

# Winter 2024/25 Adult Events

Space is limited, so registration is required for most events.  
To register, visit [wtmlib.info](http://wtmlib.info) or call the Reference Department at **860-652-7720**.

## Poetry Reading: David Vasquezna

**Mon. 12/2 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts 11/4

Join us for a reading by CT poet David Vasquezna, founder of WINS For Life. Vasquezna's career spans education, human services, coaching, and motivational speaking. His new book, *Reflecting Upon Life*, features inspiring poetry and stories. Books available for purchase.

## ★ Holiday Concert feat. the New Blue of Yale University (Ella Waters Event Series)

**Fri. 12/6 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts 11/8

Join us for a heartwarming holiday concert featuring The New Blue of Yale, Yale's first women's a cappella group, founded in 1969. Enjoy festive harmonies and holiday songs that will bring joy to all ages. Don't miss this special celebration of a cappella music!

## Holiday Card-Making Workshop for Adults

**Mon. 12/9 @ 6:00 PM** | Registration starts by phone for Glastonbury residents with a valid library card on 11/12 and online for all on 11/18 if space remains

Create up to three holiday greeting cards with Debbie Martin of Stampin' Up! We will have multiple holidays to choose from. Craft your own design or be guided through the process. No experience necessary. All materials supplied.

## Wrap Party

**Mon. 12/23 @ 6:00 PM** | Registration starts 11/25

Join us for a festive evening of gift-wrapping! Bring your unwrapped gifts and enjoy holiday tunes and cheerful chatter. We'll provide some supplies, or bring your own. Whether for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a birthday, wrap in peace and get into the spirit!

## ★ Watercolor Bookpage Workshop for Adults

**Mon. 1/6 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts by phone for Glastonbury residents with a valid library card on 12/9 and online for all on 12/16 if space remains

Join artist Jean Rill-Alberto for a unique craft: watercolor painting on vintage book pages. Learn translucent techniques to create layered effects. No experience needed—just bring your creativity and upcycle old books into beautiful, personalized art!

## Learn to Play Bridge

**Wednesdays 1/8-2/5 @ 2:30 PM** | Registration for all sessions starts 12/11.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play bridge? Join Annmarie Hughes, a representative of the Hartford Bridge Club, as she teaches you the rules, skills, and strategies needed to play bridge in this five-week course.

## CT's Bald Eagles

**Mon. 1/13 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts 12/16

Did you know you can spot bald eagles in Glastonbury? Join Ginny Apple, a Master Wildlife Conservationist, to learn about the incredible comeback of bald eagles, their role in our ecosystem, and the fascinating story of their recovery in Connecticut.

## ★ Intro to Artificial Intelligence (AI)

**Wed. 1/22 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts 12/26

Join Mary McPheat for a rapid introduction to AI! Learn key concepts, generative AI, and privacy considerations. Watch demos or get hands-on experience to explore the potential of AI. Mary, Founder & CEO of Grounded Logic, brings expertise in tech and operational excellence.

## Local Author Talk: "Monkeyface" by Judith Podell

**Mon. 2/3 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts 1/6

Join us as we welcome local author Judith Podell, who will share her memoir *Monkeyface*, a witty and honest look at her extraordinary life—from growing up in NYC to parenting, succeeding in sales, and being Jewish. Books will be available for sale after the event.

## Language of Flowers Poetry Workshop

**@ Riverfront Community Center**

**Fri. 2/7 @ 2:00 PM** | Register at 860-652-7638

Unlock the language of flowers in this poetry workshop with Glastonbury Poet Laureate, Victoria Nordlund. Learn to craft love poems using floral symbolism to express passion, admiration, or devotion. No experience needed!

## Winter Poetry Reading

**Sat. 2/8 @ 2:00 PM** | Registration starts 1/11

Join us for an afternoon of poetry featuring Connecticut's State Poet Laureate Antoinette Brim-Bell, Glastonbury's Poet Laureate Victoria Nordlund, and more award-winning poets. Enjoy performances and a book signing session. Warm up your winter with the beauty of poetry!

## Glastonbury Celebrates Black History

The RCC, WTML, & Glastonbury Historical Society are proud to co-sponsor this special series in honor of Black History Month. Join us for engaging programs that explore the rich history, culture, and contributions of Black Americans.

### CT's African American Heroines

**@ Welles-Turner Memorial Library**

**Mon. 2/10 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts 1/13

### Slavery and Abolition in Glastonbury

**@ Riverfront Community Center**

**Wed. 2/12 @ 1:00 PM** | Register at 860-652-7638

### A "Visit" from Madam C.J. Walker

**@ Riverfront Community Center**

**Wed. 2/19 @ 1:00 PM** | Register at 860-652-7638

### A Discussion of "the Nickel Boys"

**@ Welles-Turner Memorial Library**

**Thu. 2/27 @ 2:00 PM** | Registration not required

## CT's Fearsome Foursome (Raccoons, Skunks, Opossums, & Porcupines)

**Wed. 2/19 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts 1/22

Ginny Apple, a Master Wildlife Conservationist with the DEEP, will enlighten us on the life and habits of four common CT nocturnal creatures (opossum, skunk, raccoon, and porcupine) and how unique characteristics help them navigate their environs, evade predators and survive.

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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. 12/3 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts 11/5

**Tue. 1/7 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts 12/10

**Tue. 2/4 @ 6:30 PM** | Registration starts 1/7

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### **First Friday Films**

Join us for a movie on our big screen!

Registration is not required.

**Fri. 12/6 @ 2 PM** | *White Christmas* (1954)

**Fri. 1/3 @ 2 PM** | *The Philadelphia Story* (1940)

**Fri. 2/7 @ 2 PM** | *Hidden Figures* (2016)

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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. 12/10 @ 2 PM** | *The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden

**Tue. 1/14 @ 2 PM** | *Maid* by Stephanie Land

**Tue. 2/11 @ 2 PM** | *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

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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. 12/16 @ 6 PM** | *Bake* by Paul Hollywood

**Mon. 1/27 @ 6 PM** | *Milk Street: Tuesday Nights Mediterranean* by Christopher Kimball

**Mon. 2/24 @ 6 PM** | *My America* by Kwame Onwuachi

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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. 12/11 @ 1 PM** | Registration starts 11/13

### **Virtual Lunch & Learn**

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

#### **Reducing Retirement Risks**

**Wed. 12/18 @ 12:30 PM** | Registration starts 11/20

John Poitras covers key tools for protecting assets in retirement, discussing pros and cons to expand your knowledge. He'll provide an overview of risks and how they impact retirement planning.

#### **Disney Travel Tips**

**Wed. 1/15 @ 12:30 PM** | Registration starts 12/18

Join Tara Neaderhiser, a former Disney cast member and current MickeyTravels agent, to learn Disney vacation must-dos, from planning to park tips, for both newbies and pros. Maximize your Disney experience!

#### **Cancer Screenings & Prevention**

**Wed. 2/19 @ 12:30 PM** | Registration starts 1/22

Join Maggie from UConn Health for a talk on cancer education and early screenings. Learn about cancer types, risk factors, and the role of screenings in early detection. Get answers and take charge of your health!

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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. 12/12 @ 6:30 PM** | *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

**Thu. 1/9 @ 6:30 PM** | *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

**Thu. 2/13 @ 6:30 PM** | *The House of Eve* by Sadeqa Johnson

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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. 12/18, 1/29, & 2/26 @ 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.

**Wed. 12/4 @ 2 PM** | Jeff Post (Smithsonian)

**Wed. 12/11 @ 2 PM** | Laura Dave

**Wed. 1/15 @ 7 PM** | TJ Klune

**Thu. 1/23 @ 2 PM** | Amanda Montell

**Tue. 1/28 @ 1 PM** | Seth Fishman

**Tue. 2/4 @ 2 PM** | Sabrina Sholtz

**Tue. 2/11 @ 7 PM** | Waubgeshig Rice

**Tue. 2/18 @ 2 PM** | Lee Hawkins

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