

Biblioevents

WORKSHOPS

Thanks to the Friends of the Ridgefield Library we will be kicking off a brand new ongoing series of workshops and talks dedicated to helping new and experienced writers hone their craft. There will be workshops for new writers, nonfiction and essay writing workshops, screenwriting classes, workshops for writing for children and more. Also in the fall we are very excited to host the second annual Ridgefield Writers Conference. Stay tuned for more information!

Workshop for New Writers with Phyllis Ross

This three-week workshop will introduce some of the writing practices that encourage, equip and support new writers. We will write poetry and prose to explore how writing helps us discover our "voices" and what has meaning for each of us. Bring along a notebook and a pen, and a sense of adventure.

The workshop, presented by **Phyllis Ross**, is limited to 12 participants who are able to attend all three sessions, and **it is limited to people who have not previously taken a writing workshop.**

Thursday, January 16, 23 and 30, 1 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Write On! with Chris Belden



Are you itching to write a novel, short story, memoir, or essay? Scratch that itch in this two-hour writing workshop. We will discuss the basic elements of storytelling: plot, point of view, metaphor, etc., but will mostly spend time doing on-site writing. No experience necessary! *Just bring paper and pen and a willingness to explore!*

Chris Belden is the author of two novels, *Carry-on* and *Shriver*, and the forthcoming story collection *The Floating Lady of Lake Tawaba*, winner of the Fairfield/New Rivers Book Prize.

Sunday, January 12, 2 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Affordable Health Care Presentation and Enrollment Fairs

“Just the Facts” Presentation



Join us on Thursday, January 9 at 7 PM to learn "Just the Facts" about the Affordable Care Act and find out what it means for you and your family.

Certified Assisters from Access Health CT, Connecticut's online health insurance marketplace, and volunteers from the UCC Healthcare Ministry Team will be your guide through an interactive presentation. They will also be plenty of time for questions and answers.

This free program was developed by Universal Healthcare Foundation of Connecticut, an independent nonprofit based in Meriden, CT. Please register.

Thursday, January 9, 7 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Enrollment Fairs

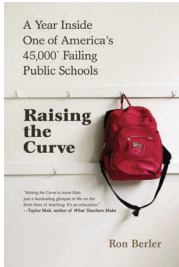
Access Health CT has certified assisters and certified brokers who will be on hand at the Ridgefield Library to answer questions and to help you enroll for healthcare insurance offered on Access Health CT, Connecticut's online health insurance marketplace.

One on one help will be available between 1 and 5 PM on Saturday, January 11, Sunday, February 2, and Saturday, February 8.

The enrollment process takes about 45 minutes so **please call the Library at 203-438-2282 Ext. 1013 or email lalambton@ridgefieldlibrary.org to schedule an appointment** for one of these afternoons.

January 11, February 2 and 8, 1 to 5 PM
Call 203-438-2282 Ext. 1013 to register

Raising the Curve: A Year Inside One of America's 45,000 Failing Public Schools with Ron Berler



Ron Berler will discuss his recently released book, *Raising the Curve A Year Inside One of America's 45,000 Failing Public Schools*. It tells the story of two fifth-grade, Norwalk, Connecticut girls, their teacher, the school's literacy specialist and the principal, and the struggles they face trying to lift themselves and their school from

the pressures of *No Child Left Behind*.

Ron Berler's work has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Wired*, *Sports Illustrated* and *Men's Journal*.

Thursday, January 16, 7 PM

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

The HBO Effect
with Dean Defino



Join us as Ridgefielder **Dean Defino** discusses his recently released book, *The HBO Effect*. "This book turns the HBO story inside out and productively repositions what we think we know about the premium pay-TV company within a broader historical and institutional history of US culture and television" - Dr. Janet McCabe, lecturer in Film, Television and Creative Industries,

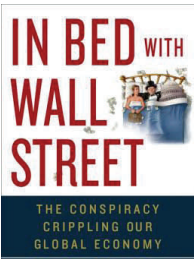
Birkbeck University of London, UK

Dean J. DeFino is Associate Professor of English and Director of Film Studies at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York. His other publications include *Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!* (2014).

Thursday, January 23, 7 PM

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

In Bed With Wall Street: The Conspiracy Crippling Our Global Economy with Larry Doyle



Join us for an Author Talk with **Larry Doyle** who will discuss his book *In Bed with Wall Street*.

Doyle is a former mortgage-backed securities trader who has worked for the First Boston Corporation, Bear Stearns, Union Bank of Switzerland, Bank of America and JP Morgan

Chase. He also served as chair of the Mortgage Trading Committee for the Public Securities Association.

"Holding well-needed light to Wall Street and Washington, Doyle pulls no punches. *In Bed with Wall Street* is required reading in any honest attempt to understand how our financial system failed." —David P. Weber, Former Assistant Inspector General for Investigations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and SEC Whistleblower

Thursday, January 30, 7 PM

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

TECH PROGRAM

Downloading Library E-Books and Audiobooks - 101
with Dorothy Pawlowski



Want to know how to download e-Books or audiobooks from the Ridgefield Library? Stop by anytime between 1 and 4 PM, and our staff will be offering both an overview and one-on-one assistance in how to download both e-Books and

audiobooks from our OverDrive service. Don't have an eReader and considering purchasing one? Drop in for some "hands on" time with a Kindle, Nook, or iPad.

Note: Due to software restrictions, owners of some devices will not be able to transfer downloadable books to their devices inside the library. However, a staff member will demonstrate the steps and provide printed instructions on how to download from a home computer.

Saturday, January 25, 1 - 4 PM

Drop in - No registration

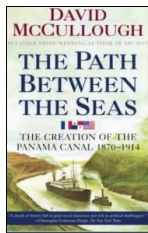
LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, January 7
& Tuesday, February 4
7:15 PM

The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal
by David McCullough

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Truman*, here is the national bestselling epic chronicle of the creation of the Panama Canal. In *The Path Between the Seas*, acclaimed historian David McCullough delivers a first-rate drama of the sweeping human undertaking that led to the creation of this grand enterprise. *The Path Between the Seas* tells the story of the men and women who fought against all odds to fulfill the 400-year-old dream of constructing an aquatic passageway between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.



MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, January 2
11:15 AM

Track of the Cat
by Nevada Barr

Stationed at national parks around the country, park ranger Anna Pigeon pursues killers and works to protect the natural world in a series known for its evocative sense of place and the ecological consciousness of its heroine.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, January 21
7:15 PM

A Month in the Country
by J.L. Carr

Tom Birkin reflects back on an enchanted summer in 1920, which he spent in a Yorkshire village restoring a painting in a medieval church. Dealing with the aftermath of his experiences fighting in World War I and with a

broken marriage, Tom finds the catalyst for his own restoration in the time spent among the residents of the village. Shortlisted for the 1980 *Man Booker Prize*, this novel was praised by the *The Washington Post* as "a unique and special experience, a visit to a special time and place, deeply observed and portrayed in beautiful prose."

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, January 22
11:15 AM

Regeneration
by Pat Barker

A novel based on the true case of poet and soldier Siegfried Sassoon's treatment for shell-shock in 1917. Assigned to "cure" affected officers and return them to the front, psychiatrist Dr. William Rivers finds his assumptions about war, art, medicine and patriotism profoundly

challenged by his interactions with Sassoon. The first in an acclaimed trilogy about the impact of World War I on an entire generation.

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, January 17
1 PM

Nature: Poems Old and New

by May Swenson
led by Dr. Alan Holder.

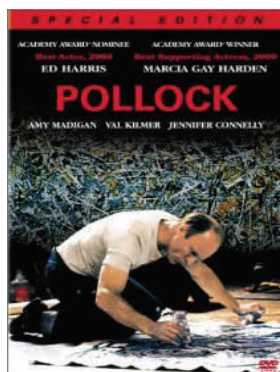
The first major gathering of May Swenson's poems in a decade, this posthumous collection concentrates on her nature poems.

The poetry discussion group is made possible thanks to the **Friends of the Library**.



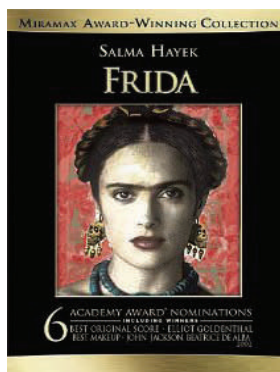
ARTALK FILM SERIES

Film Series @ The Prospector Pop-up, 454 Main St., Ridgefield



January 13, 7 PM

[Register](#)



February 10, 7 PM

[Register](#)



March 10, 7 PM

[Register](#)

Join us for a series of films focusing on three artists' creative work and lives: Jackson Pollock in the film *Pollock* on Monday, January 13; Frida Kahlo in the film *Frida* on Monday, February 10; and Andy Goldsworthy in the film *Rivers and Tides* on Monday, March 10.

Co-sponsored by The Guild of Artists and the Prospector Theater. Please register for each of these separately at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

EVENTS CALENDAR - JANUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 Library Closed: Happy New Year!	2 Murder by the Book: <i>Track of the Cat</i> by Navada Barr 11:15 AM	3	4 Meeting: <i>Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 PM
5	6	7 The Nonfictioners: <i>The Path Between the Seas</i> by David McCullough (Chapter 11 to end) 7:15 PM	8	9 Founders Hall Book Discussion: <i>Runaway: Stories</i> by Alice Munro 3 PM Presentation: <i>The Affordable Care Act</i> 7 PM	10	11 Enrollment Fair: <i>Access Health CT Enrollment Assistance</i> Between 1 and 5 PM - Call to schedule an appointment
12 Writing Workshop: Write On! with Chris Belden 2 PM Register	13 Discussion: Books & Breakfast @ 10:30 AM @ Keeler Tavern Museum ARTalk Film Series: <i>Pollock</i> 7 PM @ The Prospector	14	15	16 Writing Workshop: For New Writers with Phyllis Ross Part 1/3 1 PM Register Meeting: <i>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield</i> 7 PM Author Talk: <i>Raising the Curve</i> with Ron Berler 7 PM Register	17 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Nature: Poems Old and New</i> by May Swenson with Dr. Alan Holder 1 PM	18
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