

RIDGEFIELD FOLK

with The Brother Brothers



The Brother Brothers sound is striking and undeniably captivating. Often leaning towards the darker, moody elements of Appalachian, klezmer, and bluegrass

traditions, their songs are laden with near perfect sibling harmonies or unison singing, compelling writing, and imaginative arrangements. They tour as an acoustic duo: David on cello and guitar, and Adam on the 5-string fiddle. The concert is free thanks to the Friends.

Sunday, December 4, 2 PM

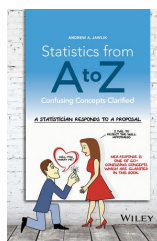
Free tickets from 1 PM at the door



AUTHOR TALK

Statistics A - Z

with Andrew Jawlik



Ridgefielder **Andrew Jawlik** will talk about his new books and why statistics is confusing -- even for technical people. And how existing books, websites, and videos don't do enough to clear up this confusion. This book provides 1-page summaries of "Keys to Understanding" for each of 60+ confusing concepts. And it conveys an intuitive comprehension via creative graphics such as concept flow diagrams, compare-and-contrast tables, and cartoons.

Saturday, December 10, 2 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



POETRY DISCUSSION

It Could Be Verse!

with Ira Joe Fisher

Ridgefield's own **Ira Joe Fisher** will lead an entertaining reading and discussion of some of his favorite poems. Ira Joe was awarded two regional Emmys for television writing. He is the author of *Remembering Rew*, *Some Holy Weight in the Village Air*, *Songs From an Earlier Century*, and *The Creek at the End of the Lawns*. Ira has a Master of Fine Arts degree in poetry from New England College. He lectures and teaches at the University of Connecticut and Mercy College.

Sunday, December 11, 2 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

MUSIC

Holiday Winds

with Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra

Take a break from the hustle and bustle and enjoy the spirit of the season with a stop at the Ridgefield Library. Musicians from the **Western CT Youth Orchestra** will be performing holiday classics in the Morris Reading Rooms. The Holiday Winds, led by **Al Montecalvo**, are comprised of wind and brass players from the WCYO who will perform as part of Ridgefield's Holiday Stroll.

Saturday, December 3, 1:30 - 2:00 PM

No registration

PARENTING THE SELFIE GENERATION SERIES

When Kids Won't Go: Coping With School Avoidance

with Dr. Aaron Krasner, M.D.

This presentation will help parents understand different types of anxiety and recognize the signs and symptoms of anxiety in children and teens. It will also offer some effective strategies to promote resilience, manage symptoms and cope with academic pressures. *Parenting the Selfie Generation* is a collaboration of Ridgefield Public Schools, Ridgefield Council of PTAs, Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Youth Commission, Books on Common, Project Resilience, Town Vibe, Fairfield County Bank and Silver Hill Hospital.

Thursday, December 1, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

How To Raise an Adult

with Julie Lythcott-Haims



Parenting the Selfie Generation: Instilling Resilience presents a special program called *How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kids for Success* with **Julia Lythcott-Haims**, former Dean at Stanford University and international keynote speaker. She will discuss the crucial skills needed for success in college and beyond. Copies of her book will be available for sale and signing at the event thanks to Books on the Common.

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 7 PM @ Ridgefield Playhouse

Tickets \$15, ridgefieldlibrary.org

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Meet & Heal with Your Guardian Angels with Deana Paqua



Spiritual teacher **Deana Paqua** will give an inspirational talk about who our guardian angels are; how angels cross over most spiritual traditions and religions; how to meditate to meet personal guardian angels and how to work with them in everyday life.

These programs are part of the *Body, Mind and Spirit: Holistic Health and Wellness* series that is made possible thanks to the *Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life!* fund.

Monday, December 12, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Introduction to Yoga with Valerie Rich



Experience the life-affirming benefits of Yoga and learn how to create your own safe Yoga practice at home. This workshop is open to everyone. **Valerie Rich's** teaching style is playful and yet grounded in tradition.

Monday, January 9, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



FOR NONPROFITS

Cultivate Your Individual Donors with Judi Margolin

This workshop will familiarize attendees with the specifics of creation, enhancement and improvement of that essential relationship between nonprofit organizations and their donors. **Judith Margolin** is an independent consultant, facilitator and workshop leader on foundations and grants.

Additional workshops for non-profits: *Foundation Center Resources* with Christie Mitchell on **Thursday, December 8 at 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM** (register) and *Effective Social Media for Nonprofits* with Kate Fitzpatrick on **Tuesday, December 13 at 11 AM** (register).

Tuesday, December 6, 9 AM - Noon
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

ARTALK

Pioneers of American Modernist Painting and Photography Series with Camilla Cook



Art consultant and independent curator **Camilla Cook** will present a film series about leading American modern artists on the second Thursday of the month from September through December.

December's film will be the PBS documentary, *Grab a Hunk of Lightning* about photographer Dorothea Lange.

This series is co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Guild of Artists.

Thursday, December 8, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

AUTHOR TALK

A Supernatural Evening with Jeff Belanger



Jeff Belanger knows all about things that go bump in the night. For the last 17 years, he's searched the world for monsters, ghosts, and other paranormal legends that have seeped into our culture, folklore, religion, and

even our history books.

Belanger is a paranormal researcher, investigator, and is the author of more than a dozen books on the paranormal that have been published in six languages. He's also the

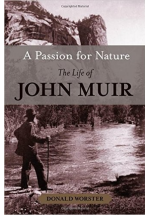
Emmy-nominated host, writer, and producer of *New England Legends* on PBS and the series writer & researcher for the *Ghost Adventures* show on the Travel Channel, which is now in its ninth season. He is a noted speaker and media personality who has lectured at universities, corporations, MENSA's national conference, and has given a prestigious TEDx talk in New York City.

Belanger's talk will include images, audio clips, and video from some of the world's most infamous haunts plus a question and answer session for the audience. He will also have autographed books available for purchase.

Tuesday, December 13 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

NONFICTIONEERS
Tuesday, December 6
 7:00 PM
Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir
 by David Worster



A Passion for Nature is the most complete account of the great conservationist and founder of the Sierra Club. This biography “supplants all earlier Muir biographies and will undoubtedly stand the test of time for its sophisticated interpretations and impressive narrative power.”— *Journal of American History*

Next Month's Selection
January 3
 7:00 PM

Sons of Wichita: How the Koch Brothers Became America's Most Powerful and Private Dynasty
 by Daniel Schulman

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP
Friday, December 23
 1:00 PM
Poems of Dylan Thomas
 with Dr. Alan Holder

This program is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.
Note: *This date is tentative. Please check our online calendar later in the month.*

The following book groups do not meet in December. Be sure to get reading for the January discussions!

MURDER BY THE BOOK
Thursday, January 5
 10:30 AM
Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death
 by M.C. Beaton

The former owner of a successful London PR firm, Agatha Raisin takes on a new role as amateur sleuth when she retires to a supposedly sleepy Cotswold village, in this thoroughly modern take on Miss Marple and the English village mysteries of Agatha Christie.

BOOKS & BREAKFAST
Monday, January 9
 10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP
Thursday, January 12
 3:00 PM
The Children Act
 by Ian McEwan

Open to all members of Founders Hall.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, January 17
 7:00 PM
We Are Called to Rise
 by Laura McBride

This is a story about families - the ones we have and the ones we make. It's a story about America today, where so many cultures collide and coexist.

A.M. BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, January 25
 10:00 AM
Nineteen Eighty-Four
 by George Orwell

Written in 1948, *Nineteen-Eighty Four* was George Orwell's chilling prophecy about the future. This dystopian masterpiece is one of the most influential books of the twentieth century.



LIVE IN HD @ RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE

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.

TECH TOPICS

Preserve Your Memories - Convert Your VHS Tapes to DVD - Available to Ridgefield Library cardholders 13 years of age or older. Please reserve one of these two-hour blocks.
 - **Friday, December 2, 2:00 - 4:00 PM** - Register
 - **Saturday, December 3, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** - Register
 - **Wednesday, December 7, 1:30 - 3:00 PM** - Register
 - **Friday, December 9, 2:00 - 4:00 PM** - Register
 - **Monday, December 12, 1:00 - 3:00 PM** - Register
 - **Tuesday, December 20, 1:00 - 3:00 PM** - Register
 - **Wednesday, December 21, 12:30 - 2:30 PM** - Register
 - **Thursday, December 22, 3:00 - 5:00 PM** - Register
 - **Tuesday, December 27, 5:00 - 7:00 PM** - Register

Facebook 101 with Kate Fitzpatrick
Tuesday, December 6, 2:00 - 3:00 PM - Register

Workshop for Nonprofits: Foundation Center Directory Online with Christie Mitchell
 - **Thursday, December 8, 10:30 - 12:00 PM** - Register
 - **Thursday, December 8, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM** - Register

Snapchat for Parents with Erica Gauquier
Thursday, December 8, 7:00 - 8:00 PM - Register

Social Media for Nonprofits with Kate Fitzpatrick
Tuesday, December 13, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Register


3D Printer Orientation - We now offer use of our 3D printer to Ridgefield Library cardholders. Before reserving printer time, we require attendance at this 90-minute orientation.
 - **Wednesday, December 28, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM** - Register
 - **Thursday, December 29, 1:00 - 3:30 PM** - Register



The Library's Tech Topics and Making STEAM programs are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Ridgefield Library



FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2016

				Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Exhibit: <i>Favorite Images From a Half Century of Photography</i> by Robert Pincus Show runs from December 3 - 28 Gallery on the Lower Level</p> <p>Robert Pincus has studied photography with several internationally recognized leaders in the field. His subjects reflect a wide variety of subject matter from portraiture to landscapes.</p> <p>Pincus has photographed a number of well-known individuals including: Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Lyndon B. Johnson and Paul Newman. His landscapes were taken during his travels in the United States and overseas.</p> <p>Artist's Reception: Please come to meet the artist, enjoy refreshments and hear live jazz! Saturday, December 3, 3 - 5 PM The exhibit is co-sponsored by Ridgefield Crossings.</p>				<p>1 Workshop: <i>Write Through This!</i> with Kim Kovach (full) 10:30 AM Parenting the Selfie Generation: <i>When Kids Won't Go: Coping With School Avoidance</i> with Dr. Aaron Krasner 7 PM</p>	<p>2 Workshop: <i>Medicare Open Enrollment Information</i> - call Karen at 203-431-2754 to register 10 AM Holiday Stroll: Shopping, entertainment, ice sculptures, horse & carriage rides (Friday only) and much more. 6 - 10 PM</p>	<p>3 Holiday Stroll 10 AM - 5 PM Meeting: <i>Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 PM Live Music: Holiday Music Performed by WCYO Wind Ensemble 1:30 PM to 2 PM Artist's Reception: <i>Photographs by Robert Pincus</i> 3 - 5 PM</p>
<p>4 Live Music: <i>Ridgefield Folk</i> with The Brother Brothers 2 PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Workshop: <i>Cultivate Your Individual Donors</i> with Judith Margolin 9 AM Tech Topics: <i>Facebook 101</i> 2 PM Nonfictioners: <i>Passion for Nature</i> by David Worster 7 PM</p>	<p>7 Workshop: <i>Medicare Open Enrollment Information</i> - call Karen at 203-431-2754 to register 10 AM Tech Topics: <i>Convert Your Home VHS videos to DVDs</i> 1:30 PM</p>	<p>8 Workshop: <i>Foundation Center Directory Online</i> 10:30 AM (Full) & 1:30 PM Tech Topics: <i>Snapchat for Parents</i> 7 PM ARTalk: <i>Documentary Film Screening: Dorothea Lange</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>9 Tech Topics: <i>Convert Your Home VHS videos to DVDs</i> 2 PM</p>	<p>10 Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs</i> 9 AM Author Talk: <i>Statistics A - Z</i> with Andy Jawlik 2 PM</p>
<p>11 Poetry Reading and Discussion: <i>It Could Be Verse!</i> with Ira Joe Fisher 2 PM</p>	<p>12 Tech Topics: <i>Convert Your Home VHS videos to DVDs</i> 1 PM Holistic Health: <i>Meet and Greet with Your Guardian Angels</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>13 Tech Topics: <i>Social Media for Non-profits</i> with Kate Fitzpatrick 11 AM Multi-media Presentation: <i>A Supernatural Evening</i> with Jeff Belanger 7 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Meeting: Library Board 7:30 PM</p>	<p>20 Tech Topics: <i>Convert Your Home VHS videos to DVDs</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>21 Tech Topics: <i>Convert Your Home VHS videos to DVDs</i> 12:30 & 3:30 PM</p>	<p>22 Tech Topics: <i>Convert Your Home VHS videos to DVDs</i> 3 PM</p>	<p>23 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Dylan Thomas</i> 1 PM (TBC)</p>	<p>24 Library Closed: Christmas Eve</p>
<p>25 Library Closed: Christmas Day</p>	<p>26 Library Closed</p>	<p>27 Tech Topics: <i>Convert VHS to DVD</i> 5 PM</p>	<p>28 Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 10:30 AM</p>	<p>29 Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 2 PM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve: Closing at 3 PM</p>