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# BIBLIOEVENTS

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## “Read Around the World” at the Library this Summer

This year’s Adult Summer Reading theme is *Adults Read Around the World*. The program will once again coincide with our long-running Children’s Summer Reading Program that begins on June 25 and ends on August 4. During that period just read a book or listen to an audiobook and fill out an entry form, and you will be automatically entered into a drawing for internationally themed prizes.

We are very excited that author Masha Hamilton will be coming to the Library on **Thursday, June 28 at 7 PM**, to help us kick off the program. Masha Hamilton is the author of the critically acclaimed novel, *The Camel Bookmobile*. The novel tells the story of an American librarian who volunteers to help with a traveling library in Africa, only to discover that even good intentions can have unforeseen consequences. Inspired by the actual

camel-borne library in Africa that featured in her novel, Ms. Hamilton has organized a *Camel Book Drive*. The Ridgefield High School LIT Club has offered to help collect books for the *Book Drive*, and children participating in The Library’s Summer Reading Program will be given the opportunity to choose a title in which to write a message to a peer in Kenya. There will also be lightly used second-hand books available for sale at the Masha Hamilton program that can be donated to the *Camel Book Drive*. The Friends of the Library are also generously helping pay for the shipping of donated books to Kenya.

See the box to the right for other *Adults Read Around the World* programs. As you can see, there’s no need to leave Ridgefield to travel the globe this summer!

### Summer Programs & Events

- Masha Hamilton, author of *The Camel Bookmobile*, June 28, 7 PM**
- Friends’ Paperback & Children’s Book Sale, June 28 and 29, 10 AM - 5 PM  
June 30, 9 AM - 5 PM**
- Hollister Film Series - Foreign Films  
July 14 and 28 & August 11 and 25  
1:30 and 7 PM**
- Mexican Music with Fiesta del Norte  
July 19, 7 PM**
- Mystery Lovers’ Brown Bag Lunches  
with Dr. Joanne Dobson,  
July 13 and 27, 12—2 PM**
- Author Talk with Diana Loevy  
author of *The Book Group Companion*,  
July 26, 7 PM**
- Travel Writing with author  
Mary-Lou Weisman, July 31, 7 PM**
- Classical Guitar Duo Judy Handler and  
Mark Levesque, August 16, 7 PM**

## C e l e b r a t e

# Latino Book Month



Take part in a discussion (in Spanish & English) of *Retrato en Sepia* “Portrait in Sepia” by world-renowned Chilean author Isabel Allende. The evening will include samples of delicious Latino foods. The book discussion, which is suitable for adults and high schoolers, will be led by East Ridge Middle School Spanish teacher Lourdes Eckstein.

Wednesday, June 6 @ 7 – 9 PM

Dayton Program Room

A drop-in program but to secure a spot please call the Library at 438-2282 (x1018)

*A limited number of copies of the novel are available at the Library both in English and in Spanish or you may purchase your copy at Books on the Common at a discount.*

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# June Book Groups - June Book Groups - June Book Groups

## TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, June 5  
7 PM

*Paris Was Yesterday:  
1925-1939*

by Janet Flanner

In 1925, Flanner began her "Letter from Paris" column for *The New Yorker*. The pieces in this collection give an insider's view of French political, social, and cultural life in the years from the electrifying debut of Josephine Baker to the evacuation of Paris during World War II.



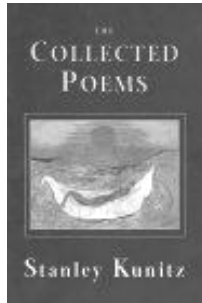
## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, June 15  
1 PM

*Collected Poems*

By Stanley Kunitz

"It's hard to quarrel with this volume, which collects seven decades' worth of stellar work from one of America's foremost poets. Direct and down-to-earth, Kunitz addresses love, loss, and the gritty everyday in poems that are remarkably consistent in style and texture from the early 1930s to the late 1990s." *Publishers Weekly*



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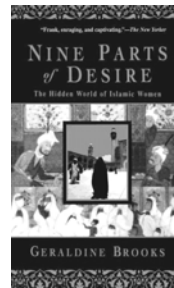
## CRITICS' CIRCLE

Tuesday, June 19  
7 PM

*Nine Parts of Desire*

by Geraldine Brooks

An intimate portrait of Muslim women, showing the often contradictory political, religious, and cultural forces that shape their lives. Brooks spent over six years covering the Middle East for *The Wall Street Journal*.



## AM BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, June 27  
9:30 AM

*The City of Falling Angels*

by John Berendt

By coincidence, author Berendt (*Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*) arrived in Venice just as the Fenice Opera House was ravaged by a spectacular and unexplained fire. Captivated by the unfolding story and residents' varying reactions, he stayed for several years to follow the investigation, trial and re-building efforts and shares his observations about this famous city and its larger-than-life denizens in a book that is part character study, part travelogue and part true crime drama.



# Hollister Films

All films are free thanks to the generosity of a private donor

## Dream Girls

2006, Rated PG-13, 131 Mins.



Based on the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, a trio of black female soul singers goes from just a group with talent to being a crossover hit on the pop charts in the early 60s. The friendship of the three girls from Chicago is put to the test when they are faced with the pressure of money, fame and adulation. Features the Grammy winning song "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going."

Tuesday, June 12  
1:30 & 7 PM

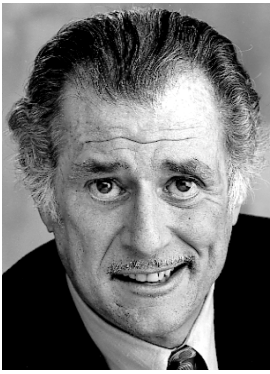
## The Queen

2006, PG-13, 99 Mins.



An intimate, revealing and sometimes humorous behind-the-scenes glimpse at the interaction between Her Majesty Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) and Prime Minister Tony Blair (Michael Sheen) following the death of Princess Diana. The two struggle to reach a compromise between what was a private tragedy for the Royal Family and the public's demand for an overt display of mourning.

Tuesday, June 26  
1:30 & 7 PM



**Thursday, June 14**  
**@ 7:00 PM**  
 Dayton Program Room  
*No registration required*

**Frank Deford** - The senior sports writer for *Sports Illustrated*, commentator on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*, and regular correspondent on the HBO show *Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel* will discuss his new novel, *The Entitled*.

*Books will be available for sale and signing thanks to Books on the Common.*

# Pen to Paper

A four-part writing workshop led by Joan Gleckler & Faith Vicinanza

- Priming the Writing Pump  
Saturday, May 26 @ 10 AM - Noon
- Writing Dialogue: Say What?  
Saturday, June 2 @ 10 AM - Noon
- The Art of Revising Your Work  
Saturday, June 9 @ 10 AM - Noon
- So You Want to Be in Print  
Saturday, June 16 @ 10 AM - Noon



Please call The Library at 438-2282 to register for the workshops

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# Meet Your Local Grower

A panel discussion about the positive value and impact of eating locally grown, wholesome foods.

**Sunday**  
**June 10**  
**2 PM**

Dayton Program Room  
 No registration. Space is limited.

## Panelists Include:

**DINA BREWSTER**  
*The Hickories, Ridgefield, CT*

**JOAN & JOHN HOLBROOK**  
*Holbrook Farm, Bethel, CT*

**BILLY HILL**  
*Warrups Farm*  
*Redding, CT*

**JOSEPH KELLER & ILSA SVENDSEN**  
*Garden of Ideas, Ridgefield, CT*

*A small selection of produce will be available for sale following the program*

Co-sponsored with  
 The Norwalk River Watershed Association

# What's in the Water?

Slide Presentation  
 Thursday, June 7, 7 - 9 PM

## A Hands-on Program about Aquatic Ecosystems



Suitable for All Ages

Led by David Havens, a science teacher and the Environmental Coordinator at St. Luke's School in New Canaan

**Come check out pond water samples with microscopes and magnifying glasses!**

Norwalk River Watershed Association  
**2007 Traveling Photo Exhibit**  
 Through June in the Dayton Program Room



# June 2007

## Calendar of Adult Programs and Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	<u>2</u> <b>Pen to Paper Writing Workshop:</b> <i>Writing Dialogue: Say What?</i> <b>10 AM—noon</b>
3	4	<u>5</u> <b>Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers</b> <i>Paris Was Yesterday</i> by Janet Flanner <b>7 PM</b>	<u>6</u> <b>Latino Book Discussion</b> <i>Portrait in Sepia</i> by Isabel Allende <b>7 PM</b>	<u>7</u> <b>Slide presentation and hands-on program:</b> Norwalk River Watershed Assn. presents: <i>What's in the Water? - Aquatic Ecosystems</i> <b>All Ages 7 PM</b>	8	<u>9</u> <b>Shutterbugs</b> Monthly Meeting <b>9:30 AM</b>  <b>Pen to Paper Writing Workshop</b> <i>The Art of Revising Your Work</i> <b>10 AM—noon</b>
<u>10</u> <b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>Meet your Local Grower</i> <b>2 - 4 PM</b>	11	<u>12</u> <b>Hollister Film Series:</b> <i>Dream Girls</i> PG-13  <b>1:30 &amp; 7 PM</b>	13	<u>14</u> <b>Author Talk</b> with Sports Commentator Frank Deford discussing his new novel <i>The Entitled</i> <b>7 PM</b>	<u>15</u> <b>Poetry Discussion Group</b> with Alan Holder <i>Collected Poems</i> by Stanley Kunitz <b>1 PM</b>	<u>16</u> <b>Pen to Paper Writing Workshop:</b> <i>So You Want to be in Print</i> <b>10 AM—noon</b>
<u>17</u> Library Closed - Summer Hours  Father's Day!	18	<u>19</u> <b>Critics' Circle</b> <i>Nine Parts of Desire</i> by Geraldine Brooks <b>7 PM</b>  <b>The Ridgefield Writer's Guild</b> <b>7 PM</b> History Rm.	20	<u>21</u> Summer Begins!	22	23
<u>24</u> Library Closed - Summer Hours	25	<u>26</u> <b>Hollister Film Series:</b> <i>The Queen</i> PG-13 <b>1:30 &amp; 7 PM</b>	<u>27</u> <b>A.M. Book Group</b> <i>The City of Falling Angels</i> by John Berendt <b>9:30 AM</b>	<u>28</u> <b>Summer Reading Kick-Off -</b> <b>Author Talk</b> with Masha Hamilton <b>7 PM</b> <b>Friends Sale:</b> Paperback and children's books <b>10 AM—5 PM</b>	<u>29</u> <b>Friends Sale:</b> Paperback and children's books <b>10 AM—5 PM</b> On the library lawn	<u>30</u> <b>Friends Sale:</b> Paperback and children's books <b>9 AM—5 PM</b> On the library lawn