

AUTHOR TALK

How To Make Your Money Last

with Jane Bryant Quinn



Best-selling author and prominent financial journalist **Jane Bryant Quinn** will discuss her new book, *How to Make Your Money Last: The Indispensable Retirement Guide*.

Publishers Weekly calls Quinn's book "a hugely valuable resource for readers,

wherever they are on their personal financial timeline."

Says Booklist: "The clarity of her prose is matched with her generosity of spirit." Registration is \$5. A \$5 coupon off the purchase price of a book at the event will be given to registrants at the door. One coupon per book.

Sunday, February 7, 2 PM - register

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



AUTHOR TALK

The Wonder Garden

with Lauren Acampora



Award-winning author Lauren Acampora will discuss her collection of linked stories *The Wonder Garden*, which was named a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection and an Indie Next selection and was chosen as one of the best books of the year by Amazon and NPR. It won the GLCA New Writers

Award and was a finalist for the New England Book Award. Raised in Connecticut, she now lives in Westchester County, New York, with her husband and daughter.

Tuesday, February 23, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

SAVE THE DATE - AUTHOR TALK

Where You Go Is Not Who You Will Be with Frank Bruni

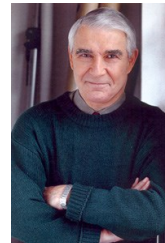


Frank Bruni is a best-selling author and columnist for *The New York Times*. This half-day consortium will feature a talk by Bruni at 12 PM followed by workshops for parents and teens on topics relevant to developing the skills young adults need to deal effectively with the journey to college and beyond.

Sunday, March 6 12 PM - Ridgefield High School - Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

DRAMATIC READING

The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber with Alan Sklar



Voice actor Alan Sklar will give a dramatic live reading of *The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber* by Ernest Hemingway. The story has been called one of Hemingway's best artistic achievements. Alan Sklar has been a freelance voice actor for over twenty years, voicing radio and TV commercials and narrating over 200 audiobooks.

Thursday, February 18, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

WORLD VIEWS

Beauty, Resilience, Poverty and Empowerment with Karen Pease Marino



Karen Pease Marino is a volunteer for Bead for Life. Through photos and stories she will describe that beautiful country of Uganda as well as the plight of women and families living in extreme poverty. Bead for Life helps women in Uganda by providing business training and support so that they can become entrepreneurs and rise from poverty.

Thursday, February 11, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

ADULT COLORING

Coloring and Coffee



Coloring for adults is all the rage and has been shown as a great way to foster relaxation and creativity. Come join us in the Dayton Program Room and give it a try. We'll provide all the materials you need, plus coffee and tea.

Friday, February 12, 1 PM - 3 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

EXHIBIT

New Visions

by The Shutterbugs

Please join us for a reception for the Shutterbugs group photography show. The Shutterbugs consists of approximately 75 photographers who critique each other's work, offer tips and techniques and take site-specific field trips each time they meet. They meet on the second Saturday of the month at the Library at 9:00 AM and then head out on field trips. Previous field trips have included visits to the Highline, Chelsea Markets, Central Park, Eatly, Brooklyn, Weir Farm, Garden of Ideas and more!

Exhibit February 4 through 27
Reception, Saturday, Feb. 6, 3:30 - 5:30 PM

PARENTING PROGRAMS

Parenting the Highly Emotional Child

with Dr. Aaron Krasner and Tracey Masella

Noted psychiatrist Dr. Aaron Krasner and Licensed Social Worker Tracey Masella, both staff members at Silver Hill Hospital, will discuss how to help a child or teen cope with intense feelings and impulses. This is part of *Parenting the Selfie Generation: Raising Successful Adults* and is a collaboration among Ridgefield Public Schools, the Ridgefield Council of PTAs, Project Resilience, Silver Hill Hospital and the Library. A Brown Bag lunch discussion will take place the day after the evening program.

Thursday, Feb. 4, 7 PM - [Register](#)
Brown Bag - Friday, Feb. 5, 12 PM - [Register](#)

SEMINAR

First Time Homebuyer & Credit Education

- *The Mortgage Process* with Joseph Chelednik, Fairfield County Bank
- *What is the role of the real estate agent?* with Kyle Neumann and Heather Salaga, Neumann Real Estate
- *What Is the Role of my Attorney?* with George Cohan, Cohan and Wolf
- *Credit Education and Restoration* with Stephen Roberts, Bedrock Credit and Restoration.

Wednesday, February 17, 6 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LEARN THROUGH FILM

America America



The Library along with Lehmann and Lehmann Transmedia are pleased to continue the *Learn Through Film* Series this winter (previously known as the *Law Through Film* series) with a focus on politics. The second film in the series will be the award-winning film about immigration called *America America*. A discussion will follow led by Richard Land of Chipman & Mazzucco and professors from Western Connecticut State University.

Wednesday, February 24, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

SKILLSBOX: TOOLS FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS

Join us as we continue our series of workshops and programs designed to help small businesses, home-based professionals and entrepreneurs not only survive but thrive!

Co-sponsored by Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce and Western CT SCORE

Branding Basics

with Jen Mathy

In today's competitive marketplace, it takes much more than hanging an "open" sign to make a sale or gain a new client. Ms. Mathy will discuss integrated marketing communications and the need for small business owners to create their own brand identity.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 8 AM
(Snow Date Feb. 25)
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

The New Lending Landscape

with Ty Kiisel

Accessing capital to fuel your business's growth is a lot tougher today than it used to be—and because of all the different options available, it requires a more savvy borrower than ever before. Join us for an insider's view into the new world of online lending.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 8 AM
(Snow Date Feb. 11)
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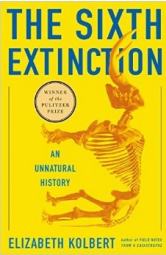
Learning with Lynda.com

with Dorothy Pawlowski

This session will demonstrate the many video-based courses available with your Ridgefield Library card through Lynda.com. Whatever your business need, Lynda.com has a course to help you and your staff learn new skills.

Wednesday, March 9, 8 AM
(Snow Date March 10)
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

<p>NONFICTIONEERS Tuesday, February 2 7:00 PM <i>The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History</i> by Elizabeth Kolbert</p> <p>Over the last half-billion years, there have been five mass extinctions when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs. This time around, the cataclysm is us. In prose that is at once frank, entertaining, and deeply informed, New Yorker writer Elizabeth Kolbert tells us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet in a way no species has before.</p>	<p>MURDER BY THE BOOK Thursday, February 4 10:30 AM <i>To Shield the Queen</i> by Fiona Buckley</p> <p>Known for skillful and elegant blending of historical fact and suspenseful stories, Buckley's well-regarded series follows the adventures of Ursula Blanchard, lady-in-waiting at the court of Queen Elizabeth I. In this series debut, Ursula is on the scene for one of the great mysteries of English history – the death of Amy Robsart, wife of Elizabeth's favorite, Sir Robert Dudley.</p>	<p>War I, decorated with the Victoria Cross, and destined to be caught in a no man's land where memory, history, and myth collide. As Ramsay tells his story, it seems that from boyhood, he has exerted a somewhat mystical influence on those around him. This is the first novel of the Canadian author's acclaimed Deptford Trilogy.</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>CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP Tuesday, February 16 7:00 PM <i>Fifth Business</i> by Robertson Davies</p> <p>Dunstan Ramsay is a man twice born, returned from the hell of battle in World</p>	<p>FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP Thursday, February 18 3:00 PM <i>North and South</i> by Elizabeth Gaskell</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>A.M. BOOK GROUP Wednesday, February 24 10:00 AM <i>Dandelion Wine</i> by Ray Bradbury</p> <p>A quietly lyrical and atmospheric look back at one summer in the life of a 12-year-old boy in Middle America in the 1920s.</p>
		<p>POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP Friday, February 19 1:00 PM <i>New and Selected Poems</i> by Samuel Menashe</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>For a full listing visit ridgefieldplayhouse.org.</p>

TECH TOPICS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Orientation to 3D Printing - We are now offering use of our 3D printer to Ridgefield Library cardholders. (Under 18 must be with an adult).

- Saturday, February 6, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - [Register](#)
- Thursday, February 18, 6:00 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)

Creating a Greeting Card Using Word - with Jean Lanzetta. This 90-minute workshop is for anyone who wants to have fun and learn how to create a greeting card in Word.

- Wednesday, Feb. 10, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - [Register](#)

How to Access Digital Magazines Using Zinio - Zinio is an online resource offering Library cardholders complete full color, interactive digital magazines on computers or on a range of mobile devices.

- Thursday, February 11, 6:30 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)

5 Foolproof Ways To Promote Your Business on Facebook with Kate Fitzpatrick

- Monday, February 15, 12:00 - 1:00 PM - [Register](#)

Creating a Personal Budget Using Excel - Join us for this hands-on workshop with Jeanne Lanzetta. Learn how to make a personal budget spreadsheet in an Excel spreadsheet using simple formulas.

- Wednesday, Feb. 24 @ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - [Register](#)

Maker's Meet-up for Adults - Organizational Meeting
 We're starting an ongoing maker group for adults to collaborate on projects involving anything from 3D design and printing, Arduinos and Raspberry Pis, to other maker activities utilizing the skills and interests of the group.

- Thursday, February 25, 6:00 - 7:00 PM - [Register](#)

Preserve Your Memories - Convert Your VHS Tapes to DVD - Please note that it takes the entire playback time of the video for the conversion to DVD. Available to Ridgefield Library cardholders 13 years of age and above.

- Friday, February, 26, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM - [Register](#)
- Friday, February, 26, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM - [Register](#)



EVENTS CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Making STEAM Felting Workshop: <i>Creating Hats, Mittens and Scarfs</i> with Pat Corrigan 1 PM</p>	<p>2 Brown Bag Discussion: <i>Parenting the Selfie Generation</i> 12 PM Nonfictioneers: <i>The Sixth Extinction:</i> by Elizabeth Kolbert 7 PM Meeting: <i>Writers Guild</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>3 Reading Short Stories: <i>Unlocking the Code</i> with Julia Strayer 1 PM</p>	<p>4 Murder by the Book: <i>To Shield the Queen</i> by Fiona Buckley 10:30 AM Parenting the Selfie Generation: <i>Ferris Wheels and Rollercoasters: Parenting a Highly Emotional Child</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>5 Brown Bag Discussion: <i>Ferris Wheels and Rollercoasters: Parenting a Highly Emotional Child</i> 12 PM</p>	<p>6 Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 10:30 AM Meeting: <i>Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 PM Exhibition Reception: <i>New Visions</i> by The Shutterbugs 3:30 - 5:30 PM</p>
<p>7 Author Talk: <i>Making Your Money Last</i> with Jane Bryant Quinn 2 PM \$5</p>	<p>8 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM</p>	<p>9 Brown Bag Discussion: <i>Parenting the Selfie Generation</i> 12 PM</p>	<p>10 Skillsbox: <i>Branding Basics</i> with Jen Mathy 8 AM Tech Topics: <i>Create a Greeting Card Using Word</i> 10:30 AM Meeting: <i>Playwrights Collective</i> 6 PM</p>	<p>11 Tech Topics: <i>How to Access Digital Magazines</i> with Zinio 6:30 PM World Views: <i>Bead for Life</i> with Karen Pease Marino 7 PM</p>	<p>12 Making STEAM Activity: <i>Coloring for Adults</i> 10 AM - 12 PM</p>	<p>13 Meeting: <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM</p>
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