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No appointments needed

Wilton Library expands hours and services beginning June 1

Wilton, CT – With the lessening of Connecticut’s COVID restrictions, Wilton Library is pleased to announce that more people will be welcomed into the building for added services and the hours will be extended. Beginning June 1, library hours for in-person visits and at the Drive-Thru Window will be Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays in the summer. Appointments are no longer required for adult computers or the Children’s Library.

Elaine Tai-Lauria, executive director of Wilton Library said, “We are so happy to be able to welcome more of our patrons and provide greater access to the building. People have been so respectful of the necessary COVID protocols and we very much appreciate it.”

With regard to protocols, masks that cover noses and mouths will be required at all times, along with following social distancing of six feet, and the use of hand sanitizers. Patrons are asked to remain at home if they are experiencing COVID symptoms.

Tai-Lauria continued, “Since the building is open to all of our constituents from babies to elders, and people’s levels of vaccinations vary, we are going to continue our mask protocols, hand sanitizing and social distancing out of respect for everyone’s safety.”

Seating will be restored to the Reading Room with limited chairs strategically placed to optimize physical distancing. Magazines and newspapers will be available for reading in this area. Patrons are asked to be mindful of the time they spend in the Reading Room and throughout the spaces so that all may use the library equally. Study carrels will be distanced throughout the library, as well. Computers will be available in the Internet Computer Room without adults needing appointments. In order to prepare the space, the two computers currently in the gallery will not be available for patrons on Thursday through Saturday, May 27 through 29. Outside seating will be reinstated in the courtyards. Study rooms, meeting rooms, and Innovation Station

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will not be available at this time, and food is not allowed in the building. As the COVID numbers continue to decline in the area over the spring and summer, the library will review additional services that can be put in place safely.

Most programs will remain virtual for the time being. The Children's Library is introducing a few in-person story times for the little ones in the courtyard. Please visit the library's website at www.wiltonlibrary.org for all of the library's programming.

Materials should still be returned to the blue book bin in the library's parking lot for the time being. Items will be quarantined for two days; patrons should allow three days before items will be removed from their accounts.

As yet, the library is not able to accept book donations. Once the Book Cellar is cleaned from the Spring Book Sale and all previous items have been removed, then the book donation bins will be opened. Announcements will be made when book donations can be accepted.

As always, the library's Digital Library is available for all those who have Wilton Library cards. Materials may be downloaded or streamed on a 24/7 basis. People are invited to discover eAudiobooks, eBooks, eMagazines, music, movies, TV shows, online learning, streaming jazz and classical music, online language-learning, and so much more.

For information on obtaining a Wilton Library card, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org, click on the "Services" tab, and scroll to "Apply for a Library Card," or call 203-762-6334. For help with the Digital Library, call the reference librarians at 203-762-6350 or email reference@wiltonlibrary.org.

The library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For information, visit the FAQ page at <https://www.wiltonlibrary.org/express-services-faq-june-2021> or call the reference librarians at 203-762-6350.

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Caption: Beginning June 1, Wilton Library will be expanding its hours and services. The Drive-Thru Window and in-person visits will be Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with no appointments necessary. The library is closed on Sundays in the summer. Patrons will be able to sit in the Reading Room reading magazines and newspapers. The courtyards will be opened for seating as well. Visit www.wiltonlibrary.org for more information. Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT; www.wiltonlibrary.org; 203-762-3950.