

Library Lines

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Vacation movies

With the holidays and an expanse of vacation days looming, parents and caregivers have a place to take kids to see free movies during the school break. The library is showing four *Vacation Week Movies* at 2 p.m. before and after the holidays: Tuesday, Dec. 23 *Horton Hears a Who*, rated G—this full-length, animated movie from Dr. Seuss’s 1954 original story stars Jim Carrey and Steve Carrell, among others; Friday, Dec. 26 *Prince Caspian*, rated PG— this is the second film in the Chronicles of Narnia series and once again the Pevensie children embark on a spectacular journey; Monday, Dec. 29 *Space Chimps*, rated G—a fun, computer-generated romp in space; Tuesday, Dec. 30 *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, rated PG—this is Lucasfilm’s first computer-generated, 3-D experience continuing the Star Wars story between episodes II and III. The movies are free and no registration is needed. Lemonade and popcorn will be served during each film. Children under 8 must be accompanied by caregivers, children 8 – 12 must have caregivers remain in the building. For information: 762-3950.

Museum trips for families

While the movies are one way to have a “staycation,” the library’s Museum Pass Program is another way for families and friends to spend time together by visiting area museums. The Museum Pass Program provides free or heavily discounted admission passes to children’s museums such as Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Norwalk and Discovery Museum and Planetarium in Bridgeport, nature museums such as Earthplace in Westport and Connecticut’s Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport, aquariums such as the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk and Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, art and cultural museums such as New Britain Museum of Art in New Britain, the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield, the Mark Twain House & Museum and Wadsworth Atheneum, both in Hartford. Museum passes may be reserved up to a month in advance. For information or to reserve a pass: 762-3950.

Art exhibition

“Best of the Season,” the art exhibition with Bobbie Eike Mullen, James Pascucci and Robert Everding, graces the walls of the gallery and the rest of the library through Saturday, Dec. 27. The three local artists represent a wide array of styles, media and subject matter, ranging from impressionistic to realistic to trompe l’oeil. The majority of the artwork is available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the library’s collection of art-related materials.

If a painting is being purchased as a gift, the patron will be able to take the gift home just in time for Christmas, in advance of the show coming down. For information: 762-3950.

More opportunities for gifts

The library has once again established its Holiday Book Store in the gallery with a collection of books for everyone's gift lists. From cooking to gardening, from crafts to construction, the selection of new and gently-used books, DVDs and CDs is impressive with prices reflecting real values, while supplies last. Also in the gallery, the library's Giving Tree stands majestically with item cards representing materials that can be donated to the library's collection. Patrons may choose items (books, CDs, DVDs, programs or technology needs), inscribe the bookplates, and purchase them for the library. The materials are then purchased by the library and put into the collection for all patrons to borrow. The Giving Tree is a wonderful way to acknowledge a loved one, a special teacher or friend and give to the library in their honor or memory. The library's logo merchandise is for sale for the Wilton Library lover on anyone's list. Tote bags, umbrellas and computer mouse pads carry the famous "W," with items ranging from \$5 to \$15. For the avid reader who never wants to be far away from her glasses, the library staff has handcrafted beautiful beaded eyeglass chains and leashes that are for sale. For information on any of these gift-giving ideas: 762-3950.

Reminder: The library will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and 25 and on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.