

# A field trip to the movies; Good books for the beach



## Kellie Lambert McGuire Observing The Arts

Read, then, "Eat, Pray, Love."

On Aug. 14, the "Book Bites" discussion group of the Manross Library in the Forestville section of Bristol will attend a showing of the film "Eat, Pray, Love," at AMC Loew's Cinema, 220 New Britain Ave., Plainville.

The film is based on Elizabeth Gilbert's best-selling memoir of the same name. In the book, Gilbert has all the trappings of happiness – a husband, a house and a successful career – but feels unfulfilled. After a divorce from her husband, she searches for what she really wants in life, and her journey takes her around the world: To eat in Italy, to pray in India, and to search for true love in Bali.

The group will meet in the theater lobby and will attend a morning showing

– time to be announced – then meet for lunch after at Imperial Buffet.

All are welcome. Participants pay the cost of admission and lunch.

For more information and exact times, visit the library or call (860) 584-7790.

**SPEAKING OF BOOKS:** Don't forget to stop by the Southington Library for a good beach read, and enter their lucky reader contest. Adults who are 18 years old and older may fill out an entry form for each book read to be eligible for an adventure prize. Weekly drawings are held at 10 a.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 25.

For more information, visit [www.southingtonlibrary.org](http://www.southingtonlibrary.org), or call (860) 628-0947 ext. 5.

**MUSICAL LASERS:** Laser rock shows are back at the planetarium at The Children's Museum in West Hartford.

The shows are synchronized to recordings by original artists such as The Beatles, Metallica, Pink Floyd, U2 and Led Zeppelin. Family-friendly afternoons will begin at 5:30 p.m., and evening shows geared to the 13-years-old and older crowd will be between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Matinee shows are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members, and evening shows are \$8 for members and \$9 for non-



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Visit [www.TheChildrensMuseumCt.org](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCt.org) for tickets, or call (860) 231-2820 ext. 44.

**SUMMER SPOT-LIGHT: Southington Youth Theater's Spotlights** program will present "Pippin" today at Southington High School, 720 Pleasant St., Southington. The musical is based loosely on the life of "Pippin the Hunchback," son of Charlemagne, and was made famous by performer Ben Vereen, who won a Tony Award for his role in the musical.

This Spotlights production is directed by Kristy Smith.

Tickets are \$5 for gen-

eral admission for tonight's 7 p.m. performance; \$3 for today's matinee performance at 11 a.m. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation office at (860) 276-6219.

**A.R.F. BENEFIT:** An underwater photography presentation next month will raise funds to build a new shelter at the Animal Rescue Foundation in Terryville.

At 10 a.m. Aug. 28, Richard Ladisky will present his underwater photographs at the Clarion Hotel, 42 Century Drive, Bristol. The event will also feature a continental breakfast.

Tickets are \$15; \$10 for children younger than 12

years old. All proceeds benefit the foundation to rebuild their shelter, which was destroyed by a fire in 2008.

To reserve tickets, call Ursula at (860) 583-5567.

**NEW SHOWS:** Tickets went on sale this week to several new shows at Waterbury's Palace Theater. The Monty Python-inspired Broadway musical "Spamalot" will be at the theater on Sept. 24 and Sept. 25.

"The Boys in Concert," on Oct. 2, will feature the original cast of Broadway's "Jersey Boys." Tony Award-winner Christian Hoff, Michael Longoria, Daniel Reichard and Tony Award

nominee J. Robert Spencer perform the music that defined the '60s, from the Beatles and Beach Boys to Motown and, of course, The Four Seasons.

**Celebrating Queen,** a Queen tribute band featuring the Bohemian Rhapsody Orchestra, will perform Oct. 9 at the venue.

Michael Amante will perform at the venue on Oct. 23. The internationally-acclaimed vocalist, known as "The People's Tenor," will be joined by local soprano Marissa Famigletti for a night celebrating Italian-American heritage month.

For more information, call (203) 346-2000 or visit [www.palacetheaterct.org](http://www.palacetheaterct.org).

**AND MORE NEW SHOWS:** Tickets are currently on sale for an Oct. 15 performance by Lady Antebellum at Wallingford's Oakdale Theatre. Tickets are \$39.50 and \$29.50 for the show, which also features special guest David Nail.

Tickets are also on sale for an Oct. 21 performance by Drake at the Oakdale. Tickets are \$83.75, \$63.75, \$43.75 and \$33.75.

Visit [LiveNation.com](http://LiveNation.com) for more information, or to buy tickets.

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## Music listings

### FRIDAY, JULY 30

#### BRISTOL

**THE #9 BAND.** 7 to 9 p.m. "Lake After Dark." Lake Compounce Amusement Park, Bristol. [LakeCompounce.com](http://LakeCompounce.com)

#### SIDESWIPE.

10 p.m. Bleacher's, 300 Middle Street, Bristol. [Bleachersbar.net](http://Bleachersbar.net)

#### SOUTHINGTON

**RICK STREET.** Folk music. 8 p.m. Jitters Coffeehouse, 1273 Queen St., Southington. (860)

747-1100.

#### OTHER

**TOWER OF POWER.** 7:30 p.m. Meadowbrook Town Center, 2761 Dixwell Ave., Hamden. Free. (203) 287-2546.

[HamdenArtsCommission.org](http://HamdenArtsCommission.org)

#### SATURDAY, JULY 31

#### BRISTOL

**TAINTED CHERRY ROCKS THE HOUSE.** 10 p.m. Bleacher's, 300 Middle Street,

Bristol. [BleachersBar.net](http://BleachersBar.net)

#### SOUTHINGTON

**GARY BLANCHARD.** Folk music. 8 p.m. Jitters Coffeehouse, 1273 Queen St., Southington. (860) 747-1100.

#### OTHER

**LOCAL BAND SHOWCASE.** Ashes of a Fallen Hero, Stranger After, Taken to the Skies, bob's kitchen, Kronicles, Our Own Ghosts. 7 p.m. The Space, 295

Treadwell St., Hamden. [TheSpace.tk](http://TheSpace.tk)

#### SUNDAY, AUG. 1

#### OTHER

**MAROON 5.** With Guster and Ry Cuming. 7 p.m. Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville. \$65, \$45. [MoheganSun.com](http://MoheganSun.com)

#### KATARINA BOUDREAU,

Shrinking Violets. 6 p.m. The Space, 295 Treadwell St., Hamden. [TheSpace.tk](http://TheSpace.tk)

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