

Environmental

Ridgefield Pollinator Pathway Kick-off Events



The Ridgefield Garden Club, Norwalk River Watershed Association, Ridgefield Conservation Commission, Woodcock Nature Center, RACE, Caudatowa Garden Club, REI and Ridgefield Library are kicking off the **Ridgefield Pollinator Pathway** with events in April. Other organizations supporting the Pathway include the Norwalk River Valley Trail and the Ridgefield Land Conservancy. The Pathway, which began last year in Wilton, is a connection of pesticide-free private and public properties with planted areas dedicated to pollinator-friendly native plants.

Panel Discussion

Join us for a panel discussion called “Bee” on the *Pollinator Pathway: Bring Bees, Butterflies and Birds to Your Yard* with **Dina Brewster**, The Hickories; **Mary Wilson**, POP (Protect Our Pollinators); **Vic DiMasi**, local lepidopterist (butterfly expert); and **Lisa Turoczi**, Earth Tones Nursery in Woodbury. There will be plant lists and tips sheets, native plants and honey to purchase.

Wednesday, April 18, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Pollinator Pathway Planting

The second event in the kick-off will be a planting day on Earth Day. Volunteers will help plant native, pollinator-attracting plants at various spots around Ridgefield. Please bring gloves, shovels and spades. Check the Library’s website before heading out to confirm the meeting place.

Sunday, April 22, 12 PM - Place TBD

For info. about registration ridgefieldlibrary.org

Author Talk *It’s All About Attitude* with John Patrick



John Patrick believes many opportunities and problems have their roots in attitude. He also believes the solutions and ways forward are based on attitude. In his revealing talk, John will offer a positive perspective on how an attitude change can reap major improvements. He will also introduce his newest book, *Home Attitude*:

Everything You Need To Know To Make Your Home Smart. Copies will be available for sale and signing.

Thursday, April 5, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Live Music *Ridgefield Folk* with Joey Leone



Shades of Blues in America - A History of The Blues is a concert and program led by music historian and acclaimed guitarist **Joey Leone**. Joey will be joined by two other musicians. They will cover the history, influence and impact of American blues music through songs, stories and historical facts. Joey Leone is a Brooklyn NY native, based in Woodstock, Vermont. This program is free thanks to the Friends of the Library.

Sunday, April 15, 2 PM

Free tickets given out at the door from 1 PM

National Poetry Month

The Great Grace of Words with Ira Joe Fisher



Ridgefield Library presents **Ira Joe Fisher** and *The Great Grace of Words*. Ira will present some poems you may already know... and a few that are new. It’s an evening to experience the beauty that is the poem. Inspiring, enlightening, delighting!

Thursday, April 12, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Intergenerational Poetry Performance and Reading

Members of the newly formed *Teen Performance Poetry Group*, led by retired English teacher Barb Jennes, will be joined by adult participants in Ira Joe Fisher’s recent poetry writing workshop and members from the *Poetry by Heart* group, led by Andrew Levine, for an intergenerational evening celebration of the written and spoken word.

Monday, April 16, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Financial Literacy - Money Smart Week

The Art of Retirement: A Three-part Series



The Advisory Council of the Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce presents a three-night series on the many elements of retirement. Whether you are ready to retire or thirty years from retiring, our three-week series is designed to educate and inform you on multiple topics that affect a successful retirement.

Tuesday, April 10, 17 & 24
6:30 PM - [Register](#)

Women and Money Roundtable Discussion: How To Build Your Investment Portfolio with Julia Strayer and Liz Maccarone

Building and managing a portfolio involves understanding and managing risk. We will share the secrets of portfolio construction and discuss asset allocation, investment styles, diversification and risk.

Thursday, April 26, 1 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

First-Time Homebuyer Seminar with Joseph Chelednik



Joseph Chelednik, Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist (NMLS #13251) at Fairfield County Bank, is presenting a first-time homebuyer event. (Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender)

Learn the homebuying process – from application to closing!

Thursday, April 26, 6:30 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Cyber Security Seminar

Protecting Yourself and Your Personal Information Online with Richard Gunzel

Join cybersecurity expert **Richard Gunzel** for a seminar about protecting your identity and personal information from theft and misuse.

Participants will gain insights into the techniques used by cyber criminals to steal personal information. They will learn various techniques to enhance their own security when selecting user IDs and passwords for accessing social media and the Internet and in choosing “shared secrets” for authenticating themselves at such sites.

Friday, April 6, 1 PM @ Founders Hall
No registration - open to all.

ARTalk

Pastel Workshop with Gregory Maichack



Using O’Keeffe’s *Jimson Weed / White Flower No. 1* as a point of departure, artist and art educator **Gregory Maichack** will present a pastel painting workshop for adults and teens. All materials are provided. There is a \$5 materials fee that will be collected at the door.

ARTalks are co-sponsored by the Library and the Ridgefield Guild of Artists. The ARTalks series is dedicated to exploring the creative arts by presenting lectures, films and workshops which focus on art, architecture and design.

Sunday, April 22, 2 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Health and Wellness

Health and wellness programs are made possible thanks to the *Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life Fund*.

Chair Yoga with Liz Wendel

Wednesday, April 4, 1 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Mindfulness and Meditation with the Community Mindfulness Project

Monday, April 9 & 23, 6:30 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Local History

Ye Old Burying Yard: Ridgefield Cemeteries and Burial Customs with Daniel Cruson

Join us to learn more about local burying grounds and customs. Daniel Cruson is an expert on early life in Colonial Connecticut. He will discuss the evolution of local grave markers from the 1600s through the 1800s and highlight select headstones that are hand-carved, fascinating, and rife with symbolism. This program is co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Graveyard Restoration Committee, Keeler Tavern Museum, Ridgefield Historical Society and the Library.

Wednesday, April 25, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, April 3
7:00 PM

Einstein: His Life and Universe

by Walter Issacson
(Chapter 12 to end)

Next Month's Selection

The Arabs: A History

by Eugene Rogan

Tuesday, May 1

7:00 PM

(Through Chapter 8, p. 247)

Tuesday, June 5

7:00 PM

(Chapter 9 to end)

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, April 5

10:30 AM

The Chalk Circle Man

by Fred Vargas

Parisian police inspector Jean-Baptiste Adamsberg relies on intuition rather than procedure to solve cases, in this occasionally gory, but often amusing series richly evocative of a France the tourists don't see. Only recently issued in English, this first in the series revolves around mysterious circles in blue chalk that appear drawn around objects on the Paris streets – including a dead body.

BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Monday, April 9

10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

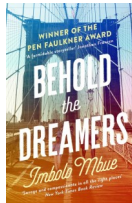
CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 PM

Behold the Dreamers

by Imbolo Mbue



A compulsively readable debut novel about marriage, immigration, class, race, and the trapdoors in the American Dream - the unforgettable story of a young Cameroonian couple making a new life in New York just as the Great Recession upends the economy.

Winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award and an Oprah's Book Club pick.

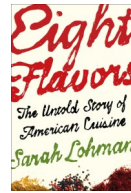
FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, April 23

2:00 PM

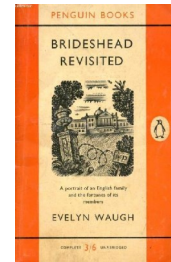
Eight Flavors: The Untold Story of American Cuisine

by Sarah Lohman



This unique culinary history of America looks at our past and uses long-forgotten recipes to explain how eight flavors changed how we eat. The United States boasts a culturally and ethnically diverse population which makes for a continually changing culinary landscape.

comment on a range of social and moral issues, from homosexuality to religion.



POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, April 27

1:00 PM

Bewilderment

by David Ferry

Discussion led by Dr. Alan Holder. Program made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, April 25

10:00 AM

Brideshead Revisited

by Evelyn Waugh

Posted in 1943 to a country estate commandeered for the war effort, Charles Ryder reminisces about his relationship with the wealthy Marchmain family who owns Brideshead, allowing the author to dissect the lives of the British upper classes and

LIVE IN HD @ RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE

Metropolitan Opera, National Theatre of London and the Bolshoi Ballet on the big screen! Ridgefield Library card holders now receive the Playhouse membership rate of \$20 for these events. For a full listing visit - ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

Parenting

LGBTQ: Understanding the Challenges and Rewards of Youth Finding Their Identity with Micaela Scully

Join us as **Micaela Scully**, a licensed clinical social worker specializing in LGBTQ-specific struggles and concerns, offers insights. Bring your questions and an open mind! This program is part of the *Parenting the #Selfie Generation* series, a collaboration with Ridgefield Public Schools and Council of PTAs, Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Youth Commission, Books on the Common, Project Resilience, Town Vibe, and Silver Hill Hospital.

Thursday, April 19, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Social Skills Are the Key to Success: Teaching Kids with LD and ADHD

with Dr. Marcia Eckerd

This program is presented by Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities and is co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Library. Doors open at 9 AM - program starts at 9:30 AM.




Dr. Marcia Eckerd, a licensed psychologist in practice since 1985, specializes in social skills training and therapy with children and adults using a variety of modalities.

Saturday, April 21, 9:30 AM

For info. about registration ridgefieldlibrary.org

Featured Events Calendar - April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Exhibition: <i>My Iconic Women</i> by Hazel Jarvis</p> <p>EXTENDED!</p> <p>Exhibit Runs Through April 29 Lower Level Gallery</p>	<p>3 Nonfictioners: <i>Einstein: His Life and Universe</i> by Walter Issacson (Chapter 12 to end) 7 PM</p>	<p>4 Health: <i>Chair Yoga</i> with Valerie Rich 1 PM Presentation: <i>Imperial Fabergé Eggs</i> with Marina Forbes 7 PM</p>	<p>5 Murder by the Book: <i>The Chalk Circle Man</i> by Fred Vargas 10:30 AM Author Talk: <i>It's All About Attitude</i> with John Patrick 7 PM</p>	<p>6 Founders Hall Seminar Series: <i>Protecting Yourself and Your Personal Information Online</i> with Richard Gunzel 1PM @ Founders Hall</p>	<p>7 Workshop: <i>Poetry By Heart</i> with Andrew Levine 10 AM</p>	
8	<p>9 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM Class: <i>Mindfulness and Meditation</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>10 Panel: <i>The Art of Retirement 1/3</i> with the Advisory Council of the Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce 6:30 PM</p>	<p>11 Tech Tricks: <i>Tech Savvy Not Tech Sorry</i> with Dawn DeCosta 11 AM</p>	<p>12 Poetry: <i>The Great Grace of Words</i> with Ira Joe Fisher 7 PM</p>	13	<p>14 Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM</p>
<p>15 Ridgefield Folk: <i>Shades of Blues in America - A History of The Blues</i> with Joey Leone 2 PM</p>	<p>16 Tech Topics: <i>Downloading eBooks and Audiobooks</i> 11 AM Poetry Celebration: <i>An Intergenerational Poetry Reading and Performance</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>17 Tech Topics: <i>Instagram</i> with Kate Fitzpatrick 10:30 AM Panel: <i>The Art of Retirement 2/3</i> 6:30 PM Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>Behold the Dreamers</i> by Imbolo Mbue 7 PM</p>	<p>18 Tech Topics: <i>Downloading eBooks and Audiobooks</i> 2 PM Panel Discussion: <i>Ridgefield Pollinator Pathway Kick-Off</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>19 Parenting the #Selfie Generation: <i>LGBTQ: Understanding the Alphabet Soup of Identity</i> with Micaela Scully 7 PM</p>	20	<p>21 Smart Kids Program: <i>Social Skills Are the Key to Success: Teaching Kids with LD and ADHD</i> 9:30 AM Workshop: <i>Poetry By Heart</i> with Andrew Levine 10 AM</p>
<p>22 ARTalk: <i>O'Keeffe Pastel Workshop: A Hands-on Class for Adults and Teens</i> with Gregory Maichack 2 PM</p>	<p>23 Food for Thought: <i>Eight Flavors: The Untold Story of American Cuisine</i> by Sarah Lohman 2 PM Skillsbox: <i>Facebook 101 for Business</i> with Kate Fitzpatrick 6 PM Class: <i>Mindfulness and Meditation</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>24 Panel: <i>The Art of Retirement 3/3</i> with the Advisory Council of the Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce 6:30 PM</p>	<p>25 A.M. Book Group: <i>Brideshead Revisited</i> by Evelyn Waugh 10 AM Making STEAM: <i>Making Stuffed Animals</i> with Pat Corrigan 1 PM Presentation: <i>Ye Old Burying Yard: Ridgefield Cemeteries and Bural Customs</i> with Daniel Cruson 7 PM</p>	<p>26 Tech Topics: <i>Finding Your Next Read</i> 12 PM Women and Money Roundtable: <i>How To Build Your Investment Portfolio</i> with Julia Strayer and Liz Maccarone 1 PM Seminar: <i>First Time Homebuyer Seminar</i> with Joe Chelednik 6:30 PM</p>	<p>27 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Bewilderment: New Poems and Translations</i> by David Ferry with Dr. Alan Holder 1 PM</p>	<p>28 Library Closed Library Gala: <i>Great Expectations!</i></p>
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