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Hi!

Summer is now fully upon us and are you finding that the kids are already bored? They can find a cure for that boredom at the Library in July - just take a look below at all we have to offer tots to teens during the month. Adults won't be at loose ends either, with author Frank Deford, several concerts, a cooking class, the Lyme documentary, and an exhibit of art by Wilton residents all in store.

Stop by and see us - we're that cool oasis in the heart of Wilton Center where you can enrich your life this summer (and year-round).

I'll see you at the Library!
Kathy Leeds, Director

Introducing X-Box Rock Band!

On **Tuesdays, July 1st, 15th, and 22nd, from 4 to 6 pm**, teens entering grades 7 through 12 have a special treat in store. They'll be able to keep summer boredom at bay while using Rock Band on the XBox-360 system at the Library, playing the drums or guitar, singing a song, or simply watching their friends try it out!

Free snacks will be provided and there is no need to register - teens can just stop by and join in the fun. This program is made possible by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Book Talk Time for Teens

And if XBox fun isn't enough, we have five book talk sessions slated for teens during the month. Each **Wednesday (July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th) from 4 to 5 pm**, teens will be able to talk about books they've just read and pick up tips on what (and what NOT) to read next.

Free snacks will be provided and there is no registration necessary for the program, thanks again to the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Creative Teen Stuff in July

Tie Dye for Teens

Teens entering grades 7 through 12 can come to the Library on **Tuesday, July 8th, from 3 to 5 pm** to learn from Teen Assistant, Whitney Walker, how to tie dye a T-shirt. We'll supply the materials needed, including the T-shirt, but we'll need to have your shirt size at the time you [register](#) - stop by or call to let us know so that we can have it ready for you on the 8th.

inJEANious for Teens

On **Thursday, July 24th, from 3 to 5 pm**, teens can transform a pair of jeans or a jean jacket into a one-of-a-kind priceless piece. As you use paint, use markers, or add rhinestones, fringe, fabric and other materials that the Library will provide, your clothing will be transformed into something truly terrific. Bring your own jeans or jean jacket and we'll have all the materials you need to create your work of art! This workshop is funded by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund and is limited to 20 teens. Students must be entering grades 7 through 12 or be '08 high school graduates to participate and [registration is strongly recommended](#).

Illustrate a Word

On **Thursday, July 31st, from 3 to 4:30 pm**, teens entering grades 7 through 12 can take part in a workshop that lets them use line, color, value, texture, shape and form to emphasize the meaning of words. For example, the word "WILD" could be illustrated in a variety of bright colors, written out in a funky style with lots of beads, yarn, and other flashy materials glued to it, or the word "CALM" could be written in cool, soothing colors with fluid font and soft, silky material glued or woven around it. Please [register in advance](#) for this program sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Author and Sports Writer Frank Deford to Speak on July 8th

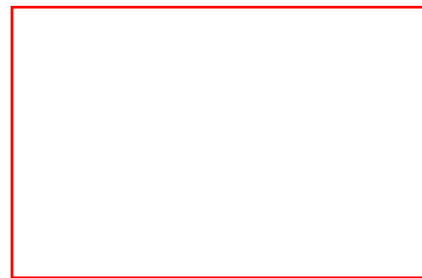
On **Tuesday, July 8th, from 7 to 8:30 pm**, we'll be treated to a visit from noted author and senior contributing writer for *Sports Illustrated*, Frank Deford. Many of you may have heard Deford's weekly sports commentary Wednesday mornings on NPR's Morning Edition.

He'll join us in the Brubeck Room to discuss his new book, *The Entitled*, which was recently released in paperback. The title refers to the team's star player, Jay Alcazar, who has been accused of rape. Howie Traveler, who has finally made it to the majors as manager of the Cleveland Indians will keep or lose his job, depending on how well he manages Alcazar. Deford "scores another hit with this novel of athletes behaving badly...Deford tackles timely and provocative issues without flinching," according to *Publisher's Weekly*.

There is no charge, but we ask that you [register in advance](#) for what is sure to be a popular talk. Frank's books will be available for purchase and signing following the program, thanks to The Wilton Open Book Shop. A portion of the proceeds from sales benefits the Library, so be sure to get a copy for every sports lover on your list!

Travel the 50 States Continues in July

Drop-In Craft Workshops for kids will take place throughout July on **Mondays (July 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th), from 10 am to 8 pm**. All are welcome to come by to create a craft based on the weekly theme for the summer reading program. Materials will be supplied by the Library. The craft workshops are free and there is no need to register to take part.



Drop-In Story Times will take place throughout the month on **Tuesdays (July 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th)** in the Children's Library as part of our Summer Reading Program as follows:

- ~~ Ones and Twos with caregivers, 10:15 to 10:45 am
- ~~ Twos and Threes with caregivers, 11 to 11:30 am
- ~~ Threes and Fours on their own, 11:45 am to 12:15 pm
- ~~ Fives through Eights, 2 to 2:45 pm

Country Fair on Wednesday, July 9th, from 2 to 4 pm.

Kids can experience a country fair at the Wilton Library as part of the *Travel the 50 States* summer reading program. Games, fortune telling, a doughnut eating contest, a pet contest (pictures only, please - no pets), balloon animals, and a lesson in pet care will all be part of the fun. All ages are welcome and no registration is necessary. Our Country Fair is sponsored by the Sherman Family Fund.

Roaring Brook Frogs on Wednesday, July 16th, from 3 to 4 pm.

Roaring Brook Nature Center will present an exciting slide show about frogs, and will introduce kids to several live frogs and one huge toad. Their show is intended for children 4 through 12 years of age. There is no charge for the program and no advance registration is necessary. Because space is limited, the first 150 people to arrive (children and adults) will be admitted. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. Free tickets will be handed out at 2:30 pm. Roaring Brook Frogs is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.

Visiting Illustrator: Wendell Minor on Wednesday, July 23rd, from 3 to 4 pm

Award-winning artist, Wendell Minor, has had a romance with America since his childhood in

Aurora, Illinois. In his illustrations for children's books, he's used his love of the outdoors to inspire children to explore the fields and woods and develop an appreciation for the beauty of the natural world. His program is intended for children 4 through 12 years old. No advance registration is necessary, but space is limited and only the first 130 people to arrive (children and adults) will be admitted. Note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. Free tickets will be handed out thirty minutes before the program begins. Mr. Minor's books will be available for sale and signing. This wonderful program is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.

Musician Peter Madcat Ruth on Wednesday, July 30th, from 3 to 4 pm.

Peter Madcat Ruth is a true harmonica virtuoso. In this performance intended for kids and adults alike, he will also play guitar, penny-whistle, jaw-harp, ukulele, and other folk instruments from around the world. No advance registration is required, but space is limited and only first 150 people (children and adults) to arrive will be admitted. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. Free tickets will be handed out at the door starting thirty minutes before the program the begins. This very special performance is sponsored by the Fannie M. Lienhard Fund.

More Great July Programs for Kids

On **Mondays July 7th and 21st, from 6 to 6:30 pm**, kids 2 through 6 years old can put on their pajamas, grab a blanket and maybe a special stuffed friend, and come to the Library for stories before they head home to bed. Children must be accompanied by adults for this very special "sleepy time" treat. No registration is necessary.

On Fridays, July 11th and 25th, we'll have free movies and refreshments for kids of all ages. You can call the Children's Library at 762-3950 (extension 217) for more information. Please note that children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult and kids 9 through 12 may see the movie on their own, but a caregiver must remain in the Library while the show is on.

For Little Kids:

July 11th, 10:30 to 11:30 am ~ ~ *Go Diego Go/Great Gorilla*

July 25th, 10:30 to 11:30 am ~ ~ *Thomas and Friends/Henry and the Elephant*

For Bigger Kids:

July 11th, at 2 pm ~ ~ *Spiderwick Chronicles*

July 25th, at 2 pm ~ ~ *Sarah Plain and Tall*

On **Mondays, July 14th and 28th, from 6 to 6:30 pm**, our Children's Library will be the scene for American Tales, folk tales and stories with an American theme for kids five years old and up. There is no need to register, but you may call the Library for more information at 762-3950 (extension 217).

On **Friday, July 18th, from 3 to 5 pm**, Lesley Keogh will present another of her highly creative craft workshops for kids entering second grade and older. No registration is necessary - just come for the fun!

Hot & Cool Jazz with John Salmon on July 12th

Award-winning pianist John Salmon has distinguished himself in concert on both sides of the Atlantic as both a classical and jazz artist. For years, Salmon has championed the music of American composer and jazz artist, Dave Brubeck, and is considered by many to be the leading expert on Dave Brubeck's jazz and classical compositions. He has recorded three CDs of Brubeck's music and has authored articles about Brubeck's compositions for various publications including *American Music Teacher*, *Piano & Keyboard*, and *Piano Today*. Mr. Salmon is a frequent guest performer at festivals throughout the U.S. and Europe, including the Spoleto Festival, the Interlochen Piano Festival, and the International Bartók Festival. Other special appearances include an all-Liszt recital in Mexico City for the American Liszt Society and an all-Brubeck recital in Washington, DC for the Music Teachers National Association.

The **Saturday night July 12th** Wilton Library concert (at **7:30 pm** in the Brubeck Room) will include Dave Brubeck's music, as well as Chris Brubeck's *Reverie d'Ivoire*. A reception will follow the performance. [Advance registration is strongly suggested](#) and pre-registrants must arrive by 7:20 pm to be guaranteed seating. After 7:20 pm, and if space is available, wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be admitted. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested for this special program. *Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room* is funded by the William and Karen Tell Foundation, with special thanks to Ed and Catherine Romer and Chris and Tish Brubeck.

Wilton Library's Summer Music & More Concert Series begins July 10th

Please mark your calendars now for our free *Summer Music & More* concert series on four consecutive Thursday evenings, **from 5 to 6:30 pm**. Sponsored by our generous friends at the [Village Market](#), the outdoor courtyard concerts are a much loved part of the summer scene in Wilton and are attended by those of all ages, from toddlers to seniors. No registration is necessary and you can simply stop by the Library to enjoy the free music and refreshments on your way home from the beach, from the office, or from running errands. In the event of rain, the concerts will be held in the Library's Brubeck Room.

July 10th: Chance Browne and the Twinkies, a popular blues/funk band that plays regularly at the Georgetown Saloon, will open the library's outdoor courtyard concert season.

July 17th: Teen bands rock!

~~ **Vivacity** is a popular Stamford rock band with Maria Battinelli (vocals), Steve Lorusso (bass), Garrett Hickey (guitar/vocals) and Gary Fanali (drums).

~~ **Hip Six** is a jazz band from Redding, with Gene Leone (guitar), Ben Katz (trombone), Dan Lipsitz (saxophone), Isabelle Miner (vocals), and Billy Indelicato (bass).

July 24th: Steve D'Agostino will croon the cool sounds of the "Rat Pack" era. Steve has been performing for more than 20 years, singing the songs from the *Great American Songbook* with an emphasis on the era from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin and Tony Bennett. Steve hails from Trumbull and his quartet accompanies him as he performs all over Connecticut.

July 31st : In Harmony from Danbury will step up to the mike to sing favorite oldies for the final concert of the season. The group includes Dee Heavrin (vocals) and Robin Miller (vocals) both of Danbury; Adrienne Lisko (vocals), Naugatuck/Waterbury; Scott Poarch (bass/baritone), Newtown; Peter Randazzo (vocals and keyboard), Trumbull; and Lenny Seiter (tenor), Brookfield. The group has worked with such legendary Doo-Wop acts as Johnny

Maestro & The Brooklyn Bridge, The Drifters, The Platters, The Dimensions, The Tokens, and Lou Christy.

Film Screening of *Under Our Skin*, a Lyme Disease Documentary

On **Wednesday, July 16th, from 7 to 8:45 pm**, the Library will show an important documentary about a disease that has had great impact on our area. A dramatic tale of microbes, medicine and money, this eye-opening film investigates the untold story of Lyme Disease, one of the most misunderstood and controversial illnesses of today.

Because the disease is difficult to test for accurately, tens of thousands of people go undiagnosed - or misdiagnosed with such conditions as fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, autism, MS and ALS. Each year many patients are told that their symptoms are psychosomatic or imagined. Following the stories of patients and physicians as they battle for their lives and livelihoods, the film brings into focus a haunting picture of the U.S. healthcare system and its ability to cope with a silent terror.

Under Our Skin was an Audience Choice Award Finalist at the Tribeca Film Festival. We'll have a question and answer session following the film featuring an expert physician. Please [register in advance](#) for this important program - and spread the word to others you think might benefit by participating.

Self Defense for Teen Girls

On **Tuesday, July 29th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**, Library staff members Shelley Lindstrom and David Palmieri (both also of [Norwalk Karate](#)) will give a demonstration and class in self defense for teen girls. [Registration is strongly recommended](#) for this program that is intended for girls entering grades 7 through 12.

The class is particularly recommended as a safety measure for those about to leave for college. Free Pizza will be served and the program is sponsored by Norwalk Karate.

Farm Friendly Cooking - Demonstration and Tasting

On **Wednesday, July 30th, from 6:30 to 8 pm**, Wilton Library will offer up its own 'taste of Wilton' with Sherri Brooks Vinton. Join Sherri Brooks Vinton for a fun, engaging and interactive cooking demo featuring locally grown food and easy, practical recipes you can use to whip up seasonal meals with less effort and expense than a trip through the drive-thru. Cook once, eat twice--or three or four times. This demonstration will show how, with just a little advance planning, you can serve up delicious, seasonal meals from just a single stint at the grill. In the courtyard of the Wilton Library, Sherri will grill up a gorgeous array of seasonal produce-zucchini, eggplant, onions, peppers, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, even fruits - all sourced from local growers, and show us great ways to use them.

There is no charge for the program and [registration is strongly recommended](#). Please note that this demonstration and tasting is limited to 60 participants.

Spotlight On: New Classical CDs

Two compact discs of special interest to Wiltonians have recently been added to the Knott Collection. [***In Concert: Composers in Collaboration***](#), the recording that composer-pianist Howard Rovics (himself a former resident of Wilton) made in the Brubeck Room during the concert presented by Connecticut Composers in November, 2006, of pianist Sandro Russo's memorable performance of *Two Concert Rags* by Elizabeth Lauer has just been released on a Beauport Classical disc. Mrs. Lauer was known for her many contributions to the cultural life of Wilton before she and her husband Louis moved to Albuquerque, NM, not least of all, her years of service to the Library's Music Committee.

The second disc, just released by Capstone Records and entitled, [***A Concert of Music***](#), contains several major works by Allen Brings, including his *Three Studies for Piano, left-hand*, *Five Poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins* (of which one appeared on the November 2006 Connecticut Composers concert), sung by Jennifer Foster with Brings at the piano, *String Quartet*, *Sonata a quattro for percussion ensemble*, and, as a kind of encore, *Antitheses*, for the unusual combination of guitar, saxophone, piano, and percussion. Dr. Brings admits to having been the chairman of the Library's Music Committee for more years than he cares to remember.

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