

Creativity Conference:

Advancing Creative Thinking: From Imagination to Innovation

A two day cross-disciplinary conference in Ridgefield, CT presented by The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Arts Council with Media Sponsor, The Morris Media Group

Imagination and Innovation lie at the heart of the creative process— from the arts to education to business to government. Panels, conversations and participatory workshops will feature speakers from *The New York Times*, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Jump Associates, Brightidea, IBM, dosomething.org, Creative Cities International, and more. Tickets are \$125 for the whole conference. Other ticketing options are available at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org.



David Pogue, *The New York Times* | **Lily Yeh**, artist and social activist | **David Yaun**, VP Global Industries Marketing, IBM | **Hilary Austen**, University of Toronto | **Irvin Scott**, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Friday, April 27, 4 PM—9 PM & Saturday, April 28, 9AM to 9 PM

Author Talk:

*Kayaking In & Around
The Norwalk River Islands*
with David Park



Come hear author **David Park** discuss kayaking the local rivers, coast and islands around Westport, Norwalk, and Darien.

An 18 foot sea-kayak and gear will be on display courtesy of the *Outdoor Sports Center of Wilton* and copies of *Kayaking In and*

Around the Norwalk Islands will be available for sale and signing thanks to Books on the Common.

No registration

Thursday, April 12, 7 PM

Live Music:

Ridgefield Folk
with Peppino D'Agostino



Peppino D'Agostino is a Renaissance man and not just because he was born in Italy. He is an acoustic guitarist, composer, singer, teacher and all-around entertainer with deep roots in his heritage.

"D'Agostino plays steel-string guitar with virtuosity and complexity. Influences are as far-flung as the flamenco work of Paco de Lucia and the pop sensibility of the Beatles, evident in the songs he's written, which brim with memorable melodies," said the *Chicago Tribune*.

This program is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library

Free tickets from 1 PM

Sunday, April 15, 2 PM

Climate Project Program:

Personal and Planetary Health: A Doctor's Perspective with Dr. Peter Libre

Dr. Peter Libre, a Columbia University eye surgeon, will speak about how a low-carbon lifestyle is healthier for you and the planet, as well as for your wallet. Lifestyle diseases account for two thirds of US health care costs while extreme weather conditions caused over \$12 billion in damage in the US during 2011. Dr. Libre will prescribe which lifestyle changes have the biggest impact in improving health while minimizing climate change and share how he has discovered a higher quality of life through a more frugal standard of living.

Peter Libre lives with his family in a carbon-neutral home, raises chickens, grows vegetables and bikes 2500 miles a year for transportation. He is one of many volunteer presenters around the country for The Climate Reality Project, founded and chaired by Al Gore, Nobel Laureate and former Vice President of the United States. The Climate Reality Project has more than 5 million members and supporters worldwide.

This presentation is co-sponsored by the Library, RACE and RGVI and is free and open to the public.

No registration

Wednesday, April 4, 7 PM

Author Talk:

Poetry Reading

with Alison Woods and B. K. Fischer



B. K. Fischer is a poet, critic, editor, and teacher. Her book *Mutiny Gallery* won the 2011 T. S. Eliot Prize and was released by Truman State University Press in October 2011.

Her poems have appeared in many journals including *The Paris Review*. She holds a B.A. from the Johns Hopkins University Writing Seminars, an M.F.A. in poetry from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in English and American Literature from New York University, and has taught writing and literature at Columbia, NYU, and Marymount College. She lives in Sleepy Hollow, NY with her husband and three children.



Alison Woods - Winner of the New Women's Voice Award from Finishing Line Press in 2010, Alison Woods' collection of poems *New Forest* was selected for a Pushcart Prize in 2011. She is a poet and lyricist who has published poems in journals such as *The Paris Review*, *The Kean Review*, and *The National Poetry Review*. She received her MFA from Columbia University

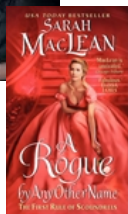
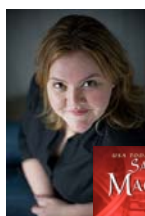
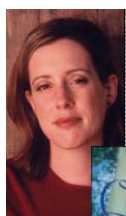
and has taught writing at Norwalk Community College, Montclair State University, Kean University, and Fashion Institute of Technology. She lives with her daughter and her boxer Juno in Ridgefield.

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Thursday, April 5, 7 PM

Author Talk:

Ridgefield in Love: An Evening of Romance with New York Times Bestselling Authors Julia Quinn, Eloisa James and Sarah MacLean



Romantic refreshments will be served!

**BOOKS
ON THE
COMMON**

Books will be available for sale and signing thanks to Books on the Common

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Sunday, April 15, 5 PM

BOOK GROUPS

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, April 3
7 PM

*Stone by Stone:
The Magnificent History
in New England's
Stone Walls*

by Robert Thorson

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, May 1
7 PM

*My Stroke of Insight: A
Brain Scientist's
Personal Journey*

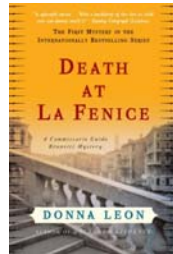
by Jill Bolte Taylor

In 1996, 37-year-old neuroanatomist Taylor experienced a massive stroke that erased her abilities to walk, talk, do mathematics, read, or remember details. Her remarkable story details her slow recovery of those abilities and recounts exactly what happened with her brain. This is a fascinating memoir of the brain's remarkable resiliency and of one woman's determination to regain her faculties.

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, April 5
1 PM

Death at La Fenice
by Donna Leon



Venetian police commissioner Guido Brunetti struggles against corruption as well as crime

in this wildly popular series recognized for its well-described settings, insightful characterizations and wry humor.

Books & Breakfast

Monday, April 9
10:30 AM



Poetry Discussion Group

Friday, April 20
1 PM

The Best of It
by Kay Ryan

Sponsored by The Friends

CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 17
7 PM

Stoner
by John Williams

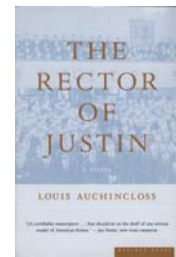
William Stoner is the son of a poor farmer who falls in love with English literature and becomes a professor at a Missouri College. Set in the early 20th century, this novel captures the triumphs and disappointments of an unassuming man committed to the life of the mind. *The New York Times* lauded it as "a perfect novel, so well told and beautifully written, so deeply moving, that it takes your breath away."

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, April 25
10 AM

The Rector of Justin
by Louis Auchincloss

The prolific and insightful chronicler of 20th century New York's ruling class examines the life and work of Frank Prescott, founder of an exclusive boys' school, through the eyes of six different narrators.



Copies of these books may be purchased at Books on the Common at a 15% discount or inquire about Inter-Library Loan availability.

New members always welcome!

Hollister Films

The Descendants

2011, R, 115 Minutes



George Clooney begins the family drama *The Descendants* by enumerating the many ways that life in Hawaii isn't the paradise he expected it to be. As a land baron, Clooney tries to re-connect with his two daughters after his wife is seriously injured in a boating accident, and the story unfolds.

Tuesday, April 10

1:30 & 7 PM

War Horse

2011, Rated PG13, 146 Minutes



Young Albert enlists to serve in World War I after his beloved horse is sold to the cavalry. Albert's hopeful journey takes him out of England and across Europe as the war rages on. *War Horse* is directed by Steven Spielberg and produced by Kathleen Kennedy, with a cast of over 100 horses in the film.

Tuesday, April 24

1:30 & 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 The Nonfictioners: Stone by Stone: The Magnificent History in New England Stone Walls by Robert Thorson 7 PM	4 Climate Program: Personal and Planetary Health: A Doctor's Perspective with Dr. Peter Libre 7 PM	5 Murder by the Book: Death at La Fenice by Donna Leon 1 PM Author Talk: A Poetry Reading with Alison Woods and B. K. Fisher 7 PM Register	6 Library Closed: Good Friday	7 Memoir Group: Monthly Meeting 10 AM
8 Library Closed: Easter Sunday	9 Discussion: Books & Breakfast 10:30 AM	10 Hollister Film Series: The Descendants 1:30 and 7 PM	11	12 Founders Hall Book Group: Wish You Were Here by Stewart O'Nan 2:30 PM Author Talk: Kayaking in and Around the Norwalk River Islands with Dave Park 7 PM	13	14 Shutterbugs: Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM
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