

Library Lines

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Fresh produce abounds

The Wilton Farmers Market now is open on Wednesdays in the library's back parking lot, with new hours, 2 to 6 p.m. The market was a big success last year, and this year the library and the Chamber of Commerce have been working on bringing in new vendors, have shifted the hours based on demand, and are lengthening the season from the beginning of May to the end of October. Buyers will be familiar with returning vendors such as Wilton's own Wave Hill Breads, Michele's Pies, Ola Granola, Killem & Bassette Farmstead and Schulze Farm, IzzyB's Allergen Free Cupcakes to name a few. New vendors will be part of the opening weeks with additional growers and sellers joining in the weeks to come. For information: 203-762-3950 ext. 234.

Potted plant for Mother's Day

Children ages 5 – 10 years can join the fun in the program, A Plant for Mother's Day, on Saturday, May 8, from 2 to 3 p.m. Daryl Beyers, a landscape designer for Poundridge Nurseries, who writes and teaches about gardening, will help kids create the gift that keeps giving. There is no fee, however registration is required. The program is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

Books and pizza

The second Saturday of the month is the time when the WINRS Circle gathers to discuss the Nutmeg Award-nominated books. This Saturday, May 8, from 3 to 4 p.m., kids in grades 4 to 6 can enjoy pizza donated by Wilton Pizza while discussing *Elephant Run* by Roland Smith. There is no program fee; advance registration is required. The program is made possible by HSBC bank. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

For the love of gardens

Renowned landscape designer Maureen Haseley-Jones, aka The English Lady, visits the library on Monday, May 10, from 11 to noon, to reconnect people's hearts and hands with the nourishing energy of Mother Nature's life giving gardens. There is no charge for the program which is sponsored by the Wilton Garden Club and the library. Registration is recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

A wormy world

The Connecticut Science Center presents programs on Tuesdays in May. Children in grades 2 – 4 will learn about worms in Worm World, from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Registration is required; there is no fee. The Tuesday programs are made possible by the Dibner Family Fund. Additional dates: May 18 It's Electric and May 25 Playing with Polymers. Visit the library's website for more information. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

Last book group session

The Wilton Library Readers gather on Wednesday, May 12, from noon to 1:30 for their final session of this season. Susan Boyar, the popular book group leader, will facilitate the discussion of E. M. Forster's *A Room with a View*. Participants are reminded to bring their lunches, beverages will be served. Registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Starting a new business

Local businessman Joe Equale addresses the JOBS? JOBS! JOBS series on Wednesday, May 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with the program *Starting a New Business*. For those with an entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Equale brings insightful information about the advantages and disadvantages of self-employment, the steps to be taken in starting or purchasing a business, the selection of the business entity (including legal and income tax considerations), funding the business and the many milestones and checkpoints that should happen along the way. There is no charge. Registration is recommended. The JOBS series is sponsored by the library and the Wilton Chamber of Commerce. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Healthy living

Rev. Karen Judd, Interfaith Minister and LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker) discusses *Staying Healthy After 50* on Thursday, May 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Rev. Judd will explore the four quadrants of beingness – the physical, emotional, intellectual and intuitive – and how to create wellness and harmony within. The program is made possible by Mid-Fairfield Hospice. There is no charge. Registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Children's concert

Music artist Paul Helou entertains children ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers with Bears, Bees and Butterflies on Thursday, May 13, from 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Paul is ready and willing to take a tumble into the silly, spontaneous and outrageous through music, movement, improvisation, and storytelling. There is no fee; registration is suggested. The program is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

Reminder: Children's Chess Club instructional sessions begin today at 4 and 5 p.m. Polish Story Times are Mondays, from 4:30 to 5:15 for ages 3 – 5. Wilton Schools FAPA Opening Reception is Monday, May 10 at 6 p.m. Visit the library's website for details.