

Library Lines

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Movie Day

Tomorrow is Reel Friday at the library with free movies at 10:30 for little kids and 2 for older kids. The morning movie is about a little tank engine; the afternoon is about a girl on the prairie. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by adults; children ages 9-12 must have caregivers remain in the building during the afternoon movie. The movies are free of charge. Refreshments will be served. There is no registration. Additional Reel Friday dates are Aug. 8 and 15. For more information: 762-3950.

Reading activities

This week's reading activities for kids continues with American Tales, from 6-6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28 for kids ages 5 and older. The stories are folk tales and tall stories following the theme of the Travel the 50 States summer reading program. Story Times are on Tuesday, July 29 at various times depending on age groups. The information for Story Times can be found on the library's Web site at www.wiltonlibrary.org/events. Also on Tuesday, July 29, from 5:30-6:30, the Kids' Book Club will venture to New Orleans for their book selections. Children read novels from a book list on New Orleans then come to the library to chat about the books and have a light supper. The last date in the series is Aug. 12 with "New Frontier" as the theme. There is no charge for the program however advance registration is required for each individual meeting. The program is sponsored by Stop & Shop. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Teen fun

Kids in grades 7-12 have some great activities this week starting with Self Defense for Teens, on Tuesday, July 29, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Shelley Lindstrom and Dave Palmieri of Norwalk Karate, and library staff members, will instruct teen girls on self defense. The program is open to all girls entering grades 7-12, but it is especially recommended for those heading off to college. Pizza will be served. Registration is strongly recommended due to the limited class size and the demand for the program based on last year's enthusiastic response. The program is sponsored by Norwalk Karate. The Teen Book Talk continues on Wednesday, July 30, from 4-5 p.m. Kids get to chat about books they have read and recommend. Snacks are included in this informal roundtable. Crafty teens can get their energy flowing again on Thursday, July 31 with Illustrate a Word, from 3-4:30 p.m. Using mat boards, kids will use line, color, value, texture, shape and form to give meaning to a word. For example, WILD could have a variety of bright colors, written out in a funky style and have lots of beads, yarn and whatever else moves one's spirit.

Registration is strongly suggested and kids are encouraged to come with friends. Materials are provided by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund. To register for the karate or the craft program: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Summer cooking

Sherri Brooks Vinton cooks up a variety of delicious summer recipes in Farm Friendly Cooking Demonstration and Tasting on Wednesday, July 30, from 6:30-8 p.m. This is an interactive cooking demonstration featuring locally grown food and easy, practical recipes. Real grilling will take place in the courtyard with delectable tidbits to taste. There is no charge for the program. Advance registration is strongly recommended. The program is limited to 60 people. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950.

Courtyard music

In Harmony, a vocal oldies group, closes the Summer Music & More Concert Series next Thursday, July 31, from 5-6:30 p.m. The group members are Dee Heavrin (vocals) and Robin Miller (vocals) both of Danbury; Adrienne Lisko (vocals), Naugatuck/Waterbury; Scott Poarch (bass/baritone), Newtown; Peter Randazzo (vocals and keyboard), Trumbull; and Lenny Seiter (tenor), Brookfield. The group performs in the East Courtyard, or in the event of rain, in the Brubeck Room. The concert is free and open to the public, along with free refreshments. The concert series is sponsored by The Village Market. Steve D'Agostino croons to the songs of the Rat Pack era tonight, from 5-6:30 p.m. For information: 762-3950.

Summer reading lists online

With school kids into their summer routines, this is a gentle reminder that only four weeks are left to get in their summer reading. The lists for area schools are on the library's Web site, www.wiltonlibrary.org, on the left side of the homepage. The lists are for the Wilton district schools, Our Lady of Fatima, Greens Farms Academy, St. Luke's, Staples High School and New Canaan Country School. These lists also can be used as suggested summer reading for any child looking for a good book to read. For more information: 762-3950.