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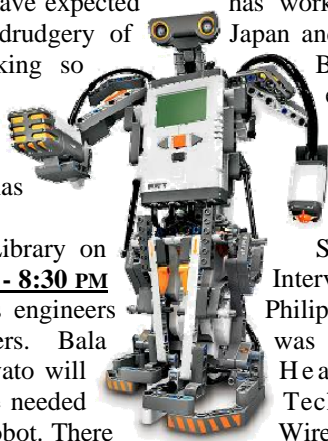
May 2008

INSPIRING GIRLS IN SCIENCE: ROBOTICS

Ever since the Jetsons we have expected robots to take over the drudgery of everyday chores. What is taking so long? It turns out the technology required is much harder than we thought but nevertheless much progress has already been made.

Come to the Ridgefield Library on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 FROM 7 - 8:30 PM** to hear two acclaimed robotics engineers discuss their exciting careers. Bala Krishnamurthy and Karen Trovato will discuss the many skills that are needed to make a successful, "smart" robot. There will be animations and a live demonstration of how a robot is put together. The program is geared towards girls (and boys) in grades four through eight but anyone with an interest is invited to attend.

Ridgefielder **Bala Krishnamurthy** is a pioneer in the robotics industry. Over her 25 year career, she has held various engineering and management positions in robotics companies in which she played a key role in the design and development of industrial and service robots. She is currently the CEO of Aeolean, Inc., a company that provides consulting services in robotics. Ms. Krishnamurthy has Master's Degrees in Applied Mathematics and in Computer Science,



has worked in Austria, France, Israel and Japan and speaks French, Tamil and Hindi. Besides having fun with robots, she enjoys gourmet cooking, watercolor painting, and classical Indian music.

Dr. Karen Trovato is a Principal Member of Research Staff and Project Leader in the Interventional Guidance Department of Philips Research-USA. Prior to this, she was Business Development Officer for Healthcare and Information Technologies, Project Leader for Wireless Small Footprint Applications and Navigation Systems. Her research focuses on Path Planning Algorithms and has been applied to robots, vehicles and medical devices. Dr. Trovato holds a Ph.D. from the University of Amsterdam. She is a Registered Patent Agent and has 28 issued U.S. patents and was the 2005 NYIPLA Inventor of the Year. During the program **Dr. Simon Hill**, Chief Technology Officer for Aeolean, Inc. will put together a rudimentary robot.

This program is part of our ongoing **INSPIRING GIRLS IN SCIENCE** program that is made possible thanks to the generosity of the Donofrio family. Please call the Library at 438-2282 to register or email lalambton@ridgefieldlibrary.org.

Friends of the Library SPRING BOOK SALE

May 16 - 19

Friday, May 16, 9 - 5 (\$10 admission fee from 9 - noon)

Saturday, May 17, 9 - 5

*Sunday, May 18, 1 - 5
(1/2 price books)*

*Monday, May 19, 10 - 5
(bag of books \$5)*

TERCENTENNIAL LETTERBOXING WORKSHOP

Do you want to learn more about Ridgefield's history? See some interesting places? Do you like to go on Treasure Hunts? Be outdoors? Take hikes? Just be together with friends? Family? Then Tercentennial Letterboxing is for you. Come find out more at this workshop.

**Monday, May 5
10:00 AM**

RIDGEFIELD'S NEW Farmers' Market

Join us for this informational talk with **MONICA BROWN** from Cellar XV Wine Store who will discuss the new Ridgefield Farmer's Market to open on Fridays from mid-June 2008 through the end of summer. The market will be located on the green opposite Cellar XV on Danbury Rd.

Saturday, May 31

10 - 11 AM

Dayton Program Room. No registration required.



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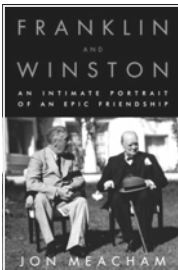
TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, May 6
7 PM

*Franklin & Winston:
an Intimate Portrait of an
Epic Friendship*
by Jon Meacham

"This is at once an important, insightful, and highly entertaining portrait of two men at the peak of their powers who, through their genius, common will, and uncommon friendship, saved the world. Jon Meacham's Franklin and Winston takes its place in the front ranks of all that has been written about these two great men."

—Tom Brokaw



POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, May 9
1 PM

*Philip Larkin
Selected Poems*

"More often than any other English poet since the war, Larkin gave us lines that it is unlikely we'll be able to forget." *Ian Hamilton, The Times*

"Larkin is resolute, forthright, witty, and gloomy. This is the man who famously said that deprivation was for him what daffodils were for Wordsworth. Yet surely the results of this life, in the shape of his poems, are gifts, not deprivations."

—Donald Hall
The New Criterion

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CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 20
7 PM

*Luncheon of the
Boating Party*
by Susan Vreeland

Enter the world of the Impressionist painter Auguste Renoir in the Paris of 1880 as he plans and executes the painting that gives the book its title. The novel intertwines the story of the painter and the 14 individuals he entices to inhabit one of his most famous works of art.

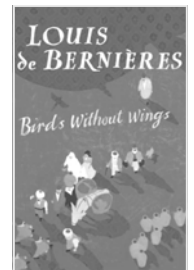


A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wed., May 28
10 AM

Birds without Wings
by Louis De Bernières

The author of *Corelli's Mandolin* tells the interwoven stories of Christians and Muslims, men and women, young and old, in a small village in southwest Anatolia in the early 20th century, as the Great War looms, the Ottoman Empire crumbles, and the creation of modern Turkey destroys centuries-long traditions of peaceful co-existence.



Hollister Films

All films are free thanks to the generosity of a private donor.

Kite Runner

2007, Rated PG-13, 128 Mins.



After living in California, Amir returns to his homeland in Afghanistan to help his old friend Hassan, whose son is in trouble in this epic tale of fathers and sons. This powerful tale of friendship and betrayal takes us from the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy to the atrocities of the Taliban reign. In Dari and English with English subtitles.

Tuesday, May 6
1:30 & 7 PM

Charlie Wilson's War

2007, Rated R, 102 Mins.



This film is based on the true story of Charlie Wilson, an alcoholic womanizer and Texas congressman, who persuaded the CIA to train and arm resistance fighters in Afghanistan to fend off the Soviet Union. This effort still impacts the world to this day.

Tuesday, May 27
1:30 & 7 PM

RIDGEFIELD FOLK

Live Music at the Library

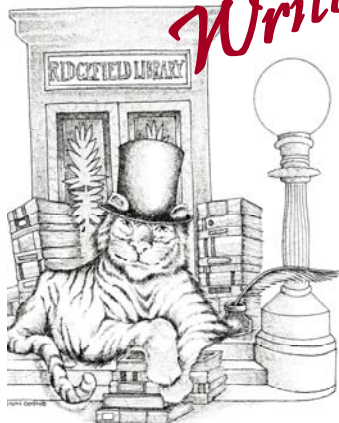


RED MOLLY

Sunday, May 4, 2 PM

The Ridgefield Folk live music series continues this spring with the trio Red Molly (Laurie MacAllister, Abbie Gardner, Carolann Solebello). The concert is free thanks to the Friends of the Library. Tickets can be picked up the day of the concert starting at 1 p.m. and doors open at 1:30. Next up is singer/songwriter Meg Hutchinson on June 8.

Ridgefield *Writes* A LITERARY EVENING with The Writers' Guild of Ridgefield



Members of the local writing group will read from a wide range of their work including, fiction, memoir, poetry, drama and more.

Be sure to come and support our local writers!

**THURSDAY, MAY 29
7 PM**

A Ridgefield Writes 300th Anniversary Celebration program.



Alternative Approaches to Treating Pain, Stress & Chronic Illness: A Panel Discussion

**Saturday, May 31
1-3 PM**

The multilayered effects of chronic illness, pain, and stress are often challenging to treat and can be frustratingly difficult to cope with.

Learn about approaches to healing which may be of value to you or a loved one.

This panel discussion will be moderated by Mitchell Prywes, M.D., Integrative Medicine physician, Board certified in Physical Medicine and Medical Acupuncture. Joining Dr. Prywes will be Linda Lubin, M.A., Integrative Health & Wellness Counselor & Educator, David Johnston, D.O., Osteopathic Medicine Physician, Deana LoGiudice, L.M.T., M.A., Massage Therapist and Energy Healer, and JoAnn Duncan, M.S., R.M.T., Master Reiki Practitioner and Teacher.



BOOKS & Breakfast



JOIN US EACH MONTH FOR THE LATEST BUZZ ABOUT NEW & UPCOMING FICTION AND FIND OUT WHAT EVERYONE ELSE IS READING.

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Dayton Program Room

Sign up at the Circulation Desk or email Adult Services Librarian Dorothy Pawlowski at dapawl@ridgefieldlibrary.org


REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.





May 2008

Calendar of Adult Programs & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Exhibit: Flowers of Ridgefield Paintings by Noelle Carr April 1 - May 9, 2008			1	2	3 Memoir Writing Group 10 AM
4 Ridgefield Folk with Red Molly 2 PM	5 Tercentennial Letterboxing Workshop 10 – 11:30 AM	6 Hollister Film Series Kite Runner 1:30 & 7:00 PM Rated PG-13 Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers <i>Franklin & Winston</i> by Jon Meacham 7 PM History Room	7	8	9 Books & Breakfast Book Chat 10:30 AM Poetry Discussion Group with Alan Holder <i>Philip Larkin Selected Poems</i> 1 PM	10 Shutterbugs Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM History Room
11	12	13	14	15	16 FRIENDS SPRING BOOK SALE 9 AM - 5 PM (\$10 ADMISSION FEE FROM 9 AM - NOON)	17 FRIENDS SPRING BOOK SALE 9 AM - 5 PM
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25	26	27 Hollister Film Series <i>Charlie Wilson's War</i> 1:30 & 7 PM Rated R The Writers Guild of Ridgefield: A Networking Group for Writers 7 PM History Room	28 A.M. Book Group <i>Birds without Wings</i> by Louis De Bernières 10 AM	29 A Literary Evening with the Writers' Guild of Ridgefield 7 PM A Ridgefield Writes 300th Anniversary Celebration program	30	31 Panel Discussion: Ridgefield's New Farmer's Market 10 AM Panel Discussion: Alternative Approaches to Treating Chronic Illness, Stress or Pain 1 PM