **Wilton Holiday Walk Friday, December 2nd, 5 to 7 pm**

Wilton Library will take part in the annual Wilton Holiday Walk and provide refreshments, a warm, inviting fire in the fireplace and shelter from a cold, winter night. Join us on your walk around town and pick up a gift from our Holiday Sale!



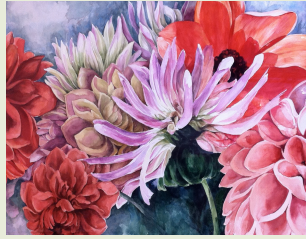
### **Wilton Library's Annual Friends Holiday Party Sunday, December 4th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

Wilton Library Association trustees will host this annual holiday get-together. We'll have wonderful food and drink and all our supporters are welcome. Join us for one of the warmest moments of the year! Please RSVP by December 3rd to 203-762-3950, x270 or [register online](#).



## December Art Exhibits

### "For the Love of Art Exhibition" Opening Reception Sunday, December 4th, 11:30 am to 1 pm



Althea Ericsson presents an exhibition of more than 20 area artists bringing together diverse styles, subject matters and media. This reception is open to the public and the exhibit runs through Thursday, December 29th. A portion of the proceeds from sales benefits the Library, so stop by and shop for yourself or a friend!

### Weir Farm Artist-in-Residence Exhibition/Reception: Jude Valentine Monday, December 19th, 6 to 7:30 pm



December brings Jude Valentine to the Weir Farm artist-in-residency program. Jude is a painter, a textile artist, an arts administrator, and educator. A long-time resident of Maine, Jude Valentine completed her BFA at the Maine College of Art and received an MFA in visual art from Vermont College. Her textile designs are inspired by the natural forms and colors found in nature. This reception is co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by Wilton Library. There is no charge, but **we ask that you register in advance.**

## Coping with Grief During the Holidays

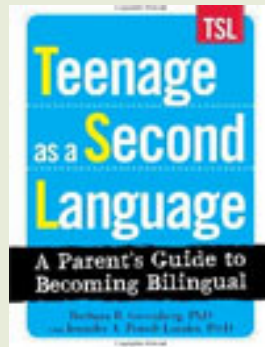
### Tuesday, December 6th, 4 to 5:30 pm

The holidays can be an especially challenging time for those who have lost a loved one. Learn coping strategies for getting through the season. This supportive and comforting session will be facilitated by Rev. Karen S. Judd, LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker). The program is presented by Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County with no charge, but we ask that you **register in advance.**



## Connecting with Your Kids: Learning the Language of Teens

**Tuesday December 6th, 7 to 8:30 pm**



Teens make healthier decisions, cope better with peer pressure and have higher self-esteem when parents talk to them about sensitive subjects like sex and drugs. The quantity and quality of the communication between teens and parents affects teen decision-making. Dr. Barbara Greenberg, a clinical psychologist, will provide practical strategies and ways to talk with teens in their own language.

**Dr. Barbara Greenberg** is a clinical psychologist who specializes in the treatment of teens and their families. She is currently a professional consultant on teen issues at Silver Hill Hospital in New Canaan, CT and maintains a private practice in Fairfield County, CT. Barbara is the co-author of ***Teenage as A Second Language - A Parent's Guide to Becoming Bilingual***. Copies of her book will be available for sale and signing after the presentation. Visit **Wilton Youth Council's website** or call 203-834-6241 for more information. This program is co-sponsored by Wilton Youth Council, Parent Connection, Wilton Library, and United Way of Coastal Fairfield County. There is no charge, but donations are always welcome. **Please register in advance.**

## An Evening with Eleanor Clift

**Wednesday, December 7th, 7 to 8:30 pm**

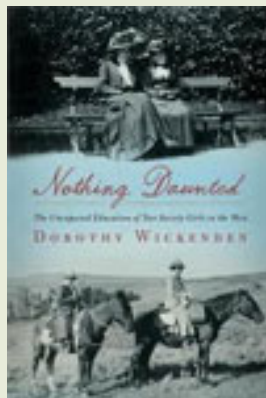
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County and the Wilton Library invite you to attend a very special event featuring this renowned *Newsweek* editor, political analyst for Fox News, and panelist on The McLaughlin Group.

Following an introduction by noted journalist and author, **Diane Smith**, Eleanor Clift will discuss "The View from Washington" and her poignant new book, ***Two Weeks of Life: A Memoir of Love, Death and Politics*** about the loss of her husband. She'll also discuss how we deal with death in America. There is no charge for the program and books will be available for purchase and signing. Eleanor's visit is co-sponsored by **Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Fairfield County** and Wilton Library. **Registration is strongly suggested.**



## Author Talk: Dorothy Wickenden *Nothing Daunted*

**Thursday, December 8th, 7 to 8:30 pm**



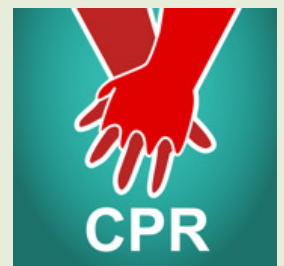
New Yorker Executive Editor Dorothy Wickenden will discuss her new book, **Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West** on December 8th. Taken from her grandmother's accounts of her experience as a school teacher in the Colorado Rockies almost 100 years ago, the tale chronicles the extraordinary lives two women led, swept up in some of the strongest currents of the country's history: the mining of silver, gold, and coal; the building of the railroad over the Continental

Divide; the entry of immigrants, African-Americans, and women into the workforce; and the extravagant hopes for improving the lives and schools of rural Americans. Author Dorothy Wickenden has been the executive editor of *The New Yorker* since January 1996. She is on the faculty of The Writers' Institute at CUNY's Graduate Center, where she teaches a course on narrative nonfiction. There is no charge for the talk, but we ask that you **register in advance**. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

## Hands Only CPR Class: 2 Steps to Save a Life

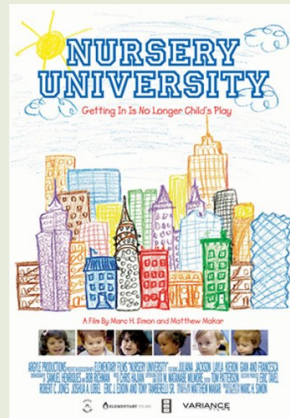
**Tuesday, December 13th, 7:30 to 8:30 pm**

All Wilton residents and employees are welcome to these free one-hour classes at Wilton Library's Brubeck Room. Those who participate must be at least 18 years old and be able to perform chest compressions while kneeling for a period of time. There is no charge for the class, but **registration is required**. *Hands Only CPR* is sponsored by the Wilton Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Wilton Library.



## New Perspectives Film Series: *Nursery University*

**Saturday, December 17th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm**



Chronicling the incredibly competitive process of nursery school admissions, ***Nursery University*** documents an experience eerily similar to the college application process. The drill of finding space for toddlers in preschool classrooms that have limited availability and are therefore pricey, is daunting, nerve-wracking and breakdown-inducing. Refreshments will be served and we suggest a donation of \$5 per person to cover our costs. Our *New Perspectives* documentary

series is programmed and moderated by filmmaker **Megan Smith-Harris**. A Q&A will follow the film. ***Registration is highly recommended.***

## TEENS

### Mosaic Christmas Trees for Teens

**Thursday, December 8th, 4 to 5:30 pm**



Join artist Katie Stevenson to learn the art of using mosaics and create a unique Christmas tree for the holidays. Katie welcomes teens in grades 7 through 12. **Please register early, as space is limited.** Our workshop is sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

## KIDS

## Reader's Theater

**Thursday, December 1st, 8th & 15th, 4 to 5 pm**

Reader's Theater is a fun and easy introduction to the stage for second and third graders. Each week they will listen to a folk tale and then use basic acting exercises, short scripts, and simple props to bring the story to life for themselves and others. Registration is required for each session. There is no fee, but enrollment is limited.

Caregivers must remain in the building. Please register in advance:

December 1st ([register here](#))

December 8th ([register here](#))

December 15th ([register here](#))



## First Saturday Books for Babies

**Saturday, December 3rd, 9:30 to 10 am**

Bring your wonderful baby to this infant friendly program at the Wilton Library! We will sing and play and enjoy gentle stories geared for babies under 12 months old on the first Saturday of each month before the Library opens. This is an excellent forum to meet other new parents in the area. Bring dad too! **Please register in advance.**



## Lego® Club for Littles

**Wednesday, December 7th, 14th, & 28th, 4 to 5 pm**

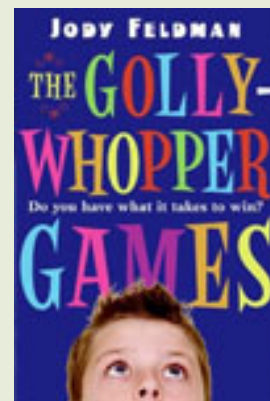
Kids in grades K-2 are invited to join this weekly Lego® Club. Each session will be based on a new theme such as castles, vehicles, or towers. Children will learn about the theme through stories and non-fiction books and then create a Lego masterpiece from the Library's Lego collection. It's always a great time for all! There are 20 spots available for this program on a first-come first-served basis. Tickets will be passed out at the Children's Reference Desk starting at 3:45 pm the day of the program each week. This program runs for 3 sessions in December; there is no session on December 21st. Our Lego Club is underwritten by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.



### **WINRs Circle**

**Saturday, December 10th, 3 to 4 pm**

Each month the WINRs Circle book club (4th to 6th graders) discusses a new 2012 Nutmeg-nominated book. In addition to taking part in the discussion, children will have the opportunity to participate in activities, games, trivia, and pizza generously donated by **Wilton Pizza**. This month's Nutmeg book is *The Golly-Whopper Games*, by Jody Feldman. Bring a friend, win a prize! We ask that you **register in advance**, but there is no fee, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.



### **Celebrate a Celtic Christmas**

**Monday, December 12th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm**

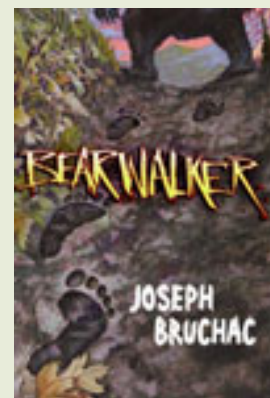
Come celebrate a Celtic Christmas at the Wilton Library. There will be music, food, and crafts and stories from Ireland, Scotland, Britain and Wales. Participants of all ages will learn about Celtic traditions. **Please register in advance** as space is limited.



### **Mythology Club for Kids**

**Wednesday, December 14th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm**

Each month children in grades 3 through 5 will read a book on a mythological theme and discuss it. We'll provide snacks and kids will take part in an activity or craft. Please note that Mythology Club has moved to Wednesdays! December's book for discussion will be *Bearwalker*, by Joseph Bruchac. Caregivers must remain in the building for children under 12. **Registration is required** but there is no fee, thanks to the Sherman Family Fund.



## Tales to Tails

**Saturday, December 17th, 11 am to noon**  
ROAR's (**Ridgefield Operation Animal Rescue**)

Therapy Dog Program will be bringing therapy dogs to the Library so that children may read to them. The use of trained therapy dogs in reading programs can result in children who feel more comfortable reading out loud, read more often, attempt more difficult books, and actually look forward to reading. Children must be able to read independently to participate in this program. There is no program charge, but **registration is required**.



## Holiday Story Time

**Saturday, December 17th, 2:15 to 3 pm**

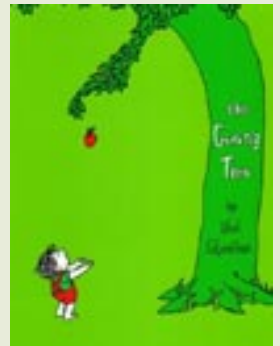
Children ages 4 through 7 are invited to join us for a fun, holiday-themed story time. Children will hear Hanukkah and Christmas stories and enjoy an activity. Caregivers must remain in the building during the program. Our holiday story time is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. No need to register - just come and have fun!



## Good Reads, Great Kids

**Monday, December 19th, 6:15 to 7 pm**

Children in grades 2 and 3 and their parents will have the opportunity to meet and discuss books as a group. In addition to shared stories, we will all discuss the book ***The Giving Tree***, by Shel Silverstein. Parents and guardians must be present for children to participate in this wonderful program that is sponsored by the Sherman Family Fund. **Registration is required**.



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