

# Biblioevents

## PERFORMANCES

### *Seasons Readings*

Presented by JIB Productions, Inc.



Downtown Ridgefield and the Ridgefield Library will host the Ridgefield premiere of *Seasons Readings* during this year's Holiday Stroll. On Friday, Dec. 6 from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Library, the producers of *Play With Your Food* will present an irreverent and irresistible collection of short plays and stories read by professional actors, including the Broadway actress Susan Terry. Here is a taste of some of the selections that will be performed and that will shine a holiday light on human nature at its best... and at its worst:

*A Christmas Ballad for the Captain* by William Lederer  
*The Loudest Voice* by Grace Paley  
*The Season of Letter-Perfect Families* by Garrison Keillor  
*Going Home* by Matt Hoverman

The program is free but please bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Ridgefield Food Pantry. There is no pre-registration and seats will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

**Friday, December 6, 7 to 8 PM**

Free admission. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Ridgefield Food Pantry.

### *Ridgefield Folk*

New West Guitar Group



*Ridgefield Folk*, the Library's live music series, continues this fall with guitar trio ***New West Guitar Group***. The concert takes place on Sunday, December 15 at 2 p.m. at The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum. **Tickets are free thanks to the Friends of the Library and can be picked up at the**

**door on the day of the show starting at 1 p.m.**

***New West Guitar Group***, featuring Jeff Stein, John Storie and Perry Smith, has been making its mark as a fresh, cutting-edge guitar ensemble. Performing popular covers and original music, New West combines

the acoustic and electric guitar to create their signature sound. Based in Los Angeles and New York, the group tours extensively throughout the United States giving concerts and master classes. Praised as "sharp and refined" by the *Seattle Times*, New West Guitar Group infuses its latest disc "Big City" with its signature blend of laid-back virtuosity and expert arrangements that "sometimes verge on the orchestral" (*All Music Guide*). Firmly rooted in classic jazz, the trio's versatility as both players and composers has given them a reputation as pioneers in the realm of guitar ensemble repertoire. *Acoustic Guitar Magazine* has praised the group for its ability to shift seamlessly "from chamber-like elegance and fragile introspection to exhilarating swing and gritty blues."



**Sunday, December 15, 2 PM**

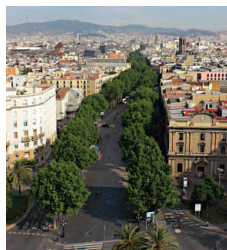
**@ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum**

---

---

## TALKS

### *The Europe You Haven't Seen* with Suzanne Farewell



This is the third in the *Destination Travel Series* presented by Susan Farewell of Farewell Travels in which she will provide inspiration as well as pragmatic advice as to how to make a trip like this come together.

So you've traveled to Europe.

You've visited lots of cathedrals, viewed masterpiece artworks in world-famous museums, dined in outdoor cafes and walked the cobbled streets of Old Towns. You feel you want to go back—but you want more. You want to go beyond the obvious, dig deeper into a couple of countries, explore regions, go to towns that not a lot of North American travelers visit. Sounds wonderful, but how do you start planning a trip

like this? Look at a map? Search the Internet? “When I travel to Europe,” explains Susan Farewell, “I like to devote my visit to a region, and see it not just on foot, but by train, on bikes, by hiking—whatever there is.” Susan is a travel writer and travel planner based in Connecticut. She travels to Europe at least six times a year and loves returning to countries so she can peel the layers and get behind the tourist facades. Most recently, she was in Switzerland, and spent time: biking in the Emmental cheese region, hiking in the Alps and sampling urban swimming in both Luzern and Bern.

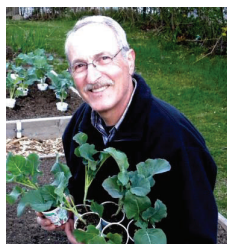
Susan Farewell has been traveling to and writing about travel destinations for many years, and in the last couple of years, she has been handcrafting trips for travelers.

**Wednesday, December 11, 7 PM**

Please register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

---

### *Composting, Vermiculture and Bokashi* with Nick Mancini



This program is for the discerning organic gardener that wants to become the master of his or her garden or for anyone who would just like to know more about various composting methods.

**Nick Mancini** is a Master Gardener, specializing in organic vegetables, fruits and brambles. During 2008-09, he was head Master Gardener in charge of vegetables at the Bartlett Arboretum in Stamford, CT. He teaches organic gardening at Norwalk Community College where, within the extended studies division, he has developed an organic garden where he teaches children from the Kathryn Croaning Child Development Laboratory School at the

college to plant, weed, and harvest crops; they also acquire a gardening vocabulary.

Mancini has also taught organic gardening for Westport and Fairfield, CT's continuing education divisions. He has lectured to the Northeast Organic Farmers Association, garden clubs, horticultural societies and at libraries throughout Connecticut and the New York Metro area. A gardening consultant and coach, he is a member of the Connecticut Master Gardeners Association, CT NOFA, Connecticut Community Garden Association, and the Westport Community Garden.

Look for other gardening programs coming in the new year!

**Saturday, December 14, 2 PM**

Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

# LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

## NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, December 3  
7:15 PM

*April 1865: The Month that Saved America*

By Jay Winik  
7:15 PM

Jay Winik offers a brilliant new look at the Civil War's final days that will forever change the way we see the war's end and the nation's new beginning. Uniquely set within the larger sweep of history and filled with rich profiles of outsize figures, fresh iconoclastic scholarship, and a gripping narrative, this is a masterful account of the thirty most pivotal days in the life of the United States.



## Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, January 7 &  
Tuesday, February 4  
7:15 PM

*The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal*  
by David McCullough

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Truman*, here is the national bestselling epic chronicle of the creation of the Panama Canal. In *The Path Between the Seas*, acclaimed historian David McCullough delivers a first-rate drama of the sweeping human undertaking that led to the creation of this grand enterprise. *The Path Between the Seas* tells the story of the men and women who fought against all odds to fulfill the 400-year-old dream of constructing an aquatic passageway between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. It is a story of astonishing engineering feats, tremendous medical accomplishments, political power plays, heroic successes, and tragic failures.

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

No meeting in December the next meeting will be:

Thursday, January 2  
11:15 AM

*Track of the Cat*  
by Nevada Barr

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

No meeting in December the next meeting will be:

Tuesday, January 21  
7:15 PM

## A.M. BOOK GROUP

No meeting in December the next meeting will be:

Wednesday, January 22  
11:15 AM

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, December 20  
& January 17  
1 PM

*Nature: Poems Old and New*

by May Swenson  
led by Dr. Alan Holder.

The poetry discussion group is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.

The first major gathering of May Swenson's poems in a decade, this posthumous collection concentrates on her nature poems. Drawn from nearly fifty years of her work, *Nature* contains 182 poems, many never before published. May Swenson ranks among the foremost poets of this century.



## LIBRARY DAYS

### *Library Days*

@ Books on the Common

**Ridgefield Library Days at Books on the Common** returns the weekend after Thanksgiving! Just show your Ridgefield Library card at the register and 15% of the proceeds of your purchase will be donated to the Library. To make your holiday shopping even easier, the bookstore will be open Friday, November 29th from 9 AM – 8 PM, Saturday, November 30th from 9:30 AM – 6 PM and Sunday, December 1st from 11 AM – 5 PM. Saturday, November 30 is also Small Business Saturday so be sure to support our local stores!



**November 29, 30 and December 1**  
visit [www.booksonthecommon.com](http://www.booksonthecommon.com)

## TECHNOLOGY

### *The Hour of Code* with Kimberly Sauter

Computer Scientist Kimberly Sauter will be on hand in the Library Program Room to offer guidance and answer questions for anyone ages 6 to 106 interested in taking part in *The Hour of Code*, a self-guided tutorial on computer programming celebrating Computer Science Education Week. Bring your own wireless laptop or use one of the 5 Library laptops.

This program is part of our Donofrio Technology Series made possible thanks to the generosity of the Donofrio Family.

**Wednesday, December 11, 4 - 6 PM**  
No registration - All ages

# EVENTS CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Library Days at Books on the Common</i>	2	3 <b>The Nonfictioners: April 1865: The Month that Saved America</b> by Jay Winik 7:15 PM	4	5 Thursday Late Opening Downtown Ridgefield!	6 <b>Holliday Stroll!</b>  <b>Performance:</b> <i>Seasons Readings</i> presented by JIB Productions, Inc. 7 PM	7 <b>Meeting:</b> <i>Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 PM
8	9	10	11 Workshop: The Hour of Code with Kimberley Souter 4 - 6 PM  <b>Lecture:</b> <i>The Europe You Haven't Seen</i> with Susan Farewell 7 PM	12 Thursday Late Opening Downtown Ridgefield!	13	14 <b>Shutterbugs:</b> <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 9 AM  <b>Lecture:</b> <i>Organic Composting/Vermiculture/Bokashi</i> with Master Gardener Nick Mancini 2 PM
15 <b>Live Music:</b> <i>Ridgefield Folk</i> with the New West Guitar Group 2 PM @ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum	16 <b>Meeting:</b> <i>Library Board</i> 7:30 PM	17	18	19 Thursday Late Opening Downtown Ridgefield!  <b>Meeting:</b> <i>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield</i> 7 PM	20 <b>Poetry Discussion Group:</b> <i>Nature: Poems Old and New</i> by May Swenson with Dr. Alan Holder 1 PM	21
22	23	24 <b>Library Closed:</b> Christmas Eve	25 <b>Library Closed:</b> Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 <b>Library Closed at 3 PM:</b> New Year's Eve	<b>Library Closed:</b> New Year's Day	2	3	4