



Library Lines

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Creative kids

Children can indulge their creative sides in two drop-in crafts programs on Friday and Sunday. To celebrate the start of the Winter Olympics, kids can get creative with *Drop-in Olympic Crafts* on Friday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Sunday, Feb. 14, kids have *Drop-in Valentine's Day Crafts* from 1 – 5 p.m. to make valentines for their special someone. Materials are supplied by the Children's Library. Both programs are free of charge with no registration. Both craft days are made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Let the reading begin

The second annual *WINRS Circle* kick-off begins on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 3 – 3:45 p.m. for kids in grades 4 – 6. This book-loving group of Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers gets together the second Saturday of each month to discuss the 2011 Nutmeg Award-nominated books. The new list will be revealed in this get together. Connecticut's Nutmeg Award-nominated books are selected by a panel of state librarians. The statewide program encourages children to read literature and invites them to choose their favorite book out of ten titles next January 2011. During February's meeting, the kids will get to meet each other, make new friends, view all 10 nominees, enjoy pizza and receive goody bags. There is no charge for the program. Kids are encouraged to sign-up with friends. Registration is required. The program is made possible at the library by the HSBC Bank. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950 ext. 217.

Making music together

The *Third Tuesday Songwriters' Circle* meets Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This group comes together as the name implies on the third Tuesday of each month to share their work, ideas and camaraderie in the love of music – writing, singing, listening and collaborating. Participants are encouraged to bring their own “brown bag” lunches during the sessions. Registration is preferred. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950 ext. 213.

Fat Tuesday celebration

Children ages 4 – 8 get to join the fun of a *Mardi Gras Celebration* on Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 4 to 5 p.m. Kids will decorate cupcakes, make crafts, listen to stories, and take part in a parade around the library. Caregivers must remain in the building. The program is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. There is no charge for the program. Registration is required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950 ext. 217.

Documentary film series

This month's *New Perspectives* film on Wednesday, Feb. 17 is *Jump!* This documentary is a feature-length film about competitive jump rope that follows kids on five teams around the country. They push physical and psychological limits in pursuit of the World Championship. At 7 p.m., before the film screening, the Moon Jumpers from Newtown, with coach Pam Patterson, will provide a short demonstration of jumping in the Brubeck Room. Following the film (run time of 99 minutes), local documentary filmmaker Megan Smith-Harris will share some behind-the-scenes stories from her interview with Producer/Director Helen Hood Scheer. There is no charge however donations will be gratefully accepted. Registration is highly recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950 ext. 213. The next film is *Full Battle Rattle* on March 31 at 7 p.m.

Music roots

Ray Kamalay, a professional musician, brings two informative programs on the *Roots of American Music* to the library on Thursday, Feb. 18 for children and adults, tracing the development of early American music. The children's program is from 4 to 5 p.m. in which Ray will present a lively program encompassing a selection of early ragtime and jazz music that developed from its links to slavery. The adult program from 7 – 8:30 p.m. includes a discussion of freedom, ancient and modern slavery, the Haitian Revolution, the origin of blackface, spirituals, blues, minstrel shows, ragtime and jazz. Kamalay is a Detroit native, with a degree in philosophy from the University of Detroit. He has been a professional musician since 1974 and has performed at some of the most prestigious venues including the Edinburgh Festival, Interlochen and the Philadelphia Folk Festival. In 1998, his work with Howard and Ralphe Armstrong was nominated for the W. C. Handy Award. The program is made possible through an anonymous fund. There is no charge for either program. Registration is highly recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950 ext. 213.

A journey to Germany

Children in grades 1 – 5 take in a little culture with the *International Folklore and Fantasy* program, from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20. The guest speakers are Marie Kappen and Hannah Ziegler who will be sharing their stories and customs of Germany with the group. The story time group meets twice a month through April, learning the customs and cultures of different countries from their Wilton neighbors who have unique native backgrounds. Registration is required. There is no fee for the program. Children under 12 must have caregivers remain in the building. Additional dates: 3/6/10 England; 3/20/10 Pakistan; 4/10/10 France; 4/24/10 Japan. The program is sponsored by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950 ext. 217.

Reminder: The library is closed on Monday, Feb. 15 for Presidents' Day.