

Who We Are...

The Westminster Cultural Council is one of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) in Massachusetts. Local Cultural Council Program Guidelines describe the LCC program as follows:

- *In Massachusetts, public funding for the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences is provided through a central state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), and through a network of local cultural councils that serve every city and town in the state.*
- *"The MCC receives funding from the Massachusetts Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.*
- *"Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) are made up of volunteers who are appointed by the community's chief elected official and who are responsible for making decisions on how they will award the money granted to them by the MCC in ways that will serve local cultural needs."*

How you can be involved in bringing cultural events to Westminster:

Would you like to be a member of the WCC?

- Residents of Westminster are invited to join the Westminster Cultural Council. As a member of the WCC you will be a part of the decision-making process that funds projects in the arts, sciences and humanities. For information about the WCC contact any WCC member.

What cultural activities you would like to see in Westminster?

- WCC welcomes your input! Your thoughts as to the types of programs or events you would like to see are needed. What type of events would you like to have in our town? In the latest survey, more entertainment was the number one request.

Are you, or an organization you are involved with, interested in applying for a grant from the WCC?

- LCCs can fund grants from individuals, nonprofit organizations, associations, schools, libraries and religious organizations. All LCC funded programming must show that a public benefit results from the funded project.

Westminster Cultural Council Members:

Patricia McAllister: Chairperson
Patricia Gendron: Secretary
Jo Grant: Treasurer

Jim Hedlund
Cindy Flynn

Sammi Dawley
Nancy Swanson

Jonathan Harvey
Bette Roy

WCC



Westminster CULTURAL COUNCIL

2024

"Funding diverse cultural programs for a variety of audiences and participants!"

The Westminster Cultural Council is a community group committed to providing a broad range of cultural programs to the residents of our town. Support for the arts is evidenced here by the annual allocation of town funds that enhances our state funding. For many years we have supported programs in our schools, town library and senior center in addition to town-wide music and art events. Our audience ranges from preschoolers to senior citizens, and participation has been strong and enthusiastic.

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2024 Westminster Cultural Council Offerings & Events

Little Spark Theater: Catherine Miller
@ Forbush Memorial Library

February 22nd

Theater classes for children, ages 2-5 and 6-8 in two sessions.

Virtual Classroom: Amberley DeBenedetto,
PTO @ MHS and WES

March 22nd

A virtual visit from Peter Reynolds, award winning author and illustrator, for Pre-K to 5th grade students. Mr. Reynolds will read some of his stories and demonstrate how he illustrates his books.

Great Decisions Nicholas Langhart, Director
@ Forbush Memorial Library

February 8th
thru April 4th

Forbush Memorial Library, February 8 thru April 4, 2024 Eight discussions of eight issues in current American foreign policy.

Concert for Seniors by Daniel Kirouac
Westminster Council on Aging
@ Westminster Community Senior Center

April 2024

Mr. Kirouac will perform a one-hour concert of music including easy listening, pop, jazz and light rock from the 1950s to the 1970s.

I am Autistic : Westminster Council on Aging
@ Westminster Community Center

April 2024

Musical instruments, creative movement, poetry, and activities to bring inspiration and education about Autism by Rondae Drafts, Dance Director.

Under One Sky: A Song and Story
Celebration with David Bates
W.E.S. A/W Extended Day

April 2024

Davis Bates will present stories and songs of the diversity of New England.

Acoustic Memories: Council on Aging
@ Westminster Community Center

May 16th

Acoustic music sing-a-long for seniors by musician Sean Fullerton.

Tales Now and Zen Motoko Dworkin
@ Forbush Memorial Library

June 13th

Motoko Dworkin presents humorous and charming tales of Asian lore, oral memories, traditional songs, and Rakugo tales from her childhood in Osaka.

A Musical Journey through the Years
Westminster Council on Aging

June

Tommy Rull will sing a variety of musical numbers.

A Cultural Review of the 1970s Francis Hart @
Forbush Memorial Library

Spring/Summer

Multimedia presentation of music and songs from the decade.

Oakmont Alumni Exhibit Gregory Barry, Art
Teacher @ Oakmont Regional High School

June/July

New Dawn Art Center, Creative Connections, Stevens Memorial Library, Showcase and celebrate the art & creative work of Oakmont Reg HS graduates.

Jennifer DeLeon, Author Presentation @
Oakmont Regional High School

August

Summer Literacy Program: DeLeon will reference her books showcasing diversity.

Upcoming or Ongoing Events in 2024

Hip Hop Dance @ Westminster Council on Aging
Chair exercise class to R&B music & Hip Hop w/ Rondae Drafts, Dance Director

Fitchburg Art Museum Exhibit: Rebecca Wright
Partial art exhibit costs for residents of Westminster, and surrounding towns.

Spanish Class with Emily West, Spanish Teacher @ Forbush Memorial Library
Two weekly classes in Spanish given to Pre-K through 5th grade students

Literature, Science, and Nature: Crocker Pond Recreation Committee
Five Youth programs: Story Walk, Fairy Day, Online Activities, Little Sharing Library, and Lending Library.

Westminster Farmers' Market Entertainment: Westminster Agricultural Council on Academy Hill May-October. Local musicians perform weekly at the market.

Open Door Connections: Passes to Discovery Museum for the year 2024 for Westminster residents.