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**Wilton Library gears up for Earth Day Celebration April 20**

Wilton, CT – As the signs of spring start popping up everywhere and the earth is beginning its own renewal, Wilton Library is planning an Earth Day Celebration for Sunday, April 20, from 1 – 4:30 p.m. Activities, information kiosks, music, food, crafts, and plantings are all part of the fun for everyone. The event kicks off with the giant Earth Balloon exhibit in the Brubeck Room, where groups of kids and families will sit inside the 22-foot balloon and experience special presentations for Earth Day. The free tickets will be given out at the start of the day for 15-minute sessions throughout the afternoon.

People will be able to swap ten plastics bags in exchange for a reusable, cloth grocery bag (limit 2 per family). The environmentally-friendly shopping bags are sponsored by The Village Market, Millstone Farm and the library.

The gallery of the library will be filled with information from locally-grown farm stands to energy efficient light bulbs (CFLs) that can be purchased that day. The Cider Mill kids representing Little People, Big Changes will be signing up residents for Connecticut Clean Energy Options, vendors will be on-hand to discuss everything from solar panels to “green” cleaning products, and the library will accept cell phones, ink cartridges and eyeglasses for recycling.

The day’s activities also include:

- Free grilled turkey hot dogs and beverages from 1 – 2:30 while Wilton resident Bob Riccio plays acoustic guitar with violin accompaniment.
- Children planting sunflowers seeds into pots and taking them home, courtesy of Ambler Farm.

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- Kids creating their very own sunflower crafts to celebrate Earth Day at the library.
- Note that in addition to the April 20 activities, the library is co-sponsoring The Bat Lady at the Ambler Farm outing on Sunday, April 27, from 2 – 4 p.m.

The Earth Day Celebration is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For more information and directions, visit [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call (203) 762-3950.

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**Caption:** Children and their families will learn about rain forests, eco-systems and the impact of humans on the Earth with the giant Earth Balloon exhibit during Wilton Library's Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 20, from 1 – 4:30 p.m. Activities, informational kiosks, food, reusable grocery bag giveaways sponsored by The Village Market, Millstone Farm and Wilton Library and music by Bob Riccio are all part of the event. For information: [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call (203) 762-3950.

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