

Library Lines

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Kids' day at the movies

Reel Fridays begin tomorrow with free movies for little kids in the morning and big kids in the afternoon. Cartoons will be shown from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and the little ones must be accompanied by adults. Older kids can see their movies in the afternoon at 2, with children 8 and under having adult supervision in the room, while children 9 and up must have caregivers remain in the building. The movies are free of charge and there is no registration. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. For movie details, call the library at 762-3950. Additional dates for Reel Fridays this summer: July 25, Aug. 8 & 15.

Wilton artists celebrate

The **64th annual Summer Art Show** opens with a reception at the library on Friday, July 11, from 6-7:30 p.m. More than 70 adult artists from Wilton are exhibiting in this year's show, with more than 100 diverse works of art in oils, watercolors, pastels, drawings and sculptures. The show runs through Friday, Aug. 29. The majority of the artwork is available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the library's art collection fund for the purchase of art books.

Jazz at the Brubeck Room

A special **Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room** is lined up for this Saturday night, July 12 at 7:30, with classical and jazz pianist John Salmon. Salmon, a national and international concert performer, will focus mostly on Dave and Chris Brubeck compositions. A reception follows the performance. Suggested donation for the program is \$10 per person. The Hot & Cool: Jazz at the Brubeck Room series is made possible by a grant from the William and Karen Tell Foundation, with a special thanks to Catherine and Ed Romer. Advance registration is strongly recommended, with pre-registrants arriving by 7:20 to be guaranteed seating. Wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be seated after 7:20, space permitting. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Kids' activities

Ongoing summer reading activities for children include Drop-In Crafts on Mondays all day; American Tales for kids ages 5 and older on Monday, July 14, from 6-6:30 p.m.; and Drop-In Story Times on Tuesdays. Information about each of these fun things to do at the library can be found by visiting www.wiltonlibrary.org/events. For kids entering grades 3-6, The Kids' Book Club takes place on Tuesday, July 15, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with book talks about the Mississippi River, this week's theme. Registration is required. The book group is sponsored by Stop & Shop. The Wednesday Wonders for July 16, from 3-4 p.m. is Rocky Brook Frogs. Inspired by the Mark Twain story, "The Famous Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," the library presents a program with a naturalist from the Roaring Brook Nature Center. A slide show and live frogs along with a huge, bug-eating toad are all part of the fun. The program is free of charge, limited to 150 people (children and caregivers) with no advance registration. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be handed out a half-hour before the program begins. The program is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative.

Teen fun

Teens have a week designed just for them with all sorts of cool activities starting with X-Box "Rock Band" on Tuesday, July 15, from 4-6 p.m. Teens entering grades 7-12 can come play "Rock Band" with friends on the library's new system displayed on the large Brubeck Room screen. There is no charge, nor registration. Snacks abound. The Teen Book Talk is each Wednesday, from 4-5 p.m. Kids can chat with other kids about some of their favorite reads in an informal roundtable discussion. Snacks also will be provided. The deadline for "Gotcha Reading," the teen photo contest is fast approaching. Kids can submit either 5 x 7, or 8 x 10 photos of people reading. Prizes will be handed out for most original place found reading, most humorous and most artistic. Kids have until July 25 to get their pix in. For information: 762-3950 ext. 243. All of the teen programs are funded by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Teen music

The **Summer Music & More Concert Series** features two teen bands next Thursday evening, July 17, from 5-6:30 with Vivacity, a rock band from Stamford, and Hip Six, a jazz band out of Redding. The concerts are free, along with the refreshments, and open to the public. The series is sponsored by The Village Market. Tonight is the opening performance of Chance Browne and the Twinkies; July 24 is Steve D'Agostino crooning the smooth tunes of the Great American Songbook, and July 31 features In Harmony, a vocal oldies band. For information: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.