

The Ridgefield Library

rl ridgefield
library
Enriching Minds.
Enhancing Community.

Biblioevents

Programs and Events for Adults

Volume 19, Issue 2

August 2012

We're Moving Forward... Very Soon!



Ridgefield Library's Temporary Location at 21 Governor Street

The Ridgefield Library will be closing the doors at its 472 Main Street location at 5:00 PM on Saturday, August 18th and will remain closed until 9:00 AM on Tuesday, September 4th, when it will begin service from its temporary location at the former Balducci's store at 21 Governor Street. The Library's phone number will remain the same (203-438-2282), and 472 Main Street will remain the mailing address.

September 4th will also mark the beginning of a new schedule of open hours to provide added convenience and consistency. The new schedule will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 PM (during the school year).

"For years, people have been asking us to open earlier during the week," says Library Director Chris Nolan. "And even the most dedicated Library users can lose track of which evenings we are open. We hope this new arrangement will make it easier for people to take advantage of everything we have on offer. While there will be changes to our services due to the size and nature of our temporary space, we have some very creative plans underway to remain a vital and vibrant part of Ridgefielders' lives while we are awaiting completion of our beautiful new building." Construction is expected to last 16 to 18 months.

During this two week closing, most library services will be unavailable as we pack and move our collections, technology and furnishings. We urge folks to stock up on reading, listening and viewing material to tide them over during this brief hiatus. No items will be due during this period, and no fines will be charged for the closed days. Summer Reading participants will be able to pick up any prizes they have earned through the 18th and again after Labor Day. Donations for the Friends book sale will be accepted at 472 Main Street until August 17th and at the Governor Street location starting September 4th. Only limited programs will be held while we are closed, and they will take place at alternative locations. Check the event calendar on the Library website for details.

The Library will continue to offer a wide mix of educational and cultural programs during the construction period. These will take place both in our interim location and, thanks to the many local organizations that have offered to partner with the Library during this transition period, out and about in our community. Although some programs such as the Hollister Film series will not continue during construction, many more will go on as before, including book discussions, lectures, talks, live music and more. Stay tuned!

Ridgefield Library @ The Aldrich

Author Talk and Book Launch with David Rich



Join us for the official book launch of *Caravan of Thieves* by Ridgefielder David Rich, published on August 30 by Dutton. This program is hosted by The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum at 258 Main Street, Ridgefield. Refreshments will be served thanks to the Friends of the Library.

"A stylish, gritty, breakneck tale, *Caravan of Thieves* had me guessing the whole way. David Rich's terse, hard-boiled prose keeps the story moving faster than a wanted criminal. And the ending is a stunner! Highly recommended!"-Christopher Reich, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Rules of Betrayal*.

David Rich has sold screenplays to most of the major studios and to many smaller studios and productions companies in the US and Europe. He wrote the feature film *Renegades*, starring Kiefer Sutherland and Lou Diamond Phillips (released by Universal). Forsaking Los Angeles for small-town Ridgefield, Connecticut, David Rich turned his attention to fiction. *Caravan of Thieves* is the result.

Co-sponsored by The Friends of the Library and Books on the Common
REGISTER AT RIDGEFIELDLIBRARY.ORG



Thursday, August 30 at 7 PM @ The Aldrich



Coming in September

Dipping Into Proust

This fall the Library will join forces with The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum to present a multi-media series of programs based on Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time*, better known as ***Remembrance of Things Past*** or, in its original

French, *À la recherche du temps perdu*. The novel, in seven volumes, is one of the longest in the world at 1.5 million words. Our series ***Dipping Into Proust*** will focus on just the first book, *Swann's Way*, the volume that contains the now famous "episode of the madeleine" which sparked the involuntary memories of the book's narrator. **All programs will take place at The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum at 258 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT.**

Thanks to the Friends of the Library a limited number of copies of *Swann's Way* are available for book discussion participants; we will be using the Penguin Classics edition, in the new Lydia Davis translation. Sign up at the Fiction Desk of the Library to receive your free copy.

Dr. Mark Schenker, Associate Dean at Yale College, will kick off the series on **Thursday, September 20 at 7 PM** with an introductory lecture about the life and work of Proust. Dr. Schenker has led many "sold-out" lectures at the Library in the past, including programs

on such literary giants as James Joyce, John Steinbeck and, most recently, Dickens.

Parisian Impressions: Chamber Music of Proust's Time with the Sherman Chamber Ensemble will take place on **Sunday, September 23 at 3 PM**. The Sherman Chamber Ensemble presents a musical program that will evoke the Paris of Proust's time, with works by Ravel, Fauré, Debussy and others. Performers are Stacey Shames (harp), Susan Rotholz (flute) and Eliot Bailen (cello). A reception will follow the performance – madeleines will be served!

Mary Rindfleisch, Assistant Library Director, will lead two discussions of *Swann's Way*. A morning discussion on **Wednesday, October 24 at 10 AM** and an evening discussion on **Thursday, October 25 at 7 PM**.

Dipping into Proust is a project of **Ridgefield Library @ The Aldrich**, a joint initiative to promote cultural and educational programming in the community, particularly while the Library is in transition during construction of the New Ridgefield Library. Programs are made possible thanks the Friends of the Library and the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS AT
WWW.RIDGEFIELDLIBRARY.ORG



For information about The Aldrich visit www.aldrichart.org

BOOK GROUPS

MURDER BY THE BOOK

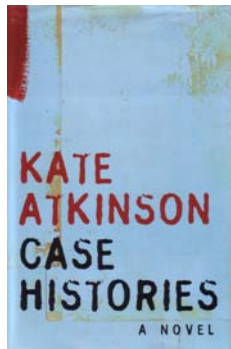
Thursday, August 2
10 AM
Before Midnight
by Rex Stout

Next Month's Selection
Thursday, September
10 AM
7 PM

Location TBD
Call 203-438-2282
for information

Case Histories
by Kate Atkinson

Introducing private detective Jackson Brodie, who finds echoes of the tragedies in his own life in the details of several old cases of murder and missing persons he agrees to investigate. "Playful humor, an impressive technique, and an offbeat detective with a penchant for weeping are the most obvious pleasures of a page-turner that succeeds in being both brainy and thoroughly entertaining." (Booklist starred review)



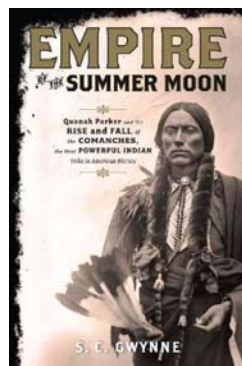
NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, August 7
7:15 PM
Atlantic
by Simon Winchester

NOTE NEW TIME

Next Month's Selection
Tuesday, September 4
7:15 PM

Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History
by S.C. Gwynne



S. C. Gwynne's *Empire of the Summer Moon* spans two astonishing stories. The first traces the rise and fall of the Comanches, the most powerful Indian tribe in American history. The second entails one of the most remarkable narratives ever to come out of the Old West: the epic saga of the pioneer woman Cynthia Ann Parker and her mixed-blood son Quanah, who became the last and greatest chief of the Comanches.

BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Monday, August 13
10:30 AM



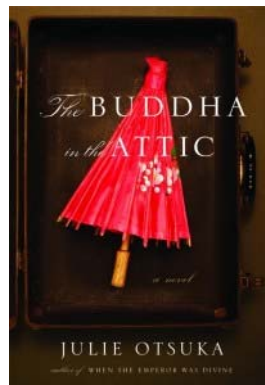
CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, August 21
7 PM
The Buddha in the Attic
by Julie Otsuka

THIS PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE AT DIMITRI'S DINER

COFFEE AND DESSERT IS ON THE LIBRARY!

This luminous novel is told in the collective voice of a group of women brought from Japan to San Francisco in the 1900s as mail-order brides. It is the winner of the Pen/Faulkner Award for 2012

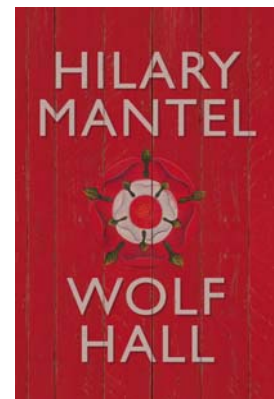


A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, August 22
10 AM
Wolf Hall
by Hilary Mantel

Location TBD
Call 203-438-2282
for information

Well-regarded for her thoughtful contemporary and historical novels, the British author takes on Henry VIII, Thomas Cromwell and Sir Thomas More in this winner of the Man Booker and National Book Critics Circle awards. The first of a projected trilogy, of which the 2nd volume has just been released.



POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

No meeting in August

Next meeting
Friday, September 21
1 PM

Sponsored by The Friends

During the construction of the New Ridgefield Library we will be unable to screen the Hollister Film Series

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2 Murder by the Book: <i>Before Midnight</i> by Rex Stout 10 AM	3	4 Memoir Group: Monthly Meeting 10 AM
5 Library Closed: Summer Sundays	6	7 The Nonfictioneers: <i>Atlantic</i> by Simon Winchester	8	9 Founders Hall Book Discussion: <i>Paris Wife</i> by Paula McLain @ Founders Hall (for FH members) 3 PM	10	11 Shutterbugs: Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM
12 Library Closed: Summer Sundays	13 Discussion: <i>Books and Breakfast</i> with Dorothy Pawlowski	14	15	16	17	18
19 Library Closed: Summer Sundays	20 Library Closed: For move to 21 Governor Street	21 Library Closed Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>The Buddha in the Attic</i> by Julie Otsuka 7 PM @ Dimitri's Diner Meeting: <i>Writers Guild of Ridgefield</i> 7 PM @ Starbucks Call 203-244-5341 to confirm	22 Library Closed: For move to 21 Governor Street A.M. Book Group: <i>Wolf Hall</i> by Hilary Mantel 10 AM Location TBD Call 203-438-2282 for information	23 Library Closed: For move to 21 Governor Street	24 Library Closed: For move to 21 Governor Street	25 Library Closed: For move to 21 Governor Street
26 Library Closed: Summer Sundays	27 Library Closed: For move to 21 Governor Street	28 Library Closed: For move to 21 Governor Street	29 Library Closed: For move to 21 Governor Street	30 Library Closed Author Presentation and Book Launch: <i>Caravan of Thieves</i> with David Rich 7 PM @ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum 7 PM	31 Library Closed: For move to 21 Governor Street	1