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Wilton Library ropes kids into reading

Wilton, CT – Children will be exploring the Wild West with Wilton Library's *Readin', Ridin' & Ropin' – Go West* summer reading program which kicks off with a fun, western-themed party on Thursday, June 24, from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. *Rootin', Tootin', Readin' Roundup* is a drop-in carnival-like day, where kids can try their hands at various activities, play games, jump in a bounce house and enjoy popcorn and other treats all for free. The Roundup is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Kids up to age 12 can enjoy activities all summer long such as story times, drop-in crafts, musical entertainment, movies and much, much more. All week and throughout the summer, children can come to the library to register for the reading program and color their own western-themed poster. Regular activities are scheduled throughout the summer. *Drop-in Summer Crafts* are Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from June 28 through Aug. 16 (no session July 5) sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. *Drop-in Story Times* are Tuesdays for ages 1 – 8 from July 6 through Aug. 17 at the following times – Ones and Twos with caregivers 10:15 to 10:45; Twos and Threes with caregivers also from 10:15 to 10:45; Threes and Fours with caregivers from 11 to 11:30 and Fives through Eights from 2 – 2:45. *Fun Friday Flicks* begin on July 2 through Aug. 20 with movies for little kids from 10:30 to 11:30 and afternoon movies from 2 to 4 for bigger children. Children under 8 must be accompanied by caregivers; children 8 to 12 must have caregivers remain in the building. All of these programs are free and do not require registration.

Wild West Wednesdays (and a Monday) feature a range of activities from movies to an entertainer. *An American Tail: Fievel Goes West* will be shown on June 30, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.; Miss Keogh will present *Wild West Stories* on July 14, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. for children ages 5 to 10; for children ages 5 and up, *Wild Tales about Wild Tails* is set for Aug. 4, from 3 – 3:45 p.m.; and Monday, Aug. 9 *The Spoon Man* will perform for children ages 3 and up, from 2 to 3 p.m.

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A full schedule of *Thrilling Thursdays* is planned. There are no fees and registration is required, except where noted. All children must be accompanied by caregivers. The programs are as follows:

- **July 1** *Pecos Bill Rides the Oregon Trail*, 2 to 3 p.m. Pecos Bill sings, dances, performs hat and rope tricks, and clog dancing. Children ages 3 and up. Sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.
- **July 8** *Native American Drum Circle for Kids*, 2 to 3 p.m. Explore Native American music. Ages 5 and up with caregiver.
- **July 15** *Scavenger Hunts* – for ages 4 - 6, 1:30 to 2 p.m.; for ages 7 - 9, 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.; for ages 10 - 12, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.
- **July 22** *Wild West Meet & Greet*, 2 to 3 p.m. Meet some heroes and characters from the Wild West – Annie Oakley, Sacajawea, Billy the Kid, Grizzly Adams, Molly Brown, Will Rogers, Black Bart and others. Sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. No registration.
- **July 29** *Slithery and Crawly Desert Animals*, 2 to 2:45 p.m. Meet some slithery and crawly desert friends in this hands-on animal program – snakes, lizards, frogs, toads, and turtles. Ages 5-11. Sponsored by the Dibner Family Science Fund.
- **Aug. 5** *Atka the Wolf*, 2 to 2:45 p.m. Atka the Wolf visits from the Wolf Conservation Center. Ages 4 and up. Sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.
- **Aug. 12** *Line Dancing*, 2 to 2:45p.m. Jump in and join the fun of line dancing. Ages 5 and up. Sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.
- **Aug. 19** *Cowboy Billy's Songs of the West*, 2 to 3 p.m. Join us for a rousing time of boisterous cowboy songs and fun. Ages 4 to 9.

There are many more activities that will be happening at Wilton Library this summer.

Children can look forward to *WINRs Circle* and *Have Your Cake and Read It Too!* book groups, *Princess Movie Night*, *Dinosaur Club*, *The Guitar Guy*, *Glue and Go Costumes*, and more.

Information about the summer reading program is in a brochure in the Children's Library, online at www.wiltonlibrary.org, or available by calling (203) 762-3950 ext. 217. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.

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Caption: Two fun-loving girls enjoy the bounce house at Wilton Library's summer reading program kickoff event last year. This year's *Rootin', Tootin', Readin' Roundup* is Thursday, June 24, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. with games, activities, food and fun. The library's summer reading program, *Readin', Ridin' & Ropin'—Go West at Wilton Library* has activities for kids up to age 12 through Aug. 20. For information, directions and registration, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call (203) 762-3950 ext. 217.