

Library Lines

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Free movies for kids

Reel Fridays continue tomorrow and Aug. 15 with movies for little kids in the morning and bigger kids in the afternoon. The 10:30 a.m. movies are shorter films to hold children's attention. The afternoon movies at 2 p.m. are feature-length movies. Children eight and under must be accompanied by adults; children ages 9 through 12 must have caregivers remain in the building. Popcorn and lemonade are served. The movies are free of charge and there is no required registration. Call the library for details at 762-3950.

Drop-in crafts and stories

The Travel the 50 States summer reading program is wrapping up over the next week. Kids can still take part in Drop-in Crafts on Monday, Aug. 11 during library hours, from 10-8. The crafts are free and kids of all ages can try their hands at several examples based on the travel theme. The final Drop-in Story Times for the reading program takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 12 as follows: Ones and Twos with caregivers 10:15 - 10:45; Twos and Threes with caregivers 11-11:30; Threes and Fours on their own 11:45-12:15 and Fives through Eights 2-2:45. The crafts and story times are free of charge and no registration is required.

Teen activities

Summer fun continues in Teens with The Freedom Fries band making a return appearance on Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 8-9:30 p.m. Band members are Evan Paul, Dave Walker, Dan King and Emile Faris, all 2007 Wilton High School grads. Teens are invited to come rock out with their friends at this free concert. For information: 762-3950. Teens can then talk up their favorite books they have read this summer in Teen Book Talk on Wednesday, Aug. 13 from 4 - 5 p.m. in an informal roundtable discussion. Teens can get their creative juices flowing with the Art of Recycling program on Thursday, Aug. 14, from 3-5 p.m. In this free-flowing program, teens can create unique sculptures using recycled materials. Registration is recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 762-3950. The last of this summer's Rock Band takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 4-6 p.m. Teens can play on the X-Box system in the Brubeck Room and really rock-out, playing guitar, drums and singing. There is no charge or registration. All of the teen programs mentioned above are sponsored by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund.

Light Saber battles

The New Frontier, the last of the Travel the 50 States summer reading program theme, is explored in Wednesday Wonders with Light Saber Battles on Aug. 13 with half-hour demos at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. The demonstrations will be a re-creation of a young Padawan going through Jedi trials. Children of all ages are welcome. There is no charge or registration required. For information: 762-3950.

Art show continues

The 64th Annual Summer Art Show continues throughout the library through Friday, Aug. 29. This is one of the biggest summer shows ever with more than 70 Wilton artists represented in the exhibition. Many paintings have already been sold with the library benefiting from a portion of the proceeds. Residents have an opportunity to see just how creative and talented their neighbors are in this perennially favorite show. For more information: 762-3950.

Museum passes available

Summer vacation is winding down, but there is still time to squeeze in a few trips to local area museums using the library's Museum Pass Program. The program provides free or heavily discounted admission to popular children's museums such as Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Norwalk, Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo and Discovery Museum and Planetarium in Bridgeport, Maritime Aquarium in South Norwalk and Earthplace in Westport, Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill and Mystic Aquarium in Mystic. For families and adults, passes are available to The Mark Twain House & Museum and the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, The New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain, Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield. Additionally, the library has Connecticut State Parks and Forests day passes providing free vehicle access through October. Passes may be reserved by calling the library at 762-3950 or signing up at the circulation desk. The passes are loaned for 3 consecutive days and are free to library patrons. For information: www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 762-3950.