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Young builders

The *Lego Club* for kids in grades 3 and up gets underway on Wednesday, Jan. 4, from 4 to 5 p.m. The club will be held Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25. The program is designed to stretch the creativity of children first by hearing stories and themes from the stories, then by producing Lego masterpieces based on the theme. The program is free of charge. There is no advance registration. The day of the program, 20 registrants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis beginning at 3:45. The program is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

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Art exhibition cache

A bevy of “Treasures” will be presented at this month’s art exhibition from River Road Gallery with an opening reception Friday, Jan. 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.. More than 20 nationally-acclaimed artists’ works will be featured including those from Anda Styler, Ming Feng, Ron Landis, Charles Wysocki, Lisa Joyce-Hill, Christopher Blossom, Yuri Tremler and Edward Gordon. The show will highlight more than 40 pieces from this esteemed group including their photographs, painting and limited edition prints. The reception is open to the public. The exhibition runs through Friday, Jan. 27.

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Saturday story time for babies

Parents can start off the new year with a program for their babies on *First Saturday Books for Babies*, Jan. 7, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. before the library opens. This once a month program is for babies under 12 months and their parents to enjoy gentle stories and songs. It is a perfect time for new parents to meet others in the community. Registration is suggested.

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Drive safely

Adults can start the year off right with an *AARP Driver Safety* course on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The four-hour course is given in one day with the morning session from 10 to noon, a one-hour break for lunch or errands, and then reconvening from 1 to 3 p.m. The class will cover the normal changes that adults go through in terms of vision, hearing and reaction time behind the wheel of the car. Strategies for dealing with these changes are discussed. There are no written exams or road tests. Registration is required. The fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, payable by check or cash only. Advance registration is required.

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Great sounds

The sound of cool jazz will brighten up a cold January afternoon when Harvie S and James Weidman perform in a *Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room* concert on Sunday, Jan. 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. Bassist Harvie S, an award-winning composer, arranger, and producer, has performed in the Brubeck Room with the Virginia Mayhew Quartet in a visit a few years ago. Pianist James Weidman has been a sought-after accompanist and sideman for years and is being recognized more and more as a bandleader and composer. The Hot & Cool concerts are free, but with a large following, so it is suggested that people register and arrive no later than 3:50 to be guaranteed seating; waitlisted and walk-ins will be seated after 3:50 if room is available. The suggested donation is \$10 per person. Hot & Cool concerts are sponsored by the William and Karen Tell Foundation with thanks to Catherine and Ed Romer and Tish and Chris Brubeck.

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Parents read and talk

Dr. Susan Bauerfeld holds her *Parenting Book Series* this month on Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. A licensed clinical psychologist and mother of three boys, Dr. Bauerfeld reviews several parenting books over the course of the year and then shares her thoughts in these informative sessions. These chats consist of an overview, practical suggestions for applying the principles and a Q & A based on the book. January's book discussion is *Mindset* by Carol Dweck, Ph.D. The remaining dates in the series are March 20 and May 15. The program is co-sponsored by the Wilton Youth Council, Parent Connection, Wilton Library and United Way of Coastal Fairfield County. Registration is strongly encouraged by visiting www.wiltonlibrary.org and clicking on Events or calling 203-762-3950, ext. 213.

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Charles Dickens discussed

The *Wilton Library Readers* begin their January book discussion with *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens on Wednesday, Jan. 11, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Led by professional book group leader Susan Boyar, this group meets the second Wednesday of each month through May. Additional dates and titles are listed on the library's website. Registration is suggested as is bringing a bag lunch. The library provides the beverages.

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Reminder: The library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 31 and Sunday, Jan. 1 for New Year's. The library will reopen on Monday, Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. To register for any of the programs mentioned above, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org and click on Events or call 203-762-3950, ext. 213 for adult programs, or 217 for children's programs.