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Ridgefield Library Adult Programs Newsletter

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April/May 2014

THE BIG MOVE AND OPENING WEEKEND

The New Ridgefield Library Opening Weekend Celebrations

The Library will close at its temporary location at 21 Governor Street on Thursday, April 17 at 7 PM as we move operations over to our newly renovated and expanded Library at 472 Main Street. The official Opening Weekend will be May 9 through 11. "We invite the entire community to join us on the afternoon of Friday, May 9 for ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremonies, to be followed throughout the weekend by performances, demonstrations, games and more to help visitors discover the many delights of the new Ridgefield Library." - Peter Coffin, Chair of the Board of the Library.

Adult program highlights for the weekend will include a performance by musicians Grayson Hugh and Polly Messer on Saturday, May 10 at 3:30 PM and a program called "Voices" that will take place on Sunday at 3:30 PM and will include reading and musical pieces by local writers and musicians. Be sure to come and see our wonderful new space!

Library Closed from April 18. Opening Weekend Celebrations May 9 to May 11
For information visit www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

WRITE IT! WORKSHOP
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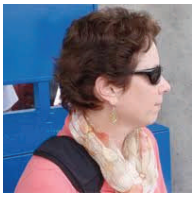
The Art of the Essay
with Adele Annesi



This workshop is geared toward writers and students who seek to develop and perfect the essay form, whether in preparation for college, an advanced degree, memoir writing or publication. Included are handouts, Q&A and a critique. Please bring writing materials and a 100-word description of your writing goal for the essay.

Formerly with Scholastic Publishing and Gartner, **Adele Annesi** is an adjunct English professor and an award-winning writer with an MFA in creative writing from Fairfield University. Only one or two spots still available!

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Sunday, April 6, 2 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Writing Children's Novels
with Suzanne Nelson

Join us for a three-part workshop: *Writing Children's Novels* with author and teacher Suzanne Nelson. The three sessions will be held on May 29, June 5 and June 12. The class is limited to 15 participants. Please register.

This hands-on workshop focuses on the methods and styles for writing children's novels, specifically focused on middle grade and young adult novels. Middle grade and young adult novel writing trends and published children's novels are examined. Dialogue, plotting, conflict and characterization styles for children's novels are also discussed. Pre-class Assignment: Write opening pages of a children's novel and bring it to the first class for critiquing. **Suzanne Nelson** is the author of many books for children including the upcoming novel, *Shoes in the Street*, which will be published in 2015 by Knopf, a division of Random House.

Thursdays, May 29, June 5, 12, 7 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

ARTALK FILM SERIES

Film Series @ The Prospector Pop-up

Due to popular demand, we will be continuing our series of films focusing on artists' creative work and lives. In April we will screen ***Basquiat*** (R 108, mins.) and in May, ***Georgia O'Keefe*** (NR, 89 mins.*)* Both screenings take place at the Prospector Theater Pop-up Shop at 454 Main Street. Co-sponsored by The Guild of Artists and the Prospector Theater.

Monday, April 28, 7 PM
Register at Basquiat and O'Keefe

FRIENDS BOOK SALE

Friends of the Library Book Sale
@ Yanity Gym

Don't miss the Friends of the Library giant spring book sale!

Friday, May 2, 9 AM - 12 noon - Early buying (free for Friends members; $10 admission for non-members)
Friday, May 2, 12 noon - 8 PM - Free admission
Saturday, May 3, 9 AM - 5 PM - Free admission
Sunday, May 4, 12 noon - 5 PM - All books half price
Monday, May 5, 9 AM - 4 PM - Bag of books for $5.00 - (bring your own bag)

Friday through Monday, May 2 to May 5
@ Yanity Gym, 60 Prospect Street

FILM SCREENING

Film Screening: Larry Aldrich In His Own Words
@ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum

The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum will present a special film screening of ***Larry Aldrich—In His Own Words***. The program is part of the Museum's 50th Anniversary celebrations. *Presented in partnership with the Ridgefield Library.*

Don't miss this opportunity to gain insights into the life of Larry Aldrich. Hear in his own words about his move to and love for Ridgefield, the Museum's founding, and classic stories about the art and artists he so admired. Filmed on the occasion of The Aldrich's 25th anniversary in 1989, this is the only existing video footage of Mr. Aldrich talking about his life and passion for art.

The program is free and open to all. Please register.

Thursday, April 10, 7 PM
Register at The Aldrich website

—AUTHOR TALK

Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?
with Roz Chast
The Library @ 472 Main Street

Books on the Common and Ridgefield Library are delighted to welcome award-winning cartoonist and illustrator **Roz Chast** to discuss her graphic memoir *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?*

Roz Chast's cartoons have been published widely in *The New Yorker* and in many other magazines, including *Scientific American*, the *Harvard Business Review Redbook*, and *Mother Jones*. Her last book is a comprehensive compilation of her favorite cartoons called *Theories of Everything*. She also illustrated *The Alphabet from A to Y, with Bonus Letter, Z*, the best-selling children's book by Steve Martin.

Friday, May 23, 7:30 PM
Please register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

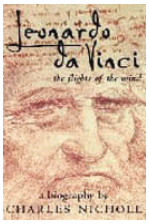
NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, April 1
7:15PM
The Hudson: A History
by Tom Lewis

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, May 6
7 PM
Location TBA
Leonardo Da Vinci: Flights of the Mind
by Charles Nicholl

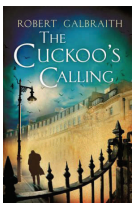
In this widely acclaimed biography, Charles Nicholl uncovers the man behind the myth of the "Renaissance master," tracing the journey from an illegitimate child in Tuscany to his service with some of the most powerful families of Renaissance Europe.



MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, April 3
11:15 AM

The Cuckoo's Calling
by Robert Galbraith



This gritty contemporary crime story starring London PI and wounded Afghan War vet Cormoran Strike garnered starred reviews for its characterization and compelling storytelling, even before it was revealed that Galbraith is a pseudonym for J.K. Rowling.

Next Month's Selection

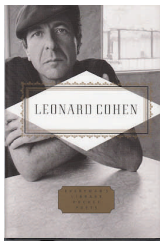
Tuesday, May 1
1 PM (Note new time)
Location TBA
A Stained White Radiance
by James Lee Burke

Louisiana detective Dave Robicheaux has appeared in over 20 novels that limn the seamy side of life in New Orleans and the Bayou Country, touching here on the intersection of politics, race and family.

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, April 11
1 PM
Poems and Songs
by Leonard Cohen

In the more than half century since his first book of poems was published, Leonard Cohen has evolved into an international cult figure who transcends genres and generations. This anthology contains a cross section of his five decades of influential work, including such legendary songs as "Suzanne," "Sisters of Mercy," "Bird on the Wire," "Famous Blue Raincoat," and "I'm Your Man" and searingly memorable poems from his many acclaimed poetry collections, including *Flowers for Hitler, Beautiful Losers,* and *Death of a Lady's Man.*



Next Month's Selection

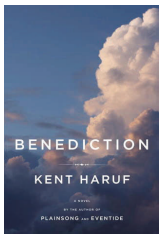
Tuesday, May 16
1 PM
Location TBA
Looking in All Directions
by Peter Kane Dufault

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

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 15
7:15 PM
Benediction
by Kent Haruf

Benediction captures the fullness of life by representing every stage of it, including its extinction, as well as the hopes and dreams that sustain us along the way. Kent Haruf gives us his most indelible portrait yet of a small town and reveals, with grace and insight, the compassion, the suffering and, above all, the humanity of its inhabitants.



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Tuesday, May 20
7 PM
Location TBD
Life After Life
by Kate Atkinson

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, April 23
11:15 AM
Location TBA
Runaway: Stories
by Alice Munro

A sampling of short fiction by the Canadian writer and winner of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Next Month's Selection

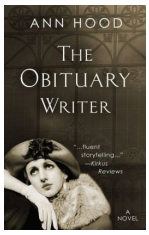
Wednesday, May 28
10 AM (Note new time)
Arthur & George
by Julian Barnes

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP

@ Founders Hall

Thursday, April 10
3 PM
The Obituary Writer
by Ann Hood

Part literary mystery and part love story, *The Obituary Writer* examines expectations of marriage and love, the roles of wives and mothers, and the emotions of grief, regret, and hope.



Next Month's Selection

Thursday, May 29
3 PM
@ Founders Hall
Excellent Women
by Barbara Pym

EVENTS CALENDAR - APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 **The Nonfic-tioneers:** *The Hudson: A History* by Tom Lewis 7:15 PM **Meeting:** *The Writers Guild of Ridgefield* 7 PM	2	3 **Murder by the Book:** *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith 11:15 AM	4	5 **Meeting:** *Memoir Writing Group* 1 PM
6 **Workshop:** *Write It! The Art of the Essay* with Adele Annesi 2 PM Register	7	8	9	10 **Founders Hall Book Discussion:** *The Obituary Writer* by Ann Hood 3 PM **Film Screen-ing:** *Larry Al-drich—In His Own Words* @ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum 7 PM	11 **Poetry Discussion Group:** *Poems and Songs* by Leonard Cohen 1 PM	12 **Meeting:** *Shutterbugs* 9 AM
13	14 **Discussion:** *Books & Breakfast* 10:30 AM @ Keeler Tavern	15 **Critics' Circle Book Group:** *Benediction* by Kent Haruf 7:15 PM	16	17	18 **Library Closed:** Moving to Main Street!	19 **Library Closed:** Moving to Main Street!
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