

EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION

12 x 1 Paintings and Drawings

by Spencer Eldridge



12 X 1 Paintings and Drawings by **Spencer Eldridge** will be on display in the Library's Gallery on the Lower Level from Tuesday, December 1 through Thursday, December 31. The exhibit can be viewed during normal

Library hours. An opening reception will take place during the Holliday Stroll from 6 - 9 PM. Spencer Eldridge has worked as an artist his entire adult life, earning a living mainly as a graphic designer, muralist and in the music industry as a singer-songwriter.

Exhibit through December 31
Reception, Friday, December 4, 6 - 9 PM

ARTALK

Crossing Artistic Disciplines: Performing the Visual

with Adelka Polak and Justin Perlman



Performance artist **Adelka Polak** and sculptor **Justin Perlman** will present their work as individual artists and the intersection of their work together as collaborators. They will demonstrate how they have influenced and inspired each other's solo work by illustrating their collaborations with specific imagery. Polak will also present a short mask performance piece with a mask created by Perlman.

Sunday, December 6, 2 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

PARENTING

Friended/Unfriended: a Balanced Perspective on Social Media

This panel of students, psychologists, technology experts, guidance specialists and administrators will help parents:

- Understand the pros and cons of the newest apps
 - Set reasonable limits on devices
 - Understand the difference between use and abuse
- Please note that a Brown Bag lunch discussion will take place the following day, Dec. 8 at the Library at 12 PM.

Monday, December 7, 7 PM
@ Scotts Ridge Middle School
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIVE MUSIC

Survivors Swing Band



The **Survivors Swing Band** is a 7-piece professional jazz band comprised of thirteen instruments: piano, guitar, banjo, soprano alto, tenor and baritone saxes, clarinet, trumpet, cornet, baritone horn, string bass, percussion and a vocalist. The band plays classic melodies from an era gone by, hot tunes and soothing ballads of the Swing Era—plus many of the wonderful melodies from the two decades that followed.

Sunday, December 13, 2 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

FELTING WORKSHOP

Creating Hats, Mittens, and Scarves from Recycled Sweaters

with Pat Corrigan



Learn how to make mittens, hats or a scarf out of recycled sweaters. No prior experience needed - just the basics of threading a needle and a willingness to experiment. Participants will be provided with felted wool sweaters, patterns, thread and hands-on instruction.

Wednesday, December 9, 1 - 4 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

MAKING

STEAM
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PRINTMAKING

Print Your Own Holiday Card

with Carol Solinger

Art instructor **Carol Solinger** will show participants how to make their very own linoleum block stamp, which they will use to create custom printed holiday cards. All materials will be provided. Carol Solinger earned a BFA in art from Tulane, BA in education from University of Maryland, MBA in marketing from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and in 2015 she received her doctorate in art education.

Friday, December 11, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

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Computer Science Education Week

December 7 - 13, 2015

Hour of Code

The Ridgefield Library is pleased to take part in Computer Science Education Week by offering an array of computer science activities for all ages.

You're Never Too Old To Code - Seniors

Monday, Dec. 7, 1:00 to 2:00 PM

Donofrio Family Technology Center - [Register](#)

Bee-Bots Introduction to

Programming - Ages 4 and 5

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2:00 to 2:45 PM

Leir Children's Program Room - [Register](#)

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Wednesday, Dec. 9, 4:30 to 5:15 PM

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Instrument Making With Scratch and

Makey Makeys - 4th to 8th Grade

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 4:30 to 5:30 PM

Main Program Room - [Register](#)

Parents Learn To Code - Adults

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Donofrio Family Technology Center - [Register](#)

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Thursday, Dec. 10, 10:00 to 11:00 AM

Donofrio Family Technology Center - [Register](#)

Build Your Own Candy Dispensing

Machine With Legos - 3rd to 5th Grade

Friday, Dec. 11, 4:30 to 5:30 PM

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Hour of Code Open Labs - All Ages

Donofrio Family Technology Center - Drop-In

Monday, Dec. 7, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Friday, Dec. 11, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 12, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

STEAM Showcase!

Saturday, December 12, 1:00 to 4:00 PM - Drop-In

Students, parents, teachers and interested members of the public welcome! On offer will be an array of exciting science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) displays and demonstrations:

- Drawings for cool tech prizes!
- See our Robotics Club in action
- Makers Meet-up group and others show off their projects
- Random Hacks of Kindness Junior demos
- 3D printing and other maker technology on display
- Girls Who Code club demonstrations
- Demos by Ridgefield Public Schools, Ridgefield Academy and Wooster School students and teachers


These programs are made possible thanks to the Donofrio Family and the Ridgefield Education Foundation.



For information and to [register](#) visit [ridgefieldlibrary.org](#) or call 203-438-2282

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LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

<p>NONFICTIONEERS Tuesday, December 1 & January 5 7:00 PM <i>The Great Bridge: The Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge</i> by David McCullough</p> <p>First published in 1972, <i>The Great Bridge</i> is the classic account of one of the greatest engineering feats of all time. Winning acclaim for its comprehensive look at the building of the Brooklyn Bridge, this book helped cement David McCullough's reputation as America's preeminent social historian.</p>	<p>The Poetry Discussion Group, led by retired English professor Dr. Alan Holder, is made possible thanks to The Friends of the Library.</p> 	<p>betrayals . . . the author winningly blends contemporary crime with historical topics." - Library Journal Starred Review</p>	<p>CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP Tuesday, January 19 7:00 PM <i>Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker</i> by Jennifer Chiaverini</p> <p>This compelling historical novel unveils the private lives of Abraham and Mary Lincoln through the perspective of the First Lady's most trusted confidante and friend, her dressmaker Elizabeth Keckley, a former slave.</p>
<p>POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP Friday, December 18 1:00 PM <i>Where I Live: New and Selected Poems, 1990 - 2010</i> by Maxine Kumin</p>	<p>Note: The following Book Groups do not meet in December. Please join us in January!</p>	<p>BOOKS & BREAKFAST Monday, January 11 10:30 AM</p>  <p>Led by Dorothy Pawlowski</p>	<p>A.M. BOOK GROUP Wednesday, January 27 10:00 AM <i>Title TBA</i></p> <p>New readers are always welcome to Library Book Groups - no sign-up or registration is required.</p> <p>We hope to see you in the New Year!</p>
<p>MURDER BY THE BOOK Thursday, January 7 10:30 AM <i>The Book Seller</i> by Mark Pryor Please note new time!</p> <p>"Pryor's steady and engrossing debut combines Sherlockian puzzle solving with Eric Ambler-like spy intrigue. With a cast of characters you want to know better and a storyline cloaked in World War II</p>	<p>FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP Thursday, January 14 3:00 PM <i>Mary Coin</i> by Marisa Silver</p> <p>Join us for a monthly book discussion at Founders Hall facilitated by Mary Rindfleisch, the Library's Assistant Director. Open to members of Founders Hall.</p> 	<p>FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP Thursday, January 14 3:00 PM <i>Mary Coin</i> by Marisa Silver</p> <p>Join us for a monthly book discussion at Founders Hall facilitated by Mary Rindfleisch, the Library's Assistant Director. Open to members of Founders Hall.</p>	<p>Tech Topics for Teens and Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makers Meet-Up - For anyone who likes to tinker, design and build things. (Under 13 must be with an adult.) - Wednesday, December 2 @ 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Register - Wednesday, December 16 @ 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Register • You're Never to Old to Code - We're celebrating Computer Science Education Week (CSEW), and we're inviting seniors to join us for an Hour of Code workshop with computer scientist Kimberly Sauter. - Monday, December 7 @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Register • Effective Social Media for Nonprofits - Join us for this workshop with Kate Fitzpatrick. - Monday, December 7 @ 3:00 - 4:00 PM - Register • Parents Learn to Code - We're celebrating Computer Science Education Week, and we're inviting parents to join us for an Hour of Code workshop with computer scientist Kimberly Sauter. - Wednesday, December 9 @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM - Register - Thursday, December 10 @ 10:00 - 11:00 AM - Register • 3D Printed Cookie Cutters - Teens are invited to stop in and learn to design cookie cutters using a simple online program. For people in middle school and high school. - Saturday, December 19 @ 11:00 - 12:00 PM - Register • Orientation to 3D Printing - Are you interested in printing your own 3D design on the Library's Makerbot? We are now offering use of our 3D printer to Ridgefield Library cardholders. Before reserving printer time (available in two-hour blocks), we require attendance at a 90-minute orientation session to go over how to format a design to be print ready, how to operate the Makerbot, and for an overview of our usage policies. (Under 18 must be with an adult) - Thursday, December 17 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM - Register - Saturday, December 26 @ 10:30 - 12:00 PM - Register <p>Tech Topics are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library. CSEW programs are thanks to the Donofrio Family.</p>

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EVENTS CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">LIVE IN HD @ RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE</p> <p>Metropolitan Opera, National Theatre of London and the Bolshoi Ballet on the big screen! Ridgefield Library card holders now receive the Playhouse membership rate of \$20 for these events. For a full listing visit ridgefieldplayhouse.org.</p>		<p>1 Nonfiction-neers: <i>The Great Bridge: The Epic Story of the Building the Brooklyn Bridge</i> by David McCullough 7 PM Meeting: <i>Writers Guild</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>2 Workshop: <i>Maker Meet-up</i> 5 PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Workshop: <i>Coloring for Adults</i> 1 PM Artist's Reception: <i>12X1 Paintings and Drawings</i> by Spencer Eldridge 6 - 9 PM Holiday Stroll 6 - 10 PM</p>	<p>5 Holiday Stroll 10 AM - 4 PM Meeting: <i>Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 PM</p>
<p>6 ARTalk: <i>Crossing Artistic Disciplines: Performing the Visual</i> with Adelka Polak and Justin Perlman 2 PM</p>	<p>7 Hour of Code: <i>Open Lab Time</i> 10 AM - 12 PM Hour of Code: <i>You're Never Too Old to Code</i> for seniors 1 - 2 PM Course: <i>European Paintings from Leonardo to Rembrandt to Goya - Part 6/7</i> 1 PM Tech Topics: <i>Effective Social Media for Non-Profits</i> 3 PM Parenting Panel: <i>Friend-ed/Unfriended</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>8 Brown Bag Discussion: <i>Friend-ed/Unfriended</i> 12 PM Hour of Code: <i>Open Lab Time</i> 4 PM - 6 PM</p>	<p>9 Hour of Code: <i>Open Lab Time</i> 10 AM - 2 PM Workshop: <i>Creating Hats, Mittens, and Scarves from Recycled Sweaters</i> 1 PM Meeting: <i>Playwrights Collective</i> 7 PM Hour of Code: <i>Parents Learn to Code</i> 6:30 - 7:30 PM</p>	<p>10 Hour of Code: <i>Parents Learn to Code</i> 10 - 11 AM Hour of Code: <i>Open Lab Time</i> 2 - 4 PM</p>	<p>11 Hour of Code: <i>Parents Learn to Code</i> 10 AM - 2 PM Workshop: <i>Design and Print Your Own Holiday Card</i> with Carol Solinger 10:30 AM</p>	<p>12 Meeting: <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM Hour of Code: <i>Open Lab Time</i> 9 AM - 4 PM Hour of Code: <i>Showcase</i> 1 - 4 PM</p>
<p>13 Live Music: <i>The Survivors Swing Band</i> 2 PM</p>	<p>14 Course: <i>European Paintings from Leonardo to Rembrandt to Goya</i> Part 7/7 1 PM Meeting: <i>Library Board</i> 7:30 PM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Tech Topics: <i>Maker Meet-up</i> 5 PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Where I Live: New and Selected Poems, 1990 - 2010</i> by Maxine Kumin 1 PM</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Library Closed: Christmas Eve</p>	<p>25 Library Closed: Christmas Day</p>	<p>26 Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i></p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Library Closes at 3 PM</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>