

Fall 2024 Adult Events

Space is limited, so registration is required for most events.
To register, visit wtmlib.info or call the Reference Department at 860-652-7720.

★CT 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Connecticut

Wed. 9/4 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 8/7

Martin Podskoch will give a lecture on his book, which encourages residents to discover the state's diverse towns, cities, and villages, capturing their unique charm and history. You're sure to leave with some new destinations to check out!

★Friends of WTML Fall Book Sale

Fri. 9/6 @ 5 PM-8PM (preview sale—\$10 admission),

Sat. 9/7 @ 9 AM-4 PM, & Sun. 9/8 @ 10 AM-3 PM (\$5 fill-a-bag sale from 1-3 PM) | **Academy Building (2143 Main St.)**

Support the Friends of WTML at their fall book sale! Books and more for all ages and interests!

True Crime: Murder and Mayhem in CT

Mon. 9/9 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 8/12

Forgeries, theft, murder: the CT Museum of Culture and History is filled with artifacts telling tales of old crimes and punishments. Natalie Belanger will reveal CT's past crimes and show how our modern obsession with true crime isn't so modern after all.

The Thin Blue Lie: An Honest Cop vs. the FBI

Mon. 9/23 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 8/26

Former FBI agent Greg Dillon shares his whistleblower story in *The Thin Blue Lie: An Honest Cop vs. The FBI*. He discusses reporting FBI misconduct and the issues in his federal lawsuit against CT's Chief State's Attorney.

Behind the Scenes at the Bushnell

Mon. 9/30 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 9/2

Step into The Bushnell's captivating world with a dynamic, interactive presentation. Learn backstage secrets and share anecdotes about beloved performances. Join us at WTML to explore the rich history and tales of one of Hartford's iconic cultural landmarks.

La Dolce Vita: An Italian Culture & Travel Series

Immerse yourself in Italian culture with Anna Oliva. Each week, she will share her love for Italy's rich history, cuisine, language, and hidden gems.

A Journey to Modern Italy

Wed. 10/2 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 9/4

A Culinary Journey Through Italy

Wed. 10/9 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 9/11

Italy's Hidden Gems

Wed. 10/16 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 9/18

Essential Italian for Travelers

Wed. 10/23 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 9/25

★200 Years of Presidential Campaign Songs

Tue. 10/15 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 9/17

Join Robert Cohen to learn the history of Presidential campaign songs. Explore how these tunes reflect our political and musical evolution. Discover the jubilation (and sometimes nastiness) in these songs and ponder why we no longer have them.

★Leaf-Printed Canvas Tote Workshop for Adults

Mon. 10/28 @ 6:00 PM | Registration starts by phone for Glastonbury residents with a valid library card on 9/30 and online for all on 10/7 if space remains

Join us for a creative workshop to design your own canvas tote bag with genuine leaf prints! Instructor Denise Smith will guide you through each step. (If leaves are scarce, we'll switch to mandala painting)

Thinking Outside the Bait Box: The Hidden Dangers of Rodenticides

Sat. 11/2 @ 3:00 PM | Registration starts 10/5

Join A Place Called Hope for a presentation on rodenticides' impact on pets, wildlife, and the environment. Nicole Rivard (from Friends of Animals) will discuss alternatives to these poisons, highlighting their effects on the food chain. Plus, meet a live bird of prey!

Self-Love Series with Shine Your Light CT

Here is your invitation to pause, reflect, and nurture your well-being before we enter the busy holiday season.

Whether you attend one session or the entire series, you'll leave each evening feeling more grounded, grateful, and rejuvenated.

Drum Circle

Wed. 11/6 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 10/9

Self Care & Create Your Own Body Care

Wed. 11/13 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 10/16

Sound Healing & Gentle Yoga

Wed. 11/20 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 10/23

Indigenous Peoples of Glastonbury

Mon. 11/25 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 10/28

The Historical Society of Glastonbury will present information on the history and culture of the Wangunks, the local tribe of the Algonquin Nation. They will also bring objects and artifacts for attendees to examine.

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Fiber Arts Friends

Knit, crochet, quilt, or stitch your way through the afternoon with others who share your passion. Bring your own project and get inspired for your next creation.

Registration is not required.

Every Tue. @ 12 PM

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ESL Conversation Club

Improve your English communication skills and increase your confidence in the language with other learners.

Tue. 9/3 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 8/6

Wed. 10/1 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 9/3

Wed. 11/5 @ 6:03 PM | Registration starts 10/8

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First Friday Films

Join us for a movie on our big screen!

Registration is not required.

Fri. 9/6 @ 2 PM | *Sunset Blvd.* (1950)

Fri. 10/4 @ 2 PM | *Psycho* (1960)

Fri. 11/1 @ 2 PM | *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (1939)

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Second Tuesday Book Club

Limited copies of the current selection will be available at the Lending Desk. Registration is not required.

Tue. 9/10 @ 2 PM | *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown

Tue. 10/8 @ 2 PM | *Weyward* by Emilia Hart

Tue. 11/12 @ 2 PM | *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

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Technology Basics Classes

Join us for monthly, hands-on classes tailored for beginners.

Computer Basics

Tue. 9/10 @ 4 PM | Registration starts 8/13

Internet Basics

Mon. 10/7 @ 4 PM | Registration starts 9/9

Email Basics

Mon. 11/4 @ 4 PM | Registration starts 10/7

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Tech Help

Bring along your own device and get matched with a volunteer who can assist you with any simple tech hiccups.

Wed. 9/11 @ 4 PM | Registration starts 8/14

Wed. 10/9 @ 4 PM | Registration starts 9/11

Wed. 11/13 @ 4 PM | Registration starts 10/16

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Cookbook Club

Cook a recipe at home and then bring your creation in to share. A free copy of the recipe of your choice will be provided to you. Registration is not required.

Mon. 9/16 @ 6 PM | *Tapas: and other Spanish plates to share* by Ryland Peters

Mon. 10/21 @ 6 PM | *Food to Die For: Recipes and Stories from America's Most Legendary Haunted Places* by Amy Bruni

Mon. 11/18 @ 6 PM | *Big Night: Dinners, Parties, and Dinner Parties* by Katherine Lewin

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Readers & Writers Book Club

Read a book about the craft of writing and discuss it, then apply the practices in the book to your own writing and discuss your experiences at the following meeting.

Tue. 9/24 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 8/27

Writing Workshop: *Consider This* by Chuck Palahniuk

Tue. 10/22 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 9/24

Book Discussion: *1000 Words* by Jami Attenberg

Tue. 11/26 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 10/29

Writing Workshop: *1000 Words* by Jami Attenberg

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Women & Money Roundtable

Julia Strayer and Liz Maccarone will lead a lively and informative discussion on today's financial markets and how they might fit into your portfolio.

Wed. 9/18 @ 1 PM | Registration starts 8/21

Wed. 10/16 @ 1 PM | Registration starts 9/18

Wed. 11/13 @ 1 PM | Registration starts 10/16

Virtual Lunch & Learn

Grab a notebook and a PB&J for this monthly lunchtime webinar series presented on Zoom!

Creating a Strong Estate Plan

Wed. 9/18 @ 12:30 PM | Registration starts 8/21

Join Attorney Brendan Daly to learn about wills, powers of attorney, trusts, and more. Understand estate distribution, choosing agents, and updating your plan for peace of mind.

Medicare Basics

Wed. 10/16 @ 12:30 PM | Registration starts 9/18

Join Michael Andrews to understand plan changes, coverage options, enrollment, and cost-saving strategies.

Beginner Meditation

Wed. 11/20 @ 12:30 PM | Registration starts 10/23

Discover the profound benefits of meditation on physical, mental, and spiritual health. Join Clare Vidich to learn and practice meditation for enhanced wellness.

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Thursday Night Book Club

Limited copies of the current selection will be available at the Lending Desk. Registration is not required.

Thu. 9/12 @ 6:30 PM | *The Power* by Naomi Alderman

Thu. 10/10 @ 6:30 PM | *None of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell

Thu. 11/14 @ 6:30 PM | *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

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Chapter Chasers: A Walking Book Club

Meet in the lobby at Riverfront Community Center (300 Welles Street, Glastonbury). Introducing a new seasonal walking book club for active senior readers! From May-October, WTML will lead a monthly outdoor walk at RCC while we discuss our latest reads. No need to read a specific title—just come prepared to walk and chat about books! Please contact RCC at (860) 652-7638 to register for this program.

Wed. 9/11 & 10/9 @ 9 AM

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Career Navigation for Job Seekers

Embark on a job-seeking adventure at the American Job Center! Connect with a career navigator to explore programs, register for CTHires, complete WIOA Pre-application, and uncover exciting job opportunities with expert support. Registration is not required.

Wed. 9/25, 10/30, & 11/20 @ 3 PM

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Virtual Author Talks

Tune in from home for our exciting Virtual Author Talk series. Register at any time on our website to receive the link for participating. All talks in this series are recorded and archived for later viewing.

Tue. 9/10 @ 2 PM | Garrett Graff

Wed. 9/18 @ 2 PM | Nate Klemp

Sat. 9/21 @ 7 PM | Liane Moriarty

Wed. 10/2 @ 2 PM | Rachel Page

Wed. 10/9 @ 7 PM | Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Tue. 10/22 @ 2 PM | Lori Gottlieb

Thu. 11/14 @ 4 PM | Javier Zamora

Wed. 11/20 @ 7 PM | Mona Susan Power