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Hello!

It seems like the dog days have been with us for months and the new designation (by Governor Rell) of our Library as a "cooling center," makes it official. Wilton Library is our refuge in the storm, a place to cool off and plug in, and a place to congregate and thrive no matter what the weather.

We've been thrilled to welcome so many new users, and happy to provide not only books, magazines, newspapers, comfy chairs, quiet nooks, and computer access (wired and wireless), but also programming for all ages and interests over the summer months. Our summer concerts drew enthusiastic and unprecedented crowds in July, the summer reading program continues to entertain and inspire children, and a robust schedule of activities just for teens has been popular...and productive! The summer may be sizzling, but things are cool and swinging at the Library - come check us out.

See you soon!

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.*

Summer Art Exhibits and a Reception

Wilton Library's 66th Annual Summer Art Exhibition

Now through Friday, August 27th, please come experience Wilton Library's 66th Annual Summer Show. More than 50 Wilton artists' works are represented, featuring diverse styles, media, and subjects. Library Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 - 8; Friday 10 - 6; Saturday 10 - 5 (we are closed Sundays during the summer).

Weir Farm Artist-in-Residence

Exhibition/Reception: A

Annie Varnot

Tuesday, August 24th, 6 to 7:30 pm

August brings Annie Varnot to the Weir Farm Artist-in-Residence program. Annie is interested in creating larger structures from the accumulation of one material and believes that the more mundane the material, the more the possibilities of ironic transformation. Our exhibition and reception is co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by Wilton Library. **Please register in advance** and join us!

Some Terrific August Activities for Kids

Drop-in Summer Crafts

Mondays, August 2nd, 9th & 16th, 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. Crafts follow the theme of *Readin', Ridin', Ropin'- Go West at Wilton Library*. There is no program fee, no need to register. Drop-in Summer Crafts are made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Drop-in Story Times

Tuesdays, August 3rd, 10th & 17th

Children 1 to 8 years old can enjoy story times on Tuesdays through August 17th at various times based on age groups:

Ones and Twos with caregivers from 10:15 to 10:45 am

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

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

Fives through Eights from 2:15 to 3 pm (caregivers must remain in the building).

Dinosaur Club

Tuesdays, August 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th, 4 to 5 pm

Children entering grades 4 through 6 will continue to enjoy and learn from Wilton Library's Dinosaur Club that is held weekly through August 24th. The Peabody Museum annually hosts the Yale Paleo-Knowledge Bowl in which children can highlight their knowledge of paleontology. Our Club will meet once a week to discuss various topics including fossils, paleobiology, geology and more in preparation for the Paleo Bowl. Kids will take part in hands-on demonstrations as well as creative activities. Caregivers of participants must remain in the building. This program will be facilitated by Darrell Fennell.

We ask that you register in advance:

Tuesday, August 3rd

Tuesday, August 10th

Tuesday, August 17th

Tuesday, August 24th

Follow us on Twitter!

For Library news & alerts

Twitter is one of the easiest and most engaging networking tools around today and we are having lots of fun here at the Library posting book & movie recommendations, notices about programs about to occur, and news about all sorts of events and information we think our followers will enjoy.

To sign on, just go to **Wilton Library's signup page** on Twitter. Click on the "Join Today" button. Fill in your full name, create a user name and password, enter your email address, and you'll start receiving our tweets whenever you log on to your new Twitter account. Already a Twitter user? Search for "wiltonlibrary" to find us and become a follower! We "tweet" a couple of times each day about what's new and interesting at the Library - along with some fun facts, so you won't be overwhelmed with information.

Especially for Teens!

Drop-in Crafts

For students entering grades 7-12 and recent high school graduates . Drop-in Crafts for Teens are sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Locker Magnets

Tuesday, August 3rd, 1 to 5 pm

Teens can make magnets for their lockers or refrigerators using marbles and old magazines.

Key Chains & Jewelry

Tuesday, August 10th, 1 to 5 pm

Teens can make key chains, necklaces or bracelets using materials supplied by the Library.

Yoga and Fruit Smoothies for Teens

Wednesday, August 4th & 18th, 4 to 5:30 pm

Janice Wilcox will show teens how to stretch, strengthen, loosen, move, be still, breath and relax through the practice of Kripalu Yoga. Sessions are topped off with fresh fruit smoothies. For students entering grades 7-12 and recent high school graduates. Participants should bring mats and wear loose clothing. Please register in advance:

Wednesday, August 4th

Wednesday, August 18th

What's Under Your Hood for Teens

Thursday, August 5th, 4 to 5:30 pm

Car enthusiast Whitney Walker will help teens identify the parts of the car, teach kids how to change a tire and fluids, and share tips that every driver should know. There will be car merchandise give-aways for attendees! **Please register in advance.** *What's Under Your Hood* is sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Self Defense for Teens

Wednesday, August 11th, 4 to 5 pm

Join martial arts experts, Shelley Lindstrom and Dave Palmieri, who'll teach you methods of self defense. For students entering grades 7-12 and recent high school graduates and especially recommended for teens about to enter college. **Please register in advance.** *Self Defense for Teens* is sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Tie Dye for Teens

Thursday, August 12th, 4 to 6 pm

Transform a white t-shirt into a colorful one with tie dye. For students entering grades 7 through 12 and recent HS graduates. Space is limited, so **please register in advance**. *Tie Dye for Teens* is sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund. Note that we have a rain date scheduled for Friday, August 13th, as this program takes place outside.

Astronomy for Teens and their Families

Tuesday, August 17th, 7 to 9 pm

Kevin Manning, astrophysicist and former NASA consultant, will use visuals and hands-on activities to explore the size and scale of the universe, stars and other celestial wonders. Weather permitting, a telescope will be set up in the courtyard to view the rings of Saturn! We welcome all from age 8 to 108. Please **register in advance**, as space is limited. Our astronomy programs are sponsored by the Dibner Fund.

Duct Tape for Teens

Thursday, August 19th, 4 to 5:30 pm

Find out how many amazing things you can make with duct tape. Artist Katie Stevenson will return to the Library with an assortment of tape and ideas for teens to try. This program is intended for teens in grades 7-12 and recently graduated high students. **Registration is required** and space is limited. *Duct Tape for Teens* is sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Wilton Farmer's Market

Wednesdays from noon to 4 pm

Farm-fresh produce, granola, fresh-baked breads, pies, cookies, handmade soaps and body products, and organic teas are just some of the offerings at the Wilton Farmers Market in the back parking lot at Wilton Library Wednesdays until the end of October.

Purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables, free range eggs, homemade jams, herbs, and fresh cut flowers from Killam & Bassette Farmstead and Schulze Farm. Other vendors include Wave Hill Bread, Nod Hill Soaps, Duckylife Organic Teas, Ola Granola, IzzyB's Allergen Free Cupcakes, Grassroots Granookies, Calcutta Kitchens, and our latest addition, Whistle Stop Bakery. The Market is sponsored by Wilton Library and the Wilton Chamber of Commerce.

Wild Wednesdays in August

Wild Tales About Wild Tails

Wednesday, August 4th, 3 to 3:45 pm

Children 5 years old and older are invited to discover wolves and coyotes through literature. Wolves and coyotes are in many of the fairy tales and books we read and kids will have the opportunity to explore picture books, non-fiction books, and fiction books that highlight these animals. Snacks will be provided and kids will make a craft to take home. **Please register in advance.** *Wild Tales* is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Short Stacks and Tall Tales

Wednesday, August 18th, 4 - 4:45 pm

Gather 'round the chuck wagon, pardners ages 8 to 11. We'll whip us up a batch of hoe cakes, then chow 'em down and bend our ears to a rip-snortin' American tall tale. Please note - space is limited for this program. **Registration is required**, but there is no fee, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Thrilling Thursdays

Thrilling Thursdays are part of Wilton Library's *Readin', Ridin', & Ropin'-Go West* summer reading program.

Atka the Wolf Returns!

Thursday, August 5th, 2 to 2:45 pm

Join the Library in welcoming Atka the Wolf from the Wolf Conservation Center! Wolves play an important role in the environment and teachers from the Conservation Center will share some facts about their importance. Please note that the visit with Atka is limited to children 4 years old and older who attend with their caregivers. **Registration is required** as space is limited. Atka the Wolf's visit is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.

Line Dancing Class

Thursday, August 12th, 2 to 2:45 pm

Penny and Joe Longo will teach children (5 years old and older) and adults the various dance steps used in line dancing. The Longos have been dancing since 1990, actively participate in weekly dances, and are members of the New England Western Dance Association. Come on down and join the fun! **Registration is required**, but there is no fee, thanks to the Coyle Family Young

Readers Fund.

**Cowboy Billy's Songs of the West
Thursday, August 19th, 2 to 3 pm**

Cowboy Billy will amuse children 4 to 9 years old with his stories and songs of the Wild West. Children will love his comedy, songs and art! Children must be accompanied by their caregivers and **registration is required.**

The Spoon Man

Monday, August 9th, 2 to 3 pm

The Spoon Man will entertain the whole family with his humor, musical talents and abilities with spoons. Children can even become a part of the 'Hillbilly Band!' This concert is intended for kids 3 years old and older with caregivers. **Please register in advance,** as space is limited. The Spoon Man's visit is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Author Talk: Melissa Pellegrino & Matthew Scialabba

Wednesday, August 11th, 7 to 8:30 pm

The Italian Farmer's Table is a sumptuously illustrated cookbook featuring authentic recipes from more than thirty working family farms in northern Italy. Professional chefs Matthew Scialabba and Melissa Pellegrino have transcribed 150 northern Italian recipes from these family farms-including many that are seldom found in cookbooks outside of Italy.

Full-color photographs and anecdotes about the farms and their residents bring Italy's glorious countryside to life and illustrate such recipes as Swiss Chard and Ricotta Tarts, Lavender Encrusted Chicken with Pancetta, Fried Butternut Squash Ravioli, and Goat Cheese Gnocchi with Walnut Butter Sauce.

Join Matt and Melissa for ideas on using seasonal produce and hear about their experiences in Italy and the resulting cookbook. Books will be available for purchase and signing. **Please register in advance.**

On the Wishlist

Given the continuing challenge of a lackluster job market, we would love to purchase the 15th edition of the Encyclopedia of Careers and need your help.

This new edition is about to be published and remains the "most comprehensive career reference in print." In five volumes, the Encyclopedia is packed with more than 750 articles that offer "expanded career information, sidebars, and other user-friendly features. Included are lists of the top fastest-growing careers and the top 10 careers that experts predict will add the greatest number of positions through 2018.

If we order before September 30th, we will lock in the pre-publication price of \$200, 20% off the list price. Are you able to help us provide this terrific resource to the community of job seekers we serve? Please [email me](#) or call 203-762-3950 x 215 to donate - we'll be glad to put a bookplate in each volume acknowledging your generosity.

Fun Friday Flicks

All ages are welcome (with their caregivers, please) for free movies and snacks, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. There's no need to register - just come on down!

Friday, August 6th

10:30 am - *Wiggles Hot Potatoes*

2 pm - *Tooth Fairy* (PG)

Friday, August 13th

10:30 am - *Caillou Fun Outside*

2 pm - *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (PG)

Friday, August 20th

10:30 am - *Martha Speaks*

2 pm - *Astro Boy* (PG)

Kids' Book Clubs, Discussions & Stories

WINRs Circle (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers) Saturday, August 14th, 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 & Pasta. August's book is **No Talking, by Andrew Clements**. Bring a friend, win a prize! This program is intended for children in grades 4-6 and caregivers must remain in the building during the discussion. **Advance registration is required**. Our *WINRs Circle* is sponsored by a generous grant from HSBC Bank.

Have Your Cake and Read It, Too!

Child/Adult Book Discussion Thursday, August 26th, 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. Children and their adults will read the book selection and then join the discussion. This month features a battle of the pets! Do you like cats or dogs better? The selected books are **Strider and Socks, both by Beverly Cleary**. Our *Have Your Cake* book discussions are made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. **Please register in advance**.

Kiwanis Kids' Korner Saturday, August 28th, 11 to 11:30 am

Children ages 4-7 are invited to this story time program offered by the Wilton Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis member DeeDee VanAlstyne will share stories, songs and activities with the children. Caregivers of participants must remain in the building during the program.

There's no need to register.

Social Thinking Across the Home & School Day, with Stephanie Madrigal

Wednesday, August 25th, 7 to 9 pm

People with AD/HD, autism spectrum disorders, non-verbal learning disabilities and other social and communication challenges struggle with the process of social thinking, an intelligence that integrates information across home, work and community settings.

Stephanie Madrigal, MA, CCC-SLP, has worked (as part of a clinical team with Michelle Garcia Winner) on Social Thinking for over seven years. The author of the popular Superflex superhero curriculum, Ms. Madrigal creates and develops therapeutic and educational products related to training students from age five to adulthood with social learning disabilities and social-cognitive deficits. **Please register in advance as space is limited.** This program is co-sponsored by SPED*NET Wilton, Wilton Public Schools, and Wilton Library.

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