

WILTON LIBRARY



## NEWS

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Wilton Library Celebrates Earth Day April 19**

Wilton, CT – Earth Day will be celebrated with enthusiasm at Wilton Library on Sunday, April 19, from 1 – 4: 30 p.m. with something for everyone’s level of interest. Students from Wilton High School will have their Bio-Fuel Car on display right out in front of the library entrance, the gallery will be filled with exhibits focusing on renewable energy, recycling, and endangered animals, the Children’s Library will have a rainforest exhibit, Earth Day crafts and a storyteller, and animals from Green Meadow Farm and an Arbor Day Celebration presentation will be in the Brubeck Room.

Shaklee Products will be returning this year with its “green” products for home and personal use. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the library. Information about the library’s newly-installed rooftop modular solar station will be part of a touch-screen kiosk manned by representatives from NXG Solar. The live data from the station will show the benefits of solar energy and how energy can be generated to offset one’s usage. Energy Independence Now will feature its geothermal energy, including how it works and the costs/benefits. The Woodcock Nature Center will have Monty the Bald Python and other inhabitants of the center; Cedar Island Marina Research Laboratory will feature a touch tank filled with maritime creatures that will delight children and adults alike. Children will be able to plant lettuce seeds in pots that they will take home courtesy of Ambler Farm. It is important to note that the library recycles old cell phones, inkjet cartridges and eyeglasses on a regular basis, so Sunday’s attendees may bring in these items as well. The Rotary Club of Wilton will be doing its part by selling hot dogs just outside the library’s front entrance during the early afternoon. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the library.

More programs and exhibits will be in the Children’s Library and the Brubeck Room as follows:

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- *Rainforest Exhibit*, 1 – 4:30 p.m. A traveling exhibit featuring the mystery and eye-opening facts about medicines found in tropical rainforests will be on display in the Children's Library. Children can enjoy the giant displays featuring life saving discoveries and conservation efforts during the week of April 19 - April 25. Made possible by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.
- *Drop-in Earth Day Crafts*, 1 – 4:30 p.m. Children of all ages can stop and make an Earth Day-themed craft to take home. No registration. Sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.
- *Green Meadow Farm*, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Children will learn about cute creatures, dance with a fluffy chicken, meet Stickers the tree frog, Tickles the hedgehog, Toothpaste the giant tortoise, and explore a world of bugs. All ages are welcome. Registration is recommended. Sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.
- *Storyteller Lot Therrio*, 3 – 4 p.m. Storyteller Laconia "Lot" Therrio tells stories about Mother Earth from around the world – stories of wit, wonder, fantasy and just plain fun. Lot has resided in Connecticut since 1985, though he originally hails from the Cajun and Creole land of New Orleans. He believes that stories are more about connections than differences in people. Registration is recommended. Sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.
- *Arbor Day Celebration*, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. In celebration of Arbor Day, David Sanders presents "Native Trees in the Connecticut Landscape." Also, the Wilton Garden Club and Wilton Tree Committee present a program on Wilton's tree project: trees being planted, replaced and generally taken care of by a concerned citizenry. Presentation honors 15 donors of the new trees who are demonstrating their commitment to conservation. Attendees can learn about the activities of the newly-formed Tree Committee, including Wilton's sponsorship of the upcoming Norwalk-Wilton Tree Festival, a family day of fun and tree education on Saturday, May 16, 2009, and celebrate the planting of another donated tree in Wilton Center.

Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For information, directions or registration for the special programs, visit [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call (203) 762-3950.

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**Caption:** Meryl Kaduboski is entranced by Monty the Bald Python from Woodcock Nature Center at Wilton Library's Earth Day Celebration last year. Monty and many of his other friends and activities will be part of the library's Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 19, from 1 – 4:30 p.m. Visit [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) for information, directions and registration for special programs. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, (203) 762-3950.

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