

## Year-Round Programs

Many programs are scheduled in seasonal 6-week sessions and many require pre-registration. Ask at the Children's Services desk or check our website for details and a listing of current offerings.

**After School Programs** - A varying schedule of activities for Grades 1 - 3; past themes have included art, puppetry, science and favorite books such as the American Girls and Magic Treehouse series. *Pre-registration required.*

**Scrabble** - Grades 4 - 8 are invited to play and learn from a tournament champion; sessions most Tuesdays at 6:30, but check calendar for details. *No registration required.*

**Bookworms & Bookworms Too** - Book groups for Grades 2 and 3; alternating sessions meet every other week to discuss a selected title. *Sign-up required.*

**Critics Book Groups - Junior Critics** in Grades 4 and 5 share snacks and the books they have been reading, alternating every other week with **YA Critics** for readers in Grades 6 - 8. *Sign up any time.*

**Nutmeg Book Discussions** - Summer and fall discussions of the nominated titles in the Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate (grades 4-6) and Teen (grades 7 & 8) categories. *See calendar for details.*

**Reading Is a Family Affair** - Children in Grades 3 and up with a parent read a selected title and come together for a discussion and activities, plus pizza dinner! Fall, winter and spring sessions, thanks to the Friends of the Library. *Registration required.*

**Special Programs** - Watch for author visits, special performances and other activities throughout the year, especially during school vacations.

## Children's Services Staff

**Geri Diorio**

Head of Children's Services/  
Teen Services Librarian

**Mary Beth Rassulo**

Children's Librarian

**Diane Antezzo**

Children's Programmer

**Christine Miller**

Library Assistant

**Diana Messer**

Library Assistant

### Library Hours

Monday	10 AM - 6 PM
Tuesday	10 AM - 9 PM
Wednesday	10 AM - 6 PM
Thursday	10 AM - 9 PM
Friday	10 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	1 PM - 5 PM

Closed summer Sundays

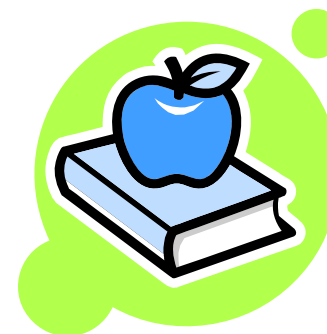
### The Ridgefield Library

472 Main Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877  
[www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

Phone: 203-438-2282 x 1024

E-mail: [Children@RidgefieldLibrary.org](mailto:Children@RidgefieldLibrary.org)

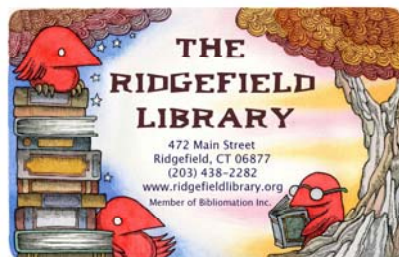
The  
Ridgefield  
Library  
Welcomes



Elementary  
School  
Children  
& their  
Parents

## Using the Library Is Easy!

- Do you and your children have library cards? Cards are required for computer access as well as check-out, so make sure everyone in your family has and carries their own. Convenient keychain library cards also now available. *Regular cards issued to all Ridgefield residents free-of-charge, or get one of our special edition cards with colorful illustration by artist Jamison Odone for just \$5.00.*
- Reminder, overdue and hold notices are now sent via e-mail.
- Library ELF allows you to get e-mail reminders BEFORE items are due, and you can include all of your family's cards on one ELF account.
- Renew, reserve and check your account online 24/7 from anywhere.
- Self-service Express Checkout is fast and easy to use - now located in Children's Services and at Circulation.
- Open Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 9:00 PM and on Sundays from 1:00 - 5:00 PM during the school year.
- The children's section of our website includes recommended reading lists, tips for reading readiness, links to valuable resources for parents, information about upcoming programs and much more.
- Sign up today for our e-mail newsletter to receive weekly notice of upcoming programs and new services. It's a convenient way to keep abreast of all the Library has to offer your family.
- Used book sales hosted by the Friends of the Library make it easy and inexpensive to build a great home library for your child.
- Photocopy machine now located on the 2nd floor for your convenience.



## Finding Just What You Need

- Materials organized by reading level, including numbered leveling of Easy Readers and color coding of juvenile collections.
- Reference books interfiled with non-fiction for easy topic browsing
- Special collections of parenting resources and Group Read Aloud recommendations
- Holiday-themed books shelved together
- Special classification system groups fairy tales by story title, art history by artist name and books on native Americans by tribe
- Booklists and bibliographies on frequently requested topics for homework and leisure reading
- Thematic displays highlight materials of seasonal or topical interest
- Quick Interlibrary Loan for materials the Ridgefield Library does not have on hand
- Staff always available for reference and reader's advisory help.
- Sign up for BookLetters and get e-mail alerts about great new chapter books and more coming to your Library.



## So Much More than Books

- Magazines and newspapers, in print and in full-text online versions (both current and historical)
- Audiobooks on CD and downloadable for use on computer or mp3 player.
- Classic titles available in audio versions to help transitional readers
- Documentary DVDs on nature, music, history and more for teachers and students
- Online catalog available anywhere, including special pathfinders that help you explore our collections by topic
- Online access to dozens of reference sources and homework helpers
- Computers available for word processing, desktop publishing and scanning
- Internet access, including secure wireless service
- Tumblebooks e-books to enhance literacy skills
- CD-ROMs and videogames for education and entertainment
- Novelist K-8 Plus online guide to fiction and non-fiction for elementary school students
- Online test preparation for SATs and more
- Quiet Study Room available for the serious student
- Popular Summer Reading Program maintains and enhances literacy skills during the long school break; incentives, special programs and more make reading fun for youngsters going into Grades K-5
- Volunteering opportunities for young people throughout the year