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Hi!

School is out, summer is here, and the Library is gearing up for a very busy July. We know folks are still cautious about travel and spending, so we have lined up some extra fun and entertainment for all ages, from courtyard concerts on Thursdays, to the Farmers Market on Wednesdays, to Friday Flicks for kids throughout the month. Of course, we always are a great place to pick up a book for the beach or a movie for the evening, use the Internet, and to cool off in one of our courtyards or inside when the temperatures climb. Scan the options listed below - and join us!

Summer Hours

Monday through Thursday: 10-8

Friday: 10-6

Saturday: 10-5

Sunday: closed through Labor Day weekend

See you there!

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director

Wilton Library Association

Our Mission:

*Informed and inspired minds;
enriched and connected lives.*

Our Vision:

*A lifetime of discovery at the
heart of our community.*

Our Big Tree: R.I.P.



As many of you may have noticed, instead of a 60+ foot fir tree in our front parking lot, we now have a huge stump. The late June storm last week that devastated Bridgeport caused a bit of excitement in Wilton as well when a gust of wind hurled this aging beauty to the ground. Thankfully, the hundreds of parents and children attending the summer reading carnival were chased inside by the driving rain and no one was near the tree when it fell. Magically, cars, power lines, and the building itself were all spared, too. Although we sustained a slight dent in our new "Wilton Library" sign (a case of pride going before a fall - literally?) and the loss of a small dogwood tree, there was no other damage to the property.

Thanks to hard and quick work by Wilton's DPW crews, the tree and its debris were cleared within a couple of hours of the brief storm. What an unexpected treat for the children (and many others in the Center) to watch all those skilled men and their machines clear the mess! *Wilton Patch* stopped by and got some great pictures of the incident: <http://wilton.patch.com/articles/if-a-tree-falls-in-wilton#photo-544479>.

Not to worry - we will be grinding the stump and replacing both of the trees that were lost within the next couple of months. We will mourn the end of our parking lot patriarch, but eagerly await replanting in the fall.

Tons of Stuff for Teens

What a terrific line-up of events we have planned for the Teens in July! All teen programs are intended for students entering grades 7-12 and recent high school graduates. Please note that **some require registration**, and links are provided for sign-up. All programs are free, thanks to our wonderful sponsors. On the exciting list are:

Drop-in Crafts for Teens: Postcards Thursday, July 1st, 1 to 5 pm

Transform old paperback books into beautiful postcards. You won't believe the final result! This craft is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental



Initiative.

Drop-in Crafts for Teens: Decorative Birdhouses

Tuesday, July 6th, 1 to 5 pm

Decorate a bird house with paint, paper, glitter and other nifty things. This craft is sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.



Drop-in Crafts for Teens: Fabric Bookmarks

Thursday, July 8th, 1 to 5 pm



Transform upholstery samples into amazing bookmarks. Sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.

Yoga and Fruit Smoothies for Teens

Wednesdays, July 7th & 21st, 4 to 5:30 pm



Janice Wilcox will show teens how to stretch, strengthen, loosen, move, be still, breathe, and relax through the practice of Kripalu Yoga. Sessions will be topped off with delicious fresh fruit smoothies. Please bring your own mat and wear loose clothing. **Registration is suggested.**

Healthy Snacks for Teens

Tuesday, July 13th, 4 to 6 pm



Instead of grabbing a cookie, try munching on something that's good for you! Come learn how to make an assortment of yummy yet healthy snacks. Space is limited, so please **register in**

advance. All materials will be supplied by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Deep Relaxation for Teens
Wednesday, July 14th, 4 to 5 pm



Learn how to really rest, relax and relieve stress through breathing, acupressure and meditation techniques. Our relaxation session is sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Kusudama Flower Balls for Teens
Thursday, July 15th, 4 to 6 pm



Learn how to transform paper squares from old magazines into flowers and bring home a beautiful flower ball to hang. We have limited space for this program, so **registration is required.** Materials will be provided by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Drop-in Crafts for Teens: Scented Sachets
Tuesday, July 20th, 1 to 5 pm



Make a wonderfully scented sachets for your room or bureau drawers with potpourri, material, and ribbon. This craft is sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Teens Take Part:



Community Service & Art
Wednesday, July 21st

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Have fun while doing good! Teens will meet at Trackside at 9:30 am and be transported to Weir Historic Farm where they will do a community service project, have lunch, and then have time to draw scenes from the Farm before heading back to Trackside for ice cream sundaes! *Te*

ens Take Part is sponsored by Wilton Library, the Wilton Family Y, Trackside, Wilton Youth Services, and Weir Farm. This program is intended for teens going into 7th through 12th grades only.

Registration and **permission** slips are required by **July 16th** (**and sign up on our website**) and space is limited.

There is no cost for the day. Teens must wear jeans and solid shoes and are asked to bring gloves and a bag lunch. Our rain date for the program is Thursday, July 22nd.

Altered Books for Teens Thursday, July 22nd, 4 to 6 pm



Transform an old book into a piece of interesting art using magazines, photos, paint, markers, fabric and other materials. Space is limited, so **please register in advance**. There is no charge, thanks to the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

T-Shirt Bags for Teens Tuesday, July 27th, 4 to 6 pm

Bring favorite old t-shirts or use materials supplied to transform T-shirts into great bags.

Registration is required as space limited. This "recycling" project is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.



Self Defense for Teens Wednesday, July 28th, 4 to 5 pm

Join martial arts experts Shelley Lindstrom and Dave Palmieri who will teach you proven methods



of self defense.



This class is especially recommended for teens about to enter college. A second session will be held on August 11th to review and reinforce the skills taught.

Registration is suggested. This teen self-defense course is sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Blooming Bottles for Teens



Thursday, July 29th, 4 to 6 pm

Recycle old bottles and magazines and transform them into a beautiful vase with flowers. Space is limited, so please **register in advance.** Blooming Bottles is funded by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.

Wilton Farmers Market

Wednesdays through October 27th, 2 to 6 pm



Farm-fresh produce and fresh-baked breads and pies are just some of the offerings available to those who come to the Wilton Farmers Market in the back parking lot at Wilton Library. Shoppers can purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables, free range eggs, homemade jams, herbs, and fresh cut flowers, along with fresh bread and pies.

Vendors currently include Ambler Farm, Ducky Life Teas, IzzyB's Allergen Free Cupcakes, Killam & Bassette Farmstead, Michele's Pies, Nod Hill Soaps, Ola! Granola, Schulze Farm, Wave Hill Breads, and Grassroot Granookies, with new tents being added each week. The Wilton Farmers Market is co-sponsored by the Library and our Wilton Chamber of Commerce.

Thrilling Thursdays

Thrilling Thursdays are part of Wilton Library's *Readin', Riding & Ropin'-Go West* summer reading program and participation is free, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Pecos Bill Rides the Oregon Trail Thursday, July 1st, 2 to 3 pm

Pecos Bill's stories and songs of the Wild West and the Oregon Trail are woven together with guitar, banjo and mandolin picking, cowboy hat tricks, western rope spinning, and country clog dancing to create a vibrant tapestry of the settling of the American West. Children ages 3 and up with a caregiver are invited to attend and registration is required.



Native American Drum Circle for Kids Thursday, July 8th, 2 to 3 pm

Children can experience Native American music and learn how important living in harmony with nature is to the survival of Native people. The Merrick family, Tribal Citizens of the Spirit Lake Dakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, Mandan and Arikara Nations, will present a spiritual and educational program of native song and dance. Children ages 5 and up with a caregiver are invited to take part and registration is required.



Scavenger Hunt (for ages 4 through 6) Thursday, July 15th, 1:30 to 2 pm

Children 4 through 6 years old will be given simple picture clues similar to I Spy and can go 'hunt for gold' in this scavenger hunt at Wilton Library. Each child will receive some 'gold' to take home! Please note that space is limited and this program is open only to children ages 4-6 with a caregiver in the building.

Registration is required.



Scavenger Hunt (for ages 7 through 9)

Thursday, July 15th, 2:15 to 2:45 pm

Children 7 through 9 years old will 'hunt for gold' by using clues to find books and materials throughout the Wilton Library. Each child will receive some 'gold' to take home! Please note that space is limited and this hunt is open only to children ages 7 - 9 with a caregiver in the building. **Registration is required.**

Scavenger Hunt (for ages 10 through 12)

Thursday, July 15th, 3 to 3:30 pm

Children 10 through 12 years old will 'hunt for gold' by using clues to find books and materials throughout the Wilton Library. Each child will receive some 'gold' to take home! Please note that space is limited and this hunt is open only to children ages 10 - 12 with a caregiver in the building. **Registration is required.**

Wild West Meet & Greet

Thursday, July 22nd, 2 to 3 pm

Children will meet some heroes and characters from the Wild West: Annie Oakley, Sacajawea, Billy the Kid, Grizzly Adams, Molly Brown, Will Rogers, Black Bart and others. Children can create an autograph book and get their favorite Wild West characters' signatures.



Don't forget your cameras! Kids of all ages with caregivers are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Slithery and Crawly Desert Animals

Thursday, July 29th, 2 to 2:45 pm

Children are invited to meet some slithery and crawly desert friends in this hands-on animal program including snakes, lizards, frogs, toads, and turtles. Don't forget your camera! Please note- space is limited to children 5 through 11 years old with their caregivers. **Registration is required**, but there is no fee, thanks to the Dibner Family Science Fund.



Did You Know?



Looking for the perfect spot for a party? Need to find a reasonably priced "hall" for the wedding reception? In the market for a place to hold a company function? Look no further! The Brubeck Room and Courtyard at the Wilton Library is available for rent when it is not being used for our own programs. Hourly rates range from \$150 (Brubeck Room & Courtyard) to \$300 (Brubeck Room & Courtyard, Catering Kitchen and Gallery), with half-price rates for non-profit organizations. Custodial and/or audiovisual help is available for an additional fee. Please contact our Rentals Manager, Karen Danvers, at 203-762-3950 x247 for more information or to reserve a date. You may also want to [consult our website for policies and rental forms.](#)

In addition, our two meeting rooms on the second floor and the craft/story room in the Children's Library are available for rental. [Please see terms and prices on our website.](#) We depend upon the revenue from modest room rental fees to help support our operating budget each year. At the same time, we are able to provide our community with well-equipped and maintained spaces to use at well below market rates.

A win-win situation, for sure. As you might imagine, the calendar fills up quickly, so let us know as soon as possible when you plan your event.

Fun Friday Flicks

Thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund, our Friday movie series is offered at no charge. Snacks will be served and children of all ages are welcome with their caregivers. No registration is necessary.



Friday, July 2nd

10:30 to 11:30 am - *Curious George Goes to a Birthday Party*

2 to 4 pm - *Alice in Wonderland* (PG)

Friday, July 9th

10:30 to 11:30 am - *Thomas the Tank Great Stories*
2 to 4 pm - *Air Bud World Pup* (PG)

Friday, July 16th

10:30 to 11:30 am - *My Friend Rabbit*
2 to 4 pm - *Percy Jackson: Lightning Thief* (PG)

Friday, July 23rd

10:30 to 11:30 am - *Max and Ruby Visit with Grandma*
2 to 4 pm - *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel*

Friday, July 30th

10:30 to 11:30 am - *Triton's Revenge: SpongeBob*
2 to 4 pm - *Where the Wild Things Are* (PG)

Stories and Book Discussions for Kids

Drop-in Story Times

Tuesdays July 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th



Please join us for stories on Tuesdays in the Children's Library during July at the following times (by age):

Ones and Twos with caregivers, 10:15 to 10:45

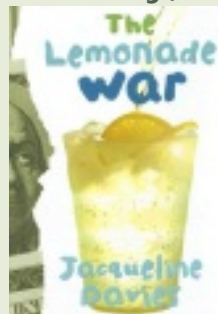
Twos and Threes with caregivers, 10:15 to 10:45 am

Threes and Fours with caregivers, 11 to 11:30 am

Fives through Eights, 2:15 to 3 pm (caregivers must remain in the building). No registration is necessary.

WINRs Circle (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers)

Saturday, July 10th, 3 to 4 pm



Each month the WINRs Circle book club discusses a new 2011 Nutmeg-nominated book. In addition to discussion, children can enjoy activities, games, trivia, and pizza generously donated by Wilton Pizza. July's book is ***The Lemonade War***, by Jacqueline Davies. If you bring a friend, you will win a prize! Our WINRs Circle is meant for children in grades 4-6 with caregivers in the building.

Registration is required, but there is no fee to participate, thanks to a generous grant from HSBC Bank.

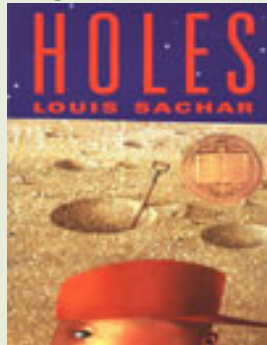
Wild West Stories

Wednesday, July 14th, 11 to 11:30 am

Children ages 5 through 10 are invited to enjoy some of Ms. Lesley's best Wild West stories. Come to the Children's Library to hear all about your favorite Wild West heroes, horses, rattlesnakes, and more. Wild West Wednesdays are part of Wilton Library's *Readin', Ridin' & Ropin'-Go West* summer reading program. There is no need to register - just stop by!

Have Your Cake and Read It, Too!

July 22nd, 6:30 to 7:30 pm



Join Wilton Library's Kids' Book Club for children in grades 3 and up. Dessert will be served and adults will be included in the fun. Children and their adults will read the book selection and then join the discussion. This month's selection is *Holes*, by Louis Sachar. **Please register in advance.** Our *Have Your Cake* book club is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Kiwanis Kids' Korner

Saturday, July 24th, 11 to 11:30 am

Children ages 4 through 7 are invited to this story time program offered by the Wilton Kiwanis Club. A Kiwanis member will share stories, songs and activities with the children. Kids are sure to have a great time! This story time is intended for children with a caregiver in the building. There is no registration necessary.

Dinosaur Club

Tuesdays, July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, 4 to 5 pm

Children entering grades 4 through 6 are invited to join this new Dinosaur Club held weekly through Aug. 24th! Each year the Peabody Museum hosts the Yale Paleo-Knowledge Bowl in which children can highlight their knowledge of paleontology.



This club will meet once a week to discuss various topics including fossils, paleobiology, geology and more in preparation for the Paleo Bowl. Be prepared for some awesome hands-on demonstrations and props as well as creative activities. This is a great summer activity for kids interested in dinosaurs! Caregivers of participants

must remain in the building. **Registration is recommended.**
This program will be facilitated by Darrell Fennell.

Wilton Library's Sidewalk Book Sale

Thursday, July 8th through Saturday, July 10th
10 am to 2 pm



Wilton Library will sell gently used books for great beach/vacation reading during Wilton's Sidewalk Sale weekend. There will be bargain prices for terrific reads...stop by and check them out!

Third Tuesday Songwriters' Circle

Tuesday, July 20th, from 11 am to 12:30 pm

Join this small group of songwriters for a session "in the round," followed by time for a brown bag lunch. Participants are encouraged to share work or work-in-progress, listen and meet writing partners. **Please register in advance.**



Summer Music & More Concerts

Thursday evenings in July from 5 to 6:30 pm

Join us for some terrific summer sounds:

- ~ ~ **July 8th Chance Browne and the Twinkies** return to open the 10th year of outdoor concerts at Wilton Library providing their usual style of funk/blues tunes.
- ~ ~ **July 15th In Harmony** (oldies vocal group), back by popular demand
- ~ ~ **July 22nd Cosmic Jibaros** with Latin salsa/rock
- ~ ~ **July 29 Fast Lane Band** with '60s & '70s Disco and Motown



Concerts will take place in the Northeast Courtyard (with a rain location of the Brubeck Room). Entertainment and refreshments are free thanks once again to **The Village Market**. Wine will be provided by **Michael Crystal**, founder of the Grand Crew Wine Club. No registration is necessary - just come and bring your friends!

Art Receptions & Exhibits

Art Exhibition Reception for the 66th Annual Summer Show at Wilton Library

Friday, July 9th, 6 to 7:30 pm

More than 50 Wilton artists featuring diverse styles, media and subjects. Please join us to celebrate the artists on the 9th, and stop by to see the works (and perhaps buy one!) whenever the Library is open through August 27th. Note that the Library is closed on summer Sundays.



Weir Farm Artist-in-Residence Exhibition/Reception: Michelle Dussault

Thursday, July 29th, 6 to 7:30 pm

Michelle Dussault is a 2-dimensional artist and assistant professor in studio art at Southeastern Louisiana University and will be at the Weir Farm program in July. Working in drawing, painting & video, Michelle's work uses a pop sensibility and caustic wit to create oblique narratives that are formulated through social research and personal storytelling. Her work has been exhibited locally and nationally in Baton Rouge, New York and Boston. Our exhibition and reception are co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by Wilton Library. **Please register in advance.**



Area Author Affair

Jane Pollak: *Soul Proprietor*

Monday, July 19th, 6 to 7 pm



Soul Proprietor: 101 Lessons from a Lifestyle Entrepreneur was originally released in 2001. A primer on the daily lessons that business ownership teaches, this book explores how to maintain a balanced and joyful life while striking out on an entrepreneurial mission. Ultimately, Pollak's story illustrates that structuring a business to reflect personal values is the true key to success. Since that pivotal year Jane has continued providing inspirational, yet practical, lessons with creative professionals through coaching, speaking and her newest passion - blogging. Jane decided to re-release *Soul Proprietor* in 2010 with updated lessons on...

*Catching the curve balls and pursuing your dream (even during

an economic downturn)

*Controlling systems, gadgets, and gizmos (before they control you)

*Feeding your golden goose (because self-care impacts your bottom line)

Join Jane in an interactive talk about the lessons learned over her many entrepreneurial years and how they can benefit you. Relax and enjoy the talk with refreshments served. There is no charge for the program and books will be available for purchase and signing. **Please register in advance.**

We Made It!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

And then some :)

A few days ago, I wrote asking you all to help us close the gap with a donation to our Annual Appeal. **Your generous response allowed us not only to reach the \$200,000 mark, but also to exceed it by several thousand dollars.** At the time of this writing, our total is at \$213,000!!! And we have two more days to go before year end. There is a chance - a good chance, that this year's will be the most successful Annual Appeal ever...the previous record (June 2008) was \$220,000.



Donors have, with these contributions, made sure that our Library thrives. We use donated funds for purchases of all books, CDs and DVDs, for electronic databases, for some programs and a great deal of technology.

Thank you! What a tremendous vote of confidence, but beyond that - what a gift to the entire community!

More July Excitement

Drop-in Summer Crafts

Monday, July 12th, 19th, 26th, 10 am to 8 pm

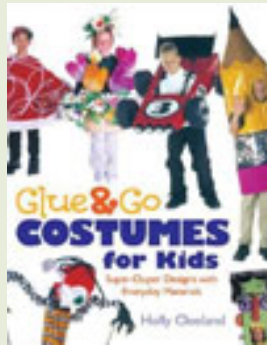


Children of all ages can stop by during regular library hours on Mondays through August 16th and make a craft to take home. Part of the summer reading program, crafts follow the theme of *Readin', Ridin', Ropin'- Go West at Wilton Library*. There is no program fee and no registration is necessary, thanks to the Coyle

Family Young Readers Fund.

Glue and Go Costumes for Kids

Monday, July 12th, 2 to 3 pm



Author Holly Cleeland will be joining us for this fun, informative program about costumes for children based on her book, **Glue-and-Go Costumes**. Both parents and children will come away from the program with some fresh, creative costuming ideas. **Registration is required** but there is no fee for participation. Two costumes will be raffled off for the winners to take home. Glue-and-Go Costumes is sponsored by the Coyle

Family Young Readers Fund.

Princess Movie Night

Monday, July 12th, 6 to 7:30 pm



Children of all ages are invited to meet the Disney princesses at this summer movie event. Several Disney princesses will be available before and after the movie to give autographs and pose for pictures (bring your camera). The movie to be shown is Princess Stories. No registration is necessary and there is no fee, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

The Guitar Guy

Wednesday, July 21st, 11 to 11:45 am



Children ages 2 through 6 are invited to a fun-filled performance by Robert the Guitar Guy. Robert uses music, props, movement, and dance to entertain children and their grown-ups. Robert has been a guest at Wilton Library many times before and always gives an enjoyable performance that provides great fun for the entire family! This program is intended for children 2 to 6 years old accompanied by caregivers.

Registration is required.

New Perspectives Film Series: *Young @ Heart* Documentary Tuesday July 20th, 7 to 8:30 pm

This film documents the true story of the final weeks of rehearsal for the Young at Heart Chorus in Northampton, MA, whose average age is 81, and many of whom must overcome health adversities to participate. Their music is unexpected, going against the stereotype of their age group, performing songs, for example, by James Brown, and Sonic Youth. Although they have toured Europe and sung for royalty, this account focuses on preparing new songs, not an easy endeavor, for a concert in their home town, which succeeds in spite of several very heart breaking events.



As one Amazon reviewer, Rebecca Kyle, wrote in 2008, *'They've discovered the joy of music and they're passing it along to audiences everywhere. I promise you will both laugh and cry in this film. You may also be moved to try some new things. Music brings joy to many lives and it's clearly never too late to get out there and try something new.'*

Uplifting and moving, this film is a must-see for all ages! **Please register in advance.**

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