

SPECIAL EVENT

With Humorist Dr. Gina Barreca



Join us for this special event that is being sponsored by the Ridgefield League of Women Voters and the Ridgefield Library in honor of Women's History Month. **Dr. Gina Barreca** is a syndicated columnist for the *Tribune News Service* and most recently author of *If You Lean In Will Men*

Just Look Down Your Blouse? Questions and Thoughts for Loud, Smart Women in Turbulent Times. **Barreca** is professor of English literature and feminist theory at the University of CT and has appeared on *20/20*, *The Today Show*, CNN, the BBC, *Dr. Phil*, NPR and *Oprah*.

Saturday, March 4, 2 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

EXHIBIT AND TALK

Expressive Women of NAWA

Penny Dell, award-winning artist and past president of the National Association of Women Artists, Inc., will give a talk about the history and current mission of NAWA. Dell will talk about some of the early members of the organization and how it was founded and developed since 1889.



Noteworthy NAWA members have included Mary Cassatt, Cecelia Beaux, Louise Nevelson, Alice Neel and Dorothy Dehner. A juried exhibit by current members of NAWA will be on display at the Library throughout March.

Talk: Sunday, March 5, 2 PM

Reception: Sunday, March 5, 3 - 5 PM

Register for Talk ridgefieldlibrary.org

AUTHOR TALKS

The Ethics of Sports
with Dr. Arthur Caplan

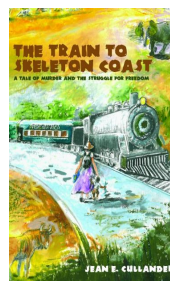
Dr. Arthur Caplan is a Professor of Bioethics and Director of the Division of Medical Ethics at NYU Langone Medical Center. He is the co-founder of the NYU Sports and Society Program. He has served on the special advisory committee to the International Olympic Committee on genetics and gene therapy and the FIFA special advisory committee on the use of technology in allowing athletes to adapt to altitude and other environmental challenges. He has also written extensively about medical and political ethics.

Wednesday, March 1, 7 PM

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An Afternoon of Mystery

with Dr. Jean Cullander and Dorothy Hayes



Join us as two local authors, **Jean Cullander** and **Dorothy Hayes** discuss their recently released mystery novels.

Cullander's first novel *The Train to Skeleton Coast* was a finalist in the international Eludra 2015 book award competition. **Dorothy Hayes'** latest novel in the Carol Rossi Mystery series is *Keys to Nowhere*.

Saturday, March 11, 2 PM

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Say Nothing
with Brad Parks



The Library and Books on the Common are pleased to welcome back author **Brad Parks** to discuss *Say Nothing*, his latest heart-pounding domestic thriller that has already garnered praise from greats like Lee Child, Sue Grafton, Joseph Finder and Jeffery Deaver. Parks is a former reporter for *The Washington Post* and *The Star-Ledger* and the only author to have won the Shamus, Nero, and Lefty Awards, three of crime fiction's most prestigious prizes.

Friday, March 17, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Pleasures and Perils of Writing a Novel
with Alice Mattison

For anyone who is thinking about writing a novel, has written one novel or many, or enjoys reading novels but prefers to leave the writing to others, **Alice Mattison** will discuss what may go right and wrong when you are the lucky and cursed person with an impulse you can't ignore to write a book-length work of fiction. Her new book is *The Kite and the String: How to Write with Spontaneity and Control—and Live to Tell the Tale*. Alice is also the author of six novels and four collections of short stories. She lives in New Haven and teaches fiction in the MFA program at Bennington College.

Thursday, March 23, 7:00 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

PARENTING SERIES

All Our Children: Understanding the LGBTQ World

with Cathy Plourde

Cathy Plourde, MA, author, educator and editor of *Out and Allied: An Anthology of Performance Pieces Written by LGBTQ Youths and Allies* will speak. There will also be student performers from Ridgefield High School.

The program is part of *Raising the Selfie Generation* series and will help our community understand the differences in gender and sexual orientation; underscore the importance of open, honest dialogue in families, schools, organizations and faith-based communities; and develop strategies to talk with teens about acceptance and tolerance.

Thursday, March 9, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



ARTALK

The Light and the Life with Joe McNally

Joe McNally is an award-winning photographer whose career has spanned more than 35 years. He has been an

ongoing contributor to *National Geographic* and a contract photographer for *Sports Illustrated*. He has also shot cover stories for *TIME*, *Newsweek*, *Fortune*, *The New York Times Sunday Magazine* and more. His prints are in numerous collections, most significantly the National Portrait Gallery of the United States and National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

Sunday, March 12, 2 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

with John Frey, Michael Ferguson
and Toni Boucher

Meet Your Legislators at this public event where Ridgefield's state representatives **John Frey** and **Michael Ferguson** and state senator **Toni Boucher** will give a report on the state of the budget-making process and on the current legislation before the Connecticut General Assembly. Those attending will learn more about where these legislators stand on important issues and have an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed budget and legislation coming up at the Connecticut State Capitol. Light refreshments will be served.

Co-sponsored by the Ridgefield League of Women Voters and the Ridgefield Library.

Saturday, March 11, 10:30 AM

Registration suggested at ridgefieldlibrary.org

SKILLSBOX

Simple Steps for Starting Your Business



Want to start a business but don't know where to begin? This 5-part workshop, conducted by a team of professionals from SCORE's Norwalk and Western CT Chapters, will give you the boost to get you on your way!

Attendees are expected to attend all five sessions and those who attend at least four classes will be given a certificate of class completion. Check-in is at 5:45 PM; the programs start promptly at 6:00 PM. Snacks will be served. This program is part of the *Skillsbox: Tools for Business Success* series sponsored by the Library, Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce and SCORE. **Dates:** Monday, February 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. (Snow dates the following day)

5 Mondays Starting February 27, 6 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

COMMUNITY SING-A-LONG

Join us for *Community Sing-a-long*. If you play a portable instrument feel free to bring it along! Musical hosts are **Edwin and Faith Taylor** and **Deborah Katchko-Gray**. Songbooks are provided.

Sunday, March 26, 3 PM

No registration

FICTION WRITING WORKSHOP

with Kim Kovach

New writers and those with more experience can learn how to make fiction writing come alive in this 5-week fiction writing course. **Dates:** March 29, April 5, 19, 26 and May 3.

Wednesday, March 29, 10:30 AM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

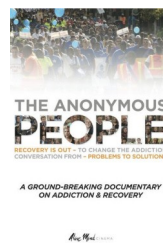


LEARN THROUGH FILM

How Do We Treat Addiction?

We are currently experiencing a prescription painkiller and heroin overdose epidemic. Join us for screenings of powerful films along with discussion. This series is presented by the Library, L & L Media and Western CT State University with support from the Ridgefield Prevention Council.

The Anonymous People



The Anonymous People, a documentary created by a Danbury native, puts forth a radical concept about how those with long-term recovery can help dispel the stigma of addiction for those who still suffer. **Greg Williams**, the film's Director, and **Jeffrey Earls** from Family Reentry will moderate.

Thursday, March 16, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

MURDER BY THE BOOK
Thursday, March 2
 10:30 AM
Hit Man
 by Lawrence Block

John Keller is a contract killer who is going through a personal and professional mid-life crisis, while continuing to accept work doing what he is so good at – killing people for hire, in this collection of linked stories that inaugurates the darkly sardonic series from the prolific writer.

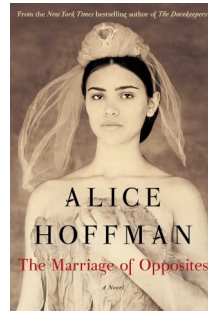
NONFICTIONEERS
March 7
 7:00 PM
The Best and the Brightest

by David Halberstam
 (February 7 Chapters 1-16; March 7 Chapter 17 to end)

A rich, entertaining, and profound reading experience. "--*The New York Times*" [The] most comprehensive saga of how America became involved in Vietnam. It is also the Iliad of the American empire and the Odyssey of this nation's search for its idealistic soul." - *The Boston Globe*.

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP
Thursday, March 9
 3:00 PM
The Marriage of Opposites: A Novel Based on the Life of Rachel Pizzaro
 by Alice Hoffman

Open to all members of Founders Hall.



BOOKS & BREAKFAST
Monday, March 13
 10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

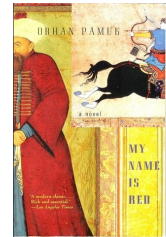
CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, March 21
 7:00 PM
The Golden Age
 by Joan London

In the 1940s, thirteen-year-old Frank Gold's family escape the perils of World War II to the safety of Australia. Not long after their arrival Frank is diagnosed with polio and sent to a children's hospital called The Golden Age, where he meets Elsa. The two fall in love, fueling one another's rehabilitation and facing the perils of polio and adolescence hand in hand. With tenderness and humor, *The Golden Age* tells a deeply moving story about illness and recovery.

A.M. BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, March 22
 10:00 AM
My Name Is Red
 by Orhan Pamuk

The Nobel Prize laureate spins a tale that is part mystery, part love story and part rumination on the nature of art, as a 16th century Ottoman artist

commissions artwork to illustrate a book glorifying his master the Sultan – and then turns up dead.



POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP
Friday, March 24
 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

Adult Maker Group: The Internet of Things 101 - Come join our Adult Maker Group and tinker with us. We'll explore wireless connections with SparkFun "Thing" boards.
 - **Wednesday, March 8 @ 6:30 - 8:00 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.
 - **Thursday, March 9 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM** - [Register](#)
 - **Saturday, March 18, @ 10:00 - 11:30 AM** - [Register](#)

Twitter 101 with Kate Fitzpatrick - Learn the strengths and weaknesses of this social media platform. This program is made possible thanks to the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund.
 - **Friday, March 10 @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM** - [Register](#)

Teens Teach Tech - Need to know how to change that annoying ring tone on your cell phone? Want to learn how to save contacts or retrieve messages? Just bring in the gadgets that drive you crazy and let our teens unlock their secret power!
 - **Saturday, March 11 @ 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM** - Drop in

Using Adobe Reader DC for Viewing, Printing, and Annotating PDFs
 - **Wednesday, March 15 @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM** - [Register](#)

Intro to WordPress.com - Using a lynda.com course as our guide, we'll learn the basics about creating a free blog on WordPress.com.
 - **Thursday, March 16 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM** - [Register](#)


Social Media for Nonprofits with Kate Fitzpatrick
 - **Wednesday, March 22 @ 2:00 - 3:00 pm** - [Register](#)

Adult Maker Group: Virtual Reality Demo - We'll demonstrate our virtual reality headset, including an opportunity for a hands-on experience with VR. This group is for those 18 years of age and older. New makers are always welcome!
 - **Wednesday, March 22 @ 6:30 - 8:00 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 for availability and to register.



FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - MARCH 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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|  | <p>*Fairfield County's Community Foundation's Giving Day ... all day long on March 9th. Help support everything you love at the Library!</p> | | <p>1 Author Talk: <i>The Ethics of Sport</i> with Dr. Arthur Leonard Caplan 7 PM</p> | <p>2 Murder By The Book: <i>Hit Man</i> by Lawrence Block 10:30 AM</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4 Special Event: <i>Humorist Dr. Gina Barreca</i> 2 PM</p> | |
| <p>5 Talk and Reception: <i>NAWA: 128 Years of Women's Art</i> with Penny Dell 2 PM Reception runs from 3 to 5 PM</p> | <p>6 Skillsbox: <i>Simple Steps for Starting Your Own Business</i> Part 2 of 5 5:45 PM</p> | <p>7 The Nonfictioners: <i>The Best and the Brightest</i> by David Halberstam 7 PM</p> | <p>8 Meeting: <i>Ridgefield Theater Barn Playwrights Collective</i> 6 PM Making STEAM: Adult Maker Group 6:30 PM</p> | <p>9 *Giving Day! Founders Hall Discussion: <i>The Marriage of Opposites: A Novel Based on the Life of Rachel Pizzaro</i> by Alice Hoffman 3 PM Parenting the Selfie Generation: All Our Children: Understanding the LGBTQ World 7 PM</p> | <p>10 Tech Topics: <i>Twitter 101</i> with Kate Fitzpatrick 1 PM</p> | <p>11 Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs</i> 9 AM Forum: Meet your Legislators 10:30 AM Tech Topics: <i>Teens Teach Tech</i> 11 AM - 1 PM Author Talk: <i>An Afternoon of Mystery</i> with Jean Cullander and Dorothy Hayes 2 PM</p> | |
| <p>12 ARTalk: <i>The Light and the Life</i> with Photographer Joe McNally 2 PM</p> | <p>13 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM Skillsbox: <i>Simple Steps for Starting Your Own Business</i> Part 3 of 5 5:45 PM</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15 Tech Topics: <i>Using Adobe Reader DC for Viewing, Printing, and Annotating PDFs</i> 1 PM</p> | <p>16 Tech Topics: <i>Intro to WordPress</i> 6 PM Learn Through Film: <i>The Anonymous People</i> 7 PM</p> | <p>17 Author Talk: <i>Say Nothing</i> with Brad Parks 7 PM</p> | <p>18 Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 10 AM</p> | |
| <p>19</p> | <p>20 Skillsbox: <i>Simple Steps for Starting Your Own Business</i> Part 4 of 5 5:45 PM</p> | <p>21 Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>The Golden Age</i> by Joan London 7 PM</p> | <p>22 A.M. Book Group: <i>My Name is Red</i> by Orhan Pamuk 10 AM Tech Topics: <i>Social Media for Nonprofits</i> 2 PM Making STEAM: Adult Maker Group 6:30 PM</p> | <p>23 Author Talk: <i>The Pleasures and Perils of Writing a Novel</i> with Alice Mattison 7 PM</p> | <p>24 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Poems of Jorge Luis Borges</i> 1 PM</p> | <p>25</p> | |
| <p>26 Community Sing-a-long: <i>Let's Sing!</i> 3 PM</p> | <p>27 Skillsbox: <i>Simple Steps for Starting Your Own Business</i> Part 5 of 5 5:45 PM Meeting: Library Board 7:30 PM</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29 Writing Workshop: <i>Fiction</i> with Kim Kovach Part 1 of 5 10:30 AM Making STEAM: Felting with Pat Corrigan 1 to 4 PM</p> | <p>March Exhibit: <i>Expressive Women of NAWA</i> Show runs from Thursday, March 2 through Thursday, March 30 The Gallery on the Lower Level Talk & Reception: Sunday, March 5, 2 PM Talk - Reception 3 - 5 PM</p> | | |  |