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***The Nature of Gardening
at NYBG***

with Todd Forrest



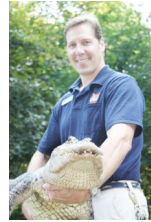
Over the past two decades, The New York Botanical Garden has restored approximately 150 acres of its 250-acre historic landscape while completely changing its gardening practices to balance beauty with environmental responsibility. **Todd Forrest**, head of Horticulture at NYBG and a Ridgefield resident, will discuss the ongoing transformation of NYBG and provide insight into how great gardening practices can help sustain nature. This program is co-sponsored by Caudatowa Garden Club. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, September 11, 11 AM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

***Saving Animals from Extinction:
Tales of Species Recovery in
Connecticut and Beyond***

with Jim Knox



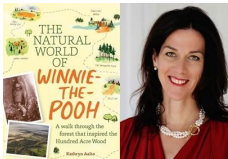
Join Zoologist and Beardsley Zoo's Curator of Education, **Jim Knox** as he profiles his work with Species Survival Plans. Learn how 21st century science is extending the reach and achievements of field conservationists, and how Fairfield County citizens can become involved in recovery efforts to protect our planet's most imperiled and majestic creatures. As the Writer and Host for PBS television's WildZoofari, Jim Knox has shared his knowledge of, and passion for wildlife with millions of viewers throughout the world on *Animal Planet*.

Wednesday, September 12, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

The Natural World of Winnie-the-Poo

with Kathryn Aalto



Join landscape historian and designer **Kathryn Aalto** as she discusses her New York Times Best Seller *The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh: A Walk Through the Forest*

That Inspired the 100 Acre Wood. A popular speaker and storyteller, Kathryn takes people on an illustrated journey into one of the most iconic settings in children's literature. Learn about Milne's extraordinary childhood in the natural world and how he worked with illustrator E. H. Shepard. Discover places that inspired the stories along with the real forest's rare flora and fauna. Co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Garden Club.

Monday, September 17, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

***Secrets of Renovating or Building a
Super Sustainable Home***

with Mike Trolle & Elizabeth Di Salvo

Find out how you too can live in a house that cost \$18 a month to heat and cool! Join award-winning architects **Mike Trolle** from BPC Green Builders and **Elizabeth Di Salvo** from Trillium Architects to find out *What Exactly Is a Green Home?* and *Why Build a Green Home?*

This program is co-sponsored by the Library, Discovery Center at Ridgefield, and RACE (Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment.)

Thursday, September 20, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Live Music

Jazz: Lecture & Concert

with Dayramir Gonzalez and His Quintet

Dayramir Gonzalez, an internationally praised pianist and composer who has been hailed for his prolific creative range which melds rock, pop, jazz and Afro-Cuban styles, will perform with his quintet (acoustic piano, bass, drum, congas, percussion) at the Library during Ridgefield's Jazz, Funk and Blues Weekend (<https://www.jazzfunk.org/>).

Talk - Friday, Sept. 14, 4 PM - Register

Concert - Friday, Sept. 14, 7 PM - Register

Ridgefield Folk

with Peter Murchison

Equally at home on guitar, mandolin, or an old National steel guitar, **Peter Murchison's** music is a melting pot of Americana ... but mostly old, old blues from the 1920s and 30s. Now back living in CT, he brings years of experience in bands in China, New York, Colorado, Texas, and more. Free thanks to the Friends of the Library.

Sunday, September 23, 2 PM

Free tickets given out at the door from 1 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

Chair Yoga sessions now take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Suitable for all abilities.

Wednesday, September 5 & 19, 1 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Mindfulness & Meditation

with the Community Mindfulness Project

Join us for a series of one-hour meditation classes led by CMP, a local, secular meditation group. Sessions take place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Monday, September 10 & 24, 6:30 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Helping Our Heroes



Join us for *Helping Our Heroes* with: **Dr. Stacy Raymond**, clinical psychologist; **Captain Jacques Roy**, Stamford, CT Firefighter; and **Chief Gary MacNamara**, Fairfield, CT Police Chief and Chair of the Officer Wellness Committee for the CT Police Chief's Association.

This program is aimed at police, fire fighters, EMS personnel, 9-1-1 dispatchers, active military and veterans and the family, friends and therapists who care about them.

Tuesday, September 25, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

For Jobseekers

Transition Toolbox

with Donna Sweidan, Fran Pastore & Crystal Girgenti

Whether you're considering a new career or actively looking for one, you'll want to attend *Transition Toolbox*, an evening with professionals offering advice in career counseling. Presented by Ridgefield Brown Bag Network.

The panel will speak about employment empowerment, turning obstacles into opportunity, and using the skills you have to find a meaningful career. Scheduled to be on the panel are: **Donna Sweidan**, LMHC, Founder of Careerfolk; **Fran Pastore**, Founder and CEO of Women's Business Development Council; and **Crystal Girgenti**, Master Business Acceleration Coach and Founder of G-force Coaching.

Thursday, September 6, 6 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Author Talk

HATE: Why We Should Resist it With Free Speech, Not Censorship

with Nadine Strossen

Join us for an *Author Talk* by **Nadine Strossen**, professor of Law at New York Law School. In her new book *HATE: Why We Should Resist it With Free Speech, Not Censorship* Strossen, president of the ACLU from 1991 to 2008, argues that expanding free speech, not limiting it, is the solution for changing the hearts and minds of those who espouse hateful ideologies. She dispels many of the myths and misunderstandings that have permeated the debates about what constitutes "hate speech," including what is and isn't protected language. Nadine Strossen is a renowned public speaker, committed to the freedoms enshrined in the Constitution.

Wednesday, September 26, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Ridgefield Writers Conference 2018

The Ridgefield Writers Conference expands its Friday Open House this year into an inspirational evening of readings, discussions, workshops and a networking reception. The Conference begins with a key-note address by award-winning author and teacher **Rachel Basch**. This year's event also features readings by guest authors **Pete Nelson**, **Sonya Huber**, and **Chris Belden**, as well as a Q&A panel with guest editors **Marilyn Allen** (Allen O'Shea Literary Agency), **Tamar Mays** (Harper Collins), **Jim Childs** (Globe Pequot Press), **Adele Annesi** (Word for Words), and **Collin Hosten** (Disney, Woodhall). The guest publisher is Woodhall Press. There will also be author/editor workshops on *Nonfiction & Fiction for Young Readers*; *Nonfiction, Creative Nonfiction, and Memoir*; and *Short and Long Fiction*.

Friday, September 21, 6:30 - 9 PM

\$25 - ridgefieldwritersconference.blogspot.com

COLLEGE AND BEYOND

Thriving Through the Arts: College and Beyond for Musicians, Actors, Dancers and Visual Artists



The Library, Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra, 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 to help them navigate the college admissions process and beyond. Panelists include a college counselor, professional actors, dancers, artists, musicians, students, parents and more! Following the panel there will be discipline-specific break-out sessions.

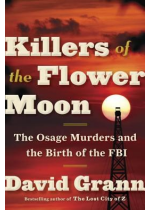
Sunday, September 30, 1 PM

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Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

NONFICTIONEERS

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI
by David Grann
Tuesday, September 4
7:00 PM



In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in

Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. Many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery.

Next Month's Selection:

Lenin on the Train
by Catherine Merridale
Tuesday, October 2
7:00 PM

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, September 6
10:30 AM
The Coroner's Lunch
by Colin Cotterill

The French-educated Dr. Siri Paiboun keeps his cool, and his job investigating suspicious deaths as state coroner, after the Communists take over Laos in the early 1970s, in this series that mixes mystery with politics, mysticism, and themes such as international relations, government bureaucracy and racism. Also available as a downloadable audiobook from hoopla.



BOOKS & BREAKFAST
Monday, September 10
10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, September 13
No Man's Land
by Simon Tolkien

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, September 18
7:00 PM
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family fight to control their destiny in 20th-century Japan, exiled from a home they never knew. *Pachinko* is a story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty set against the indifferent arc of history. A National Book Award finalist.

A.M. BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, September 26
10:00 AM

The First of July
by Julia Speller

The lives of four very different men, Frank, Benedict, Jean-Batiste, and Harry intersect on the most terrible and destructive day of World War I, the first day of the Battle of the Somme. This discussion is part of *Ridgefield Remembers WWI*.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, September 24
2:00 PM

What She Ate: Six Remarkable Women and the Food That Tells Their Stories
by Laura Shapiro

Everyone eats, and food touches on every aspect of our lives—social and cultural, personal and political. Yet most biographers pay little attention to people's attitudes toward food. Once we ask how somebody relates to food, we find a world of different and provocative ways to understand her. The women discussed are Dorothy Wordsworth, Rosa Lewis, Eleanor Roosevelt, Eva Braun, Barbara Pym, and Helen Gurley Brown.

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

3D Printing Orientation- 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, September 11 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)

Tech Tricks: Introduction to iPhone - Dawn DeCosta teaches these hands-on classes for seniors to keep you current and connected!

Wednesday, September 12 @ 11 AM - 12 PM - [Waiting List](#)

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

Wednesday, September 12 @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Drop-in

Tuesday, September 18 @ 12:00 - 1:00 PM - Drop-in

Tuesday, September 25 @ 11 AM - 12 PM - Drop-in

STEAM Corner Open House

Saturday, September 15 @ 12 - 2 PM - Drop-in

Instagram for Business with Kate Fitzpatrick

Monday, September 17 @ 12:30 - 1:30 PM - [Register](#)

Facebook for Business with Kate Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, September 19 @ 6:00 - 7:00 PM - [Register](#)

Tech Tricks: iPhone Photos and Camera - Dawn DeCosta teaches these hands-on classes for seniors.

Wednesday, September 26 @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM - [Waiting List](#)

Let's Talk Apps

Thursday, September 27 @ 1:00 - 2:30 PM - [Register](#)

Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD - Check

ridgefieldlibrary.org for details and available timeslots.

Featured Events Calendar - September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Library Closed: Labor Day!	3	4 Nonfictioners: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann 7 PM	5 Health: Chair Yoga with Michael Simonelli 1 PM	6 Murder by the Book: The Coroner's Lunch by Colin Cotterill 10:30 AM Transition Toolbox: Job Seekers Program 6 PM	7	8 Field Trip: Shutterbugs Photography Group 9 AM Artists' Reception: Pictorial and Landscape Quilts 2 - 4 PM
9	10 Discussion: Books & Breakfast 10:30 AM Class: Mindfulness and Meditation 6:30 PM	11 Lecture: The Nature of Gardening at NYBG with Todd Forrest 11 AM We Got Games: Table-top Gaming for Adults and Teens 6 PM	12 Tech Tricks: Introduction to iPhone 11 AM Lecture: Saving Animals From Extinction with Jim Knox 7 PM	13 Founders Hall Book Discussion: No Man's Land by Simon Tolkien 3 PM	14 Lecture with Jazz Pianist Dayramir Gonzalez 4 PM Concert with Dayramir Gonzalez and his Quintet 7 PM	15 Open House: STEAM Corner 12 - 2 PM
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Mini-golf events to benefit the Library! Visit ridgefieldlibrary.org for more information.						
September Exhibits: <i>Pictorial and Landscape Quilts</i> by the Northern Star Quilt Guild September 3 - 29 Opening Reception, Saturday, September 8, 2 - 4 PM						
30 Panel & Breakouts: Thriving Through the Arts: College and Beyond 1 PM	1	2				
Art Walk: Sculptures by Thomas Manning Through September 8 Library Lawn & Ruggles Fine Arts Reading Room. Presented by the Ridgefield Guild of Artists.						