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Hi!

The summer is a busy time at the Wilton Library, and even though we hear from area merchants that demands for their wares and services are down significantly in July and August, you certainly couldn't prove it by us! Our summer concerts, teen movies, and summer reading program for kids are packed with participants each year, so we are quite sure a few people are left in town, in spite of the widely held "mass exodus" impression.

In addition to taking part in the Library's lineup of activities, you may want to borrow a museum pass. Generously sponsored by the Ridgefield Bank this year, our Museum Pass Program is available so that families may enjoy several museums around the state, providing free or reduced admissions to Discovery Museum, Maritime Aquarium, Dinosaur State Park, Mark Twain House and other engaging explorations. Check out the details below.

Our website features a page of links to family attractions within driving distance for those who want to make summer trips short and special - see [Daytrips](#) for all sorts of

suggestions for summer fun.

And if you are thinking of taking in a movie, get a coupon at our Circulation Desk that will save you money on regular adult admissions at Crown Cinemas and make money for the Library at the same time!

Have a wonderful July! I look forward to seeing you around town and at the Library.

Kathy Leeds, Director



Read 'Em and Reap Teen Summer Reading Program

Now through Thursday, August 24th, students in grades 7-12 can meet with a teen library staff member to talk about a newly read fiction or non-fiction book.

Bookmarks and tattoo decals will be provided for each brief discussion **Monday-Thursday, any time from 3-6 pm**. Raffle tickets will be awarded based on pages read. Weekly raffle ticket drawings take place on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm** for gift certificates to local merchants for ice cream, pizza, and coffee or other beverages. The final drawing on Thursday, August 24, will be for a backpack filled with coupons and gifts. Kids receive extra raffle tickets for providing written reviews of the books they've read. Library DVD/VHS free rental coupons will be given to all who participate.

This fabulous teen reading program is made possible by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund. Call the Library for more details at 762-3950 - or just stop by our new teen room to chat!

Movie Madness in July

Thanks to a grant from the [Louis Dreyfus Corporation](#), the Library is licensed to show movies on the "big screen," and we have an exciting lineup for kids of all ages this summer. Our July showtimes are as follow:

Teen Movie Tuesdays (5-7 pm):

- Free movies and popcorn. No registration necessary. Bring a friend!

July 11th: First Descent

-- "chronicles the rebellious, inspiring and sometimes controversial rise of snowboarding--as seen through the eyes of the snowboarders setting the standards and breaking the boundaries of this worldwide phenomenon."

July 25th: Monty Python and the Holy Grail

-- "follow King Arthur and his knights in their search for the Holy Grail. This, of course, isn't your average medieval knights and horses story!"

Reel Fridays for Kids (10:30 and 2):

July 14th at 10:30: Wiggles Splish Splash

-- skits and familiar songs by the wonderful Wiggles!

July 14th at 2: Cheaper by the Dozen 2

-- sequel to a modern-day remake of the classic that stars Steve Martin as the father of twelve

July 21st at 10:30: Doogal

-- there's a star-studded cast in this wizardly tale

July 21st at 2: Chronicles of Narnia

-- the recent film version of the C.S. Lewis classic, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Please note that children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for the program and free refreshments will be served. You don't need to register - just come on in for cool summer fun at the Library!

Summer Music & More Concert Series Sponsored by The Village Market

Celebrating our 6th year of outdoor summer concerts, the Library has a great group of performers for you and we are most grateful to both the Village Market (musicians and food) and Michael Crystal (wine) for making the series possible. This year we will hold the concerts rain or shine - outside if it's fine and in the Brubeck Room if not! Stop by **Thursdays in July from 5-6:30 pm** and see what the excitement is all about.

July 6th ~~ Chance Browne and the Twinkies

July 13th ~~ Teen bands Studs on the Run and Riding Shotgun

July 20th ~~ Wilton native Jeff Harding & Frank Licari

July 27th ~~ The Wingnuts (Unplugged)

Each summer hundreds enjoy the tunes and refreshments this series provides - from tots to seniors, audiences look forward to this treat in the heart of Wilton Center. Stop by on your way home from work, out to dinner, or back from the beach. There's no need to register - we'll have a seat for you!



Story Times for Kids

Drop-In Story Times will take place on **Wednesdays, July 5th and 19th** for our little readers:

- **Ones: 10:15-10:45 am**
- **Twos: 11-11:30 am**
- **Threes/Fours: 1-1:30 pm**

- **Fives-Eights: 2-2:45 pm**

Ones and Twos must be accompanied by an adult. These story times are part of our Children's Summer Reading Program, *Read, Recycle & Renew* and sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation. No registration is necessary- just stop by to listen.

We'll have a special Guest Reader Story Time on **Tuesday, July 11th, from 11-11:30 am**. Chris Falkner, a library staff member, will read to children 3-6. Chris is a biomedical engineering major at the University of Connecticut. He started working at the library when he was a high school student 5 years ago and many kids (and parents) will recognize him. Advance registration is definitely suggested for this popular program - give us a call at 762-3950, stop by or sign up [online](#).

eBay for Everyone with Tom Greenbaum

Tom Greenbaum has taught hundreds to have fun and profit from dealings on eBay and given guidelines and cautions about online buying and selling. We are so pleased to have him back and know his audiences will not be disappointed in his fact-filled and user-friendly approach. Looking for bargains or hoping to do a "tag sale" that draws buyers from beyond your back yard? Stop by and get answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding this online worldwide marketplace.



Tom's informative sessions this summer are:

Buying on eBay: Wednesday, July 11th from 7- 8:30 pm ~~ [register online](#)

Selling on eBay: Wednesday July 19th from 7- 8:30 pm ~~ [register online](#)

You may also call the Library (762-3950) or stop by to register for buying or selling sessions - or both!



Wanted!

Gently used books, DVDs and CDs are in demand! Stop by our collection bins at the back entrance to the Library on Godfrey Place and leave us those items in condition good enough to sell. Each year our volunteers sort and sift through thousands of your donations to stock the shelves of our sales and the sales themselves contribute significantly to the operations of the Library (more than \$60,000 per year!) We are counting on your generosity as you clean out closets and bookcases over the summer to make next year's sales a success.

Scheduled booksales will take place in October for kids and April for all ages, but don't forget to shop the "books for sale" shelves in the gallery and our special sale cart in the Children's Library year round for bargains you won't find anywhere else!

If you require a receipt for tax purposes, simply inquire at the Circulation Desk at the

time you make your donation or ring the bell at the back door near the grey collection bins on Godfrey Place and a member of the reference staff will provide one.



Special Thanks

Although it is impossible to adequately thank all who donate money, time and services to the Library each month, I'd like to mention a few recent gifts:

- Thanks to Bob and Nancy Faesy for their gift of a year's subscription to *Organic Gardening*.
- Thanks to Barbara Findley and Joan Kaskell for their gifts of books on Queen Hatshepsut.
- Thanks to all those who have donated to the Pat and John Curran Fund to support teen programs.
- Thanks to former Library staff member, Nancy Howard, for her gift of a tree for the Children's Library.
- Thanks to Michael Crystal, founder of The Grand Crew, for his donation of wine for our summer concerts.
- Thanks to the Village Market for funding the Summer Music & More Concert Series. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Wilton for purchasing metal tables and chairs for our East Courtyard.
- Thanks to our dear friend, Roberta (Bobbie) Irving, for remembering the Library in her will. We are so grateful to all who plan gifts to the Library from their estates.
- Thanks to the Rotary Club for once again helping to keep our travel collection up to date.
- Thanks to the Brubeck family for fabulous gala performances that have inaugurated the use of the Brubeck Room in the most wonderful way.
- Thanks to sculptor Peter Rubino for the bust of Dave Brubeck that now stands in the Brubeck Room on the pedestal designed, built and donated by Tom Fleming.
- Thanks to the Candlelight Concerts Committee for funds to support our classical music collection.
- Thanks to the Circle of Friends Bookclub and others for memorial donations in the name of Ginny Headden.
- Thanks to the Wilton Land Conservation Trust for helping us to add to our collection of books on the environment. Thanks to the Betsy and Jesse Fink family for their underwriting of our summer reading program for kids: *Read, Recycle & Renew*. Look for more exciting and informative programs for all ages on topics relating to the environment, conservation, and ecology as we continue to make use of their generous grant throughout the year.
- Thanks to the Fairfield County Foundation and the Connecticut Humanities Council for grants in support of our upcoming teen program, *Poetry in Motion: An Exploration of Diversity*.
- Thanks to David Hartman for a painting by R. Johnson that now hangs in our Children's Library.
- Thanks to Beardsley Fine Framing for reduced pricing on poster frames to help liven

up our walls in the Children's Library.

-- Thanks to Sally Pinkham for her gift of an electric tea kettle for use in literature and poetry seminars.

Earth Balloon Spectacular

On **Wednesday, July 12th, from 10:30 am-4:40 pm**, children ages 3-18 will learn about rain forests, eco- systems, and human impact on the Earth in this eco- centric program with a gigantic model of Earth (22 feet in diameter, 19 feet high balloon which kids enter to learn more). Children will meet in 15, 20, or 30 minute sessions based on age. Please call the Library at 762-3950 for details or see the Earth Balloon website for an [outline](#) of activities for each age group.

The [Earth Balloon](#) program is made possible by Stop & Shop and is part of the summer reading program, *Read, Recycle & Renew*, sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation. Advance registration is required in person or by phone (762-3950).



Wilton Library's 62nd Annual Summer Art Exhibit

Please join us on **Friday, July 7th, from 6 to 7:30 pm**, to toast those featured in this year's Summer Art Exhibit. More than 40 Wilton artists will take part and the show will include diverse styles, media and subjects. Many of the works will be for sale to benefit the Library (20% of each sale comes back to us for the purchase of art and art instruction materials), and the show will continue through Wednesday, August 30th. Each year I am amazed at the talents of our friends and neighbors and I expect this summer to be no exception. No registration is required for the reception - simply stop by.

If you would like to purchase any of the works marked for sale, either at the reception or throughout the exhibit, enquire at the Circulation Desk and our staff will "red dot" your choice to reserve it and put you in contact with the artist.



Summer Reading Program 2006: Read, Recycle & Renew

Each summer, the Library conducts a reading program for our youngest customers centered on a theme that will capture their imagination. Thi's year's program is no exception - entitled *Read, Recycle & Renew*, it will involve us all in improving the world around us by using natural resources wisely and increasing our awareness of the environment.

Kids who would like to be part of the action should stop in and make their own globe so they can put stickers on it for each title they complete this summer. We are always pleased and amazed at the number of books read over the summer - there is no better activity to accompany and lend to summer fun!

Read, Recycle & Renew programs are so exciting - and we are grateful to the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for underwriting them this summer. Programs for July include:

- On **Wednesday, July 12th**, the Earth Balloon will spend the day in the Brubeck Room, affording kids of all ages an opportunity to learn in a dramatic way about the Earth they inhabit. See above for details and to register.
- On **Tuesday, July 18th, from 9 to noon**, we'll take a trip to the [Garbage Museum](#) in Stratford to learn about recycling and waste. Advance registration and payment (\$5/child) are required for children entering grades 2-6. Stop in to get your name on the list today!
- On **Wednesday, July 26th, from 10:30-11:30 am**, we'll be entertained by Wind Over Wings and meet some new species that include a kookaburra, an owl, a parrot, a cockatoo and a macaw and learn lots about our feathered friends. Register in person, by phone (762-3950) or [online](#).
- On **Thursday, July 27th, from 10:15 to 11 am**, Laura Schwemm and Lesley Keogh will lead a garbage cleanup through Wilton Center. The walk will be rescheduled in case of bad weather, so please call, stop by to register and we'll contact you if plans change. This is your chance to make a difference here at home, kids!

Finally, we will have two craft programs based on our recycling and ecological theme:

- On **July 13th, from 2-3 pm**, kids aged 3-7 can make Earth placemats and necklaces. A materials charge of \$5 per child (\$4 for Young Readers) will help us defray costs. Please register in advance [online](#), by phone (762-3950) or in person.
- On **Tuesday, July 25th, from 2-3 pm**, kids aged 3-7 will be able to make crafts out of garbage. Again, a materials charge of \$5 per child (\$4 for Young Readers) will help us defray costs. Please register in advance [online](#), by phone (762-3950) or in person.

More Crafts for Kids

In addition to the Summer Reading Program crafts above, we'll have drop in crafts to start the month off right on Thursday and Friday, July 6th and 7th. Kids of all ages can stop by at any time and use materials provided by the Children's Library to make their own crafty creations. Additional drop-in craft days for July are the 17th, 18th and 31st. No registration is necessary - we look forward to seeing you!

Happy Birthday, Harry Potter!

It's Harry Potter's birthday and the Library is throwing him a party on **Friday, July 28th, from 7-8:30 pm**, complete with games, prizes and a birthday cake! Professor

Snape's new assistant will perform - don't miss this event. Call 762-3950, stop by or register [online](#) soon as space is limited.

Library Closings

We'll be on vacation, too - on July 4th for [Independence Day](#) - and on Sundays throughout the summer.

Don't forget that you can visit us online every day and time of the year and that materials can be returned to our collection box in the parking lot at times that the Library is closed.

Museum Passes Spell Summer Fun!

Thanks to the Ridgefield Bank, our Museum Pass Program will continue this year to allow Wilton Library patrons to receive free or deeply discounted admission at many area museums. The participating institutions are:

- [Bruce Museum of Arts and Sciences](#)
- [Dinosaur State Park](#)
- [Discovery Museum](#)
- [Harriet Beecher Stowe Center](#)
- [Maritime Aquarium](#)
- [Mark Twain House & Museum](#)
- [Mystic Aquarium](#)
- [New Britain Museum of American Art](#)
- [New England Carousel Museum](#)
- [Stepping Stones Museum](#)
- [Wadsworth Atheneum](#)

Passes are free (\$5/day late fee), circulate for three days, and may be reserved up to one month in advance by calling the Library (762-3950) or stopping by the Circulation Desk.

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