Wilmington Public Library District

Book Bytes

Summer 2016

Time, once again, for the glorious days of summer. It seems impossible to believe it's already my 8th Summer Reading Program with the Wilmington readers! As always my staff is pulling no punches to make sure that there will be something for everyone and that the prizes and programs will be legendary. This is thanks to our Sponsors, mere mortals who do epic work for their community. This year's theme is "Olympian Olympics" and as you may have guessed by some of the programs you peeked at; we are combining Mythology and the Olympic Games. Oh, the programming ideas that your muses at the library have come up with! Just turn the pages to see how we plan to keep you busy this summer, and join us for the kickoff at the Water Street Fitness Center on Saturday, June 11th from noon to 3 p.m. Sign up will also be available at the library all summer. If you can't make it to the kickoff, don't worry; you can still compete.

If the weather is ridiculously hot , we hope that you will all come in and cool off in the new space we created this past January. We owe a debt of gratitude to our friends at Warehouse Services, Inc., Dow, and several resident volunteers who came to help us move Mount Olympus (i.e. books and shelves), so we could have Brown's Carpet come in and create this fresh space. The staff was instrumental in the success of the project. I am very proud of them all.

In recent news, the library has been blessed with a $2,000 grant from Exelon for our carpet remodel. We also received 3,000 zoo passes from Brookfield Zoo for Wilmington cardholders, began an exciting new Wi-Fi Hot Spot rental program, and installed a special Autism Collection (as we work to make our library environment friendlier to those on the spectrum). We never stop growing our minds or our offerings so please get and use your library card and come check us out!

Maria Meachum-Director

WPLD
& Wilmington Island Park District
Collaboration—Summer 2016

PARK DISTRICT STORY TIME (weekly)
6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1
Mondays @1PM
Join us Monday afternoons at the Wilmington Island Park District (315 N Water St.), where we'll be visiting their day camp, reading a couple stories and making a craft related to the Olympians featured that week.

PARK DISTRICT PLAY DAY (biweekly)
6/16 Veterans Memorial,
6/30 Children's Memorial,
7/21 Children's Memorial,
8/4 Veterans Memorial
Thursdays @ 9-11 AM
We're hanging out and having fun at several of Wilmington's local parks with the Park District. Come find out what we're getting up to under the summer sun!

Wilmington Public Library
Summer Reading Program
Kickoff Event
Saturday, June 11, 2016
12-3pm
Wilmington Island Park District
215 N. Water St.

Sensory Tunnel
Games Table
Face Paint
And more!
And, of course, a place to sign up for the Summer Reading Program!

Teen Volunteer Program
We are looking for volunteers to help out with projects in the Youth Services department. If you like to work with kids, we need help at the kickoff event and organizing an end of summer party. If you're good at organizing, we need help in our Wonder Attic! Help us out and we'll be glad to sign off on community service hours. Stop by the library or call and ask for Jenn, if you're interested. There will be an informational meeting at the end of May.

Youth Programs—OLYMPIAN OLYMPICS

Monthly Events

6/9 & 7/28
@5:30PM
Come out and learn a little more about heroes with a family friendly myth-based movie. Snacks and soda (or juice) will be provided. PJs and pillows encouraged.

MAKERSPACE
6/2 & 7/7 @ 6PM
6th grade & Up
Our "Makers" meet one Thursday each month, to focus on a challenge that will stress problem solving skills and creativity.

FAMILY GAME TIME
@ KICKOFF 12-3PM & 7/3 3PM
A selection of unusual and classic, family-friendly board and card games for all ages will be available. Come out and play!

BUDDING ARTISTS
6/25 & 7/9 @10:30AM
Create your own unique artistic masterpiece, focusing on the Greek gods being featured that week.

BABY ARTISTS
6/26 & 7/10 @1PM
We believe your baby has an artist within. Bring your little one in to learn some "technique", but mostly to have fun and get a little messy. Each baby artist program will focus on the Greek gods being featured that week. Wear clothes that can get dirty.

MUSES' CORNER
6/25 & 7/9 @2PM

You bring the creativity, we'll bring the supplies. Each month, we'll set out enough art and craft materials to let your inner muse soar!

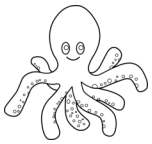
SENSORY PLAY
6/23 (dinosaur) @6PM
7/14 (ocean) @6PM
Our popular monthly themed sensory program! Little ones aged 0-4 years can interact with one another through touch, smell, taste, sight, and sound!

NECTAR OF THE GODS FOOD PROGRAM
Wednesdays @2pm
6/29—Learn how to make Ambrosia
7/27— Learn how to make Nectar

Weekly Happenings

MAKE SOME NOISE CLUB
6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19 @11AM
All ages (adult required for kids under 10). Hear a music based book, create an instrument from the story, and make some noise!

ANIMAL CLUB—Mondays
6/13 butterflies & birds, **6/20** penguin & polar bear, **6/27** snakes & frogs, **7/11** sharks & octopuses, **7/18** bunnies & kangaroos, **7/25** dolphins & sea turtles **@11:30AM**
All ages welcome (the books will be Littles friendly).
Each week we'll focus on two creatures from the animal kingdom. There will be a book, craft and activity for each of the weekly animals.



STORY TIME—Wednesdays
6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3 @10:30 AM
Join us for stories, fingerplays, songs, and more!

WEEKEND STORY TIME
every other Sunday
6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24 @ 2PM
We've added a weekend afternoon story-time! We hope you join us for even more stories, fingerplays, and crafts!

OLYMPIC TRAINING—Wednesdays
6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20 @ 11AM
Come out to practice for the summer Olympic games, or just to try your hand at our various outdoor and summer fun based nerf and pool noodle weapons.

One Time Programs

MINI RAINSTICK MAKING
JUNE 15TH @ 1PM
2nd and up
Bring the sound of rain inside! Learn how to put together your own magical rain maker.

BIRD HOUSE MAKING
JUNE 17TH @11AM
All ages can put together a small house to feed your local flying friends. Supplies will be available to make houses at a variety of levels.

LIFE SIZED CHECKERS GAME
June 21st @ 1PM
You become the checkers in the fun and interactive life sized board game.

CODE MAKING & BREAKING
JUNE 24TH @11AM
3rd Grade & Up
Come learn a few ways to crack a code, and how to create your own!

BIG BRO READING PROGRAM
JUNE 30TH @12PM
Siblings Artemis and Apollo may fight, but even they can stop long enough to read a book to a younger friend. This program will ask teens to sign up and read to their "little brother/sister".

BIG BOW & ARROW MAKING
Tuesday June 28 @noon
5th Grade & Up
Come learn how to make your own PVC pipe based bow and arrow set. (Don't worry, parents, the arrows are padded).

MINI BOW AND ARROW MAKING
Saturday, JULY 2ND ALL DAY

For anyone who couldn't attend our Tuesday bow & arrow class, here's your chance to make a mini set.

TREASURE BOX MAKING
JULY 7TH @4PM
Decorate your own small treasures box by modge podging your favorite book cover (and some bling).

POOL NOODLE PONIES
JULY 13TH @1PM
1st grade & Up.
Poseidon has commanded that we create a herd of water friendly ponies. Join us to learn the fine art of pool noodle hobby horses!

WATER OBSTACLE COURSE
JULY 15TH @ 12PM
Come prepared to get wet (and possibly muddy) in this multi-station water course.

SCAVENGER HUNT
JULY 20 @ 4PM
Family groups will take part in our traditional town-wide hunt for clues (and prizes)!

PAINT PLANT POTS
JULY 21 @12PM
All ages can decorate a pot to fill with beautiful plants (or to store pencils in)!

MACRAME
JULY 22 @12PM
Learn the basic knots used in macramé to create something awesome.

Adult Programs — Summer 2016

Adult Programming

Adult Coloring
Date: Wed., June 15
Time: 6 PM

Come join us for another relaxing session of adult coloring. We will have coloring sheets, markers, and pencils available, but feel free to bring your own coloring books! Space is limited!
To register, stop by the library or call 815-476-2834.

Make Your Own Herb Garden
Date: Sat., June 18
Time: 1 PM

Come join us for another popular gardening program as we decorate pots and plant herbs. This program is intended for adults. Sign up soon as space is limited! To register, stop by the library or call 815-476-2834.

Rescheduled Program-
Reverse Mortgage: Myths and Truths
Date: Tues., June 21
Time: 1 PM

During this informational presentation, learn the myths and truths about reverse mortgages, and find out answers to the most common questions including, "What is a Reverse Mortgage?" "Who is eligible?" and "How can I use the money?" There is no fee for the program; however, registration is requested. To register, please stop by or call the library at 815-476-2834.

Embellished Flip Flops
Date: Sat., July 9
Time: 1 PM

Personalize your flip flops by decorating them with trim and embellishments. This program is intended for adults. We will provide the flip flops and embellishments. Sign up soon as space is limited! To register, stop by the library or call 815-476-2834.

Midewin and the Bison Project
Date: Wed., July 13
Time: 1 PM

Come join us as we learn about Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and the Bison Project. There is no fee for the program, however, registration is required. To register, please stop by the library or call 815-476-2834.

Modge Podge Picture Frames
Date: Wed., Aug. 10
Time: 1 PM

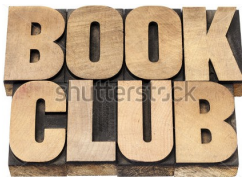
Come join us as we make a decorative modge podge picture frame. This program is intended for adults. Sign up soon as space is limited! To register, stop by the library or call 815-476-2834.

Music on a Sunday Afternoon-
Mike Basin Accordionist
Date: Sun., Aug. 14
Time: 1 PM

Come join us for the free musical performance. Hear classically trained musician and accomplished accordionist, Mike Basin, play an authentic tour of world music. There is no fee for this program, but registration is required. To register, please stop by the library or call 815-476-2834.

Ongoing Programs

Monday Night Book Club
Dates: June 27, July 25, August 22
Our Book Club meets the fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. We take care of your holds so you don't have to! Let the library know that you are interested and join in on the discussion! Book selections for the upcoming year will be decided in June.



Genealogy Club
Dates: June 6, August 1
No Meeting in July

Interested in finding out more about your family history? The Genealogy Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 6 PM to share stories, research strategies, and learn about new resources!

Knitting/Crochet Club
Date: Tuesday, June 7
Interested in perfecting your knitting and crocheting skills? The Knitting/Crochet Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month to work on knitting and crocheting projects. A knitting and crocheting instructor is on hand to help you get started on a project, or answer questions. The club will meet in June, but is taking July and August off for the summer. Meetings will resume in September!

Friday Classic Movies
Time: 1 PM
Dates: May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26

Come watch a classic movie on our big screen TV. Movies are intended for an adult audience. Popcorn and Beverages will be served!

May 27- *From Here to Eternity* starring Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr, Montgomery Clift, Donna Reed, and Frank Sinatra

June 24- *The Long Long Trailer* starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz

July 22- *Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation* starring James Stewart and Maureen O'Hara

August 26- *Three Coins in the Fountain* starring Dorothy McGuire, Jean Peters, Maggie McNamara, Rossano Brazzi, and Louis Jourdan.

Wifi Hotspot Rental
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$2/Day
Registration Encouraged

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The library will be closed Father's Day, July 4th, and Labor Day

OLYMPIAN
Olympics

Bus Trip

Anyone under the age of 18 needs to be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.

Brookfield Zoo

Join us for fun at the zoo.
Date: Friday, July 8, 2016
Depart: From Library—8:45 A.M.
Depart: Brookfield—3:00 P.M.
Cost: $12 per seat
Lunch: Lunch is on your own, coolers and strollers are allowed.
Fees are due at registration and include bus and admission to the park.

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