

Library Lines

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Craft time

Children in entering grades 2 and up are encouraged to join Children's assistant Lesley Keogh in her Craft Workshop on Friday, July 18, from 3-5 p.m. Kids will be creating a variety of themed crafts more complex than the Monday drop-in crafts. There is no charge or registration required. The last workshop is set for Aug. 1. Drop-in Crafts take place on Mondays through Aug. 11 from 10-8, during library hours. Kids of all ages are invited to stop by and show their creativity. The crafts are free and no registration is necessary. Parents and caregivers are reminded that Drop-In Story Times take place on Tuesdays. Visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950 for more information.

Unleash a rock star, and other cool stuff

Teens discovered earlier this month that the place to play Rock Band is at the library with the new X-Box system, and on Tuesday, July 22, from 4-6 p.m. they get to do it all over again. Using the Brubeck Room large screen projection, kids can wail on the guitar, hammer the drums or sing to the rafters (virtually) to full effect. Kids are encouraged to bring their friends for an afternoon of fun. There is no charge for the program and no registration necessary. The Teen Book Talks continue on Wednesdays, from 4-5 p.m. For the creative teen, inJEANious for Teens, is set for Thursday, July 24, from 3-5 p.m. Teens transform a pair of jeans or jean jacket into a one-of-a-kind piece using paints, markers, rhinestones, fringe, fabric and other materials. Kids are asked to bring the jeans, the library will supply the rest. The class is limited to 20 kids. Registration is strongly recommended to ensure a place. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950. The last few days for the "Gotcha Reading" Teen Photo Contest are winding down. Teens entering grades 7-12 and 2008 high school graduates can enter their 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 photos of people reading. Prizes will be awarded for the most unusual place found reading, most humorous or most artistic photo. Photos will be displayed in the library in August. Photos can be submitted by Friday, July 25 at the teen desk or the circulation desk if the teen area is closed. The teen programs are made possible by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Wednesday Wonders

On Wednesday, July 23, from 3-4 p.m., illustrator Wendell Minor will talk to kids about his love of the outdoors nurtured during his childhood growing up in Illinois. The award-winning artist will instill a sense of wonder and inspire kids to go out into the fields and woods to develop a positive perspective about the beauty of the natural world. There is no charge for the program, or advance registration. Those wishing to attend the program should arrive ½ hour before the program begins. The first 130 people (children and caregivers) will be admitted. Children must be accompanied by adults. Books will be available for purchase, provided by the Wilton Open Book Shop. The program is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative. Additional Wednesday Wonders programs are: July 30 Peter Madcat Ruth, harmonica virtuoso; Aug. 6 Hannah Montana; Aug. 13 Light Saber Battles.

Canoe and kayak safety

The Department of Environmental Protection is offering canoe and kayak safety classes to help prepare water sports enthusiasts for a better and safer summer. The free class is offered at the library on Wednesday, July 23, from 6:30-9 p.m. and is designed for beginner paddlers whether or not they have taken any of the DEPs other courses. For further information or to register: call (860) 463-9505 or visit the DEP website at www.ct.gov/dep.

Music in the courtyard

The Summer Music & More Concert Series continues next week on Thursday, July 24, from 5-6:30 in the courtyard with Steve D'Agostino, evoking the sounds of the Rat Pack era-Sinatra, Bennett and others. In the event of rain, the concert moves to the Brubeck Room and the fun continues. Tonight's concert features two teen bands, Vivacity and Hip Six. The last concert in the series is July 31 with In Harmony, an oldies vocal group. The concert series is sponsored by The Village Market. For information, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Beach reads for sale

The library has a year-round book sale ongoing in the lobby with lots of summer-fun reading at great value. Mass paperbacks printed in 2000 and newer are \$1 each; trade paperbacks from 2000 and newer are \$2; and hardcovers from 2006 are \$5 each. The book sale also features brand new unopened CDs, DVDs, and VHS tapes plus a variety of gift books in mint condition.