

January at Acton Memorial Library

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Actonmemoriallibrary.org

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aml.clearpeak.net/about-the-library/newsletter/

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Acton Movie Nights-On Kanopy and Zoom



Acton Memorial Library is sponsoring a new activity for movie lovers. Acton Movie Nights are free evening movie discussions, initially on Zoom but later in person (we hope!) at the Library.

The theme for our December-January series of five movies is **Family around the World**.

Please watch—on your own time schedule—the selected movies on [Kanopy](#), a free video streaming service available to Library card holders of subscribing libraries. We will then gather on Zoom on scheduled evenings for a lively movie discussion.

Join us for as many of the discussions as you would like!

New to Kanopy? Questions? Reach out to us at

actadultservices@minlib.net

[Force Majeure](#) (2014). This mordant psychodrama tells the story of businessman Tomas and his model Swedish family on a skiing holiday in the French Alps. During lunch at a restaurant, a major avalanche occurs, and Tomas makes a decision that will shake his marriage to its core. Discussion date on Zoom: **Wednesday December 29 at 7 p.m.**

[The Tree](#)(2010). A mystical drama of loss and rebirth in the Australian countryside. Dawn (Charlotte Gainsbourg) and her four young children struggle to make sense of life after her husband's death. Official Closing Night Selection at the Cannes Film Festival. Discussion date on Zoom: **Wednesday January 12 at 7 p.m.**

[Last Train Home](#) (2009). Every spring, 130 million migrant workers in China journey to their home villages for the New Year's holiday. This epic spectacle of mass travel—the world's largest human migration—reveals a country caught between its rural past and industrial future. Discussion date on Zoom: **Wednesday January 26 at 7 p.m.** This program is sponsored by The Acton Memorial Library Foundation.

Faith and Folktales: Russian Storytelling Through Image
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13th 7:00—8:30 PM

Via Zoom

Registration is required.

Over the centuries Russian artists perfected the use of visual language to tell stories and teach tradition through picture. Russian Iconographers, creators of Orthodox religious art, would use form and color to depict complex beliefs and messages. These same techniques were later used by secular artists to depict history, fairy tales, folklore, and scenes of daily life. This program will explore Russian visual story telling using icons and folk art from the collection of the Museum of Russian Icons. Laura Garrity-Arquitt has been the Registrar at the Museum of Russian icons since 2010. She graduated from Regis College in 2008 having studied History and Museum Studies.

More information and registration on our [online calendar](#)

This program was made possible by The Acton Memorial Library Foundation.

Craft Night : NIGHT SKY PAINTING

WEDNESDAY, January 19

7:00—8:00 PM

Via Zoom

Registration is required

This program is open for participants aged 16+.

Join Pop Art School for a fun canvas painting event. Follow step-by-step to create a magical star-filled night sky with silhouettes of a hillside and trees. It's amazing what you can create with some simple brush techniques!

Please note: registration for this program includes a take home kit. Pick up for this kit will be available a week prior, so please be sure to enter a valid email address, as a zoom room code and class instructions will be sent using this email address.

More information and REGISTRATION at our [online calendar](#)

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