

The Ridgefield Library



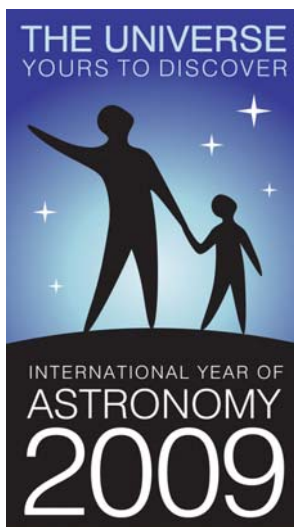
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BIBLIOEVENTS

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International Year of Astronomy 2009



The International Year of Astronomy is a global celebration of astronomy and its contributions to society and culture, highlighted by the 400th anniversary in 2009 of the first use of an astronomical telescope by Galileo.

**Sunday,
January 11
2 PM**

Join us for the kick-off event of our celebration of the
International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA09)

Spectacular Saturn

With

Dr. Heidi B. Hammel



Astronomer Dr. Heidi Hammel will give a presentation about Saturn and its systems and give the audience a taste of the many other astronomy related programs and events that will take place throughout 2009 in Ridgefield and neighboring towns. She will also highlight the *"Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery"* exhibit that will be on display at the Library during April and May. The exhibit is presented by the Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and the American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois through funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The Ridgefield Library is one of only 40 libraries nationwide chosen to receive this prestigious exhibit!

Registration is not required but space is limited.
Suitable for ages 8 - 108!



On Thursday, January 15 at 8 a.m., the **Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce** and the **Ridgefield Library** will present a co-sponsored seminar about effective ways to find employment in 2009. In *Recharging Your Job Search Plan*, led by Fred Rhines, the following topics will be discussed:

- What is the temperature of today's job market?
- The importance of creating an effective resume.
- Selecting your references and how this information should be given to a prospective employer.

Job Search Seminar

- Networking and how it can help you find a job.
- Using search firms to help you find a job.
- Using the web for a job search / putting your resume on the web.
- Questions you may have about your job search.

Fred Rhines, President of On Track Staffing, has conducted workshops and met one-on-one with displaced executives to help them plan and execute programs to find new positions. The On Track Staffing

office is located in Danbury and provides staffing services to over 100 clients in Fairfield and Litchfield counties.

Please bring a copy of your resume to the workshop.

The Chamber of Commerce requires registration for this free event as seating is limited. To register call (203) 438-5992 or email jkouroupas@ridgefieldchamber.org

Ridgefield Library, 472 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877, 203/438-2282, www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

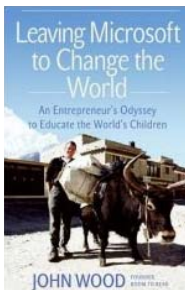
BOOK GROUPS

TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, January 6
7 PM

*Leaving Microsoft to Save
the World*
by John Wood

John Wood discovered his passion, his greatest success, and his life's work not at business school or helping lead Microsoft's charge into Asia in the 1990s, but on a soul-searching trip to the Himalayas. He made the difficult decision to walk away from his lucrative career to create Room to Read, a non-profit organization that promotes education across the developing world.

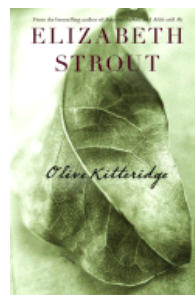


CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, January 20
7 PM

Olive Kitteridge
by Elizabeth Strout

The life of Olive Kitteridge, wife, mother, and retired teacher, is explored through these 13 interconnected stories, which present a heart-wrenching, penetrating portrait of ordinary coastal Mainers. *Kirkus Reviews* called it "a perfectly balanced portrait of the human condition."



A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, January
28
10 AM

Mister Pip by Lloyd Jones

The only white man left on an island in Papua New Guinea that has been devastated by war, Mr. Watts spends his day reading to the local children from Charles Dickens's classic "Great Expectations." Shortlisted for the *Man Booker Prize*.



POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, January 2
1 PM

(Rescheduled due to
December snow storm)

Join us for the final session in a four-part discussion of the works of W. B. Yeats. The discussion will be led by English professor and poet Dr. Alan Holder. A limited number of copies of *A Yeats Reader* are available at the Circulation Desk thanks to the Friends of the Library.



Friday, January 16
1 PM
Title TBA.

Sponsored by the Friends.

Hollister Films

Man on Wire (2008)

Rated PG 13, 94 Mins.

Man on Wire (2008)

Philippe Petit captured the world's attention in 1974 when he successfully walked across a high wire between New York's Twin Towers. This documentary explores the preparations that went into the stunt as well as the event and its aftermath. Obsessed with the towers even before they were fully constructed, Petit sneaked into the buildings several times to determine the equipment he needed to accomplish his daring feat.



Tuesday, January 13

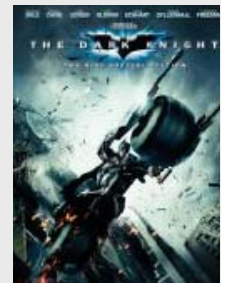
1:30 & 7 PM

The Dark Knight (2008)

Rated PG 13, 151 Mins.

The Dark Knight (2008)

Batman teams with Lt. James Gordon and District Attorney Harvey Dent to continue dismantling Gotham City's criminal organizations in this sequel to *Batman Begins*. A psychotic new villain known as the Joker threatens to undo all their good work.



Tuesday, January 27

1:30 & 7 PM

The Inauguration



Can't make it to Washington?

Then come to the Ridgefield Library
and watch this historic event on
the big screen!

January 20

Noon - 4 PM

Dayton Program Room

Coffee and cookies will be served all afternoon.
Registration is not required and you can
come and go as you please.

January Exhibit



Presence in the Landscape

Paintings by Fran Riche

January 4 - 30, 2009

Artist's Reception

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2 - 4 PM

The exhibit can be viewed during normal Library hours when the
room is not in use for another program.

ARTalk

Co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Guild of Artists

Altered Books Workshop



With **Katie Stevenson**,
artist, illustrator and
product designer.
Hands-on workshop using
a variety of media and
innovative techniques to
transform books into art.

Sunday, January 25 at 2 PM

Call to Register

438-2282

**Space is limited to 20 and
supplies will be provided.**

Environmental Program

Cut the Catalogs and Your Carbon Footprint



Tired of receiving catalogs
you no longer want?

Don't know how to stop
the barrage of unwanted
catalogs that cram your
mailbox every day?

Then start saving the
address pages of those
catalogs and bring them to the Library on **January 10
between 9 and noon**. While you enjoy some coffee
and donuts, Boy Scout Troop 431 and members of the
Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment
will help you register with the online service Catalog
Choice to eliminate all those unwanted mailings.

Please email lambton@ridgefieldlibrary.org or call

Panel Discussion



GET ORGANIZED!

January is “get organized” month. Come join us for a panel discussion about getting organized. This panel, made up of members from the National Association of Professional

Organizers, will be on hand to answer all your questions about how to organize and simplify your life!

Thursday, January 15

7 - 8:30 PM

Dayton Program Room

Registration is not required.

Book Discussion

BOOKS



Monday, January 12

10:30 AM

& Breakfast

Join us for an informal discussion about new and recommended books.

Refreshments will be served so come hungry!

ARTalk

Co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Guild of Artists

Drawn to Line: Drawing Workshop

With artist and educator Laurie McGavin Bachmann



Four sessions:
Jan. 31 | Feb. 7
Feb. 22 | Feb. 28

**Saturdays from
10 to noon**

**Call to Register
438-2282**

Bring an 11 x 14” sketch book and an HB pencil to the first class.

POETRY AND MUSIC

‘In Praise of the Shades’

Come along to the Ridgefield Library at **7pm on Thursday, January 22** and prepare to experience a thought-provoking journey through the mind of a young man searching for a meaningful identity in post-Apartheid South Africa.

Wayne Nobes’ 45-minute live performance weaves together the works of recognizable poets such as Robert Frost, Dylan Thomas and Wilfred Owen, as well as poets you may have not encountered before, including Spho Sepamla, Gabriel Okara and the performer himself, to deliver a highly intriguing and original narrative.

Each of the 22 carefully chosen poetic stories are accompanied by an entertaining instrumental soundtrack to give voice to a unique human experience that carries meaning and relevance for every one of us today.

Suitable for ages 16 and up. Registration is not required.





JANUARY 2009

CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	January Exhibit <i>Presence in the Landscape</i> Paintings by Fran Riche January 4 - 30, 2009 Artist's Reception, Saturday, Jan. 10, 2 - 4 PM			1	2 Poetry Discussion Group: WB Yeats 1 PM	3 Memoir Writing Group: 10 AM
4	5	6 Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers: <i>Leaving Microsoft to Save the World</i> by John Wood 7 PM	7	8	9	10 Workshop: Cut the Catalogs and Reduce Your Carbon Footprint 9 AM Shutterbugs: Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM Artist's Reception: Painting by Fran Riche 2 - 4 PM
11 Presentation: <i>Spectacular Saturn</i> with Dr. Heidi Hammel 2 PM	12 Discussion: Books & Breakfast 10:30 AM	13 Hollister Film Series: <i>Man on Wire</i> 1:30 and 7 PM	14	15 Seminar: <i>Recharging Your Job Search Plan</i> 8 AM Panel Discussion: <i>Get Organized!</i> 7 PM	16 Poetry Discussion Group: Title TBD 1 PM	17
18	19	20 Screening: <i>Watch the Inauguration:</i> Noon - 4 PM Critic's Circle Book Group: <i>Olive Kitteridge</i> by Elizabeth Strout 7 PM The Writers Guild of Ridgefield: A Networking Group for Writers 7 PM	21	22 A Musical Poetry Presentation: <i>In Praise of the Shades</i> by Wayne Nobes 7 PM	23	24
25 ARTalk: <i>Altered Books Workshop</i> Register 2 PM	26	27 Hollister Film Series: <i>The Dark Knight</i> 1:30 and 7 PM	28 A.M. Book Group: <i>Mister Pip</i> by Lloyd Jones 10 AM	29	30	31 Workshop: <i>Drawn to Line</i> Register, 1 of 4 10 AM