

# Biblioevents

## RIDGEFIELD REMEMBERS THE CIVIL WAR

The Civil War was one of the most transformative periods in our national history, and people across the country are observing its sesquicentennial with an outpouring of books, films and other educational and cultural activities. Seeking to tie these large historical events to local history, the organizers of *Ridgefield Remembers the Civil War* have put together numerous commemorative programs for all ages in the 6 months

leading up to the anniversary of the July 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, in which Ridgefield soldiers took part. The culminating highlight of this effort will be a *Soldiers Fair* in Ballard Park on Saturday, June 8 from 1 to 4:30 PM (rain date June 9), to feature re-enactors, period music, games and numerous other activities. Visit [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org) for information.



### *CT and the American Civil War* with Dr. Matt Warshauer



**Dr. Matthew Warshauer**, Professor of History at Central Connecticut State University and co-chair of the Connecticut Civil War Commemoration Commission, will discuss his new book, *Connecticut in the American Civil War: Slavery, Sacrifice and Survival*, as well as the plans that are underway for the state's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war. Free. Co-sponsored by the Keeler Tavern Museum.

**Friday, April 5, 7 PM**  
**@ Keeler Tavern Museum**  
No registration

### *Gettysburg: One Woman's War* with Michele LaRue



Join us for a live reading of three stories from Elsie Singmaster's classic collection of short stories, *Gettysburg*. Professional actress **Michele LaRue** will present a dramatic reading that will vividly explore the physical and emotional terrain of the Civil War through a woman's eyes. Come and experience the war and its legacy - from the cannons' first roar on July 1, 1863 to its echoes a half century later. Free. Co-sponsored by the Keeler Tavern Museum.

**Saturday, April 13, 2 PM**  
**@ Keeler Tavern Museum**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Lincoln: The Man Versus the Myth* with Randy Lewis



History buff **Randy Lewis** will lead a discussion about Lincoln's character including his ambition, professional success as an attorney, intellectual prowess, speaking abilities, use of humor, interpersonal skills, humble "hardscrabble" background and upbringing and his relationships with Mary Todd Lincoln and Ann Rutledge.

**Monday, April 15, 7 PM**  
**@ 21 Governor Street**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Edible Perennial Gardens* with John Root



*Edible Perennial Gardens and Landscaping* is a visual presentation featuring trees, shrubs, canes, vines, and herbaceous perennials that can be grown for produce in our region. Audiences will learn organic gardening practices for cultivating healthy soils, plants, and biotic communities to ensure abundant crops of fruits, nuts, and vegetables throughout the growing season with minimal maintenance.

**John Root** is a naturalist, teacher and musician who has presented many programs throughout the Northeast.

**Thursday, April 25, 7 PM**  
**@ 21 Governor Street**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

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## AUTHOR TALKS: BUSINESS & ADVENTURE

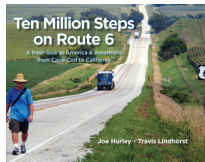
### *The Executives' Guide to Consultants* with David A. Fields



Ridgefielder **David A. Fields** will talk about his recently released book *The Executive's Guide to Consultants: How to Find, Hire and Get Great Results from Outside Experts*. He will discuss how executives, managers and small business owners can identify the best talent, minimize risk, lock in value and ultimately get more than their money's worth in terms of long-lasting results from outside experts.

**Wednesday, April 10, 7 PM**  
Register [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *10 Million Steps on Route 6* with Joe Hurley



**Joe Hurley** is a retired newspaper reporter who spent most of his career at The News-Times in Danbury Connecticut, where, among other things, he wrote the humor column called *Shallow Pockets*. Come and hear about Joe's walk across America on Route 6 and get to know some of the fascinating people he met and the amazing places he visited along the way.

**Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 PM**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

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## EDUCATION: CREATIVITY & TECHNOLOGY

### *Going Beyond Expectations* with Matthew Worwood



Join fellow educators and creative professionals in the first session of a two-part seminar led by **Matthew Worwood** and **Sarah Schauss**, both from EDUCATION CONNECTION. Worwood's talk will reveal how several studies have proved that many educational activities are designed with restrictive predetermined outcomes, and how we need to remove them in order to think creatively.

**Thursday, April 4 & April 11, 7 PM @ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum**  
Register [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *From the Abacus to the iPad* with Dr. Stephanie Bell

The iPad is good for more than games –in fact, it's a great educational device to help your child achieve greater success in school! Join **Dr. Stephanie Bell**, Head of School at the Prospect School at Wooster, for an enlightening discussion about how to use the technology you already have as an educational tool. Bring your own tablet to download apps!

**Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 PM**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Where Do Good Ideas Come From?* with Matt Worwood & Sarah Schauss



*The Ideation Process: Where do good ideas come from?* will be presented by **Sarah Schauss**, curriculum manager at the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills at EDUCATION CONNECTION, and Matthew Worwood. Schauss hold a B.A. in Economics from Eastern Connecticut State University and plans experiential events for the Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences.

### *Get the Most Out of Your College Library* with Bonnie Figgat

Heading off to college next fall? Get a head start as Ridgefielder **Bonnie Figgat**, a librarian at Sacred Heart University, gives a behind-the-scenes look at the workings of college and university libraries. Arrive on campus prepared to make good use of the services and resources your college library offers, both in the building and in cyberspace!

**Tuesday, April 30, 7:15 PM**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Tech Fridays: MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses)* with Dorothy Pawlowski

Come find out how MOOCs from entities such as Coursera, Udacity and edX work and about the wealth of courses available.

**Friday, April 26, 1 - 3 PM**  
Drop in - no registration

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# LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

## NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, April 2  
7:15 PM

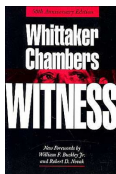
*To Gettysburg and Beyond: The Parallel Lives of J. Chamberlain and E. Alexander*  
by Michael Golay

### Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, May 7  
7:15 PM

*Witness* by  
Whittaker Chambers  
(Two session discussion)

First published in 1952, *Witness* was at once a literary effort, a philosophical treatise, and a bestseller. Whittaker Chambers had just participated in America's trial of the century in which Chambers claimed that Alger Hiss, a full-standing member of the political establishment, was a spy for the Soviet Union. This poetic autobiography recounts the famous case, but also reveals much more.



## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, April 4  
11:15 AM

*Thieves' Dozen*  
by Donald E. Westlake



Career burglar John Dortmunder and his "gang" habitually encounter unexpected difficulties in carrying off their criminal capers, leading to fast-paced action and plenty of humor. Here they are featured in a collection of 11 short stories.

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 16  
7:15 PM

*The Mill on the Floss*  
by George Eliot

*The Mill on the Floss* is a portrayal of childhood and adolescence in rural England as Maggie Tulliver's passionate nature brings her into conflict with the middle-class narrowness of St. Ogg's and with her beloved brother Tom. It has been hailed as a brilliant evocation of the

complexities of human relationships with a heroine whose rebellious spirit resembles the author's own.

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, April 19  
1 PM

*Fire to Fire*  
by Mark Doty

Mark Doty's *Fire to Fire* collects the best of his seven books of poetry, along with a generous selection of new work. His signature style encompasses both the plainspoken and the artfully wrought, as one of contemporary American poetry's most lauded, recognizable voices speaks to the crises and possibilities of our time.

*A limited number of copies of the book will be available for discussion participants, thanks to the Friends of the Library.*

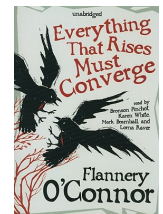


## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, April 24  
11:15 AM

*Everything that Rises Must Converge*  
by Flannery O'Connor

A collection of nine atmospheric short stories depicting life in the Southern United States, full of memorable, quirky characters and dark humor.



## BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Next Meeting  
Monday, April 8  
10:30 AM



This program now takes place @ **the Keeler Tavern Museum** at 132 Main Street

# CELEBRATE SPRING: LIVE MUSIC & LIBRARY FUNDRAISERS

*Ridgefield Folk: The Edna Project*  
with Liz Queler and Seth Farber



Come and enjoy music inspired by the poems of Edna St. Vincent Millay. Tickets are free thanks to the Friends of the Library and can be picked up on the day of the show starting at 1 PM at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum.

**Sunday, April 21, 2 PM**  
@ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum



*Craft Beer Symposium*

**Saturday, April 6, 7 PM**

Tickets \$60 - [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

*Poetry Live and In Person*

**Sunday, April 21, 6 PM**

Tickets \$60 - [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

# EVENTS CALENDAR - APRIL 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 <b>The Nonfictioneers:</b> <i>To Gettysburg and Beyond</i> by Michael Golay 7:15 PM	3 <b>Ridgefield Library @ The Ridgefield Playhouse:</b> David Sedaris 7:30 PM SOLD OUT	4 <b>Murder by the Book: Thieves' Dozen</b> by Donald E. Westlake 11:15 AM  <b>Seminar:</b> <i>Creativity and Education</i> with Matt Worwood 7 PM @ <b>The Aldrich</b>	5 <b>Lecture:</b> <i>Connecticut in the American Civil War</i> with Dr. Matthew Warshauer @ <b>Keeler Tavern Museum</b> 7 PM	6 <b>Memoir Writing Group</b> 1 PM  <b>Celebrate Spring Fund Raiser:</b> <i>Craft Beer Symposium</i> 7 PM Tickets \$60
7	8 <b>Discussion: Books &amp; Breakfast @ Keeler Tavern Museum</b> 10:30 AM	9 <b>Talk:</b> <i>From the Abacus to the iPad: How Technology Helps Children Learn</i> with Dr. Stephanie Bell 7:30 PM	10 <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>The Executive's Guide to Consultants</i> with David Fields 7 PM	11 <b>Founders Hall Book Discussion:</b> 3 PM  <b>Seminar:</b> <i>Where do Good Ideas Come From?</i> 7 PM @ <b>The Aldrich</b>	12	13 <b>Shutterbugs: Monthly Meeting</b> 9 AM  <b>Performance:</b> <i>Gettysburg: One Woman's War</i> with Michele LaRue 2 PM
14	15 <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Abraham Lincoln: the Man versus the Myth</i> led by Randy Lewis 7 PM	16 <b>Critics' Circle Book Group:</b> <i>The Mill on the Floss</i> by George Eliot 7:15 PM	17	18 <b>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield:</b> <i>A Networking Group for Writers</i> 7 PM	19 <b>Poetry Discussion Group:</b> <i>Fire to Fire</i> by Mark Doty 1 PM	20
21 <b>Ridgefield Folk:</b> Liz Queler and Seth Faber @ <b>The Aldrich</b> 2 PM Free tickets at the door at 1 PM  <b>Celebrate Spring Fundraiser:</b> <i>Poetry Live</i> 6 PM Tickets \$60	22 <b>Meeting:</b> <i>Library Board</i> 7:30 PM	23 <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Ten Million Steps on Route 6</i> with Joe Hurley 7:30 PM	24 <b>A.M. Book Group:</b> <i>Everything that Rises Must Converge</i> by Flannery O'Connor 11:15 AM	25 <b>Talk:</b> <i>Edible Perennial Gardens and Landscaping</i> with John Root 7 PM	26 <b>Tech Fridays: MOOCs</b> 1 - 3 PM	27
28	29	30 <b>Workshop:</b> <i>Getting the Most out of Your College Library</i> with Bonnie Figgat 7:15 PM	1	<p><b>More Civil War Events Around Town</b></p> <p><b>Family History Hunt</b> <b>April 1 through June 1</b> Presented by Keeler Tavern Museum</p> <p><b>Lecture: Ridgefield Fights the Civil War</b> <b>Sunday, April 21, 4 PM</b> Presented by Keeler Tavern Museum</p> <p><b>Civil War Graveyard Tour</b> <b>Saturday, April 28, 1 - 4 PM</b> Presented by the Graveyard Committee</p> <p><b>For more information visit</b> <b><a href="http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org">www.ridgefieldlibrary.org</a></b></p>		