

Children's Library Newsletter August 15 - August 28

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It's That Time of Year!

Can you believe that summer vacation is almost over already? As I flipped through my calendar today planning for December programs, it was the first time I stopped and looked back on our summer program this year. *Plant the Seed and Read* has been a very successful summer program thanks to all of you, our fabulous community members, who have joined us for the story times, programs, movies, crafts and have shared your love of reading.

It is not too late to sign up for our reading program to help us raise money for Heifer International! Our program officially ends on Wednesday, August 24. You can stop by and collect your reading logs (and impress your teachers!) as well as your pig, tractor, or corn from August 25 to September 9. We are so thrilled with all the readers in Wilton...great job!

Stay tuned for our fall line-up of story times and programs in my newsletter, or you can visit www.wiltonlibrary.org. Have fun shopping for all those school supplies...and good luck in the

new school year!

Andrea Falkner
Head of the Children's Library



Raffle Week!

Stop by the Children's Library the week of August 15-19 to enter a raffle for some stellar prizes! Pick up your raffle ticket at the Children's reference desk for a chance to win.

First Winner = \$20 gift certificate to the Toy Chest

Second Winner = \$20 gift certificate to the Toy Chest

Third Winner = \$20 gift certificate to the Toy Chest

Fourth Winner = Plant the Seed and Read T-shirt

Fifth Winner = Plant the Seed and Read T-shirt



Winning tickets will be pulled at 5pm on Friday, August 19. You do not need to be present to win.

New Book Bag Program

Sometimes kids can be stumped as to what to read next. Our new book bag program is the perfect solution! The Children's Library is now offering themed bags of books at various age-appropriateness for children to enjoy if they just can't find that perfect book.



The bags circulates with 4-10 books and has the type of book (fiction, non-fiction, picture book), selected and marked for age-appropriateness. The bag and each individual book are checked out to your account so you can return them together or separately.

Stop by today and check-out these fun book bags! And if you'd like to purchase one of our new fun bags, please ask at the Children's Library desk for more information about our Young Readers Program!

Upcoming Events - August



Monday, August 15:
Drop-in Summer Crafts 10 am-8 pm

Children of all ages can stop by during regular library hours and make a craft to take home. There is no program fee, and no need to register. Drop-in summer crafts are made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Wednesdays, August 17, 24, 31:

Dinosaur Club 4-5:30 pm

This weekly club is seeking qualified students entering grades 4-6 to participate in a Science Competition at Yale University held annually in November. The club will explore dinosaurs, fossils, paleobiology, geology and more, through presentations, discussions and demonstrations. The program will include experiments, model building, field trips and hands-on creative activities. Please register in advance: [Aug 17](#). [Aug. 24](#). [Aug 31](#).



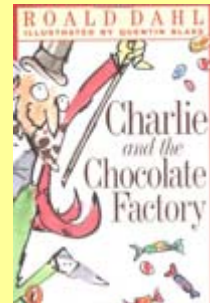
Thursday, August 18:
Summer Reading Celebration with Heifer International 2-3 pm

All children who participated in our summer reading program are invited to join us for this end-of-summer celebration. Heifer International will be joining us to talk about how your reading will help others around the world. Children will receive a reading certificate, have the chance to enter a raffle, and eat some tasty snacks. Sponsored by the Fink Family Fund for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative. [Please register in advance.](#)

Monday, August 22:

Good Reads, Great Kids 4-6:30 pm

Kids in grades 2 and 3 are invited to join this book club!! Children and their parents will have the opportunity to meet and discuss books as a group. For this session children are invited to bring a book that they have read recently to talk about in this group setting. In addition to personal selections, we will all discuss the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. Pizza will be provided and we will watch the movie after our discussion! Grades 2 and 3. *Note the time change for this one session.* Parents and guardians must be present. Sponsored by the Sherman Family Fund. [Please register in advance.](#)



Saturday, August 27:
Tales to Tails 11-12 am

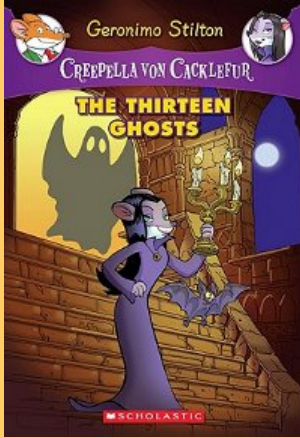
ROAR's (Ridgefield Operation Animal Rescue) Therapy Dog Program will be bringing therapy dogs to the library for children to read to them. The use of trained therapy dogs in reading programs can result in children who feel comfortable reading out loud, read more often, attempt more difficult books, and actually look forward to reading. As they improve their literacy skills, they're not just learning how to read, they're learning to love to read! Children must read independently to participate in this program. [Please register in advance.](#)



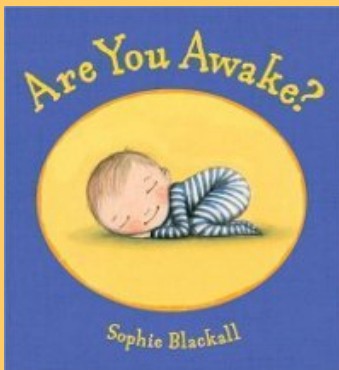
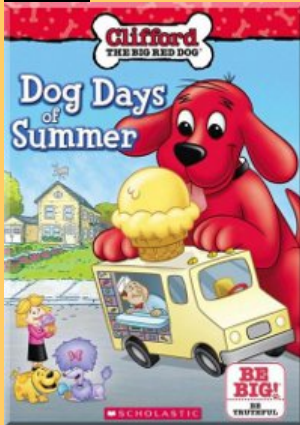
New Materials!

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Series Update



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Books of the Month: Mrs. Keogh recommends *Are You Awake?* by Sophie Blackall. In this charming picture book a small boy named Edward is wide awake at 4:00 am. His mother, however is not. Edward is delighted to have this special time with his mom, and peppers her with questions, all the while rolling on her, lovingly poking her in the eye, and draping himself on top of her. He ponders about his favorite color yellow, wonders where his father is and if he too is awake (his mother replies that she hopes so, he is flying a plane) and in general tries to solve all the secrets of the universe. Sophie Blackall's whimsical floppy drawings perfectly show off the bleary-eyed mother and perky toddler. This will be a sure fire hit for any bedtime reading.

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