Christmas Traditions Around the World

Join historian Judith Krall-Russo as she explores the many Christmas traditions celebrated throughout the world!

Christmas is the time for family, friends, food, and festivities. Midnight Mass, burning the Yule log, toasting with wassail, lightning bamboo star lanterns, and bonfires in the Outback are all ways that people from around the world celebrate Christmas. Discover how countries such as England, Italy, Australia, The Philippines, and more celebrate this most cherished holiday.

Saturday, December 3
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Room 6 & 7 on the 2nd floor of the library.

Register at www.wmtl.org/events.

Questions? Call the Adult Services desk at 973-728-2822 or wmtl@wmtl.org.

Gentle Yoga with Michelle
Join us monthly live or on Zoom!

Enjoy a less intense, non-strenuous, and quieter form of yoga that focuses on revitalizing the body, relaxing the mind, and reducing the stress from within.

Join a Gentle Yoga class at the West Milford Township Library with Michelle Brook, a 200-Hour Registered Yoga Teacher certified by the American Yoga Academy.

6:30 PM to 7:45 PM
Wednesday, December 21

This Gentle Yoga session is VIRTUAL only! There is no in-person class in December.

Registration is required. Register and complete the waiver form by visiting www.wmtl.org/events.

Questions? Call the Adult Services desk at 973-728-2822 or wmtl@wmtl.org.
**Take and Make Craft for Adults: Holiday Illuminated Painted Wine Bottle**

All supplies will be provided. Pickup at the Reference Desk on the 1st floor from **December 1 to December 18**. Limited supply so hurry! **One per family.**

Register at www.wmtl.org/events.

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**Take and Make Craft for Adults: Paint Your Own Christmas Ornaments**

All supplies will be provided. Pickup at the Reference Desk on the 1st floor from **December 7 to December 23**.

Register at www.wmtl.org/events.
A Christmas Carol

Jonathan Kruk returns to West Milford with a stirring, solo rendition of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol.

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Thursday, December 8

Room 6 & 7 on the 2nd floor of the library.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the West Milford Township Library.

Register at www.wmtl.org/events.

"Bah! Humbug!"
The Wreath Decorating Contest returns!

Sign-up to receive a wreath & we will email you when it is ready for pickup at the library.

Once you bring your wreath home, decorate it any way you like. Take a photo of your completed wreath and email it by Thursday, December 15, to wmtl@wmtl.org. Please include the subject “Wreath Decorating Contest.”

Then, starting on Thursday, December 15, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WMTLibrary) to view and vote for your favorite wreath. Voting will run until Wednesday, December 21, and the winner will be announced Thursday, December 22.

One wreath per household. Registration is limited to 35 participants.

The Wreath Decorating Contest is sponsored by the West Milford ShopRite.

Register at www.wmtl.org/events.
Movie Matinee:
Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris
Sunday, December 4
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Room 6 & 7 on the 2nd floor of the library.
No registration required.

Movie Matinee:
A Street Cat Named Bob
Sunday, December 18
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Room 6 & 7 on the 2nd floor of the library.
No registration required.
Bob Magnuson and company return with a jazz-infused take on Christmas classics.

**Friends Piano Christmas Concert**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
**Sunday, December 11**

The lobby on the 2nd floor of the library.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the West Milford Township Library.

Register at [www.wmtl.org/events](http://www.wmtl.org/events).

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Join us at the Library for a holiday concert by the Jersey Jubilation Handbell Choir! The choir is an advanced level community handbell ensemble based in Ridgewood, NJ. They have been an active group since 2003, providing beautiful music under the direction of Christine L. Braden. This event is open to all; families are welcome!

**Jersey Jubilation Handbell Choir**

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
**Saturday, December 17**

Room 6 & 7 on the 2nd floor of the library.

Register at [www.wmtl.org/events](http://www.wmtl.org/events).
Chapters
Book Discussion Group

In-person or on Zoom!

December 14 at 12:00 PM
or December 15 at 7:00 PM

1934. America is gripped in the Great Depression. Millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as crops fail, the water dries up, and the earth cracks open. Dust storms roll relentlessly across the plains. Everything on the Martinelli farm is dying, including Elsa Martinelli’s tenuous marriage; each day is a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive.

In this uncertain and perilous time, Elsa—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west, to California, in search of a better life for her family.

Chapters will meet in the Library Conference Room on the 2nd floor.

Register at www.wmtl.org/events to receive a book and/or Zoom link.

Holiday Closings

Saturday, December 24:
Closed

Sunday, December 25:
Closed

Monday, December 26:
Closed

Saturday, December 31:
Closed

Sunday, January 1:
Closed

Monday, January 2:
Closed
Performers & Presenters WANTED

Calling all performers and presenters! WMTL is looking to add to our adult programming. We're particularly interested in anything dealing with crafting, gardening, hiking, fishing, boating, and local history.

If you are interested in contributing to our adult programming, please read our Library Programming Policy and fill out a form. Both of those can be found on our website at www.wmtl.org/programming-policy.

Questions and inquiries can be emailed to wmtl@wmtl.org or phoned to 973-728-2822.

Join the Coloring Crew!

Coloring Crew meets every Monday!

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Enjoy coloring, conversation, and company with WMTL's coloring club for adults. We'll supply the coloring pages, tools, and space. You supply the conversation, company, and creativity! No need to register. Just drop by the Library Conference Room on the 2nd floor.

"To be an artist is to believe in life."
- Henry Moore
Holiday stories guaranteed to melt the heart.

Books

Movies
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OR
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Dedicated to promoting interest and enthusiasm within the community for our Library’s resources and services, organizing programs, raising funds for the Library’s needs, and encouraging gifts, contributions and bequests for the betterment of the Library.

November 1, 2022 - February 1, 2023
Help the Friends of the West Milford Township Public Library By Using AmazonSmile!

If you shop at Amazon, the AmazonSmile Foundation will make a gift to the Friends of the West Milford Township Public Library who support the library equal to 0.5% percent of the price of whatever you purchase while at smile.amazon.com. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices. You can even use your existing account and preferred delivery. Purchases made on Amazon’s regular site do not generate a gift to the Foundation; only purchases made through Amazon Smile’s site do. The shopping experience is identical to Amazon.com with the added benefit that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate to the charitable organization you selected. There is no charge to participate and no fees are deducted from the donation amount.

To support the Friends while making a purchase:

- Head to smile.amazon.com
- Register with Amazon Smile using your existing Amazon user ID and password or create a new account.
- Select the “Friends of the West Milford Township Public Library” as your charity of choice. Each time you return to Amazon Smile the site will remember your choice of charity and automatically deposit 0.5% of whatever you purchase into the Foundation bank account.

Be sure to use the smile.amazon.com URL each time you use Amazon going forward in order to make your purchase count. Thank you for your contribution!
We're here for you, even when the doors are closed!

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Mon  10:00-8:00
Tues  10:00-8:00
Wed  10:00-8:00
Thurs  10:00-8:00
Fri  10:00-6:00
Sat  10:00-5:00
Sun  12:00-4:00

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The Board of Trustees meets at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 14 in the Library Conference Room on the 2nd floor.

Board of Trustee meeting minutes and agendas may be viewed online at: https://www.wmtl.org/board-meeting-minutes