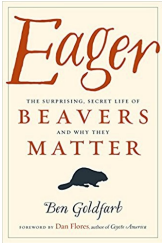


Environmental

Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter

with Ben Goldfarb



Join us as **Ben Goldfarb** discusses his recently released book *Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter*. This program is co-sponsored by the Library, Books on the Common and Ridgefield Conservation Commission.

Ben Goldfarb is an award-winning environmental journalist who covers wildlife conservation, marine science, and public lands management. He is also an accomplished fiction writer.

Thursday, August 2, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

What Do Bees Need? Planting for Pollinators

with Emily May



Learn about the diversity of native pollinators in Connecticut and how you can help protect these important insects. **Emily May**, a Pollinator Conservation Specialist with the Pesticide Program at the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, will speak about how to recognize native bees, what happens during the pollination process, and how to make your yard or garden a sanctuary for bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects. The talk is co-sponsored by the Library, Ridgefield Discovery Center, Norwalk River Watershed Association, & Pollinator Pathway (pollinator-pathway.org).

Wednesday, August 22, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Performances

Concert & Conversation

with The Flubber Bros.



Three local songwriters, known collectively as the Flubber Bros., will perform a set of original tunes. The Flubber Bros. are Ridgefielders **Chris Belden** and **Kevin McCarthy** and New York-based writer and raconteur **Robert Drescher**. "This will be an informal sort of concert," Belden says. "We're going to perform as if we're in our living room with a group of good friends." The three performers will also field questions from the audience.

Saturday, August 11, 2 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Sailing Towards My Father

with Stephen Collins



Sailing Towards My Father by Carl A. Rossi is a one-man play about Herman Melville. The play chronicles Melville's life from youth to old age, concentrating on his evolution as a writer and his complex relations with God, his parents and siblings, his wife and children, and his fellow author Nathaniel Hawthorne. Actor **Stephen Collins** currently performs nine one-man shows and has been met with rave reviews for over a decade.

Monday, August 20, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Gaming

We Got Games!



We Got Games is a tabletop gaming meet-up for adults and teens that will meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:45 PM. This program takes place in the Kellen Family Children's Program Room.

Tuesday, August 14, 6 PM

No registration

Art Walk Exhibit

Sculptures by Thomas Manning

Art Walk is an initiative of the Ridgefield Guild of Artists for artists to display their work in unique out-of-gallery settings such as merchants up and down Main Street and beyond. This year the Library will host sculptor **Thomas Manning**, who will have a large sculpture on the Library Lawn, and smaller pieces in the Ruggles Fine Arts Reading Room in the Morris Wing of the Library.

Exhibit: August 24 through September 8
Art Walk Reception: Friday, Aug. 24, 5 - 8 PM
Artist's Day: Saturday, August 25, 12 - 4 PM

Health and Wellness

Health and wellness programs are made possible thanks to donors to the Library's *Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life Fund*.



Chair Yoga with Valerie Rich

Ever wanted to try a Yoga class but have some restrictions or injuries? In this introductory Chair Yoga session you will be guided through a relaxing and recharging Yoga class that is suitable for everyone and all abilities. Chair Yoga offers support in the Yoga poses and all the benefits. In this introductory class the student will explore traditional Yoga poses breathing instruction and a short guided meditation. Classes will continue on the first Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday, August 1, 1 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Mindfulness and Meditation with the Community Mindfulness Project

Join us for a series of one-hour Meditation classes led by the **Community Mindfulness Project**, a local, secular meditation group dedicated to the study and practice of mindfulness meditation for people of all religious backgrounds. CMP's teachings draw from a variety of meditation traditions, and in addition to regular, dedicated practice the group supports new and veteran practitioners. Classes will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Monday, August 13 & 27, 6:30 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Pop Culture Celebration *After Dark*

Don't miss this immersive gaming experience for those 21 and up. *After Dark* is sponsored by Ridgefield Academy. Ticket price includes cocktails, immersive game experience, hors d'oeuvres and dessert catered by KaFo.

Friday, August 17, 7:30 - 10:30 PM
Tickets \$50 pp. Visit ridgefieldlibrary.org

RidgeCon

What are YOU a fan of? Can you quote *Harry Potter*? Can't get enough of the *Walking Dead*? Are you always humming that one Disney tune? Come to the Library on August 18th for our Fourth Annual RidgeCon, and join in the fun!

Saturday, August 18, 10 - 4 PM
Free fun for all ages - No registration!

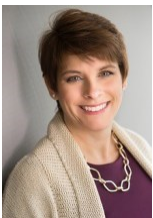
Author Talk: *The Lonesome Boy & The Blonde Haired Angel* with Alex Fischetti



The Lonesome Boy & The Blonde Haired Angel is the story of an autistic young man whose life changes for the better when an angel comes into his life and through her compassion and friendship brings the young man out of his isolated cocoon. **Alex Fischetti** is a writer as well as an occasional contributor to Ridgefield HamletHub. He works at the Ridgefield Playhouse.

Tuesday, August 28, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Tech Tricks *Intro to iPad* with Dawn DeCosta



Dawn DeCosta of Tech Savvy brings her Apple experience to you in this hands on class. Learn the basics about the iPad - obtain a better understanding of iCloud and the amazing apps that make the iPad so much fun! The features of Apple's newest operating system iOS 11 will be discussed.

This program is made possible thanks to the Paul and Johanna Laszig Fund for the Elderly. Programs are geared to seniors.

Wednesday, August 8, 11 AM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Travel

The Island Country of Malta & Jordan, Half as Old as Time with Toni McKeen



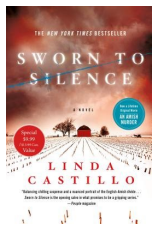
Join us for the third and final sessions of our four-part armchair travel program with genealogist and world traveler **Toni McKeen**. In the last two illustrated lectures she will share her travel experiences of Malta and Jordan.

Programs start at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, August 9, 6:30 PM - [Register](#)
Thursday, August 23, 6:30 PM - [Register](#)

Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

MURDER BY THE BOOK
Thursday, August 2
 10:30 AM
Sworn to Silence
 by Linda Castillo



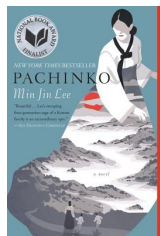
Kate Burkholder grew up as a member of an Amish community in Ohio, but left home and

heritage after a traumatic incident in her teens. Now, 16 years later, she has returned to Painters Mill as a cursing, gun-toting police chief investigating the many dark secrets beneath the façade of the insular community, including one that affects her own family.

class through the author's own story about growing up in a poor Rust Belt town. *Hillbilly Elegy* is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis.

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, August 9
 3:00 PM
Pachinko
 by Min Jin Lee

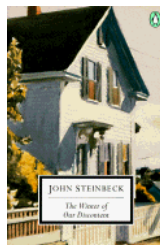
For members of Founders Hall.



CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, August 21
 7:00 PM
A Piece of the World
 by Christina Baker Kline

In a small coastal town in Maine, Christina Olson's world is limited by health and circumstance. Then she becomes the inspiration for one of Andrew Wyeth's best-known paintings Christina's World. Kline combines fact and fiction to recreate the story of the artist and his muse.

A.M. BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, August 22
 10:00 AM
The Winter of Our Discontent
 by John Steinbeck

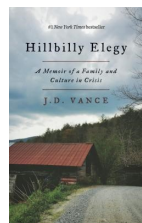


Ethan Allen Hawley works as a clerk in a grocery store that his family once owned, no longer a member of Long Island's aristocratic class. Steinbeck's last novel is set in 1960 America and explores the tenuous line between private and public honesty.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, August 27
 2:00 PM
Grocery: The Buying and Selling of Food in America
 by Michael Ruhlman

Using the story of the family-run Midwestern chain Heinen's, Ruhlman dives into the mysterious world of supermarkets and the ways in which we produce, consume, and distribute food. He examines how rapidly supermarkets—and our food and culture—have changed since the days of your neighborhood grocer, and seeks to understand how our food and cultural needs have shifted since the mid-20th century.

NONFICTIONEERS
Hillbilly Elegy
 by J.D. Vance
Tuesday, August 7
 7:00 PM



Hillbilly Elegy is written by a former marine and Yale Law School graduate who takes a probing

look at the struggles of American's white working

BOOKS & BREAKFAST
Monday, August 13
 10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

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

Introduction to iPad - Dawn DeCosta of Tech Savvy brings her Apple experience to you in these hands-on classes for seniors.

Wednesday, August 8 @ 11 AM - 12 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.

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

Thursday, August 16 @ 2:00 - 3:30 PM - [Register](#)

Downloading the Library's eBooks and eAudiobooks: Bring Your Own Device - Get help downloading eBooks or eAudiobooks to your phone or tablet.

Wednesday, August 8 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM - Drop-in

Monday, August 20 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM - Drop-in

Blender Group for 3D Modeling with Chris Iorillo
Tuesday, August 14 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)

Let's Talk Apps

Thursday, August 23 @ 1:00 - 2:30 PM - [Register](#)

Adult Maker Group

Wednesday, August 29, 6:30 - 8:00 PM - [Register](#)


Making STEAM: Making a Card with a Cricut Smart Cutting Machine

Monday, August 6 @ 2:00 - 3:30 PM - [Register](#)

Friday, August 24 @ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - [Register](#)

Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD - Check ridgefieldlibrary.org for details and available timeslots.

Featured Events Calendar - August 2018

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