

## AUTHOR TALK

### *Natural Born Heroes*

With Christopher McDougall

Join *Born to Run* author **Christopher McDougall** for the launch of his latest book, *Natural Born Heroes*. McDougall will lead a fun run, followed by a one-of-a-kind cabaret stage show featuring the lost arts of the Ancient Greek Heroes. The run will leave from Ridgefield Running Company at 88 Danbury Road and end up at **Veterans Park Elementary School** at 8 Governor Street, where the 7 p.m. show will take place.

Learn about freerunning, natural movement, knife-throwing, foraging for super-foods, and using body fat as performance fuel. McDougall will be joined by guest speakers **Liz Miele**, stand-up comic and warrior-poet of marathon running; **Julie Angel** and **Dan Edwardes**, Parkour experts; and **Tara Wood**, creator of Wild Fitness. This program is presented by the Library, Ridgefield Running Company and Books on the Common.

**Tuesday, April 21, 7 PM**

**At Veterans Park Elementary School**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## PHILANTHROPY

### *The Street Children of Kenya*

with Brian Ash



**Brian Ash**, a 2009 graduate of Ridgefield High School, will discuss his work as founder and President of the non-profit organization, **Arrive**, which helps street children in Kenya.

Brian Ash founded Arrive in 2013 after a trip to Africa. While there he witnessed the tragic life of the Kenyan street children and vowed to return to Kenya to provide a second chance for some of these children. Arrive's mission is to "generate positive action and sustainable advancement to empower children in impoverished regions of the world by providing shelter, promoting good health, offering access to education and giving at risk children tools and opportunities for a successful, independent, and fulfilling life." Come and hear more about Brian's important work helping the street children of Kenya. For further information about Arrive visit [ArriveKenya.org](http://ArriveKenya.org).

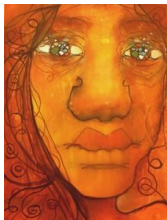
**Thursday, April 9, 7 PM**

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## EXHIBITION & ART TALKS

### *On the Outside Looking In:*

Outsider/Self-Taught Art from the U.S. and Europe



**Phil Demise Smith**, an artist, poet, writer, musician and teacher, will exhibit some of his Outsider Art collection in the Library's Gallery. The exhibition will run through May 29, and an opening reception will take place on April 12 from 2 - 4 PM.

Dr. Pam Rogers from Pure Vision Gallery in NYC will give a talk about Outsider Art at the Library at 1 PM just prior to the reception on the 12th. Dr. Rogers is the Director of Expressive Art Programs for The Shield Institute and Pure Vision Arts—New York's first studio and gallery for artists with autism and other developmental challenges. Pam Rogers has a doctorate in art education from Columbia University's Teachers College. Rogers is also a psychoanalyst with a private practice in Manhattan.

**Sunday, April 12, 1 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Understanding Abstract Art*

with David Dunlop



Award-winning painter **David Dunlop** will begin to unlock the keys to understanding the role of abstraction in modern and contemporary art by providing illustrations of works by the Impressionists and modernists of the 19th and 20th centuries right up to contemporary artists of the 21st Century. This step-by-step talk will cover the beginning of abstract art to the present by examining changing purposes for art, changing of cultural values and artists' ideas, ambitions and methods.

David Dunlop is the engaging host and writer of the 13-show national PBS television series, "Landscapes Through Time with David Dunlop," for which he won an Emmy and a CINE Golden Eagle Award in 2009. Dunlop is also the instructor in a multi-DVD series on painting landscapes.

**Sunday, April 26, 2 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## HOME AND GARDEN

### *Suburban Homesteading*

with Alan Gorkin

*Suburban Homesteading* is the illustrated story of **Alan Gorkin's** wish to have a small, diversified backyard farm that could provide food through sustainable gardening techniques that reduced lawn and fuel use while bringing diversity and additional income to the property.

Alan Gorkin is the horticulturist on a private estate in Greenwich where he oversees the maintenance of two orchards, poultry flock, vegetable, greenhouse and flower gardens, and honeybee hives. He is currently an instructor at the New York Botanical Garden.

**Wednesday, April 1, 7 PM**

**Drop in - no registration**

## LIVE MUSIC

### *Ridgefield Folk*

with Claudia Russell

**Claudia Russell** is an outstanding singer and songwriter who has shared stages with Dave Carter and Tracy Grammer, Loudon Wainwright III, Steve Forbert, Tish Hinojosa, Kris Kristoffersen, Willie Nelson, Darryl Purpose, Peter Rowan, Rosalie Sorrels and Bill Staines, among many others. She will be accompanied by Bruce Kaplan on mandolin, guitar and vocals.

Ridgefield Folk is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Ridgefield Library. Free tickets can be picked up at the door on the day of the show starting at 1 p.m.

**Sunday, April 19, 2 PM**

Free tickets at the door starting at 1 PM

## LAW THROUGH FILM

### *Submit*

2014, 56 Minutes, Unrated

L&L Transmedia and the Library will present the seventh annual *Law Through Film Series* this winter. The focus this year of the LTF Series examines how technology forces changes in the law.



*Submit* is an award-winning documentary that focuses on cyber-bullying and the effects on our youth, families and society at large.

Sponsored by Ridgefield Laundromat  
Moderator, Thomas Leaf, Esq.

**Monday, April 27, 7 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## WRITING WORKSHOP

### *The Art and Joy of Memoir Writing*

with Jacqueline Masumian



**Jacqueline Masumian** will discuss the art and joys of memoir writing as well as her book, *Nobody Home*. She will talk about what memoir is, how it is different from other literary forms, and why it is important for everyone, not just professional writers, to practice this art form and reap the benefits of doing so.

Jacqueline Masumian grew up in the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio, and has enjoyed careers as actress, performing arts manager and landscape designer.

**Tuesday, April 28, 7 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## MONEY SMART WEEK

### *7 Habits of Highly Successful People*

A Webinar with Christine Benz  
and Adam Zoll

Join us for a webinar to learn the most beneficial investing behaviors from **Christine Benz**, director of personal finance, and **Adam Zoll**, assistant editor of Morningstar.com. This session, part of Money Smart Week, will help you make informed investing decisions at any age or level of investing. This will be a webinar viewing session which includes 45 minutes of the presented topic and 15 minutes of Q and A.

**Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Identity Fraud Boot Camp*

with Don McGran

**Don McGran** will present *Fraud and Identity Theft Boot Camp – How Not to Become a Victim*. This presentation will encompass frauds, scams, detection, prevention, as well as safe banking procedures. Don McGran is a 30 year veteran of the Ridgefield Police Department who retired in 2011 at the rank of Major. He is presently employed as the Security Advisor for Fairfield County Bank. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy as well as Western Connecticut State University and completed graduate studies at WCSU, the University of New Haven and the University of Virginia. Don will be joined by **Detective Tom Dardis** from the Ridgefield Police Department. Presented by The Library and the Lions Club.

**Wednesday, April 29, 7 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

# LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, April 2  
1 PM

*The Memory of Blood*  
by Christopher Fowler

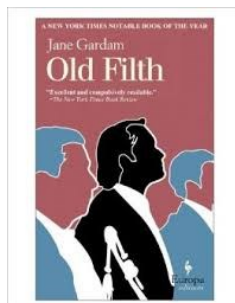
Partners Arthur Bryant and John May of London's Peculiar Crimes Unit worked their first case together during the final days of WWII and have been investigating out-of-the-ordinary murders in their own unorthodox and madcap fashion for over 50 years. In this installment, the PCU delves into the London theatrical scene after a murder at a star-studded cast party.

## FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP

Thursday, April 9  
3 PM

*Old Filth*

by Jane Gardam



## BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Next Meeting  
Monday, April 13  
10:30 AM



Led by Dorothy Pawlowski

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, April 17  
1 PM

*The Poetry of William Carlos Williams*  
with Dr. Alan Holder

*The Poetry Discussion Group* is made possible thanks to **The Friends of the Ridgefield Library**.

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 21  
7 PM

*My Brilliant Friend*  
by Elena Ferrante

The first part of the Neopolitan trilogy by one of Italy's most acclaimed authors is a portrait of two women that is also the story of a nation and a touching meditation on the nature of friendship.



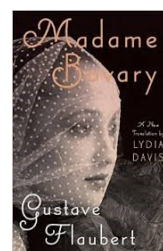
## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, April 22  
10 AM

*Madame Bovary: Patterns of Provincial Life*

by Gustave Flaubert

The classic tale of a young French woman frustrated by her bourgeois existence, who will try almost anything to find fulfillment. *Please read the Lydia Davis translation.*



## NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, April 7  
7 PM

*Book of Ages, The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin*  
by Jill Lepore

New readers are always welcome to Library book groups. No sign up or registration is required.

## LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

### Great Expectations Gala



Join us for an evening affair to benefit the Ridgefield Library as we honor **Nick and Anita Donofrio** with the 2015 **Hope S. Swenson Visionary Award**  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
6:30 to 10:30 PM  
@ The Ridgefield Library

Enjoy a cocktail hour followed by a seated dinner presented by Gallo Ristorante  
Please respond by Friday, April 10  
Call 203-438-2282 x11029  
for more information

**Saturday, April 25, 6:30 - 10:30 PM**  
For tickets visit [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### Run Like a Mother 5K




The Ridgefield Library is pleased to announce that its **Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life** fund has been chosen as the

Run Like A Mother 5K® official charity partner for 2015. The race takes place on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. To find out more, register for the run and to make a donation to the Mothers: Live Your Life fund please visit [runlikeamother.com](http://runlikeamother.com). For anyone who would just like to make a donation to the fund (without breaking a sweat!) please visit the Give to the Library page at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org).

**Sunday, May 10, 8:30 AM**  
For more information visit [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)



# EVENTS CALENDAR - APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Exhibition:</b> <i>On the Outside Looking In: Outsider and Self Taught Art from Europe and the US</i> from the collection of Phil Smith Saturday, April 11 to Friday, May 29 Viewable during normal Library hours</p> <p><b>Talk:</b> Outsider Art with Pam Rogers on Sunday, May 12, 1 PM</p> <p><b>Reception:</b> Sunday, May 12, 2 - 4 PM</p>			<p>1 <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Emily Dickinson</i> with Joanne Dobson 3/4 1 PM</p> <p><b>Talk:</b> <i>Suburban Homesteading</i> with Alan Gorkin 7 PM</p>	<p>2 <b>Murder by the Book:</b> <i>The Memory of Blood</i> by Christopher Fowler 1 PM</p>	<p>3 <b>Library Closed:</b> Good Friday</p>	<p>4 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>3D Modelling Using Blender (Part 2)</i> 10 AM</p> <p><b>Meeting:</b> <i>Critique Group</i> 2 PM</p>
<p>5 <b>Library Closed:</b> Easter Sunday</p>		<p>7 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 1 - 2:30 PM</p> <p><b>Nonfictioneers:</b> <i>The Book of Ages</i> by Jill Lepore 7 PM</p> <p><b>Meeting:</b> <i>The Writers Guild</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>8 <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Emily Dickinson</i> with Joanne Dobson 4/4 1 PM</p> <p><b>Meeting:</b> <i>Ridgefield Theater Barn Playwrights Collective</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>9 <b>Founders Hall Discussion:</b> <i>Old Filth</i> by Jane Gardam 3 PM</p> <p><b>Talk:</b> <i>The Street Children of Kenya</i> with Brian Ash 7 PM</p>		<p>11 <b>Meeting:</b> <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM</p> <p><b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>3D Modelling Using Blender (Part 3)</i> 10 AM</p>
<p>12 <b>Talk:</b> <i>Outsider Art</i> with Dr. Pam Rogers 1 PM</p> <p><b>Reception:</b> <i>On the Outside Looking In: Outsider/Self Taught Art from U.S. and Europe</i> 2 - 4 PM</p>	<p>13 <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Books &amp; Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM</p>			<p>16 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>What is Instagram?</i> with Geri Diorio 12 PM</p>	<p>17 <b>Poetry Discussion Group:</b> <i>William Carlos Williams</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>18 <b>Meeting:</b> <i>Critique Group</i> 2 PM</p>
<p>19 <b>Live Music:</b> <i>Ridgefield Folk</i> with Claudia Russell 2 PM</p>		<p>21 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Ancestry</i> 1 PM</p> <p><b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Natural Born Heroes</i> with Christopher McDougall 7 PM @ VP</p> <p><b>Critics' Circle Book Group:</b> <i>My Brilliant Friend</i> by Elena Ferrante 7 PM</p>	<p>22 <b>A.M. Book Group:</b> <i>Madame Bovary: Patterns of Provincial Life</i> by Gustave Flaubert 10 AM</p> <p><b>Webinar:</b> <i>7 Secrets of Highly Successful People</i> 6:30 PM</p>		<p>24 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 12 - 1:30 PM</p>	<p>25 <b>Gala:</b> <i>Great Expectations</i> 6:30 - 10:30 PM</p>
<p>26 <b>ARTalk:</b> <i>Understanding Abstract Art - Origins and Evolutions</i> with David Dunlop 2 PM</p>	<p>27 <b>Law Through Film Series:</b> <i>Submit</i> 7 PM</p> <p><b>Meeting:</b> Library Board 7:30 PM</p>	<p>28 <b>Write It!: The Art and Joy of Memoir Writing</b> with Jacqueline Masumian 7 PM</p>	<p>29 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Let's Talk Apps</i> 1 - 2:30 PM</p> <p><i>Teens Teach Tech</i> 4 - 5 PM</p> <p><b>Talk:</b> <i>Fraud and Identity Theft Boot Camp</i> with Don McGran 7 PM</p>	<p>30 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Morningstar Training</i> 4 - 5 PM</p>	1	2