

## Virtual Adult Storytime

Theme: Christmas Around the World

The purpose of the Virtual Adult Storytime is to provide older adults in the Wadsworth Community with content to facilitate sharing and reminiscing during a time we cannot meet in person.

**Story/ Book/ Folktale** (People of all ages benefit from hearing stories read aloud. For older adults it can be a chance to stir memories and use their imagination)

### **Christmas Traditions from Around the World:**

Visit these websites to read all about traditions around the world.

<https://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/worldxmas/>

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/>

### **Link to books read:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dd7TukZKeFI&feature=youtu.be>

The spider's gift : a Ukrainian Christmas story retold by Eric A. Kimmel and illustrated by Katya Krenina

**“Tell Me a Story” Pictures** (A picture can truly say a thousand words; the pictures included here can spur older adults to remember and even be creative in describing a story from the image. After prompting them, let them become the storytellers.)

Use leading statements and questions such as:

“What is happening in this photo?”

“Who has seen this before?”

“Tell me if you had one of these?”

“This one is funny.”  
Etc.

### **Photos attached**

**These are images from Christmas traditions - using the links above use the images to talk about Christmas traditions in these cultures.**

**Video Links** (These are provided for supplementing the theme. Music, dance, etc. enrich auditory, visual, and memory in older adults. Entertainment and engagement are enhanced with these tools)

Play traditional Christmas music from different cultures:

- Feliz Navidad (Mexico) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTtc2pM1boE>
- Joy to the World (African) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dE1LVtYtqQ>
- O Tannenbaum (Germany) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mP9T8BQ\\_bQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mP9T8BQ_bQ)
- Buon Natale (Italy) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4vuTnM4f9Q>

### **Theme-related Activities** (Continued enrichment of the theme provided)

Christmas Coloring Pages:

<https://www.whychristmas.com/fun/coloring.shtml>

Christmas Karaoke:

<https://www.tistheseason.to.be/songs/>

Easy Christmas Wreath Craft:

<https://momspark.net/diy-holiday-bow-wreath-tutorial/>

**Library Resources** (If anyone is interested in this topic, here are some resources that can be provided to you. Please contact the outreach team at [outreach@wadsworthlibrary.com](mailto:outreach@wadsworthlibrary.com) and the items can be placed on hold or delivered to you.)

**Large variety of Christmas movies, novels, CDs and much more!**



**The Philippines**

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/philippines.shtml>



## Iceland

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/iceland.shtml>



**Ukraine**

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/ukraine.shtml>

<https://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/worldxmas/ukraine.htm>



## **Australia**

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/australia.shtml>

<https://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/worldxmas/australia.htm>



### **Las Posadas in Mexico**

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/mexico.shtml>

<https://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/worldxmas/mexico.htm>



La Befana - Italy

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/italy.shtml>

<https://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/worldxmas/italy.htm>