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Ridgefield Library's Adult Programs Newsletter

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July 2013

SUMMER READING *Groundbreaking Reads!*

This year's Adult Summer Reading theme is ***Groundbreaking Reads!*** The program once again coincides with the long-running Children's and Teen summer reading programs that begin on June 24 and run through August 10. During this period, just read a book or listen to an audiobook and submit an entry to be entered into a drawing for themed prizes. This year participants are encouraged to do their entries online (see the Summer Reading link at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org). Forms can also be dropped off at the Information Desk.

In addition the Library will host a series of programs and events for adults over the summer. The Library will be a meetup location for a ten-week MOOC (Massive Open

Online Course) called ***The Fiction of Relationship***. Check below for meetup dates and the suggested reading list. Other programs include author talks, photography workshops, a workshop on digital archiving, online language learning, travel resources and more. The Library's many book groups (except Poetry Discussion Group) also continue to meet over the summer.

The Library's Summer Reading Program is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.



For more information visit www.ridgefieldlibrary.org or call 203-438-2282.

A TEN-PART MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE (MOOC) ***THE FICTION OF RELATIONSHIP***

Video Lectures with Dr. Arnold Weinstein

For ten consecutive Wednesdays beginning on June 19, the **Ridgefield Library** will be the meetup location for this **MOOC** (Massive Open Online Course) presented by **Coursera**. Video lectures start at **6:30 PM** at the Library and will be followed by a moderated discussion. ***The Fiction of Relationship*** online lectures are given by **Dr. Arnold Weinstein** of Brown University.



Suggested Reading and Meetup Dates:

June 19 - *Manon Lescaut* by **Abbé Prevost**

June 26 - *Jane Eyre* by **Charlotte Bronte**

July 3 - *Bartleby the Scrivener* and *Benito Cereno* by **Herman Melville**

July 10 - *The Metamorphosis*, *In the Penal Colony*, and *The Country Doctor* by **Franz Kafka**

July 17 - *To the Lighthouse* by **Virginia Woolf**

July 24 - *Light in August* by **William Faulkner**

July 31 - *Ficciones* by **Jorge Luis Borges**

August 7 - *The Ice Palace* by **Tarjei Vesaas**

August 14 - *Beloved* by **Toni Morrison**

August 21 - *Disgrace* by **J. M. Coetzee**

What will be the focus of the course?

Here is how Dr. Weinstein describes the course: "What is our relationship to others and to the world? How can Literature help us see these relationships more clearly? This course seeks to explore such questions through adventurous readings of ten great works of narrative fiction from the 18th through the 20th century."

You will need to register both at the Coursera website and at the Library website. For more information contact Dorothy Pawlowski @ 203-438-2282 Ext. 1003 or dlpawl@ridgefieldlibrary.org.

Choose the level of participation that works best for you. We will have multiple copies of the readings above beginning the last week of May, and many are free as e-books. Audiobooks will also be available for most titles. Select what you wish to read and how many of the video lectures and discussions you can attend. Watch the lecture through the Coursera website from home (or away) if you can't make it to the Library.

AUTHOR TALKS

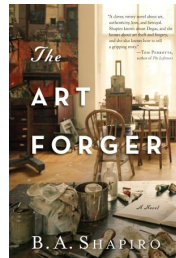
The Art Forger with B. A. Shapiro



B.A. Shapiro is the author of *The Art Forger*, a literary thriller about the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum heist, that spans three centuries of forgers, art thieves, and obsessive collectors. Writing as Barbara Shapiro, she is also the author of five suspense novels: *The Safe Room*, *Blind Spot*, *See No Evil*, *Blameless* and *Shattered*

Echoes, as well as the non-fiction book *The Big Squeeze*. She lives in Boston and teaches creative writing at Northeastern University.

This program is presented by Books on the Common, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum and Ridgefield Library.



Thursday, July 11, 7 PM

@ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Deer Island's Undeclared America's Cup Crews with Mark Gabrielson

Join us as Ridgefielder **Mark Gabrielson** discusses his recently released book *Deer Isle's Undeclared America's Cup Crews: Humble Heroes from a Downeast Island*.

In 1895, emissaries from the New York Yacht Club traveled to Deer Isle, Maine, to recruit the nation's best sailors, an "All American" crew. This remote island in Penobscot Bay sent nearly thirty of its fishing men to sail *The Defender*, and under skipper Hank Haff, they beat their opponents in a difficult and controversial series. To the delight of the American public, the charismatic Sir Thomas Lipton sent a surprise challenge in 1899. The New York Yacht Club knew where to turn and again recruited Deer Isle's fisherman sailors. Undeclared in two defense campaigns, they are still considered one of the best American sail-racing teams ever assembled. Read their fascinating story and relive their adventure.

Mark J. Gabrielson is a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed master and a trustee of the Marion-Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race. He is a graduate of Princeton University and is now a graduate student at Harvard University, in extension, concentrating in history.

Tuesday, July 30, 7 PM

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Death in the Baltic with Cathryn Prince

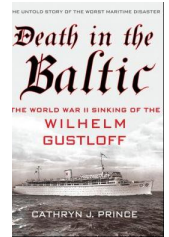


"The sinking of the cruise liner... has long been overlooked by maritime historians. Yet when the Wilhelm Gustloff disappeared beneath the freezing waters of the Baltic in January of 1945, she took with her more than six times the number of people lost on the Titanic. Through careful research and interviews with the few remaining

survivors, **Cathryn J. Prince** vividly recreates the chaos and terror of this epic maritime disaster."--
Hugh Brewster, author of *Gilded Lives*.

Come hear Cathryn Prince discuss her recently released book about the sinking of the *Wilhelm Gustloff*.

This program is presented by Books on the Common and Ridgefield Library.

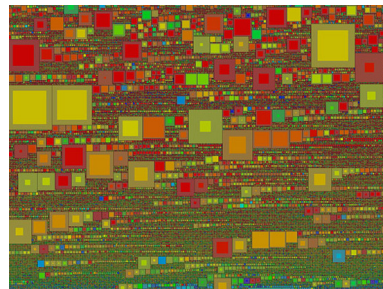


Thursday, July 25, 7 PM

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

TECHNOLOGY

Storing Your Digital Life: An Introduction to Digital Archiving with Jon Eriksen



To preserve and share our personal collections of digital photos, documents and videos we must manage them with care. At this event we'll discuss the challenges of personal digital archiving and some considerations for planning your own

personal archiving project. We'll discuss organization and preferred formats for photos, records, audio and video, and also strategies for long-term storage.

Jon Eriksen is a Technology and Reference Librarian at New Canaan Library. He has a special interest in personal information management and its impact on the creative process.

Saturday, July 27, 1 PM

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, July 2
7:15 PM
The Gardner Heist
by Ulrich Boser

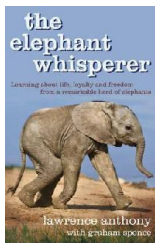
Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, August 6
7:15 PM

*The Elephant
Whisperer: My Life with
the Herd in the African
Wild*
by Lawrence Anthony and
Graham Spence

"A lovingly written tale of close encounters, some beautiful and some frightening, with humans and nonhumans alike. Anthony's story of his trials and tribulations in preserving a herd of African elephants is a parable for the continent."

--Irene M. Pepperberg,
author of *Alex & Me*



BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Next Meeting
Monday, July 8
10:30 AM



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

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, July 11
11:15 AM

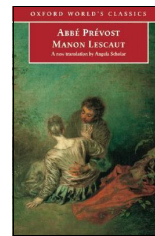
The Raphael Affair
by Iain Pears

Jonathan Argyll is an English art historian and dealer; Flavia di Stefano is a detective with the Italian National Art Theft Squad. Together they investigate murder and mayhem in the international art world, in a witty and fast-pace series with an appealing Roman setting and just a touch of romance.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, July 16
7:15 PM
Manon Lescaut
by Abbé Prévost

This controversial novel was originally banned in France due to its scandalous content -- the passionate and unrepentant sensual relationship of a young nobleman and a beautiful courtesan. This classic love story has become the basis for operas and ballets, while the figure of Manon prefigures a host of 19th century heroines.



POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

No meetings in July or August. Look for the new schedule coming soon.

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

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, July 24
11:15 AM

Ficciones

by Jorge Luis Borges

A collection of short stories by the renowned Argentinean master of witty, thought-provoking literary fiction.

Note: *Manon Lescaut* and *Ficciones* are selections that will be discussed in the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on *The Fiction of Relationship* that will be part of the Library's Adult Summer Reading Program. Visit www.ridgefieldlibrary.org for more information about how to participate in this exciting opportunity for lifelong learning.

PHOTOGRAPHY & TRAVEL

Taking And Editing Digital Photos: Part 2 with Mark Edwards

There are more ways to take photos than ever before - current teenagers have taken more pictures by the time they graduate high school than their parents did in their whole lives thanks to smartphones and Facebook. If you carry a smartphone you're also carrying a camera, and there's a renaissance of design happening in the world of digital cameras. These two talks will give an overview of digital imaging -- from capturing images to the various ways that you can process and share them online.

Thursday, June 27 and July 18, 7 PM
No registration

Tech Fridays: Online Travel Resources with Christie Mitchell

There is a wealth of travel information at your fingertips online. Find up-to-date travel guides from familiar sources like Fodor's as well as user-generated content from websites such as Wikivoyage. Research places to explore recommended sights, monuments, hotels, restaurants, events and so much more. We will also take a look at ways to research the weather and local customs. In addition we will preview the look and feel of your destination through state, city and town sites.

Friday, July 26, 1 - 3 PM
No registration

EVENTS CALENDAR - JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2 The Nonfictioners: The Gardner Heist 7:15 PM	3 Meetup: The Fiction of Relationship Online Course 6:30 PM	4 Library Closed: Independence Day	5	6 Meeting: Memoir Writing Group 1 PM
7 Closed: Summer Sundays	8 Discussion: Books & Breakfast @ Keeler Tavern Museum 10:30 AM	9	10 Meetup: The Fiction of Relationship Online Course 6:30 PM	11 Murder by the Book: The Raphael Affair by Iain Pears 11:15 AM Author Talk: The Art Forger with Barbara Shapiro @ The Aldrich 7 PM Register	12	13 Shutterbugs: Monthly Meeting 9 AM
14 Closed: Summer Sundays	15	16 Critics' Circle Book Group: Manon Lescaut by Abbé Prévost 7:15 PM	17 Meetup: The Fiction of Relationship Online Course 6:30 PM	18 Workshop: Taking and Editing Digital Photographs with Mark Edwards (part 2) 7 PM Meeting: The Writers Guild of Ridgefield: A Networking Group for Writers 7 PM	19	20
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