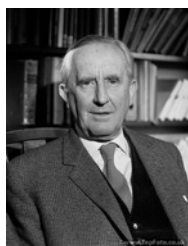
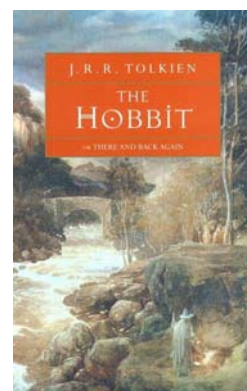
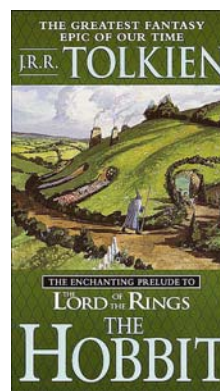
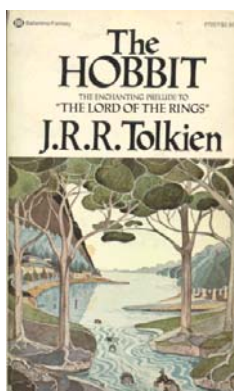
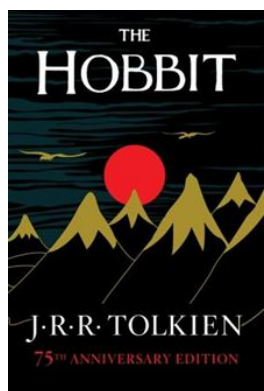
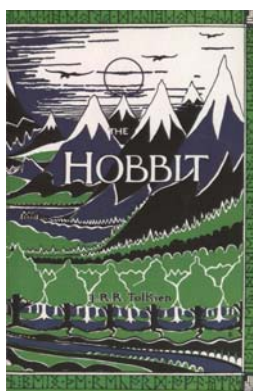


Lecture, Book Discussion, and More Inspired by:

The Hobbit

by J R R Tolkien



Tolkien

Many people are eager to see the movie *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* by *Lord of the Rings* Director Peter Jackson, but the Ridgefield Library encourages you and your family to read JRR Tolkien's book first, then enjoy several *Hobbit*-related programs at the Library.

On Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 PM teens and adults can enjoy a lecture and discussion about *The Hobbit* and its place in Tolkien's wider body of work. Roberta Staples, professor of English at Sacred Heart University, will discuss *The Hobbit* and how it relates to *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. She will be joined by Mark Edwards, who also teaches at Sacred Heart in the Communications and Media Studies Department. He will focus his talk on how such a beloved classic as *The Hobbit* can be translated to the big screen.

Dr. Roberta Staples specializes in Anglo-Saxon, Medieval, Renaissance, Gothic, Fantasy, and Arthurian Literature and has taught courses on Tolkien.



Mark Edwards

In addition to teaching at Sacred Heart University, Mark Edwards is an author and playwright. His book *Pirates on Dinosaur Island* was published in the spring of 2012 by Gemma Media, and his play *Ladies in Hats* was a Kennedy Center semi-finalist and was performed in the Boston Playwrights' Theatre Marathon in 2010. Edwards is currently writing a column on science fiction television for *Space and Time* magazine and teaches an Art of Science Fiction and Fantasy writing course for the M.F.A. program at Lesley University.

In addition a *Shire Faire* filled with *Hobbit*-inspired family fun will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 15 between 9 AM and 5 PM**. This will include crafts, refreshments (elevenses), magic, a Tolkien Storytime and a family discussion of the book from 2 - 3 PM, led by Geri Diorio, Head of Children's Services and Teen Librarian.

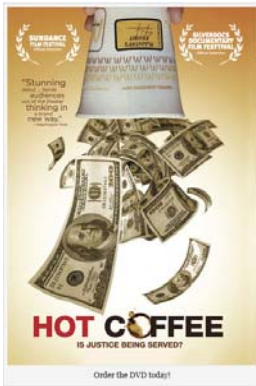
A limited number of copies of *The Hobbit* are available at the Library or copies can be purchased at Books on the Common at a 15% discount.



Film Screening and Discussion

Hot Coffee

With Attorney Larry Reilly



Join us for a film screening of *Hot Coffee* followed by a discussion led by Ridgefield attorney Larry Reilly.

The HBO documentary *Hot Coffee* is an eye-opening exposé of the famous McDonald's "hot coffee" lawsuit and related tort reform issues. It has won awards

at several film festivals including the Sundance Film Festival, Los Angeles Film Festival, Silverdocs Documentary Film Festival, Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, the Seattle International Film Festival, Edmonton International Film Festival, and the Independent Film Festival Boston. Larry Reilly has worked as a trial lawyer in

Fairfield County for the past 23 years. Mr. Reilly represents both plaintiffs and defendants in court in a wide array of civil matters including commercial and business disputes, personal injury, medical malpractice, and land use disputes. His most recent trials involved fraud in the sale of a business, a motor vehicle collision resulting in traumatic brain injury, and a claim of adverse possession of real property. He is a life member of both the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum of the American Association for Justice, and a member of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association. He also coaches the Ridgefield High School Mock Trial team.

No registration

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 7:15 PM

Concert:

Roots of Rock 'n' Roll
with Brian Gillie



Unlike any history lesson you will ever see, it's Brian's impersonations, costumes, props, original sound bites, stand-up piano-playing, radio commercials and attitude that reveal **the story of rock's origins** through gospel, rhythm & blues and country and western.

Meet the personalities and songs that shaped the music of doo-wop, Motown, girl groups, surfin', soul, novelty tunes and much more: Little Richard to Beach Boys, Chuck Berry to Beatles, Elvis to Supremes.

The program is aimed at adults.

No registration

Saturday, December 1, 3 PM

Author Talk: Fly Fishing

Fly Fishing: The Sacred Art
with Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer



Ridgefield's own Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer will talk about the recently released book *Fly Fishing—The Sacred Art, Casting a Fly as a Spiritual Practice*, which he co-authored with Dr. Michael Attas.

The book is a unique exploration of fly-fishing as a spiritual practice. The authors, an Episcopal priest and a rabbi, share what fly-fishing has to teach us about reflection, awe and the wonder of the natural world, the benefits of solitude, the blessing of community and the search for the Divine. Rabbi Eisenkramer is creator of *The Fly Fishing Rabbi: A Blog about Trout, God and Religion*, and a contributor to Trout magazine. He is the spiritual leader of Temple Shearith Israel in Ridgefield.

No registration

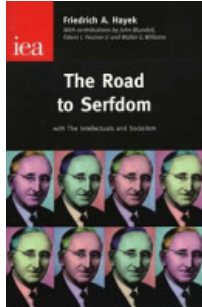
Thursday, December 6, 7 PM

BOOK GROUPS

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, December 4
7 PM

The Road To Serfdom
by F.A. Hayek



An unimpeachable classic work in political philosophy, intellectual and cultural history, and economics, *The Road to Serfdom* has inspired and infuriated politicians, scholars, and general readers for half a century. Originally published in 1944—when Eleanor Roosevelt supported the efforts of Stalin, and Albert Einstein subscribed lock, stock, and barrel to the socialist program—*The Road to Serfdom* was seen as heretical for its passionate warning against the dangers of state control over the means of production. For F. A. Hayek, the collectivist idea of empowering government with increasing economic control would lead not to a utopia, but to the horrors of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

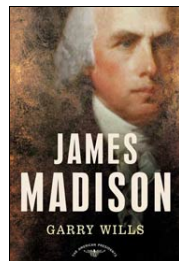
NONFICTIONEERS

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, January 8
7 PM

James Madison
by Garry Wills

A best-selling historian examines the life of a Founding Father. Renowned historian and social commentator Garry Wills takes a fresh look at the life of James Madison, from his rise to prominence in the colonies through his role in the creation of the Articles of Confederation and in the first Constitutional Congress. Madison oversaw the first foreign war under the Constitution, and was forced to adjust some expectations he had formed while drafting that document. Not temperamentally suited to be a wartime President, Madison nonetheless confronted issues such as public morale, internal security, relations with Congress, and the independence of the military. Wills also traces Madison's later life during which, like many recent Presidents, he enjoyed greater popularity than while in office.

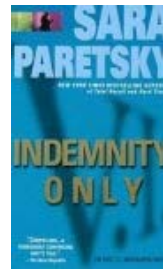


MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, December 6
(rescheduled from November 1)
10 AM

Indemnity Only
by Sara Paretsky

One of the creators of the popular subgenre of the modern female PI, Paretsky is also known for integrating social issues into the plots of her Chicago-based novels. In this series opener, V.I. Warshawski is up against serious white collar criminals when she is hired by the head of Chicago's biggest bank to find his son's missing girlfriend.



POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, December 14
1 PM

The Postal Confessions
by Max Garland

A limited number of copies of the book will be available for discussion participants, thanks to the Friends of the Library.



BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Next Meeting
Monday, Jan. 14
10:30 AM



This program now takes place @ the Keeler Tavern Museum at 132 Main Street

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Next Meeting
Tuesday, January 15
7 PM

Homer and Langley
by E L Doctorow

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Next Meeting
Wednesday, Jan 23
Title: TBA
@ The Community Center at 316 Main Street

Library Book Groups always welcome new members.

Copies of the books may be purchased at Books on the Common at a 15% discount, or inquire about in-house and Inter-Library Loan availability. No registration needed.

Unless noted otherwise programs will take place in the Library Program Room at 21 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	<p>1 Holiday Stroll!</p> <p>Memoir Writing Group 1 PM</p> <p>Concert: <i>The Roots of Rock 'n' Roll</i> with Brian Gillie 3 PM</p>
2	3	<p>4 The Nonfictioneers: <i>The Road to Serfdom</i> by F. A. Hayek 7:15 PM</p>	5	<p>6 Murder by the Book: <i>Indemnity Only</i> by Sara Paretsky 10 AM</p> <p>Author Talk: <i>Fly Fishing - The Sacred Art</i> with Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer 7 PM</p>	7	<p>8 Shutterbugs: Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM</p>
9	10	<p>11 Film Screening and Discussion: <i>Hot Coffee</i> with Larry Reilly 7:15 PM</p>	12	<p>13 Lecture: <i>Talking Tolkien</i> with Roberta Staples and Mark Edwards 7 PM</p>	<p>14 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>The Postal Confessions</i> by Max Garland 1 PM NOTE: Change of date</p>	<p>15 Shire Fare: <i>Hobbit</i> inspired fun for the whole family 9 AM - 5 PM</p> <p>Family Book Discussion: <i>The Hobbit</i> led by Geri Diorio 2 PM</p>
16	<p>17 Meeting: Library Board 7:30 PM</p>	18	19	<p>20 The Writers Guild of Ridgefield: A Networking Group for Writers 7 PM</p>	21	
23	<p>24 Library Closed: Christmas Eve</p>	<p>25 Library Closed: Christmas Day</p>	26	27	28	29
30	<p>31 Library Closing Early: <i>New Year's Eve</i> 3 PM</p>	1	2	3	4	5