



America celebrates its 250th birthday in 2026! Join WTML for a year-long series of programs honoring our nation's history and culture.

Once a month, the library will feature a special event highlighting different aspects of the American experience—from Revolutionary beginnings to diverse voices that shaped our nation.

Try to attend as many as you can! See the backside of this page for contest rules for our **Stars & Stamps Challenge!**

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

Be part of the celebration and see what other groups in town are planning as Glastonbury commemorates this historic milestone together.

### **Facing War: CT in World War I**

**Mon. 1/5 @ 6:30 PM** | *Registration starts 12/8*

What was life like on the WWI home front? Join the CT Museum of Culture and History to explore how our state faced women's demand for the vote, a deadly flu epidemic, mass immigration, and sending thousands overseas.

### **The Birth of Rock and Roll**

**Mon. 2/2 @ 6:00 PM** | *Registration starts 1/5*

Travel back to one of America's most dynamic eras with author Marty Gitlin! Through video, stories & trivia, rediscover U.S. rock 'n' roll legends like Elvis, Chuck Berry & Little Richard whose music shaped a generation.

### **Colchester Continental Fife and Drum Corps in Concert (Ella Waters Event Series)**

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

The Colchester Continental Fife & Drum Corps brings Revolutionary-era music to life! Dressed in 18th-century uniforms, this historic Connecticut group performs stirring fifes, drums, and patriotic pageantry.

### **Rosie the Riveter**

**Mon. 4/6 @ 6:30 PM** | *Registration starts 3/9*

Explore the real story behind "Rosie the Riveter"! The CT Museum of Culture and History shares posters, art, music, photos, and firsthand accounts of Connecticut women who worked for victory in WWII.

### **The Sporting Events That Changed America**

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

Join Marty Gitlin for a lively journey through U.S. sports history! Through videos, stories, and trivia, revisit iconic moments—from Babe Ruth to Billie Jean King—that shaped America's culture and identity.

### **The Web They Wove: Women & their Wardrobes during New England's Revolution**

**Mon. 6/1 @ 6:30 PM** | *Registration starts 5/4*

Discover how women's choices in textiles and fashion shaped the American Revolution. Costumed historians bring history to life with clothing, fabric samples, and stories of creativity, resilience, and quiet defiance.

### **Tories, Spies, and Traitors: Divided Loyalty in Revolutionary CT**

**Mon. 7/6 @ 6:30 PM** | *Registration starts 6/8*

Which side were you on in 1775 Connecticut? The CT Museum of Culture and History shares stories of Nutmeggers who risked everything—fortune, friends, and life—during the turbulent early days of the Revolution.

### **Patriotic Paint Night with Pam (for Adults)**

**Mon. 8/3 @ 6:00 PM** | *Registration starts by phone for Glastonbury residents with a valid library card on 7/6 and online for all on 7/13 if space remains*

Paint a patriotic scene! Follow step-by-step guidance and create a vibrant, star-spangled masterpiece.

### **From Liberty to Legacy: Exploring American Ideals in the Musicals "1776" and "Hamilton"**

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

Which revolutionary story speaks to you? Performer and lecturer Michael Langlois explores 1776 and Hamilton, sharing clips and insights on how these musicals capture America's early conflicts, and legacy.

### **Connecticut Cryptids & Legends**

**Mon. 10/5 @ 6:30 PM** | *Registration starts 9/7*

Discover CT's folklore through cryptids—mysterious creatures rooted in local legend. Patrick Scalisi and Valerie Ruby-Omen share tales from their book *Connecticut Cryptids*, including Glastonbury's own Glawackus. A mix of history, folklore, & mystery awaits!

### **An Evening with Edgar Allen Poe**

**Mon. 11/2 @ 6:30 PM** | *Registration starts 10/5*

Step into the shadowy world of Edgar Allan Poe with actor Campbell Harmon! Enjoy dramatic readings, insights into his life, and a celebration of one of America's most enduring literary voices.

### **Echoes of Yuletide: Reminiscing on American Holiday Traditions**

**Mon. 12/7 @ 6:30 PM** | *Registration starts 11/9*

Historian John Cilio invites you on a journey to Christmas past, exploring ornaments, tinsel, lights, and timeless traditions that have shaped generations of holiday celebrations.



# Stars & Stamps Challenge

Celebrate America's 250th all year long! Collect a stamp at each America's 250th event you attend at WTML in 2026. After at least four stamps (we encourage you to collect even more!), return this sheet to the Reference Desk at WTML to receive an **America's 250th keychain** and be entered into a drawing for an **America's 250th swag bag**.

Submit by 5 p.m. on December 31, 2026.  
Questions? Call **860-652-7720**.

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