



Library Lines

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Nutmeg books discussed

The WINRs Circle (Wilton Intermediate Nutmeg Readers) gets together on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 3 – 4 p.m. for a talk about *No Talking* by Andrew Clements. Kids in grades 4 – 6 can enjoy the discussion, activities, games, trivia and pizza donated by Wilton Pizza each month. Registration is required however there is no fee thanks to a generous grant by HSBC Bank. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

Go West drawing to a close

The summer reading program, *Readin', Ridin' & Ropin' – Go West*, is drawing to a close this week, but there are still lots of activities for kids up to age 12 to enjoy. *Drop-in Summer Crafts* are Monday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for kids of all ages. *Drop-in Story Times* take place on Tuesday, Aug. 17 for kids ages 1 to 8 at various times in the day based on age groups (visit the library's website at www.wiltonlibrary.org for a schedule). *Wild West Wednesdays* finish with *Short Stacks and Tall Tales* on Aug. 18, from 4 to 4:45 for kids ages 8 to 11. Children will be able to sample some hoe cakes and hear an American tall tale. Registration is required; there is no fee. On Thursday, Aug. 19, *Thrilling Thursdays* ends with *Cowboy Billy's Songs of the West*, from 2 to 3 p.m. Cowboy Billy will amuse kids, ages 4 to 9 and their caregivers, with stories, songs and his brand of comedy. Registration is required. The crafts and the Short Stacks programs are made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. To register for the programs, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950 ext. 217.

The sky's the limit

Teens and their families get to ponder the universe on Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. in *Astronomy for Teens and their Families*. Kevin Manning, astrophysicist and former NASA consultant, will take people on a journey through the heavens using visuals and hands-on activities to explore the full range of the universe. Weather permitting, a telescope will be set up in the courtyard for further celestial gazing. The program is for ages 8 to 108. Registration is recommended as space is limited. The program is sponsored by the Dibner Fund. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

More teen tantalizers

Teens get one more relaxing session with *Yoga and Fruit Smoothies* on Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Janice Wilcox will show kids the ins and outs of Kripalu Yoga, then the session wraps with scrumptious fruit smoothies. Kids should bring mats and wear loose clothing. Registration is suggested. On Thursday, Aug. 19, kids will learn all sorts of things they can make with duct tape in the aptly named program, *Duct Tape for Teens*, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Artist Katie Stevenson returns to the library with an assortment of tape and ideas for teens to try. There is no charge. Registration is required. The program is made possible by the John and Patricia Curran Teen Fund. Both programs are for kids entering grades 7 through 12, or recent high school graduates. To register for either or both programs, www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Shark attack

Daah-dun, daah-dun, dun-dun, dun-dun, dun-dun, dun-dun struck fear in the lives of beachgoers some 35 years ago when *Jaws* surfaced as the first true summer blockbuster. In the *New Perspectives Documentary Film Series* on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 7 – 8:30 p.m., a retrospective look at a pop culture phenomenon takes place with the screening of *The Shark is Still Working*. Narrated by Chief Brody himself (actor Roy Scheider), the feature-length documentary focuses on the way in which the movie shaped careers including that of director Steven Spielberg and influenced other movies that followed. Megan Smith-Harris will moderate the evening's discussion. There is no charge but donations are always welcomed. Registration is recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Friday films

Fun Friday Flicks for this week, Aug. 13 are as follows: 10:30 a.m. – *Caillou Fun Outside*; 2 p.m. – *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (PG). The movies on Aug. 20 are: 10:30 a.m. – *Martha Speaks*; 2 p.m. – *Astro Boy* (PG). Snacks will be served. The movies are for all ages with caregivers. There is no registration and no fee. *Fun Friday Flicks* are sponsored by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund.

Library turning blu

The library has recently embraced Blu-ray technology for high-definition TV movie-watching. Last week, the library began to stock new feature films in Blu-ray technology. Blu-ray discs are the next generation of film media. Patrons will need a Blu-ray player (these discs do not work in regular DVD players) and an HDTV in order to have the highest-quality picture available. The collection is small but impressive to start, and will begin to grow as the demand increases. Some of the brand-new titles are *Alice in Wonderland*, *Avatar*, *Invictus*, and *Sherlock Holmes*. Patrons can keep up with what is new by viewing the Movie Blog on the library's website or perusing the end of the DVD stacks where the Blu-rays will be shelved.