

ARTALK

***Inside the Artist's Studio* with Joe Fig**

Artist and author **Joe Fig** will talk about his newly released book, *Inside the Artist's Studio*, which captures not only creative inspiration, but also the myriad of physical and logistical details that artists face in their daily lives. Over the years Joe Fig has interviewed, documented and recreated the spaces of over 120 leading contemporary artists creating portraits of the artist at work. Fig's paintings, sculptures and photographs are exhibited internationally and can be found in numerous museums and leading private collections. He is the author of the acclaimed *Inside the Painter's Studio* and *Inside the Artist's Studio*.

Sunday, April 2, 2 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

EXHIBIT

***Paintings* by Robert Reitzfeld**



Veteran New York artist **Robert Reitzfeld** will exhibit his nervy, intense and colorful pop/abstract paintings which sometimes reference comic book, cartoon, and other images. "Reitzfeld's distinctive mélange of Abstract Expressionist, Pop and Op art and other post-war painting styles... features cartoons and familiar

Pop-art iconography... in a colorful network of patterns that suggest late Matisse collages and Bridget Riley paintings as well as certain 1980's Pattern and Decoration works."-- David Ebony, *Art in America*.

Show runs from April 2 through April 28

Reception: Saturday, April 8, 2 - 4 PM

LIVE MUSIC

Ridgefield Folk

with The Way Down Wanderers



Equal parts fast-paced and soulful, 5-piece modern-folk Americana act, **The Way Down Wanderers** draw listeners in with energy, originality and soulful generosity. Playing, performing and writing

together for just 3 short years, the Wanderers have built an enthusiastic and fast-growing following. Youthful and professionally trained, these young men captivate audiences with soaring instrumentals and a lively stage show.

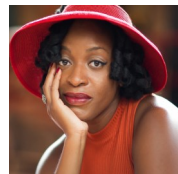
Sunday, April 9, 2 PM

Free tickets from 1 PM at the door



Ridgefield Folk

with Joy Ike



Born to Nigerian immigrants, **Joy Ike's** music, voice, and writing have drawn comparisons to female musicians such as Corinne Bailey Rae, Norah Jones, Regina Spektor, and Fiona Apple. But her percussive piano-playing and soaring vocals give homage to her African upbringing. Leaving her career as a publicist in 2008, Ike has spent the last 9 years playing thousands of shows across the country.

Sunday, April 30, 2 PM

Free tickets from 1 PM at the door

HOLISTIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Alexander Technique

with Valerie Rich

Valerie Rich has been teaching the Alexander Technique since 1985. She trained in London, England with FM Alexander's original students. She has taught worldwide and in 1996 helped set up and open The School for FM Alexander Studies in Melbourne, Australia. She teaches privately and for small groups in Ridgefield, CT.

***From Crappy to Happy: Jumpstart Your Joy Filled Life* with Kathy Precario**

When life throws you a curve ball, how long does it take for you to bounce back? Learn the one trick that will reset your stinkin' thinkin' every time! Learn some easily implemented exercises to reconnect you with your natural state of well being. **Kathy Precario** is a Certified Positivity Coach, Happiness Provocateur and Inspirational Speaker!

These presentations are part of the *Body, Mind and Spirit: Holistic Health and Wellness* series that is made possible thanks to the Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life fund.



Monday, April 3, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Monday, April 17, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

PARENTING SERIES

Sexting, Tweeting, Snapping & Other Teen Realities

Panelists include **Tod Dardis**, Ridgefield Police Department; **Tim Salem**, Principal, Scotts Ridge Middle School; **Dr. Robert Miller**, RPS, Director of Technology; **Colleen Keenan**, RHS Student and **Chris Parrot**, President, Yourself Series.

This presentation will help parents:

- Develop a balanced perspective about social media
- Understand the upside and downsides of the newest apps including what's legal and what's not
- Set reasonable limits on device usage for kids and teens
- Recognize the difference between use and abuse of social media

Tuesday, April 4, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

ENVIRONMENTAL

Vernal Pools

with Michael Rubbo

Dr. Michael Rubbo, Executive Director of the Woodcock Nature Center, will discuss an amazing habitat that might be hidden right in your own backyard. Vernal Pools are incredibly productive ecosystems that are common in the forests of the region. Mike will review how to identify these pools as well as their characteristic wildlife. He will also discuss where to visit these pools in Ridgefield and practical measures for their conservation. This program is co-sponsored by the Woodcock Nature Center and the Ridgefield Library.

Tuesday, April 11, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

COLLEGE AND BEYOND

Thriving Through the Arts: The College Admissions Process for Musicians, Actors, Dancers and Visual Artists

The Library, Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra, Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum and the Ridgefield Arts Council will present this program aimed at high school students and their parents. Panelists include Broadway actors **Katie Diamond** and **Daniel Levine**; artistic director of Thrown Stone Theatre Company **Jason Peck**; music director, composer and professor at University of North Carolina **Dominic Amendum**; **Christopher E. Manning**, Exhibitions Coordinator at The Aldrich and Adjunct Professor at Manhattanville College; **Amy Piantaggini**, *Artistic Director* of Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance and teacher at Hartt School/University of Hartford and others!

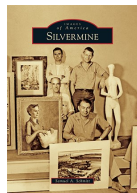
Sunday, April 23, 1 PM

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AUTHOR TALK

Silvermine

with Samuel Schmitt



Straddling the towns of Norwalk, Wilton, and New Canaan is the little valley known as Silvermine, an artists' colony whose rural feel has changed little since it was settled in the Colonial era. By the 19th century, a dozen mills were humming along the River. When the mills became silent the bucolic beauty of the valley attracted painters and sculptors, writers and poets, and illustrators and cartoonists who formed a celebrated artists' colony centered around the Silvermine Guild of Artists and Silvermine Tavern.

Wednesday, April 26, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

MONEY SMART WEEK

Money Smart Week® is a financial education campaign offering thousands of programs, classes and activities to consumers of all ages. These educational events are carried out by financial institutions, nonprofit groups, government agencies, schools, libraries and more. In 2017 Money Smart Week runs from April 22 through April 29.

Women and Money Roundtable

with Julia Strayer & Liz Maccaron

Come to this *Women and Money Roundtable* and we'll share several successful retirement strategies you can implement to help give you peace of mind - whether you're already retired or you're still planning for it!

Tuesday, April 25, 1 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Saving Money on Electricity

with Kevin Manley

You may know that in CT you can shop around for cheaper electricity. But you've also likely heard of people who tried it and got burned! It is possible to consistently save money by switching suppliers, but you need to be armed with some basic information and be aware of the games suppliers play.

Thursday, April 27, 12 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

First Time Homebuyers

with a panel of local experts

First-time home buyers will learn the ins and outs of the housing market, how to find the house of their dreams that fits with their budget and how to assess and evaluate homes. Also discussed will be how the process works from bidding and financing to inspection and closing.

Thursday, April 27, 6:30 PM

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LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

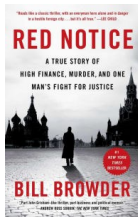
NONFICTIONEERS

April 4

7:00 PM

Red Notice

by Bill Browder



A financial caper, a crime thriller, and a political crusade, *Red Notice*, a *New York*

Times best seller, does for investing in Russia and the former Soviet Union what *Liar's Poker* did for our understanding of Salomon Brothers, Wall Street, and the mortgage-backed securities business in the 1980s. Browder's business saga meshes well with the story of corruption and murder in Vladimir Putin's Russia.

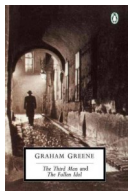
MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, April 6

10:30 AM

The Third Man

by Graham Greene



Written originally as the book for the classic Orson Welles film, *The Third Man* is

one of the prolific writer's "entertainments" – gritty and dark explorations of the seedy criminal side of modern society. *Also available as a downloadable audiobook from hoopla.*

BOOKS & BREAKFAST
Monday, April 10
10:30 AM

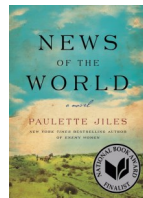


Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP
Thursday, April 13
3:00 PM

News of the World
by Paulette Giles

Open to all members of Founders Hall.



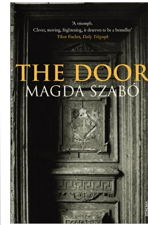
CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 18

7:00 PM

The Door

by Magda Szabo



This acclaimed 1987 Hungarian novel is the story of two women, a writer and her housekeeper.

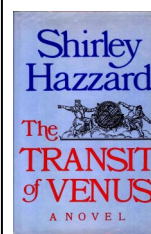
Married to an academic, Magda is an educated and public-spirited writer with an on-again-off-again relationship to Hungary's Communist authorities. Emerence is a peasant: illiterate, impassive, abrupt, and seemingly ageless. They share a kind of love, at least until Magda's long-sought success as a writer leads to a devastating revelation.

A.M. BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, April 26

10:00 AM

Transit of Venus by Shirley Hazzard

Two Australian sisters come to England after WWII, where they board with an



English astronomer and pursue different paths in search of love and fulfillment.

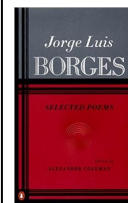
POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, April 28

1:00 PM

Poems of Jorge Luis Borges

with Dr. Alan Holder



This program is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.

LIVE IN HD @ RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE

Metropolitan Opera, National Theatre of London and the Bolshoi Ballet on the big screen! Ridgefield Library card holders now receive the Playhouse membership rate of \$20 for these events. For a full listing visit - ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

TECH TOPICS

Microfilm Demonstration

- Sat., April 8 @ 10:00 AM [Register](#) & 3:00 PM [Register](#)

3D Printing Orientation- Are you interested in printing your own 3D design on the Library's Makerbot? We are now offering use of our 3D printer to Ridgefield Library cardholders. Those who are under age 18 must come with an adult.

- Tuesday, April 11 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)

- Saturday, April 15 @ 10:00 - 11:30 AM - [Register](#)

Adult Maker Group - Come join our Adult Maker Group and tinker with us.

- Wednesday, April 12 @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM - [Register](#)

- Wednesday, April 26 @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM - [Register](#)

Social Media for Nonprofits with Kate Fitzpatrick

- Tuesday, April 18 @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM - [Register](#)

Intro to CAD with Blender - This hands-on workshop is an

introduction to 3D CAD design using Blender. For adults and teens 13 and up.

- Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)

Getting Started with the Libraries Digital Resources

- Thursday, April 20 @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM (Drop-in)

Intermediate Level CAD with Blender - If you've taken Intro to 3D Design Using Blender and want to advance your skills, this class is for you. For adults and teens 13 and up.

- Tuesday, April 25 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)

Finding Recipes Online and Off

- Thursday, April 27 @ 2:30 - 3:30 PM - [Register](#)

Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD. We have eleven 2-hour slots available for those wishing to convert a VHS tape to DVD. Visit ridgefieldlibrary.org or call 203-438-2282 to register.



FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 ARTalk: Inside the Artist's Studio with Joe Fig 2 PM	3 Holistic Health and Wellness: The Alexander Technique with Valerie Rich 7 PM	4 Parenting the Selfie Generation: Tweets, Sexts and Taunts 7 PM The Nonfictioneers: Red Notice by Bill Brower 7 PM	5 Workshop: Fiction Writing with Kim Kovach 10:30 AM 2/5	6 Murder By The Book: The Third Man by Graham Greene 10:30 AM	7	8 Field Trip: Shutterbugs 9 AM Tech Topics: Microfilm Demo 10 AM & 3 PM Artist's Reception with Robert Reitzfeld 2 - 4 PM
9 Ridgefield Folk: with <i>The Way Down Wanderers</i> 2 PM	10 Discussion: Books & Breakfast 10:30 AM	11 Tech Topics: 3D Printing Orientation 6 PM Talk: Vernal Pools with Dr. Michael Rubbo 7 PM	12 Meeting: Theater Barn Playwrights Collective 6 PM Tech Topics: Adult Maker Group 6:30 PM	13 Founders Hall Discussion: News of the World by Paulette Giles 3 PM	14 Library Closed: Good Friday	15 Tech Topics: 3D Printing Orientation 10 AM
16 Library Closed: Easter Sunday	17 Holistic Health and Wellness: From Crappy to Happy: Jump Start Your Joy Filled Life with Kathy Procaro 7 PM	18 Discussion: 8th Grade Parent Circle (1) 10 AM Tech Topics: Social Media for Nonprofits 1 PM Making STEAM: Felting with Pat Corrigan 1 PM Tech Topics: Intro to 3D Design Using Blender 6 PM Discussion: 8th Grade Parent Circle (3) 6:30 PM Critics' Circle Book Group: The Door by Magda Szabo 7 PM	19 Workshop: Fiction Writing 10:30 AM 3/5 Discussion: 8th Grade Parent Circle (2) 1 PM	20 Tech Topics: Getting Started with the Library's Digital Resources 1 PM	21	22 Library Closed Gala: Great Expectations!
23 Panel: The College Admissions Process for Musicians, Actors, Dancers and Visual Artists 1 PM	24 Meeting: Library Board 7:30 PM	25 Women and Money Roundtable: Retiring Successfully 1 PM Tech Topics: Intermediate 3D Design Using Blender with Chris Iorillo 6 PM	26 A.M. Book Group: Transit of Venus by Shirley Hazzard 10 AM Workshop: Fiction Writing 4/5 10:30 AM Tech Topics: Adult Maker Group 6:30 PM Author Talk: Silvermine with Samuel Schmitt 7 PM	27 Money Smart Week: Save Money On Electricity 12 PM Tech Topics: Intro to Finding Recipes Online and Off 2:30 PM Money Smart Week: First Time Homebuyers 6:30 PM	28 Poetry Discussion Group: Poems of Jorge Luis Borges 1 PM	29 Battle of Ridgefield Celebrations! <i>Throughout Town!</i>
30 Ridgefield Folk: with Joy Ike 2 PM	April Exhibit: Paintings By Robert Reitzfeld Show runs from Sunday, April 2 through Friday, April 28 The Gallery on the Lower Level					