

The Ridgefield Library



BIBLIOEVENTS

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The Library's celebration of International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA09) is well under way this spring. Don't miss the many wonderful programs taking place at the Library, around Ridgefield and in neighboring towns. Pick up a brochure for a full listing of IYA09 events or visit www.ridgefieldlibrary.org or www.starpark.org

Ridgefield Astronomy Days: Ridgefield's Selectmen have designated April 2 – 5 *Ridgefield Astronomy Days* in celebration of the world-wide *100 Hours of Astronomy* initiative which aims to get as many people as possible looking through a telescope over this time.



Lecture: *The Last Mission to Hubble* with astronomer Dr. Heidi B. Hammel

Wednesday, April 1, 7 PM



Film Screening: *400 Years of the Telescope: A Journey of Science, Technology and Thought*

A must-see documentary about the history of the telescope and its profound impact on science and society. Followed by telescope viewing on the Library lawn thanks to

Ridgefield High School astronomy students and volunteers from the Discovery Center.

Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3, 7 – 8 PM

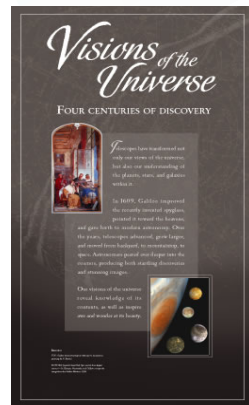
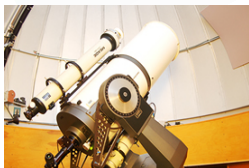


Exhibit: *Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery*

April 11 to June 11, during Library open hours

Reception: Sunday, April 19, 5 – 6:30 PM

The exhibit is presented by the Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and the American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, through funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Our Library is one of only 40 nationwide to receive this prestigious exhibit and the only one in Connecticut. Don't miss it!



Field Trips: to the John J. McCarthy Observatory in New Milford.

Participants will need to make their own way there. Registration is required by calling the Library at 438-2282.

Monday, April 20 and Wednesday, April 22, 8 PM – 10 PM



School Visits: Third grade classes from Veteran's Park Elementary School will visit the *Visions of the Universe* Exhibit.

Wednesday, April 22



Portraits in Motion Presentation: *Galileo the Starry Messenger* with actor Mike Francis

A family program suitable for all ages

Saturday, April 25, 10 AM



Author Presentation: by Dava Sobel (*Galileo's Daughter, Longitude, The Planets*)

Wednesday, April 29, 7 PM



The Library's International Year of Astronomy programs are made possible thanks to the sponsors of the *Visions of the Universe* exhibit, the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund and the Friends of the Library.

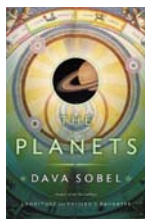
BOOK GROUPS

TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, April 7
7 PM

The Planets
by Dava Sobel

From the bestselling author of *Longitude* and *Galileo's Daughter* comes a stunningly illustrated love letter to our solar system. *The Planets* is a gorgeous depiction of our place in the universe that will mesmerize everyone who has ever gazed with awe at our night sky.



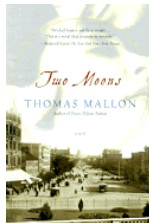
Don't miss Dava Sobel, in person at the Library, on Wednesday, April 29 at 7 PM

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 21
7 PM

Two Moons by
Thomas Mallon

This *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year revolves around a group of astronomers working at the U. S. Naval Observatory in the 1870s, a time when our scientific knowledge of the heavens was growing by leaps and bounds. The nature of scientific discovery, the uneasy relationship between science and politics, and the place of women in society and in scientific work are all themes in this rich novel.



A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, April 22
10 AM

The Sparrow
by Mary Doria Russell

"Speculative" rather than "science" fiction, *The Sparrow* tells the story of Father Emilio Sandoz, sole survivor of a Jesuit mission to the distant planet of Rakhat, where his encounter with an alien civilization raises troubling questions about the essence of humanity and the nature of God.



The Library's book discussion groups are celebrating International Year of Astronomy in April (Poetry Discussion Group in May).

Books & Breakfast

Monday, April 13
10:30 AM



Join us for breakfast and an informal book discussion

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, April 17
7 PM

In celebration of National Poetry Month participants are invited to bring in a favorite poem to share with the group.

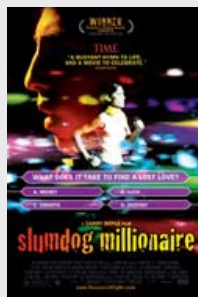
Sponsored by the Friends of the Ridgefield Library.

Hollister Films

Slumdog Millionaire (2008)

Rated R, 120 Mins.

After coming within one question of winning 20 million rupees on the Hindi version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" 18-year-old Mumbai resident Jamal Malik is arrested on suspicion of cheating. While in custody, Jamal regales a jaded police inspector with remarkable tales of his life on the streets, as well as the story of Latika, the woman he loved and lost.



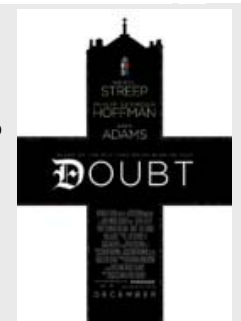
Tuesday, April 14

1:30 & 7 PM

Doubt (2008)

Rated PG-13, 104 Mins.

In a Catholic elementary school in the Bronx, Sister Aloysius begins to have doubts about one of the priests, Father Flynn, who seems to have become overly involved in the life of a young African American pupil. But Flynn isn't the only one she has doubts about. Is she overreacting to the situation or is there a truth that needs to be discovered?



Tuesday, April 21

1:30 & 7 PM



Allie Wheeler



Brooke Berte



Ivo Stoop



Matt Dighton

Ridgefield High School Art Show

April 1st - 25th
Library Hours

Ridgefield Library

Reception - Saturday April 4th
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Jazz



Ridgefield Folk



Join us for an interactive jazz concert on Thursday, **April 23 at 7 PM!** This program is geared toward the jazz fan who wants to more deeply understand the music or the novice who just wants to sit back and enjoy. **The David Morgan Trio** will perform a standard jazz repertoire while explaining the history and concepts behind the performance.

Reddingite David Morgan is a world renowned jazz pianist, producer, composer and educator. Playing piano since the age of 5, he started learning Beatles songs by ear. In 1987, when still in high school, he fell head over heels in love with jazz music. Two years later he moved to the University of New Orleans to pursue his love of jazz where jazz was born. At UNO, he studied piano and composition with legends Ellis Marsalis and Harold Battiste. It was there that he first played with Wynton Marsalis, James Rivers, Wes Anderson and Nycholas Payton.



"Beautiful, bitter-sweet...moves seamlessly from searching and yearning to bruised and ominous..."

New York Daily News

LIBBY JOHNSON AND BAND

Sunday, April 26

2 PM

Free tickets given out starting at 1 PM
thanks to the Friends of the Library

pink slip NETWORKING party

Join us for a casual employment event!

Monday, April 6

6:30 – 9:30 pm

Dayton Program Room

\$15/person

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Call 438-2282 x1022

Co-sponsored with the Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce



Author, career coach & consultant Julie Jansen will discuss the importance of networking in this economy.



APRIL 2009

CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Presentation: <i>The Last Mission to Hubble</i> with Dr. Heidi Hammel 7 PM</p>	<p>2 Screening: <i>400 Years of the Telescope</i> followed by star gazing on the Library lawn 7 PM</p>	<p>3 Screening: <i>400 Years of the Telescope</i> followed by star gazing on the Library lawn 7 PM</p>	<p>4 Memoir Writing Group: Monthly Meeting 10 AM</p> <p>Reception: High School Art Exhibit 2 - 4 PM</p>
5	<p>6 Pink Slip Networking Party: 6:30 PM REGISTER</p>	<p>7 Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers: <i>The Planets</i> by Dava Sobel 7 PM</p>	8	9	10	<p>11 Exhibit: <i>Visions of the Universe</i> runs through June 11 during normal Library hours</p>
12	<p>13 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM</p>	<p>14 Hollister Film Series: <i>Slumdog Millionaire</i> 1:30 and 7 PM</p>	15	16	<p>17 Poetry Discussion Group: with Dr. Alan Holder 1 PM</p>	<p>18 Shutterbugs: monthly photography group meeting 9:30 AM</p>
<p>19 Reception: <i>Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery</i> 5 - 6:30 PM</p>	20	<p>21 Hollister Film Series: <i>Doubt</i> 1:30 and 7 PM</p> <p>Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>Two Moons</i> by Thomas Mallon 7 PM</p> <p>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield: A Networking Group for Writers 7 PM (offsite)</p>	<p>22 A.M. Book Group: <i>The Sparrow</i> by Mary Doria Russell 10 AM</p>	<p>23 Concert: Jazz with The David Morgan Trio 7 PM</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Portraits in Motion Performance: <i>Galileo the Starry Messenger</i> with actor Mike Francis 10 AM Suitable for the whole family!</p>
<p>26 Ridgefield Folk: with Libby Johnson & Band 2 PM</p>	27	28	<p>29 Author Talk: by Dava Sobel 7 PM</p>	30	<p>1 Friends Spring Book Sale 9 - 5 (\$10 admission fee 9 - noon)</p>	<p>2 Friends Spring Book Sale 9 - 5 (free admission)</p>