

# Library Lines

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## **Cookies, crafts and story times**

Children have great holiday activities this season with cookie decorating, holiday crafts and drop-in story times happening this week. Children's Holiday Cookie Decorating is Saturday, Dec. 13, from 1 – 2 p.m. The library bakes the cookies and kids get to decorate them with all the fun extras from icing to sprinkles, from multi-colored sugars to shots and dots. The program is for children ages 6 and up and is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. There is no program charge. Advance registration is required as space is limited. To register: [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or 762-3950. Drop-in Christmas Crafts are open to kids of all ages on Monday, Dec. 15 and Drop-in Hanukkah Crafts is set for Wednesday, Dec. 17, both programs are during library hours from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. The crafts are free with the library supplying the materials and the samples. Drop-in Story Times are on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and 23 at various times during the day for children ages 1 – 8.

## **Teens rock on**

The final installment of Xbox Rock Band for Teens this year is Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 4 – 5 p.m. Kids in grades 7 – 12 can get together with friends or meet new ones to test their prowess at guitar and drums, or they can wail like a rock star. There is no registration; kids can just drop-in during the hour of free time. The program is made possible by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund. For information: 762-3950.

## **Tales of the yellow fruit**

West coaster Dan Koeppel makes a stop at the library on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. to discuss his book, *Banana: The Fate of the Fruit that Changed the World*. As ubiquitous as the banana is, it has gone through many changes in the last few generations and today is facing destruction through economics and the environment. Author and journalist Koeppel tells a compelling real-life story that must be heard. A question and answer period and book signing follow the talk. There is no charge for the program. Advance registration is recommended. To register: [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call 762-3950.

## **A visit with Santa and the Mrs.**

Children have a chance to meet Santa on Thursday, Dec. 18 in the program, *An Evening with Santa and Mrs. Claus*, from 6:30 – 7:30. After visiting with Santa, children will listen to stories told by Mrs. Claus. The program is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. There is no charge or registration. For information: 762-3950.

## **Hanukkah Stories**

Deborah Tobias returns to the library on Thursday, Dec. 18, from 4 – 5 p.m. to read Hanukkah Stories to children of all ages, especially 6 and under. Using her skills as an actress, Deborah captivates children with her character voices and props. There is no charge for the program; registration is recommended. The program is made possible by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund. To register: [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call 762-3950.

## **Books to buy and books to donate**

The library's Holiday Book Store is officially open with new and gently-used books, CDs, and DVDs on sale during the holiday season while supplies last. Items can be found for everyone including children and teens, gourmet foodies, crafters, general book lovers and more. The book store is a great place for children to find presents for their siblings, for grandparents to stock up on picture and chapters books for grandkids' visits on snowy days, or for a special teacher's gift. This also is the time of year that the library's Giving Tree is front and center in the gallery. Patrons may select an item from the tree and present it as a gift to the library's collection in honor or in memory of a loved one. People can choose the item cards from the tree, fill out the cards with inscriptions for the bookplates, and the items are purchased by the library for the collection. Merchandise with the library's "W" logo also make terrific gifts for book lovers. Items include a computer mouse, an umbrella and a tote bag. This year, the library staff members have individually created hand-crafted beaded eyeglass chains and leashes. These beautiful necklace-quality items keep avid readers connected with their all important reading glasses. The library accepts cash, check, VISA, MasterCard or American Express. Visit the library for more details.

## **Library services**

In the category of "Did You Know," the library has a number of services and facilities that patrons may make use of while they are visiting the library. Internet computers, a public fax machine, a scanner, copiers, and printers are all accessible to patrons. Quiet rooms also are available and may be reserved in advance. The library even has notary services for \$5. Patrons may want to call the library first to make certain that a notary is on hand at the desired time. For information on any of these services: 762-3950.