



Library Lines

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Saturday stories for kids

The *Kiwanis Kids' Korner* meets this Saturday, Aug. 28, from 11 – 11:30 a.m. at Wilton Library for children ages 4 – 7 with caregivers. Members of the Wilton Kiwanis Club share stories, songs and activities with the children. This month's guest is DeeDee VanAlsne. There is no registration or fee. The program is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Wilton.

Uncanny conversation

Author and foodie Sherri Brooks Vinton comes to the library, or more specifically, the Wilton Farmers Market on Wednesday, Sept. 1, from noon – 1:30 to talk about her book, *Put 'em Up! A Comprehensive Home Preserving Guide for the Creative Cook, from Drying and Freezing to Canning and Pickling*. Sherri will take the audience through tips and demos on how to best use the seasonal bounty right at their fingertips. There is no charge and no registration. The program will be held at the Farmers Market which is in the back parking lot of the library. In the event of rain, it will be relocated to the Brubeck Room. For information: 203-762-3950 ext. 213.

Picnic for cuddlies

Adults aren't the only ones having fun with their food next week. On Thursday, Sept. 2 children and their teddy bears or other favorite stuffed animals are invited to *Teddy Bear Picnic*, from 11 – 11:30 a.m. or 6 – 6:30 p.m. Children ages 3 – 5 and their caregivers/parents will enjoy juice and cookies, along with stories, songs and crafts in these two sessions. Registration is required; there is no fee. The programs are made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext 217.

Roald Dahl Day

The library will be celebrating author Roald Dahl's upcoming 94th birthday with a giveaway and crafts. Starting Tuesday, Sept. 7 through Friday, Sept. 10, kids can stop by the Children's Library desk and pick up a ticket for a Roald Dahl book and Willy Wonka Chocolate Bar giveaway. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, Sept. 11. On Monday, Sept. 13, kids can enjoy *Roald Dahl Day Crafts*, from 10 – 8, in which they can make items reflecting their favorite books from the celebrated author who has penned books such as *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *Matilda*. There is no registration or fee for these activities. Children can just join in the fun.

Story Times this fall

It's hard to believe that yellow school buses are ready to roll, and along with them, it is time for the library's fall story times for children ages 1 – 6. Story Times run Mondays through Wednesdays at various times depending on age groups as follows: *Wonderful Ones and Twos*, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. beginning Sept. 7; *Terrific Tales for Twos and Threes* on Wednesdays, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 8; *Look, Listen and Learn for Threes and Fours*, Tuesdays, 11 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 7; *Literary Littles* for ages 4 to 6 on Mondays and Tuesdays, 2:15 to 3 p.m. (no session on Oct. 11) also starting Sept. 7. The programs run through Oct. 27. No registration and no fee. Please note that caregivers are required to stay either with the children or in the building, depending upon age group. For information: 203-762-3950 ext 217.

Wilton author visits

Author and Wiltonian James King comes to the library for an *Author Talk* on Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to discuss his debut novel, *Bill Warrington's Last Chance*. The book was named the 2009 Amazon Breaththrough Novel Award and had a recent mention in *People Magazine* as a Fiction Debut Great Read. The story unfolds with Bill Warrington, recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's, wanting to make amends with his estranged family before the disease wreaks havoc. His journey includes an actual drive cross country with his 15-year old granddaughter, and intertwines and intersects with generational differences, coming of age and reaching old age issues, and family secrets along the way. A Q&A follows the talk. Books will be available for purchase and signing with purchases benefiting the library and Elm Street Books of New Canaan, the shop that will be handling the sales. Reservations are recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext 213.

Library readers convene

The *Wilton Library Readers* book group gathers for its first fall meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from noon to 1:30 p.m. for the discussion of *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel. Professional book group leader Susan Boyar returns to facilitate the discussion. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month through May (excluding December). Participants are encouraged to bring their own brown bag lunches; the library will provide beverages. For a complete listing of meeting dates and titles to be discussed, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org and click on WLA Readers on the right hand side of the homepage. Registration is recommended. To register: www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call 203-762-3950 ext 213.