

The Ridgefield Library



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Author Talk:

"Cruising Connecticut with a Picnic Basket"

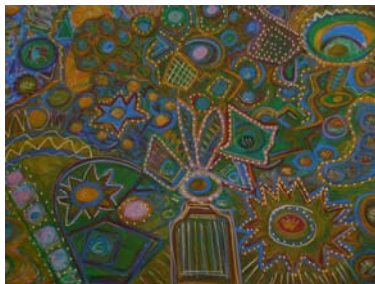
With Jan Mann



On **Thursday, August 13 at 7 PM** author Jan Mann will discuss her book *Cruising Connecticut with a Picnic Basket*. In the book Ms. Mann describes 42 day trips, each accompanied by a made-to-order picnic. *Cruising Connecticut* combines an eclectic selection of places to visit with the fine art of picnicking. From hunting spring wildflowers to wine tasting — from hiking and biking on miles of trails to tubing and kayaking on our waterways — from city walking tours to country drives — from old homesteads to unique museums. And, who would think of picnicking in the middle of a shopping trip or at the theater!

Books will be available for sale and signing after the program.

Exhibit:



*Playful
Color:
Paintings
by Jane
Tallman*

From **August 5 through August 30**, the Library will feature the work of painter Jane Antoinette Tallman. There will be a reception, open to the public, on **Saturday, August 8 from 2 – 4:30 p.m.** Refreshments will be served.

Tallman, a colorist and painter, began her career studying nursing at Columbia School of Nursing. She then worked at New York Hospital and several other city hospitals. Of her paintings she said, "I love putting colors together intuitively and the outcome is always fun. Color gives you a keen sense of how the artist is feeling when they paint." The artist's lively, vibrant pieces are a testimony to her love of color and energetic forms.

The exhibit can be viewed during normal Library hours when the room is not in use for another program.

Poetry Bistro:

Open Mic Night

Bring along a few of your favorite poems or, better still, some you have penned yourself to share with fellow poetry lovers.

Thursday, August 20

7 PM

Refreshments

No Registration.

Free thanks to the

Friends of the Library.



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BOOK GROUPS

TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, August 4
7 PM

*The Rise and Fall of
Alexandria: Birthplace of
the Modern Mind*
by Justin Pollard

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, Sept. 1
7 PM

*Two-Part Invention: the
Story of a Marriage: The
Crosswicks Journal
Book 4*
by Madeline L'Engle

Madeline L'Engle, the popular author of many books for children and adults, has interspersed her writing and teaching career with raising three children, maintaining an apartment in New York and a farmhouse of charming confusion.

Books & Breakfast

Monday, August 10
10:30 AM



*Join us for breakfast
and an informal
book discussion*

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

No meetings over the summer.
The next meeting of the Poetry
Discussion Group led by Dr. Alan
Holder will be on

Friday, September 18

1 PM

Sponsored by the Friends of
the Library.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, July 21
7 PM

*The Country of the
Pointed Firs*
by Sarah Orne Jewett

This American classic is a series of interconnected stories about the residents of the fictional coastal Maine town of Dunnett's Landing. Jewett offers a resonant portrait of people living in a landscape buffeted by the forces of isolation and by nature's severity. Henry James described *The Country of the Pointed Firs* as Jewett's "beautiful little quantum of achievement."

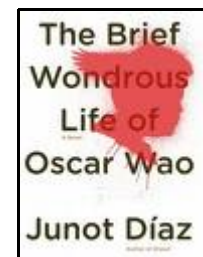


A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, August 26
10 AM

*The Brief Wonderful Life
of Oscar Wao*
by Junot Diaz

The coming-of-age story of misfit Oscar, living in New Jersey with a fiercely traditional mother and a rebellious sister and dreaming of becoming the J.R.R. Tolkien of his native Dominican Republic. A highly praised first novel which won its author a Pulitzer Prize for its depiction of how individual lives are determined by family history.



Hollister Films

Coraline (2009)

Rated PG, 100 Mins.

A young girl walks through a secret door in her new home and discovers an alternate version of her life. On the surface, this wondrously off-kilter, fantastical adventure turns dangerous, Coraline must count on her resourcefulness to get back home and save her family.



Tuesday, August 11

1:30 & 7 PM

The Soloist (2008)

Rated PG 13, 116 Mins.

In this emotionally soaring drama about the redemptive power of music, journalist Steve Lopez discovers Nathaniel Anthony Ayers, a former classical music prodigy, playing his violin on the streets of L.A. As Lopez endeavors to help the homeless man find his way back, a unique friendship is formed, one that transforms both their lives.



Tuesday, August 25

1:30 & 7 PM

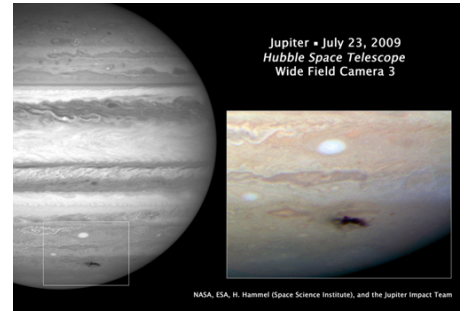
Coming this Fall

Target: Jupiter - A First Look at the 2009 Impact!

With **Dr. Heidi Hammel**, Senior Research Scientist at the Space Science Institute, Boulder, CO

Monday, September 21, 7 PM - Dayton Program Room

After an amateur astronomer in Australia noticed there was something unusual about Jupiter, Ridgefielder Dr. Heidi Hammel, who was working in Hawaii at the time, was given permission to use the Hubble Space Telescope's recently installed Wide Field Camera 3 (before it had even been fully tested and calibrated) to take fantastic images of the impact site that have since been seen around the world. Come find out more! **Suitable for ages 8 to 108! No registration.**



A Seven-Part Photography Workshop

with professional photographer and teacher Donald Bruen
Saturdays from 10 AM to Noon

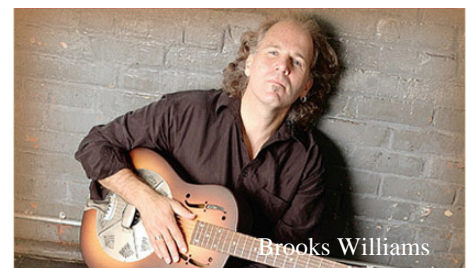
- September 26 and October 3 - classroom sessions in the Dayton Program Room
- October 10, 17, 24 and 31 - field trip sessions - location details TBA
- November 7 - follow up session in the Dayton Program Room
- Exhibit of participants' work in the Dayton Room "Gallery" in December 2009

No Registration.



Ridgefield Folk Fall Series

- **Gail Wade and Brooks Williams**
Sunday, October 4, 2 PM
- **Diana Jones**
Sunday, October 25, 2 PM
- **One more show TBA**



Free thanks to the Friends of the Library. Tickets can be picked up starting at 1 PM on the day of the show. Doors open at 1:30.

Show starts at 2 PM.



AUGUST 2009

CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	August Exhibit: <i>Playful Color</i> by Jane Tallman. August 5 - 30 Artist's Reception: Saturday, August 8, 2 - 4:30 PM			30	31	1 Memoir Writing Group 10 AM
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