

The Ridgefield Library

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BIBLIOEVENTS

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April 2011

Lecture and Reception: *The Future of Planetary Exploration*

with **Dr. Heidi B. Hammel**



Dr. Heidi B. Hammel, longtime Ridgefielder, planetary scientist and science educator extraordinaire, is sadly saying her goodbyes to Ridgefield as she moves to Washington, DC to become the Executive VP of AURA, Inc., a consortium that operates world-class astronomical observatories, including the Hubble Space Telescope and the Gemini Observatory.

As her final farewell she will give a visually stunning presentation at the **Ridgefield Playhouse** in support of the **Campaign for the New Ridgefield Library**. Tickets \$10 Adults, \$5 children/students, \$50 includes a "meet and greet" reception afterwards at the Library.

Tickets at ridgefieldlibrary.org or by calling 203-438-2282 ext. 1022

Sunday, April 10, 3 PM

Lecture:

World Views: Focus on Literacy with **Masha Hamilton**



Join us for another event in our *Focus on Literacy* series with a lecture by Masha Hamilton. Ms. Hamilton is an award-winning author and journalist. Her novels include *The Camel Bookmobile*, about a traveling library in Africa, and *31 Hours*, which the Washington Post selected as one of the best novels of 2009. In 2007 she launched the *Camel Book Drive*, a nonprofit enterprise that supplies books to a camel-borne library in Kenya. She also established the *Afghan Women's Writing Project* to foster creative and intellectual exchange between Afghan women writers and American women writers and teachers.

Please register - ridgefieldlibrary.org

Wednesday, April 13, 7 PM

Author Talk:

The Hammersteins: A Musical Theatre Family with **Oscar Andrew Hammerstein**



Oscar Andrew Hammerstein (Oscar II's grandson) will discuss his new book about his famous musical family.

The book presents a multi-layered portrait of the Hammerstein legacy - of the development of opera, vaudeville, and musical comedy - complete with personal and professional highlights and

tragedies. "I have devoted much of my life to studying and preserving my family's heritage and its contribution to American culture," said Mr. Hammerstein.

Register - ridgefieldlibrary.org

Sunday, April 3, 2 PM

Author Talk:

Hello My Garden with **Colleen Plimpton**



MENTORS IN THE
GARDEN OF LIFE



Author, teacher and gardener Colleen Plimpton will present a "show and tell" presentation dealing with how to get your garden started up in the spring. Topics for discussion will include: pruning, mulching, fertilizing, planning for succession of bloom and more.

Her essays, memoir pieces and feature articles have appeared in many publications. Her most recent book, a gardening memoir *Mentors in the Garden of Life*, will be available for sale and signing at the event.

No registration

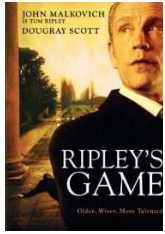
Thursday, April 7, 7 PM

Ridgefield Library, 472 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877, 203/438-2282, www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Features with the Friends:

Ripley's Game

The Friends of the Library
Film Discussion led by David Rich



"Malkovich exudes his usual oily disenchantment with the world; Lena Headey, like the location footage, is gorgeous." - Robert Horton

Coffee and cookies will be served.

Please register - ridgefieldlibrary.org

Wednesday, April 6, 10 AM

Workshop:

Dabble in Scrabble

with Cornelia Guest

Sessions will take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month till May, from 1 - 3 PM.

All game materials provided.

Upcoming Sessions:

Wednesday, April 27

Wednesday, May 25



No registration

Wednesday, April 27, 1 - 3 PM

Art:

Draw On!

with the Aldrich Museum

There are several ways for you to enjoy the *Draw On!* celebration at the Library. Artist Elizabeth Duffy has created an original work based on the history of Ridgefield, using various types of local maps to trace the origins of the town's founders. You can see Duffy's work at the Aldrich, of course, but you can also see some of her work at the Ridgefield Library. There are two pieces of her art - large window decals - on the front of the Library. Now that Spring has sprung, why not take a walk down Main Street and enjoy the view?

The Library is also creating our own map-based art project, and we need your help. Library Assistant Diana Messer painted a map of the town on the windows of the Storytime Sculpture Room, and we are encouraging patrons to use the paper we are providing to draw their favorite places in Town.

March 26 through April 9

Energy Conservation Seminar:

Home Energy Basics Part 1

presented by CT Energy Challenge

Join us for a free *Home Energy Basics Workshop* that aims to inform Ridgefield residents about CT tax incentives and rebates available for home energy efficiency upgrades. Workshop attendees will learn about the Home Energy Solutions (HES) program. Home Energy Solution's technicians will be present to answer questions and to schedule home visits.

This event is hosted by the Library, Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment, and Ridgefield Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge. The Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge is a new program in Ridgefield that aims to reduce energy consumption in 10% of households by 20%.

Please register - www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Wednesday, April 27, 7 PM

Open Mic:

Poetry Bistro

with featured poet Alan Holder

Come and read a favorite poem or two or better yet share something you've written yourself!

Refreshments will be served.

No registration

Friday, April 15, 7 PM

Exhibit:

Brush with Nature

by The Watercolor Group



No registration

April 1 - 29, Reception - April 3, 4 - 6 PM

BOOK GROUPS

TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

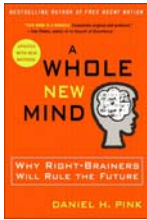
Tuesday, April 5
7 PM

*The River of Doubt:
Theodore Roosevelt's
Darkest Journey*
by Candice Millard

Next Month's Selection:
Tuesday, May 3
7 PM

A Whole New Mind
by Daniel Pink

Described by reviewers as "an audacious and powerful work," "a profound read," "right on the money," and "a miracle," the book reveals the six abilities individuals must master in an outsourced and automated world. Several publications named *A Whole New Mind* one of the best business books of 2005.



MURDER BY THE BOOK

Next Month's Selection:
Tuesday, April 7,
1 PM

The Burglar on the Prowl
by Lawrence Block

The latest in a series of comic caper novels starring NYC antiquarian bookseller and burglar Bernie Rhodenbarr.

Next Month's Selection:
Thursday, May 5
1 PM

The Kill Artist
by Daniel Silva

Books & Breakfast

Monday, April 11
10:30 AM

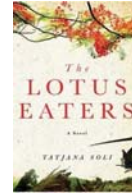


CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 19
7 PM

The Lotus Eaters
by Tatjana Soli

This debut novel follows an American female combat photographer in the Vietnam War as she captures the wrenching chaos and finds herself torn between the love of two men. *The Lotus Eaters* has been widely praised as a complex love story that captures the fragile beauty of an ancient war-torn country, while showing the moral ambiguities inherent in combat journalism.



Next Month's Selection:
Tuesday, May 17
7 PM
Little Bee
by Chris Cleave

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 27
10 AM

The Imperfectionists
by Tom Rachman

This is a witty debut novel about the trials and tribulations of an English-language newspaper in Rome.

Next Month's Selection:
Wednesday, May 25
10 AM

A Handful of Dust
by Evelyn Waugh

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, April 15
1 PM

Sponsored by the Friends
In celebration of National Poetry Month bring a favorite poem to discuss with the group.

Hollister Films

RED (2010)

Rated PG-13, 111 Minutes



Frank (Bruce Willis) is a former black-ops CIA agent living a quiet life alone... until the day a hit squad shows up to kill him. With his identity compromised, Frank reassembles his old team Joe (Morgan Freeman), Marvin (John Malkovich) and Victoria (Hellen Mirren) and sets out to prove that they still have a few tricks up their sleeves.

Tuesday, April 12

1:30 & 7 PM

The King's Speech (2010)

Rated R, 119 Minutes



Britain's King George VI (Colin Firth) struggles with a stutter for years until he seeks help from unorthodox Australian speech therapist Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush) in this biographical drama that chalked up multiple Oscar nods, including Best Picture.

Tuesday, April 26

1:30 & 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Memoir Writing Group: Monthly Meeting 10 AM	
3 Author Talk: <i>The Hammersteins</i> with Oscar Andrew Hammerstein Register 2 PM Reception: <i>Brush with Nature</i> 4 - 6 PM	4	5 The Nonfiction-eers: <i>The River of Doubt</i> by Candice Millard 7 PM	6 Film Screening and Discussion Series: <i>Features with the Friends - Ripley's Game</i> 10 AM Register	7 Murder by the Book: <i>The Burglar on the Prowl</i> by Lawrence Block 1 PM Author/ Gardening Talk: <i>Hello My Garden</i> with Colleen Plimpton 7 PM	8	9 Shutterbugs: <i>Monthly meeting of photography group</i> 9:30 AM	
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