

Summer Reading 2018!

This year's Adult Summer Reading theme is ***Libraries Rock!*** The program once again coincides with the long-running children's and teen summer reading programs that begin on June 28 and run through August 11. During this period, just read a book or listen to an audiobook and submit an entry to be included in drawings for themed prizes.

Participants are encouraged to do their entries online (see the Summer Reading link at ridgefieldlibrary.org). Forms can also be dropped off at one of the Service Desks.

In addition, the Library will host a series of programs and events for adults over the summer. The Library's many book groups (except the Poetry Discussion Group) also continue to meet over the summer. And, be sure not to miss **RidgeCon**, a celebration of pop culture and fandom, that will take place Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18.

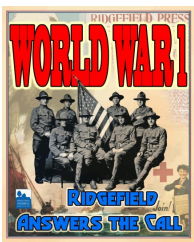
The Library's summer reading programs are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.



Exhibit

Ridgefield Answers the Call

presented by the Ridgefield Historical Society



This series of ten display posters, created by local graphic artist **Bill Mikulewicz**, commemorates the end of WW1 and centers on the contribution Ridgefield residents made during the war. A wine and cheese reception celebrating the opening of the exhibition will take place on Saturday, July 7 from

1 – 3 pm in the Library Gallery on the Lower Level.

This exhibit is part of *Ridgefield Remembers WW1*, a Town-wide commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. For a full listing of events visit the WWI page at ridgefieldlibrary.org.

On Exhibit Through July 30

Reception, Saturday, July 7, 1 - 3 PM

Dramatic Reading

Stories by Neil Gaiman

presented by Alan Sklar



Acclaimed voice actor **Alan Sklar** returns to the Library, this time to do a dramatic reading of two imaginative stories by Neil Gaiman, *The Price* and *We Can Get Them Wholesale*. One is a bit scary and the other a bit funny! Neil

Gaiman, is the award winning author of short fiction, novels, comic books, graphic novels, audio, theatre, and films including the current bestseller *Norse Mythology*.

Alan Sklar has been a voice actor for over thirty years, voicing radio and TV commercials and recording over 200 audiobooks.

Monday, July 30, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Play

We Got Games!



We Got Games is a tabletop gaming meet-up for adults and teens that will meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:45 PM. This program takes place in the Kellen Family Children's Program Room.

Tuesday, July 10, 6 PM

No registration

Tech Topics

Choosing a Social Media Platform

with Kate Fitzpatrick

Social media has become a complicated landscape over the past few years, and sometimes gets overwhelming even for people who have been active online for a long time. Join us as we discuss the differences between the most popular social media platforms.

Wednesday, July 18, 2 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Health and Wellness

Health and wellness programs are made possible thanks to donors to the Library's *Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life fund*.



Chair Yoga with Michael Simonelli

Ever wanted to try a Yoga class but have some restrictions or injuries? In this introductory Chair Yoga session you will be guided through a relaxing and recharging Yoga class that is suitable for everyone and all abilities. Chair Yoga offers support in the Yoga poses and all the benefits. In this introductory class the student will explore traditional Yoga poses breathing instruction and a short guided meditation. Classes will continue on the first Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday, July 11, 1 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Mindfulness and Meditation with the Community Mindfulness Project

Join us for a new series of one-hour Meditation classes led by the **Community Mindfulness Project**, a local, secular meditation group dedicated to the study and practice of mindfulness meditation for people of all religious backgrounds. CMP's teachings draw from a variety of meditation traditions, and in addition to regular, dedicated practice the group supports new and veteran practitioners. Classes will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Monday, July 9 & 23, 6:30 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Be a Body Psychic with Nicole Fevrier Davis



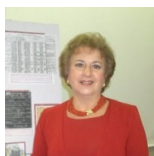
The *Be A Body Psychic* workshop empowers workshop participants with greater and more effective mind/body tools. In this 2-hour talk/workshop we will learn how to psychically or intuitively "read" our own bodies (otherwise known as the body scan) for the purpose of life and health improvement.

The workshop will include a progressive series of concepts and working visualizations to maximize communication between mind and body. This ultimately results in the participants' empowered sense of intuition and their ability to use their newly found mind/body communication skills for goal attainment including finding love, early disease detection, financial abundance, and spiritual fulfillment. The workshop curriculum follows its companion workbook the *Be A Body Psychic*, written by facilitator Nicole Davis. (Although the workshop is based on the workbook it is not necessary to use the workbook to understand the concepts.)

Monday, July 16, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Travel

The Galapagos Islands and Charles Darwin with Toni McKeen



Join us for the second in a four-part armchair travel program with genealogist and world traveler Toni McKeen. In these illustrated lectures she will share her travel experiences in four exotic locations: Easter Island,

Galapagos Islands, Malta and Jordan. Future programs are *The Island Country of Malta* on August 9 and *Jordan, Half as Old as Time* on August 23. Programs start at 6:30 PM.

Monday, July 26, 6:30 PM
Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Tech Tricks

Classes to Keep You Current and Connected: iPhone Cameras and Photos with Dawn DeCosta

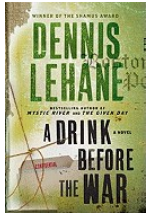
IPhones take great pictures! In this class you will learn the features of the camera application and learn to take a great photo and video. We will also explore the Photo app and learn to organize, share and edit all the beautiful photos you will be taking.

This program is made possible thanks to the Paul and Johanna Laszig Fund for the Elderly. Programs are geared to seniors but all are welcome to attend.

Thursday, July 19, 11 AM - [Register](#)
Wednesday, July 25, 6:30 PM - [Register](#)

Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

MURDER BY THE BOOK
Thursday, July 5
 10:30 AM
A Drink Before the War
 by Dennis Lehane



PIs Patrick Kenzie and Angela Gennaro are hired to find a missing cleaning

woman suspected of stealing sensitive documents and find themselves mixed up with gang rivalry, extortion, child prostitution, and assassination in this debut of the extremely popular "Boston noir" series.

NONFICTIONEERS
Coolidge
 by Amity Shlaes
Tuesday, July 10
 7:00 PM

Amity Shlaes delivers a brilliant and provocative reexamination of America's thirtieth president, Calvin Coolidge, and the decade of unparalleled growth that the nation enjoyed under his leadership. Shlaes provides a fresh look at the extravagant 1920s—triumphant years in which the nation was electrified, Americans drove their first cars and the federal deficit was replaced

with a surplus. After a divisive period of government excess and corruption, Coolidge restored national trust in Washington and achieved what few other peacetime presidents have: he left office with a federal budget smaller than the one he inherited.

BOOKS & BREAKFAST
Monday, July 9
 10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, July 12
 3:00 PM
The Women in the Castle
 by Jessica Shattuck

For members of Founders Hall.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, July 17
 7:00 PM
Before We Were Yours
 by Lisa Wingate

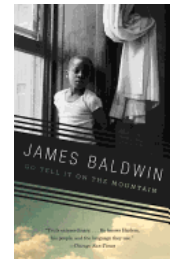
This tale, inspired by firsthand accounts about the notoriously corrupt Tennessee Children's Home Society, follows the efforts of a Baltimore assistant D.A. to uncover her parents' fateful secrets. "A powerful tale of family, of sisters, of secrets kept and secrets shared. I absolutely loved this book. I'm still basking in the afterglow...." – Jamie Ford

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, July 23
 2:00 PM
Consider the Fork: A History of How We Cook and Eat
 by Bee Wilson

Since prehistory, humans have braved sharp knives, fire, and grindstones to transform raw ingredients into something delicious—or at least edible. But these tools have also transformed how we consume, and how we think about, our food. Blending history, science, and personal anecdotes, Wilson reveals how our culinary tools and tricks came to be and how their influence has shaped food culture today.

A.M. BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, July 25
 10:00 AM
Go Tell It on the Mountain
 by James Baldwin

Fourteen-year-old John Grimes is the stepson of a Pentecostal preacher in Harlem during the Depression. This novel spans a single day in his life, but encompasses his family's troubled past and his longings for the future.



LIVE IN HD @ RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE

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. For a full listing visit - ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

Tech Topics

3D Printing Orientation- 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. Those who are under age 18 must come with an adult.
Saturday, July 7 @ 10:00 - 11:30 AM - [Register](#)
Friday, July 13 @ 3:00 - 4:30 PM - [Register](#)

Tech Tricks: Downloading the Library's eBooks and eAudiobooks: Bring Your Own Device - Get help downloading eBooks or eAudiobooks to your phone or tablet.
Tuesday, July 10 @ 1:30 - 2:30 PM - Drop-in
Tuesday, July 24 @ 3:00 - 4:00 PM - Drop-in

Blender Group for 3D Modeling with Chris Iorillo
Tuesday, July 10 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)


How to Choose the Most Effective Social Media Platform
Wednesday, July 18 @ 2:00 - 3:00 PM - [Register](#)

Tech Tricks: iPhone Photos and Camera. Dawn DeCosta of Tech Savvy brings her Apple experience to you in these hands-on classes.
Thursday, July 19 @ 11 AM - 12 PM - [Register](#)
Wednesday, July 25 @ 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)

Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD - Check ridgefieldlibrary.org for details and available timeslots.

Making STEAM: Making a Card with a Cricut Smart Cutting Machine
Friday, July 6 @ 2:00 - 3:30 PM - [Register](#)
Friday, July 27, 2:00 - 3:30 PM - [Register](#)

Featured Events Calendar - July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Exhibition: <i>Ridgefield Answers the Call</i> July 3 through 30 Gallery on the Lower Level</p> <p>Opening Reception: Saturday, July 7, 1 - 3 PM</p>			<p>5 Murder by the Book: <i>A Drink Before the War</i> by Dennis Lehane 10:30 AM</p>	<p>6 Making STEAM: <i>Making a Card with a Cricut Smart Cutting Machine</i> 2 PM</p>	<p>7 Tech Topics: 3D Printing Orientation 10 AM Exhibition Opening: <i>WW1: Ridgefield Answers the Call</i> 1 - 3 PM</p>
8	<p>9 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM Class: <i>Mindfulness and Meditation</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>10 Tech Topics: <i>Downloading the Library's eBooks and eAudiobooks: Bring Your Own Device</i> 1:30 PM Nonfictioners: <i>Coolidge</i> by Amity Shlaes 7 PM</p>	<p>11 Health: Chair Yoga with Valerie Rich 1 PM</p>	<p>12 Founders Hall Book Discussion: <i>The Women in the Castle</i> by Jessica Shattuck 3 PM</p>	<p>13 Tech Topics: 3D Printing Orientation 3 PM</p>	<p>14 Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM</p>
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