

Library Lines

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Special story time

Kiwanis Club member Gail Lavielle leads a special story time on Saturday morning, June 26, from 11 – 11:30 for children ages 4 to 7. In the *Kiwanis Kids' Korner*, Ms. Lavielle will share stories, songs and activities with the children. Caregivers are asked to remain in the building during the activity. There is no charge or reservations required. The program is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Wilton.

Wilton Reads author talk

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo comes to the library on Sunday, June 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. to discuss his novel, *That Old Cape Magic*, in the last event of the *Wilton Reads! 2010* community-wide reading program. The Wilton Reads! program is made possible by generous grants from The Wilton Bank and the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County. In recognition of his exemplary contributions to contemporary literature, Mr. Russo will become the third recipient of Wilton Library's Grodin Family Fine Writers Award when he addresses the library's audience. Mr. Russo, author of such notable novels such as *Empire Falls* for which he won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize, *Nobody's Fool* and *Bridge of Signs*, will have a Q&A following the talk and a book signing. Many of his books will be available for purchase and signing. Registration is strongly recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213. The library is closed Sundays in the summer, but it will open for this very special event at 3:30.

Kids' crafts

Children of all ages can stop in on Mondays from June 28 through Aug. 16 for *Drop-in Summer Crafts* in the Children's Library. There will be no crafts on July 5 as the library will be closed for Independence Day. The Monday crafts day will follow the theme of the summer reading program, *Readin', Ridin' & Ropin' – Go West at Wilton Library*. Kids can come during regular Monday hours, from 10 to 8 to make western-themed crafts to take home. There is no registration or fees. The program is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Teens have crafts too

Teens in grades 7 through 12, including recent high school graduates may come to the library on specified days from 1 to 5 p.m. for *Drop-in Crafts for Teens*. The first day is Tuesday, June 29 with kids making decorative pots from natural products. The library supplies the materials. This decorative pots program is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative. Additional dates are Thursday, July 1 Postcards; Tuesday, July 6 Decorative Birdhouses; Thursday, July 8 Fabric Bookmarks; Tuesday, July 20 Scented Sachets; Tuesday, Aug. 3 Locker Magnets; Tuesday, Aug. 10 Key Chains and Jewelry. The Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation sponsors the July 1 and 8 sessions; the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund sponsors the July 6, 20, Aug. 3 and 8 sessions. There is no charge or reservations for any of the Drop-in Crafts for Teens.

Weir Farm reception

The Weir Farm Artist in Residence for the month of June is Paul Balmer. His reception and exhibition are at the library on Tuesday, June 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Mr. Balmer is a world traveler, having been born in South Africa and lived in Australia before art took him to Europe and the US, specifically New York City. The reception is sponsored by the Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by the library. There is no charge. Registration is suggested. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Kids get wild

Wild West Wednesdays are loaded with fun programs for all ages. The first one is June 30, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. with a screening of *An American Tail: Fievel Goes West*. Children under the age of 8 must have caregivers present; children between 8 and 12 must have caregivers in the building. There is no registration or fee. This Wild West Wednesday is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. Additional dates for fun and entertainment include July 14 Wild West Stories with Miss Keogh; Aug. 4 Wild Tales About Wild Tails; Monday, Aug. 9, The Spoon Man. Please visit the library's website at www.wiltonlibrary.org for times, ages and registration requirements.

Teens eat and wear veggies

Teens are always being asked to eat their vegetables. Now they have a chance to turn the tables and wear their vegetables in *Veggie Tees for Teens*, on Wednesday, June 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. This creative session invites teens entering grades 7 through 12 and recent high school grads to use vegetables as stamps to transform plain white t-shirts into fashion-forward tops. Space is limited in this hands-on craft, so registration is required. All materials will be supplied by the library courtesy of the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Oregon Trail

The first of the *Thrilling Thursdays* programs takes place on July 1, from 2 to 3 p.m. with *Pecos Bill Rides the Oregon Trail*. Pecos Bill visits the library and sings, dances, performs hat and rope tricks and does clog dancing. The program is for children ages 3 and up and is sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. Registration is required. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217. See the website for more Thrilling Thursday programs.