

Seminar:

Where to Travel Next... with Susan Farewell

Susan Farewell, President and Editor-in-Chief of Farewell Travels LLC, will provide insights, tips, and recommendations on great places to travel. She will share great ideas for easy weekend getaways in the Northeast as well as bigger trips to Europe and beyond. *There will be plenty of time for Q & A.*

Susan Farewell was a travel editor at Condé Nast Publications. Since then she has spent more than 20 years as a freelance writer and editor. She also has served as a travel correspondent for many radio and television programs. Susan is the author of several books including *Quick Escapes from New York City* and *Hidden New England*.

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Thursday, January 31, 7 PM

Workshop:

Tech Fridays Let's Talk Apps

Please join us for a monthly program called *Tech Fridays*. Each month we'll highlight a 21st century tool offered by the Library, or one readily available online, with the goal of helping our patrons become empowered users of these resources.

January Program - Let's Talk Apps

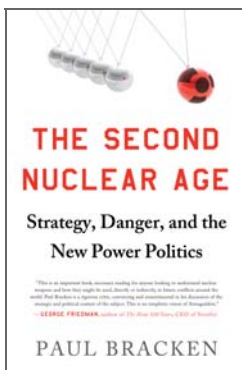
Do you own a smart-phone or tablet and feel overwhelmed by the number of apps available? Whether you are new to the world of apps or an old hand, choosing from thousands of choices can be daunting. Join us as we offer some tips on how to select the best apps for your needs and come share your own favorites!

No registration - drop in!

Friday, January 25, 1 - 3 PM

Author Talk:

The Second Nuclear Age with Paul Bracken



Ridgefielder Dr. Paul Bracken, a Yale Professor of Management and Political Science, also serves as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Chief of the Naval Operations Executive Panel, and co-chairs the Board of Advisors of the U.S. Naval War College. His new book addresses the changing face of global politics as nuclear weapons re-emerge as a palpable threat.

He will walk the audience through realistic, worldwide war-game scenarios, to emphasize how the United States must be prepared for managing such crises. This program is presented by Books on the Common and the Library.

No registration

Thursday, January 24, 7 PM

ARTalk:

Pastels Workshop with Gregory Maichack



Pastel artist Gregory Maichack will offer a hands-on pastel workshop, inspired by the work of Georgia O'Keefe. This program is part of the Library's ARTalk series of lectures and workshops sponsored by the Ridgefield Library and The Ridgefield Guild of Artists.

Participants will work with professional grade pastels and paper. While the workshop is free, there will be a small materials fee of \$5 that will be collected at the door.

Registration is filling up, so please go to the www.ridgefieldlibrary.org event calendar to sign-up and secure your spot or call 203-438-2282 to register.

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Sunday, January 13, 2 PM

Five-part Series:
Introduction to Meditation
With Nina Nagy

The Ridgefield Library will present a five-part meditation program called *Awakening Insight: An Introduction to Vipassana Meditation*. Classes will be led by Nina Nagy who has been practicing and studying Insight Meditation for the last ten years.

The program is for anyone who can commit to the five sessions and who is serious about: creating more peace in their lives, reducing busy-ness and finding inner stillness and tranquility.

Classes meet every other Wednesday on January 9, 23, February 6, 20 and March 6 from 7 to 8:15 PM. Participants should bring their own cushion to each class.

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 7 PM

Seminar:

Raising Financially Responsible Children

With Griffin Burnett

Griffin Burnett from New York Life will present a free seminar titled *Raising Financially Responsible Children*. During this educational, family-oriented event he will discuss the importance of educating parents and their children about financial responsibility. He will share helpful tips on ways to teach children about money, show attendees age-appropriate ways to help children earn and appreciate their allowance, develop good savings and investing habits and know the difference between “wants” and “needs.”

All attendees will receive a complimentary workbook, which contains exercises that will reinforce what they have learned during the seminar.

No registration

Thursday, January 10, 7 PM

Workshop:

From Drab to Fab
with Laurie Raphael



10 Ways to Energize your Home for 2013 - Combat the January blues with inexpensive, easy tips to transform your home. Learn how to use color, accessories and other tricks of the trade to add new life to dull spaces. Please

join us for a one hour “Visual” workshop where you will get inspired and motivated to refresh your home in the coming year.

Laurie runs Laurie Raphael Design, a full service lifestyle company specializing in interior design, photo styling, themed entertaining and unique home products. For over 12 years she has worked with residential and commercial clients in the tri-state area utilizing a variety of resources to create personal, one-of-a-kind spaces. Laurie also does photo styling for Tommy Bahama, Ralph Lauren, Laura Ashley, and more.

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Wednesday, January 16, 7 PM

Presentation:

Smart Strategies for the College Bound

with Debbie Davis

Debbie Davis, President of the Ridgefield-based Davis Education & Career Consultants, LLC (The DEC Network®), will present *Smart Strategies for the College Bound: Educational Choices for Every Student and Every Budget*. Learn how to make the most informed decisions on appropriate academic and financial fit.

Debbie Davis formed the DEC NETWORK® as a response to what she saw as the best approach to prepare students young and old for future direction. With masters level training in organizational behavior, she also attended both the Harvard Summer Institute on College Admissions and the IECA Summer Training Institute on Educational Consulting Practices and Principles. She is a Professional Member of several professional organizations including the Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA) and National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Thursday, January 17, 7 PM

B O O K G R O U P S

MURDER BY THE BOOK

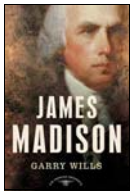
Thursday, January 3
11:15 AM (New time)
Booked to Die
by John Dunning

Former Colorado cop and rare book collector Cliff Janeway is the protagonist of this series which combines the fast-paced suspense of a traditional Private Investigator story with the complex plotting and rich detail of a literary thriller.

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, January 8
7:15 PM

James Madison
by Garry Wills and
Arthurs Schlesinger



A best-selling historian examines the life of a Founding Father.

Renowned historian and social commentator Garry Wills takes a fresh look at the life of James Madison, from his rise to prominence in the colonies through his role in the creation of the Articles of Confederation and in the first Constitutional Congress. Madison oversaw the first foreign war under the Constitution, and was forced to adjust some expectations he had formed while drafting that document. Not temperamentally suited

to be a wartime President, Madison nonetheless confronted issues such as public morale, internal security, relations with Congress, and the independence of the military. Wills also traces Madison's later life during which, like many recent Presidents, he enjoyed greater popularity than while in office.

Next Month's Selection
Tuesday, Feb. 5
7:15 PM

The War of 1812 – Conflict for a Continent
by J.C.A. Stagg



This book is a narrative history of the many dimensions of

the War of 1812 - social, diplomatic, military, and political. The events of 1812-1815 were shaped by the larger crisis of the Napoleonic Wars in Europe. In synthesizing and reinterpreting the war, Professor J. C. A. Stagg focuses on the war as a continental event, highlighting its centrality to Canadian nationalism and state development. The book introduces the war to students and general readers, concluding that it resulted, in many ways, from an emerging nation-state trying to contend with the effects of rival European nationalisms, both in Europe itself and in the Atlantic world.

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, January 18
1 PM

Gulf Music
by Robert Pinsky

A limited number of copies of the book will be available for discussion participants, thanks to the Friends of the Library.

BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Next Meeting
Monday, Jan. 14
10:30 AM



This program now takes place @ **the Keeler Tavern Museum at 132 Main Street**

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, January 15
7:15 PM

Homer and Langley
by E. L. Doctorow

This tale inspired by a true story finds the blind Homer Collyer closeted within a once-grand Fifth Avenue mansion with his mentally damaged brother and remembering a life marked by colorful characters, political events, and technological achievements. Spanning

the early part of the 20th century through the 1980s, this intriguing story encapsulates much of the era's turmoil and great change.

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, Jan 23
10 AM

The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet
by David Mitchell

The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet by David Mitchell (2010; 479 pages). An innovative historical epic that uses diverse styles and multiple subplots to tell the tale of a clerk with the Dutch East Indies Company in 1799 who becomes romantically involved with a forbidden Japanese woman.

Note: This book discussion will take place at the **Community Center** (Lounsbury House) at 316 Main Street in Ridgefield. **Meetings from February onwards will take place back at the Library but at the later time of 11:15.**

Library Book Groups always welcome new members.

Copies of the books may be purchased at Books on the Common at a 15% discount, or inquire about in-house and Inter-Library Loan availability.

Unless noted otherwise programs will take place in the Library Program Room at 21 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 Library Closed: <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3 Murder by the Book: <i>Booked to Die</i> by John Dunning 11:15 AM	4	5 Memoir Writing Group 1 PM
6	7	8 The Nonfictioners: <i>James Madison</i> by Garry Willis and Arthur Schlesinger 7:15 PM	9 Workshop: <i>1/5 Awakening Insight - An Introduction to Vipassana Meditation</i> with Nina Nagy 7 PM Register	10 Seminar: <i>Raising Financially Responsible Children</i> with Griffin Burnett 7 PM	11	12 Shutterbugs: <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 9:30 AM
13 ARTalk: <i>Inspired by Georgia O'Keefe: A Pastels Workshop</i> with Gregory Maichack 2 PM Register, \$5 material fee will be collected at the door. (Snow Day Jan. 20)	14 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast @ Keeler Tavern Museum</i> 10:30 AM	15 Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>Homer and Langley</i> by E. L. Doctorow 7:15 PM	16 Workshop: <i>Interior Design</i> with Laurie Raphael 7 PM Register	17 Presentation: <i>Smart Strategies for the College Bound</i> with Debbie Davis 7 PM Register The Writers Guild of Ridgefield: <i>A Networking Group for Writers</i> 7 PM	18 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Gulf Music</i> by Robert Pinsky 1 PM 	19
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27	28 Meeting: <i>Library Board</i> 7:30 PM	29 Closing Early: Library event 5 PM	30	31 Lecture: <i>Where to Travel Next</i> with Susan Farewell 7 PM Register	1	2