

Sing & play along at “Joy of Families” show, Westport library Nov. 12

Songwriter, caring-clown and performance artist, Ash Devine, shares joyful family musical interaction with old favorite songs to engage kids and parents alike. Ms. Devine will bring her “Joy of Families” program to the [Westport Timberland Library](#) on Saturday, November 12 at 1 p.m. The performance is free of charge.

Devine will play the ukulele for the warm-up then launch into a song set to include such familiar favorites as *She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain*; *You Are My Sunshine*; *ABC Song*; and *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*. Everyone will have a chance to participate in group song-sharing and all who wish may also dance and play percussion instruments. Children will be encouraged to sing their own favorite songs to the group and the audience will be invited to participate.



“My intentions with music are to utilize an ancient practice of human civilization for healing and community building. I love song sharing and sing-a-longs because the importance is less about the performer and more about the spirit of the song and so every person in the room is the performer and the audience simultaneously,” said Ms. Devine.

Ms. Devine is from Asheville, North Carolina. In her early teens she began writing original folk songs and performing across the east coast. Her major musical influences range from folk artists such as Joni Mitchell, Ani DiFranco and Bob Dylan, to Appalachian Traditional, Blues and the music of North Carolina locals. She also studied health care activism and clowning with Dr. Patch Adams and the Gesundheit! Institute (www.patchadams.org). Ms. Devine now travels internationally, sharing participatory music sessions in libraries, farmers markets, nursing homes, churches and other places where people gather to experience community. Her website is www.ashdevine.net.

The Westport Timberland Library is located at 101 E Harms Drive, Westport. For more information, please contact the library at (360) 268-0521 or go to www.TRL.org.