

AUTHOR TALK

Raising a Strong, Compassionate Child with Dr. Lisa Miller



In this talk, part of the *Parenting the Selfie-generation* series, **Lisa Miller, Ph.D.**, will discuss the importance of helping children connect to the broader world beyond themselves. Dr. Miller, who is the author of *The Spiritual Child*, will highlight extensive

scientific research on the link between spirituality and physical, social and emotional well-being. A discussion about this program will take place the following afternoon.

Monday, January 11, 7 PM - [register](#)
Discussion, Jan. 12, 12 PM - [register](#)

ARTALK

The Process of Weaving Tapestry with Helena Hernmarck



Internationally known award-winning tapestry and fiber artist **Helena Hernmarck** will discuss the ways in which she created commissioned tapestries working with clients and architects to produce large-scale works that could dominate a lobby or another site specific space. Hernmarck will talk about the unique weaving methods she developed to achieve realism at a distance, which are totally different from traditional weaving methods.

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Sunday, January 24, 2 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIVE MUSIC

Burns Night Concert with Castlebay

January 25th is Burns Night, so let's celebrate the poetry and song of the Scottish poet **Robert Burns** (1759-1796)! Burns produced many masterpieces including *My Love is Like a Red Red Rose*, *Comin' Through the Rye* and *Auld Lang Syne*. The duo **Castlebay** (Julia Lane & Fred Gosbee) will present a program of romantic love songs, lively dance tunes as well as poems and anecdotes about Scotland's National Poet.

Monday, January 25, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

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Connecticut Beer: A History of Nutmeg State Brewing with Will Siss



Will Siss, who has written about craft beer in Connecticut since 2005, will discuss his book, *Connecticut Beer: A History of Nutmeg State Brewing*. He will read from the book and discuss the history of Connecticut brewing, as well as the current craft beer scene in the state. A beer tasting will take place after the program. **You must be over 21 to attend this event.**

Thursday, January 28, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

MOVIE SCREENING & LEGO DAY

Brickfest



Start the day with a screening of the LEGO Movie (PG), then join us for a Brickfest. We'll provide the LEGO bricks, you bring the imagination.

Drop in and participate in challenge events or work on a free build. The event is for LEGO enthusiasts from kindergarten through adult!

Saturday, January 2, 12 - 4 PM
No registration - drop-in

ADULT COLORING

Coloring and Coffee



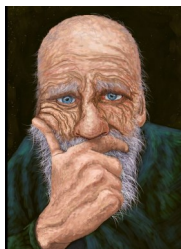
Coloring for adults is all the rage and has been shown as a great way to foster relaxation and creativity. Come join us in the Dayton Program Room and give it a try. We'll provide all the materials you need, plus coffee and tea.

Friday, January 8, 1 - 3 PM & Saturday, January 16, 10 AM - 12 PM
No registration - drop-in

EXHIBIT AND POETRY SLAM

New Beginnings

by RMAC



The Ridgefield Music and Art Center (RMAC) will exhibit *New Beginnings* during January. The exhibit will showcase the work of local middle and high school students. An opening reception will be held on January 3 from 3 to 4 PM and will feature live music by RMAC musicians. In addition a Poetry Slam featuring students will take place on Saturday, January 23 at 2 PM.

Exhibit January 3 through 30
Reception, Sunday, Jan. 3, 3 - 4 PM
Poetry Slam, Saturday, Jan. 23, 2 - 4 PM

LITERARY

Reading Short Stories:

Unlocking the Code with Julia Strayer



Join us for this four part series. Classes take place on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3 from 1 - 3 PM. Reading a short story is a different process from reading most novels. A story can be an elaborate

puzzle with a code to crack. We'll discover the surprising ways a story works on many unseen levels and the secret to unlocking the code. **Julia Strayer** earned an MFA from Sarah Lawrence College and teaches creative writing at New York University

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 1 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

SEMINAR

Navigating the Landscape of Care for You or a Loved One

with Leslie Alin Tewes and John Richards

Join **Leslie Alin Tewes**, MPA - Healthcare and President, TewesCares Consulting & Advocacy, and **John Richards**, MA Economics and Owner of FirstLight HomeCare of Fairfield County, to learn the fundamentals you need to understand care options and how to navigate the care landscape.

Thursday, January 21, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LEARN THROUGH FILM

Too Big To Fail



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 first film in the series will be the award-winning documentary *Too Big To Fail*. A discussion will follow.

Wednesday, January 27, 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

Information and Networking Evening

Kicking off a new series of Skillsbox programs the Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce and SCORE will each make short presentations about the many resources they have to help small businesses and entrepreneurs. A networking reception will follow!

Wednesday, January 6, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Social Media Update with Mike Brooks

Social media is not an option. It **MUST** be a part of your marketing mix if you want to compete in 2016 and beyond. In this presentation Mike Brooks will share best practices, what will work for your business, and how to do it quickly and as cost effectively as possible.


Wednesday, January 13, 8 AM
(Snow Date January 14)
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Building Relationships: The Key to Business Success with David Jarcho

This session will cover the keys to creating and maintaining great relationships in both the digital and analog world. Learn the keys to developing successful relationships no matter what kind of business you're in: online, retail, B2C or B2B.

Wednesday, January 27, 8 AM
(Snow Date January 28)
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

<p>NONFICTIONEERS Tuesday, January 5 7:00 PM <i>The Great Bridge: The Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge</i> by David McCullough</p> <p>First published in 1972, <i>The Great Bridge</i> is the classic account of one of the greatest engineering feats of all time. Winning acclaim for its comprehensive look at the building of the Brooklyn Bridge, this book helped cement David McCullough's reputation as America's preeminent social historian.</p>	<p>intrigue. With a cast of characters you want to know better and a storyline cloaked in World War II betrayals . . . the author winningly blends contemporary crime with historical topics." - Library Journal Starred Review</p>	<p>CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP Tuesday, January 19 7:00 PM <i>Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker</i> by Jennifer Chiaverini</p> <p>This compelling historical novel unveils the private lives of Abraham and Mary Lincoln through the perspective of the First Lady's most trusted confidante and friend, her dressmaker Elizabeth Keckley, a former slave.</p>	<p>POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP Friday, January 15 1:00 PM <i>Where I Live: New and Selected Poems, 1990 - 2010</i> by Maxine Kumin</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>MURDER BY THE BOOK Thursday, January 7 10:30 AM <i>The Book Seller</i> by Mark Pryor Please note new time!</p> <p>"Pryor's steady and engrossing debut combines Sherlockian puzzle solving with Eric Ambler-like spy</p>	<p>BOOKS & BREAKFAST Monday, January 11 10:30 AM</p>  <p>Led by Dorothy Pawlowski</p>	<p>A.M. BOOK GROUP Wednesday, January 27 10:00 AM <i>Last Friends</i> by Jane Gardam</p> <p>The final installment in the acclaimed trilogy about the marriage of Edward ("Old Filth") Feathers and his wife Betty, this time from the viewpoint of Terry Veneering, variously enemy, colleague, lover and rival.</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>
<p>FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP Thursday, January 14 3:00 PM <i>Mary Coin</i> by Marisa Silver</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>			

TECH TOPICS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

- **Create a Personal Budget Using Excel** - Join us for this hands-on workshop with Jeanne Lanzetta
 - Wednesday, January 13 @ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
- **5 Foolproof Ways to Promote Your Business using Facebook**- Join us for this workshop with Kate Fitzpatrick.
 - Monday, January 18 @ 12:00 - 1:00 PM - [Register](#)
- **Getting Started with the Library's Digital Resources**
 - Join us as we demonstrate some of our digital resources
 - Friday, January 15 @ 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Drop-in
- **Job Hunting Resources at the Library** - Join us as we demonstrate several of the Library's job hunting tools
 - Wednesday, January 20 @ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
- **Orientation to 3D Printing** - Are you interested in printing your own 3D design on the Library's Makerbot? We are now offering use of our 3D printer to Ridgefield Library cardholders. Before reserving printer time (available in two-hour blocks), we require attendance at a 90-minute orientation session to go over how to format a design to be print ready, how to operate the Makerbot, and for an overview of our usage policies. (Under 18 must be with an adult)
 - Thursday, January 21 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)
 - Saturday, January 23 @ 10:00 - 11:30 AM - [Register](#)

Tech Topics are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.



EVENTS CALENDAR - JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 Library Closed: <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 Activity: <i>Brickfest</i> 12 - 4 PM Meeting: <i>Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 PM
3 Exhibition Reception: <i>New Beginnings</i> by RMAC 3 - 4 PM	4	5 Nonfictioneers: <i>The Great Bridge:</i> by David McCullough 7 PM Meeting: <i>Writers Guild</i> 7 PM	6 Information and Networking Event: <i>Skillsbox: Tools for Business Success</i> 7 PM	7 Murder by the Book: <i>The Book Seller</i> by Mark Pryor 10:30 AM	8 Activity: <i>Coloring for Adults</i> 1 PM	9 Meeting: <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM
10 Community Sing-Along: <i>Let's Sing!</i> 3 PM	11 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM Parenting Talk: <i>Raising a Strong, Compassionate Child</i> with Lisa Miller, Ph.D. 7 PM	12 Brown Bag Discussion: <i>Raising a Strong, Compassionate Child</i> 12 PM	13 Skillsbox: <i>Social Media Update</i> 8 AM Workshop: <i>Create a Personal Budget Using Excel</i> 10:30 AM Reading Short Stories: <i>Unlocking the Code</i> 1 PM Meeting: <i>Playwrights Collective</i> 6 PM	14 Founders Hall Book Discussion: <i>Mary Coin</i> by Marisa Silver 3 PM	15 Tech Topics: <i>The Library's Digital Resources</i> 12 PM Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Where I Live</i> by Maxine Kumin 1 PM	16 Activity: <i>Coloring for Adults</i> 10 AM - 12 PM
17	18 Tech Topics: <i>5 Foolproof Ways to Promote your Business on Facebook</i> 12 PM	19 Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker</i> by Jennifer Chiaverini 7 PM	20 Reading Short Stories: 1 PM Tech Topics: <i>Job Hunting Resources</i> 10:30 AM	21 Talk: <i>Navigating the Landscape of Care</i> 7 PM Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 6 PM	22	23 Performance: <i>RMAC Poetry Slam</i> 2 PM Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 10: AM
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