

Spring 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**.

Our Connecticut River: From Sea to Source

Mon. 4/1 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 3/4

Historian Kelvin W. Cole will bring a comprehensive and refreshing overview of what the Connecticut River has meant since its first discovery.

Solar Eclipses 101

Wed. 4/3 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 3/6

Ages 10+ can join us for an introductory lesson on eclipses from Chris Markiewicz of the Astronomical Society of Greater Hartford. Learn the mechanics of why/how eclipses happen and safe viewing techniques. Eclipse glasses will be available for attendees to take home.

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

Mon. 4/8 @ 3:00 PM | Registration not required

All ages can come celebrate this rare astronomical phenomenon with us by watching on the library's front lawn. A celestial kid's craft will also be available in the Children's Room! Safe viewing glasses will be available (while supplies last).

Introduction to Journal Writing for Adults

Mon. 4/8 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts by phone for Glastonbury residents with a valid library card on 3/11 and online for all on 3/18 if space remains

Do you yearn to build more mindfulness and intention into your life? Dive into the captivating world of journal writing with Jane Rossi, a seasoned instructor and lifelong journal writer.

LinkedIn Photo Shoot

Mon. 4/22 @ 6:30 PM | Registration not required

Arrive in your interview-best attire and library staff will take a professional-looking photograph you can post to your LinkedIn account. Your hi-res image will be emailed to you, so an e-mail address is required.

A Year in Kimono

Mon. 5/6 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 4/8

Robyn Mortiboys of Sono Kimono will be leading this fun and interactive presentation starting with the history of kimono from its origins to modern day fashion.

Iberian Guitar Trio in Concert

Mon. 5/13 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 4/15

The group is not only favorites of the Connecticut Guitar Society, but of New England area audiences at large. Their repertoire is based on a style influenced by Django Reinhardt, known as, "gypsy jazz" and they masterfully fuse their well-crafted nylon string, steel string, and electric guitar to create a sound that is truly unique.

Red Sox vs. Yankees:

The Greatest Rivalry in Sports History

Wed. 5/29 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 5/1

This lecture (hosted by award-winning sportswriter, baseball beat writer, and author, Marty Gitlin) features the biggest moments of the rivalry from the last century and beyond, as well as trivia questions for attendees to ponder. You're sure to learn something you didn't know!

The LGBTQ+ Experience: A Panel Discussion with CT's Stonewall Speakers

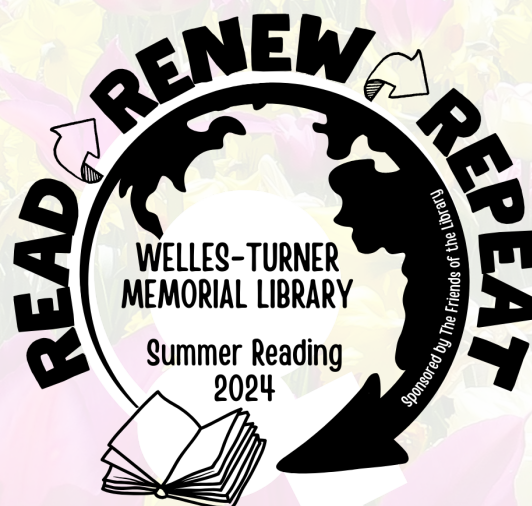
Mon. 6/3 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 5/6

WTML and TALK invite you to help us kick off Pride Month with CT's Stonewall Speakers to learn about the organization and hear real-life coming out stories, personal experiences, and journeys of self-discovery. You can also learn how you can be a better ally to the LGBTQ+ community.

★ Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Fri. 6/7 @ 6:30 PM | Registration not required

All ages can join us to dance their hearts out to covers from the 60s-90s from the Armentano Duo, get their picture taken with the Lorax, do a fun craft, enjoy refreshments, and (best of all) learn about and register for our Summer Reading Program!



★ 2024 Summer Reading Program

Fri. 6/7 — Sat. 8/3

Programs available for all ages! Adults, register online and then log each time you complete a book. After you log 4 books, you can pick up your Summer Reading T-Shirt at WTML (while supplies last). Each book you read enters you to win our weekly prize or our grand prize! The more books you read, the greater your chances.

Board Game Open Play

Sat. 6/24 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 5/25

Adults and teens ages 13+ can join us at the library for an afternoon of board games! Play some old favorites or try out a new game and feel free to bring your own!

CT Conservation with Beardsley Zoo

Mon. 6/24 @ 6:30 PM | Registration starts 5/28

Zoo staff, volunteers, and community members contribute hundreds of hours working locally, and across the state with partners to support local ecosystems and species. Join Andrew Connolly and Jen Farrell, zoo staff, to learn more about the role of CT's Beardsley Zoo in conservation action.

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Fiber Arts Friends

Knit, crochet, quilt, or stitch your way through the afternoon with others who share your passion for the fiber arts. Bring your own project, ask for advice, and get inspired for your next creation. Registration is not required.

Tue. 4/2, 4/16, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, & 6/18 @ 12 PM

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ESL Conversation Club

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

Registration is not required.

Tue. 4/2, 5/7, & 6/4 @ 6:30 PM

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First Friday Films

Join us for a movie on our big screen!

Registration is not required.

Fri. 4/5 @ 2 PM | *Singin' in the Rain* (1952)

Fri. 5/3 @ 2 PM | *Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope* (1977)

Fri. 6/7 @ 2 PM | *All About Eve* (1950)

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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. 4/9 @ 2 PM | *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton

Tue. 5/14 @ 2 PM | *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*
by Gabrielle Zevin

Tue. 6/11 @ 2 PM | *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

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NEW! One-on-One Tech Help

Are you feeling a bit overwhelmed by technology? Need help getting the hang of your smartphone or laptop? Join us for One-on-One Tech Help in the 2CF Studio! Bring your own device and get paired with a volunteer that can help coach you through your tech problems.

Tue. 4/10 @ 4 PM | Registration starts 3/13

Tue. 5/8 @ 4 PM | Registration starts 4/10

Tue. 6/12 @ 4 PM | Registration starts 5/15

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Cookbook Club

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

Mon. 4/15 @ 6 PM | *Crave* by Karen Akunowicz

Mon. 5/20 @ 6 PM | *The Tucci Cookbook* by Stanley Tucci

Mon. 6/17 @ 6 PM | *The World Central Kitchen Cookbook*
by José Andrés

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NEW! 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. 4/23 @ 6:30 PM

Introductions and future book selection

Tue. 5/28 @ 6:30 PM

Book Discussion: *Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott

Tue. 6/25 @ 6:30 PM

Writing Workshop: *Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott

Virtual Lunch & Learn

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

Communication Secrets for a Better Relationship

Wed. 4/17 @ 12:30 PM | Registration starts 3/20

Dr. Kristin Barnhart will share practical communication methods designed to confidently apply them in your daily interactions with your partner. Together, we'll unravel the intricacies of non-verbal communication, active listening, and effective expression of thoughts and feelings.

Confidence Tips for People Pleasers

Wed. 5/22 @ 12:30 PM | Registration starts 4/24

Professional life coach, Ray Beyor, will teach you how to gain more confidence in your life through a simple 7-step process. Witness a transformation in your mindset, opening up new possibilities across all areas of your life.

Home Office Ergonomics

Wed. 6/19 @ 12:30 PM | Registration starts 5/22

Maggie Downie will provide tips on how to make your home office as ergonomic as possible and provide tips for how to create different positions throughout the day no matter what your work surface.

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NEW! Thursday Night Book Club

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

Thu. 5/9 @ 6:30 PM | *The Violin Conspiracy*
by Brendan Slocumb

Wed. 6/13 @ 6:30 PM | *Take My Hand*
by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

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NEW! 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! Registration is not required.

Wed. 5/15 & 6/12 @ 9 AM

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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. 4/2 @ 2 PM | Paula J. Johnson

Tue. 4/9 @ 2 PM | Colum McCann & Diane Foley

Wed. 4/17 @ 8 PM | Xochitl Gonzalez

Wed. 5/1 @ 3 PM | Douglas Brunt

Wed. 5/8 @ 7 PM | Nina Simon

Tue. 5/21 @ 7 PM | Rebecca F. Kuang

Mon. 6/3 @ 2 PM | Matt Shindell

Thu. 6/13 @ 8 PM | Freida McFadden