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Hello!

The "dog days" have arrived (finally?), but things are really hopping at the Library, despite the heat and humidity. The list of events is longer than usual this summer, because we know lots of friends and neighbors are staycationing. Library programs are maintaining their high standard despite the economy largely due to sponsorships by families, individuals, foundations and businesses - we are indeed fortunate to have such sustaining support for programs that benefit the entire community in tough times!



Chris Brubeck, Joel Brown and Peter Madcat Ruth will rock the Brubeck Room on Friday, August 7th, in a special mid-summer concert toward the same goal.

This evening of food, friends, and funk will help Wilton Library

continue to provide free, high-quality programs for all ages. The evening begins at 7 pm with a reception, and the first set begins at 7:30 pm. At 8:15 pm we will break for food and beverages, and the final set begins at 9 pm.

Tickets are \$100 (preferred seating) and \$75 (general seating). The first 50 to sign up receive an autographed Triple Play CD. There are three ways to get tickets: **Click here** for more information and to reserve your seats; reserve by phone by calling 203.762.3950 ext. 270; or come to the circulation desk during business hours. Give me a call at 203-762-3950 ext. 215 if you have any questions. We'll have a "rollicking good

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time" (according to the LA Times) with Triple Play's trio of outstanding musicians - dinner, drinks and doing good all at the same time...what could be cooler on a summer night?

I'll see you there!

Kathy Leeds, Executive Director
Wilton Library Association

Summer Art Exhibits and a Reception

Wilton Library's 65th Annual Summer Art Exhibition

continues through August 27th throughout the Gallery, Reading Room and Reference area of the building with more than 90 works of diverse styles, media, and subjects by local artists. Most of the items are for sale; simply inquire at the front desk if you would like to purchase one for your home or as a gift.

Remember that 20 percent of every sale benefits the Library's Art Fund, helping us to buy books and films on art, artists, and art instruction for our community of artists and those who appreciate art and art history.

Weir Farm Artist-in-Residence Exhibition Reception for Aimee Lee at the Library

On **Wednesday, August 26th, from 6 to 7:30**

pm, artist Aimee Lee will discuss and display work from her August residency period at Weir Farm National Historic Site. Her post-graduate work focused on Korean hand papermaking and related craft forms. This event is open to the public and registration is suggested. The evening is co-sponsored by Weir Farm Art Center and Weir Farm National Historic Site and presented by the Wilton Library. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



Great Activities for Teens



Continuing on the heels of last month's terrific lineup of events for teens, we'll have several programs for those entering grades 7-12 and recent high school graduates in August, thanks to the John J. and Patricia A. Curran Teen Fund:

Teen Gaming

Saturday, August 1st to Saturday, August 22nd

Teens can swing by the Teen Room to check out one of our Wii

or X-Box 360 games any day and test it out on our TV! A staff member must be present to loan the controllers.

Duct Tape for Teens

Tuesday, August 4th, from 4 to 6 pm

Choosing from a splash of duct tape colors, teens will learn how to master the art of tape! First, they'll create their own personal wallet and then they can select from a variety of different projects including roses, belts, bags, ties, picture frames, sandals and wristbands. Materials will be available to add all sorts of decorative pizzazz! Please **register in advance** as space is limited.

Yoga & Fruit Smoothies for Teens

Wednesday, August 5th, from 4 to 5:30 pm

Teens will be able to relax their minds and bodies with a yoga class. They'll end the yoga session by concocting and enjoying delicious fruit smoothies. Participants should bring a yoga mat. Please **register in advance** as space is limited. This class will be repeated on **Wednesday, August 19th, also from 4 to 5:30 pm - please register to attend.**

Anime Drawing for Teens

Tuesday, August 11th, from 4 to 6 pm

Teens will create their own anime character using paints and ink and then bring home their creation fully matted. This program will be offered by artists Bruce and Joanne Hunter from **The Art Spot** in Danbury. All necessary materials will be supplied at no charge. Please **register in advance** as space is limited.

Healthy Snacks for Teens

Thursday, August 6th, from 4 to 6 pm

Staff member Whitney will talk with teens about healthy snacks. They'll then join her in making, testing and tasting a variety of snacks before heading home with a few samples and recipes. **Registration is suggested** due to limited space.

Teens - What's Under Your Hood?

Wednesday, August 12th, from 5 to 6 pm



Teens with licenses or driving permits will find out what's under the hood of their cars and review basic maintenance tips and techniques. They'll identify parts of the engine, learn how to check fluid levels and tire pressure, change a tire and jump-start a car. Car-related raffle prizes will be awarded. **Please register in advance.** Our rain date is Thursday, August 13th.

Drop-in Crafts for Teens: Locker Art

Thursday, August 13th, from noon to 5 pm

Teens can create "locker art" using marbles, magnets and other fun doodles to create some fun and original pieces. Locker artists should bring in their own small photos to personalize the magnets. Supplies will be available all afternoon in the Teen area of the Library and no registration is necessary.

Drop-in Crafts for Teens: Recycled Art

Tuesday, August 18th, from noon to 5 pm

Teens can test their creativity using old soda cans, wire, bottle caps, newspapers, magazines and milk cartons to make a unique sculpture or piece of art. Supplies will be available all afternoon in the Teen area of the Library and no registration is necessary. This special environment-friendly program is sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Family Foundation.

Drop-in Crafts for Teens: Collage

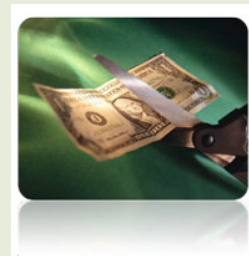
Thursday, August 20th, from noon to 5 pm

Everyone can have fun using paints and magazine clippings to create a collage on canvas and then bring it home to display. Supplies will be available all afternoon in the Teen area of the Library and no registration is necessary.

State Budget Deliberations Update

As most of you have heard, many of our library resources funded by the state are endangered by proposed cuts. The state budget discussions continue, so we ask you to speak up. (see the [**Connecticut Library Association website**](#) for an outline of programs we may lose).

Please urge Governor Rell, Lt. Governor Fedele, and our key lawmakers to support library programs and to reject the proposed cuts. They will appreciate your input, as they have some very tough choices to make.



Even if you have already contacted the budget negotiators, now is the time to contact them again. Please contact (click on the links below) the key people below (and call our local legislators as well!), to let them know that school is out, unemployment is high, and Wilton Library is packed as it's never been before. Ask them to "Please reject cuts to our library programs!"

[Governor Jodi Rell](#)

[Lt. Governor Mike Fedele](#)

[OPM Secretary Robert Genuario](#)

[House Speaker Christopher Donovan](#)

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[House Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Craig Miner](#)
[Senate Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Dan Debicella](#)

Story Times for Kids



Lullabies for Littles

Mondays in August, from 6 to 6:30 pm

Kids ages 2-6 are invited to come and enjoy sleepy lullabies and stories in their pajamas.

Slippers, teddy bears, and blankets are

welcome. Children under the age of 4 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

Drop-in Storytimes for 1s and 2s with Caregivers

Tuesdays in August, from 10:15 to 10:45 am

This program is a sharing time for young toddlers and their caregivers. The finger plays, songs, books and activities are selected to introduce children to the Library and to story times. No registration is necessary.

Drop-in Storytimes for 3s and 4s with Caregivers

Tuesdays in August, from 11 to 11:30 am

This program is a sharing time for older toddlers and their caregivers. The finger plays, songs, books and activities are selected to introduce children to the library and to story times. No registration is necessary.

Drop-in Storytimes for 5s to 8s

Tuesdays in August, from 2 to 2:45 pm

This story time will provide children (ages 5 to 8) with experiences that enrich early literacy. No registration is necessary.

Le Groupe des Petits (French Story Time)

Thursdays in August, from 11 to 11:45 am



Thanks to the Wilton High School French Club, children can enjoy weekly French story times during August. Activities will include book reading, art, short videos, skits, games, snacks, and more. French students from

Wilton High School have offered to share their love of the

French language and culture with children in grades 1-3 (whose caretakers remain in the building). **Registration is required: August 6th, August 13th, August 20th, August 27th.**

Wilton Farmer's Market

**Wednesdays from noon to 4 pm
(note new longer hours)**

Farm-fresh produce and fresh-baked breads and pies are just some of the offerings that are available to those who come to the new Wilton Farmers' Market, in the back parking lot of the Library. The market will be open each Wednesday through the summer, from 12 to 4 pm (was 1-4 previously). The Library and the Chamber of Commerce encourage everyone to come and purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables, free range eggs, homemade jams, herbs, and fresh cut flowers along with fresh bread and pies. Our vendors include Ambler Farm, Wilton's own Wave Hill Breads, Michele's Pies, Schulze Family Farm, Twombly Nursery, and Killam & Bassette Farmstead. Come check it out!



Friday Night Flicks "at the Brubeck"

From 7 to 9:30 pm Starting August 14th



Come take in a free first-rate movie at the Library on three Friday nights in August! Our terrific lineup includes:

August 14th: *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* with Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett

August 21st: *The Soloist* with Robert Downey, Jr. and Jamie Foxx

August 28th: *Duplicity* with Julia Roberts

and Clive Owen

Click on the links above to register in advance.

Reel Fridays for Kids

Thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers Fund, we'll have Friday movies for kids, too. Popcorn and lemonade are on the menu, free of charge, and there is no admission charge or need to register.



August 7th 10:30-noon: *Elmo and Friends: Tales of Adventure*; 2-4 pm: *Bolt*

August 14th 10:30-noon: *Sesame Street Presents: Follow that Bird*; 2-4 pm: *Bedtime Stories*

Author Talk: Amy Seidl

Thursday, August 13th, 7-8:30 pm



Join us in the Brubeck Room on Thursday, August 13th, when author and environmentalist Amy Seidl reflects on the global warming changes and their impact on human, animal and plant life. We will have copies of her new book, *Early Spring: An Ecologist and Her Children Wake to a Warming World*, for purchase and signing

courtesy of RJ Julia Booksellers. Please register in advance to join in the discussion.

Three More Authors on Stage

On **Thursday, August 27th, from 7 to 8:30 pm**, our "First Book" Panel Discussion will feature three exceptional first-time published authors talking about their books and sharing their experiences in both writing and publishing their works. The panel will include authors **Jessica Bram, Matthew Dicks, and Margot Berwin:**



- Jessica Bram, founder of and teacher at the Westport Writers' Workshop and her personal tale called *Happily Ever After Divorce: Notes of a Joyful Journey*
- Matthew Dicks, with his delightfully quirky first novel *Something Missing*
- Margot Berwin, with her *Hothouse Flower and the Nine Plants of Desire: A Novel*, which has garnered a *Publisher's Weekly* starred review

There is no charge for the program and books will be available for purchase and signing. **Please register in advance.**

Writers' Workshop with Jessica Bram



And if you would like to try writing yourself, we have a treat in store for you on **Thursday, August 20th, from 7 to 9 pm.** In this two-hour interactive workshop, entitled *Silence Your Inner Critic*, successful writer, NPR commentator and popular writing teacher Jessica Bram will tackle doubts that writers have about their own works. In interactive discussions and supportive, inspiring writing exercises, Jessica will guide aspiring writers through the steps that will enable them to silence their inner critics and unlock the floodgates of their creativity. **Reservations are strongly recommended.**

Read Write for Kids Thursdays in August from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

What makes a good story? Children entering grades 4 - 6 will learn to read like writers in this weekly program throughout the month of August. Children will have the opportunity to examine classic picture books to discover the techniques of successful authors.

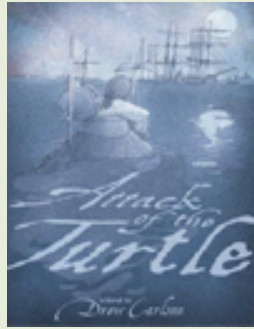


In addition, participants will bring the events of their own experiences to life through engaging writing activities. They may also use their free time to develop longer narratives to share with the group. Refreshments will be served to add to the fun. This outstanding workshop is sponsored by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund. **Registration is required for each session:**

August 6th
August 13th
August 20th
August 27th

WINRs Circle Nutmeg Events

Talk and Trip Scheduled



WINRs Circle Discussion of *Attack of the Turtle*, by Drew Carlson

Saturday, August 1st , 3 to 3:45 pm

All kids in grades 4-6 are welcome to meet for fun, pizza donated by **Wilton Pizza** and discussion. August's book discussion is **Attack of the Turtle**, by Drew Carlson. There is no charge, but **registration is required**.

Keeler Tavern Museum Tour

Wednesday, August 12th, from 11 to noon

Join members of the WINRs Circle as they tour the Keeler Tavern Museum in Ridgefield, a time capsule of 300 years of local history. Kids will be eager to learn more about Connecticut's part in the American Revolution after reading *Attack of the Turtle*. We invite children and adults interested in American history to meet us at the Keeler Tavern, located at 132 Main Street, Ridgefield, for this special one-hour program.



The tour is free for WINRs Circle members (call 762-3950 x217 for membership information); for others the fee is \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Weather permitting, participants may picnic in Keeler Tavern's beautiful sunken gardens

after the program. The WINRs Circle is funded by a grant from **HSBC**. **Advance registration and fee for the tour are required by August 7th in the Children's Library.**

National Friendship Day Festivities

Movie and Crafts

National Friendship Day Movie

Monday, August 3rd, 2 to 3 pm

Join us for a screening of *The Rainbow Fish*, a special movie about the true meaning of friendship. Free popcorn and lemonade will be served. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver, children under 12 must have a caregiver in the building. There's no need to register - just come...and you may want to bring a friend!



Friendship Day Crafts

Monday, August 3rd, 3 to 5 pm

Children ages 4 and up can stop by between 3 and 5 pm to make a Friendship Bracelet. No registration is necessary. Our Friendship Day activities are made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers' Fund.

Dive Into [Summer] Reading Special Events for Parents and Kids



In conjunction with our summer reading program, we are pleased to present the following activities:

Drop-in Crafts Monday, August 3rd & 10th

Children of all ages can stop by during regular library hours (10 am to 8 pm) to make a craft they'll take home based on the summer reading theme, *Dive into Reading*. There is no program fee and no registration is necessary. These craft sessions are made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers' Fund.

Sea Fairy Workshop Thursday August 6th, 1 to 3 pm

Kids ages 3 and up can make a mermaid or a sea sprite with Mrs. Keogh. There is no program fee and no registration is necessary. Our Sea Fairy Workshop is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers' Fund.

Bubble Technology Wednesday, August 5th



Bubble enthusiasts in grades 1-8 are invited to join us for this fun-filled event using bubble technology, presented by the **Children's Museum of West Hartford**. The ever popular science of bubbleology lets children discover cohesion, surface tension, and the other amazing properties of water. This program is messy, so come prepared! Bubble Technology is sponsored by our friends at **Stop & Shop**.

**Register for one session only (registration is required):
Session 1: 2 to 3 pm; Session 2: 3 to 4 pm; Session 3: 4 to 5 pm**

Songs of the Sea Wednesday, August 12th, 2-3 pm



Join us for toe-tapping, sing-along fun. The immensity and power of the ocean have gripped the human imagination



from the dawn of civilization. **Geoff Kaufman**, in twenty years as a chanteyman at **Mystic Seaport**, has selected songs from early balladry to the modern day that reflect this connection. Landsmen and sailors alike have left a fascinating record of their relationship with the sea. Lots of good choruses are included for all to sing along. All ages are welcome (children under 8 years old need an adult in the room; children between 8-12 years old need an adult in the building).

Songs of the Sea has been made possible by the Fannie Lienhard Fund. Please **register in advance** so we can save you a seat!

Bio Sphere

Tuesdays in August from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Theodore Roosevelt. Amelia Earhart. Albert Einstein. Abraham Lincoln. You saw them in this summer's hit movie, *A Night at the Museum*. Meet them again on a summer's afternoon at the Library.



Bio Sphere is a new literature program for children entering grades 4 through 6. Participants will read biographies about fascinating people from the movie and beyond. Each week they will share what they have learned with members of the group as well as engage in games and activities. Refreshments will be served. In the Bio Sphere kids will meet superstars, sports heroes, scalawags and more!

Please note that caregivers must remain in building for children under the age of 12. Kids are encouraged to **register in advance** with a friend or make a new one. Bio Sphere is sponsored by the Steve and Alison Sherman Family Fund.

August 4

August 11

August 18

August 25

Visit with the Princesses

Saturday, August 8th, from 11 am to 2 pm



Children of all ages are invited to visit the princesses including Cinderella, Arielle, Snow White, Tinkerbelle, Pocahontas, Jasmine, and Cinderella's Godmother. Stop by anytime from 11 am to 2 pm and bring your camera! Our visit with the Princesses has been made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers' Fund. No registration is necessary - just stop by and dress up, if you like!

American Girl Tea Party

Saturday, August 15th, 1 to 1:45 pm

Girls aged 6-10 are invited to wear party clothes and bring their dolls to an American Girl Tea Party! Girls will learn napkin folding, hear selections from American Girl books, and participate in a craft, among other activities. Finger sandwiches, cookies, iced tea, and lemonade will be served.



Registration is required for the Tea Party, but there is no charge, thanks to the Coyle Family Young Readers' Fund.

Third Tuesday Songwriters' Circle

Tuesday, August 18th, from 11 am to 12:30 pm



Join this small group of songwriters for a session "in the round," followed by time for a brown bag lunch in the Courtyard, weather permitting! Share your work or work-in-progress, come to listen, meet writing partners, and find your voice!

Please register in advance.

Music Together

Wednesday, August 19th, from 11 to 11:45 am

Come and experience a Music Together class at Wilton Library. Children with caregivers will sing, dance, learn, create, chant, and play instruments in a fun informal setting. This class is designed and intended for children ages infant through 5 years of age with their caregivers and is sponsored by **Music Together**. **Please register in advance.**



Have Your Cake and Read It, Too!

Thursday, August 20th, 6:30-7:30 pm



Join our Kid's Book Club for children in grades 3 and up! Dessert will be served and adults will be included. Children and their adults will read the book selection and then join us for discussion.

This month's book is ***Tuck Everlasting***, by Natalie Babbitt. The Kid's Book Club is made possible by the Coyle Family Young Readers' Fund. **Please register in advance.**

Tales to Tails Returns

Saturday, August 29th, from 11 am to noon

The **Good Dog Foundation** brings therapy dogs to the library for children to read to them. The use of trained therapy dogs in reading programs can result in children who feel comfortable reading out loud, read more often, attempt more difficult books, and really look forward to reading.



Children must be able to read independently to participate in this program. They may bring a book from home or choose one from the Library's shelves. **Registration is required**, as space is limited. Once you have registered, a member of the Library staff will call to confirm your registration and assign a time

slot.

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