

Library Lines

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Kids' movies

The holiday cookies are all consumed; the wrapping paper is balled up and thrown away; the toys have been ransacked, played and pushed aside—now what does one do with the kids? The library has two movies on Monday and Tuesday at 2 p.m. that will keep kids amused—Dec. 29 *Space Chimps*, rated G and Dec. 30 *Star Wars: Clone Wars*, rated PG. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by caregivers; children 8 – 12 must have caregivers remain in the building. The movies are free and no registration is needed. For information: 762-3950.

Movies for grownups

The library is introducing a new film series beginning Friday, January 2, from 1 – 3 p.m. Each Friday of the month, *Friday Film Fest* will feature movies with a particular theme for that month. January's theme is movie musicals: Jan. 2 *Singing' in the Rain* starring Gene Kelly; Jan. 9 *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* starring Wilton's own Jane Powell; Jan. 23 *An American in Paris*, again with the masterful Gene Kelly; Jan. 30 *West Side Story* featuring the wonderful collaboration of Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim. The movies and the popcorn are free. Reservations are suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Annual library sleepover meeting

This year's Lights Out at the Library is for girls in grades 2 – 4 on Friday, Feb. 6. This popular ritual alternates between boys and girls each year. This year's theme is Laura Ingalls Wilder Birthday slumber party. An informational meeting for parents takes place on Monday, Jan. 5, from 7 - 8 p.m. This meeting is required for parents whose daughters will be attending the sleepover. Library staff will cover the history, the schedule and expectations for this event. Registration is required for the parents' meeting. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950. Those parents unable to attend this meeting should contact either Eileen Caulfield or Lesley Keogh in the Children's Library.

Poetry seminar begins

Dr. Joanna Ecke begins a *Winter Poetry Series* on Thursday, Jan. 8, from 10:30 – noon. The seminar is on five consecutive Thursdays (Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, and Feb. 5). The series explores various poets and their writing techniques. Poetry packets now are available at the front desk. Dr. Ecke is a popular guest lecturer who has led seminars in the past, including a “Read the Book and See the Movie” discussion of *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, a book discussion of *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri for the library’s Wilton Reads! program, and a poetry session on Robert Frost. A graduate of Smith College, Dr. Ecke selected Robert Frost for her Ph.D. dissertation at Duke University. Dr. Ecke also is a retired Wilton High School English teacher and instructional leader, and an occasional columnist for The Wilton Bulletin. The poetry series is free of charge; advance registration is required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

New technology

The library has acquired an Amazon Kindle™ wireless reading device so that patrons may try this new technology before committing to a purchase. The Kindle has an electronic-paper display that provides a sharp, high-resolution screen that looks and reads like real paper. It is simple to use, has no cables and requires no syncing. There are more than 200,000 titles available for the Kindle including most *New York Times* “Best Sellers.” The device can hold more than 200 titles and is only 10.3 ounces which makes it easy for travel. Patrons should visit the library’s Reference Desk to check out the Kindle for a week. Each patron gets one free download. As patrons sample the device, more books will be added. Patrons may contact Mary Anne Mendola Franco, Head of Network Services, at mamfranco@wiltonlibrary.org if they have any questions.

Library schedule in bad weather

As the colder, more unpredictable days of winter approach, patrons are reminded that the library uses many communications vehicles to alert the public as to whether there is a delayed opening, early closing or if the library must close for the day. The library tries to remain available to the community during bad weather, however decisions about delayed openings and early closings also take into account risk and safety factors related to patrons in the parking lots and walkways and library staff members driving in from great distances. The library uses several media outlets and Web sites to disseminate the information. Radio stations notified are: WEBE 108FM, WEFX 95.9 FM, WKHL Kool 96.7 FM, WNLK 1350 AM, and WSTC 1400 AM. The TV stations notified are Cablevision News 12 and WFSB TV 3. The library's phone number (203) 762-3950 may be called to hear the recorded message indicating the library's status due to inclement weather or patrons may visit the library's Web site at www.wiltonlibrary.org. If patrons wish, they may register with www.cancellations.com to receive e-mail notifications of library closings.

Reminder: The library is closed on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The library will open on Friday, Jan. 2 at the regular time which is 10 a.m.