

# Biblioevents

## RIDGEFIELD REMEMBERS THE CIVIL WAR

The Civil War was one of the most transformative periods in our national history, and people across the country are observing its sesquicentennial with an outpouring of books, films and other educational and cultural activities. Seeking to tie these large historical events to local history, the organizers of *Ridgefield Remembers the Civil War* have put together numerous commemorative programs for all ages in the 6 months

leading up to the anniversary of the July 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, in which Ridgefield soldiers took part. The culminating highlight of this effort will be a *Soldiers Fair* in Ballard Park on Saturday, June 8 from 1 to 4:30 PM (rain date June 9), to feature re-enactors, period music, games and numerous other activities. Visit [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org) for information and to check on the status in case of rain.

### *Soldiers Fair* @ Ballard Park

**Featuring:** Proclamation by the First Selectman honoring all of the Ridgefield veterans of the Civil War including the heroics of Eddie Pickett; Patriotic Music by the Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra Wind Ensemble; Negro Spirituals by the Serendipity Chorale; Songs of the North & South by the Ridgefield Chorale; Period Music by the Senior Melodiers of Founders Hall; Civil War Re-enactors in their Campsite; Actors Portraying Men and Women of the Civil War Era; Hands-on Activities and Games for Children; Recitation of the Gettysburg Address, and more!

**Saturday, June 8, 1 - 4:30 PM**  
**@ Ballard Park**

Free ! No registration - Rain Date June 9!

### *More Civil War Events Around Town*

**Lecture: The Battle Hymn of the Republic**  
**Tuesday, June 4, 2:45 PM @ Founders Hall**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 7 PM @ Community Center**

**Lincoln-Douglas Style Debate with HS Debate Team**  
**Tuesday, June 4, 7 PM**  
@ Keeler Tavern Museum

**Outdoor Screening of Gettysburg (1993)**  
**Friday, June 7, 8:30 PM**  
@ Lounsbury House/Community Center

For more information visit  
[www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## THE ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### *Energy Literacy for Classic and Historic Homes @ Keeler Tavern Museum*

Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Historical Society, Keeler Tavern Museum and Ridgefield's Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge are pleased to sponsor Energy Literacy and Classic Homes. This historic homes workshop, featuring energy experts from Next Step Living, will help owners of historic and classic homes figure out how to start making energy efficiencies improvements.

**Monday, June 3, 7 PM**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Caring for Your Aging Parents* with Diane Johnston



Diane Johnston will present a program for Baby Boomers who are dealing with the challenges of caring for aging parents.

Diane Johnston PNP is a Nurse Practitioner in Psychiatry in private practice in Westport, Connecticut, specializing in psychopharmacology and psychotherapy.

**Thursday, June 20, 7 PM**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## AUTHOR TALKS & WRITING WORKSHOP

### *A Reading*

with The Ridgefield Writers Workshop

Join us for a reading by members of the Ridgefield Writers Workshop. Featured authors will be Paul **Bissonette**, a former TV executive; **Cynthia McNamara**, who volunteers as an EMT and is also working on her first novel; and **Katy Regnery**, winner of the 2013 NECRWA First Kiss contest. Katy Regnery's first book *By Proxy* will be published by Boroughs Publishing Group in the Fall of 2013.

**Saturday, June 1, 3 PM**

No registration

### *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*.

**Thursday, June 13, 7 PM**

Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Honey Paring and Book Signing* with Marina Marchese



Join us for a honey tasting and paring along with a book signing with **Marina Marchese**, author of the just released *The Honey Connoisseur: Selecting, Tasting and Paring Honey*. Drop into Books on the Common anytime between 6 and 8 PM.

This program is co-sponsored by Books on the Common, Ross's Bread and #109 Cheese and Wine and takes place at Books on the Common.

**Friday, June 28, 6 - 8 PM**

@ Books on the Common

### *Four-Part Writing Workshop* with Phyllis Ross

Join us for a four-part writing workshop called *Writing Milestones*. The program is presented by **Phyllis Ross**.

**Phyllis Ross** has taught, facilitated and coached writing in academic, community and organizational settings. She is faculty emeritus at Western Connecticut State University, and currently facilitates writing as part of Rehabilitation Through the Arts at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for women.

**Wednesday, June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1 PM**

Sorry, but this program is now full.

## 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 runs 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](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)). Forms can also be dropped off at the Fiction Desk.

In addition the Library will also host a series of programs and events for adults over the summer. The Library will be a meet-up location for a ten-week MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) called **The Fiction of Relationship**. This will run on consecutive Wednesday evenings starting on June 19. Check our website for meet-up 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](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org) or call 438-2282.



Some of the titles for the MOOC

# LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

## NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, June 4  
7:15 PM

*Witness* by  
Whittaker Chambers  
(Section 10 Onwards)

First published in 1952, *Witness* was at once a literary effort, a philosophical treatise, and a bestseller. Whittaker Chambers had just participated in America's trial of the century in which Chambers claimed that Alger Hiss, a full-standing member of the political establishment, was a spy for the Soviet Union. This poetic autobiography recounts the famous case, and also reveals much more.

### Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, July 2  
*The Gardner Heist*  
by Ulrich Boser

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, June 6  
11:15 AM

*Devil in the White City:  
Murder, Magic and*

*Madness at the Fair  
that Changed America*  
by Erik Larson

The popular non-fiction writer intertwines the stories of celebrated architect Daniel J. Burnham, responsible for the building of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair site, and the sinister Dr. Holmes, believed to be responsible for scores of murders in the vicinity and at the time of the Fair.

## BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Next Meeting  
Monday, June 10  
10:30 AM



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

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, June 18  
7:15 PM

*Bring up the Bodies*  
by Hilary Mantel

This year's winner of the Man Booker Prize delves into the heart of Tudor history with the downfall of Anne Boleyn. Although this is a sequel to *Wolf Hall*, it is more concentrated, covering the tumultuous actions of a few months, and works well as a standalone novel.

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, June 21  
1 PM

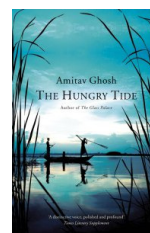
*Kaddish And Other Poems*  
by Allen Ginsberg  
A limited number of copies of the book will be available for discussion participants, thanks to the Friends of the Library.

## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, June 26  
11:15 AM

*The Hungry Tide*  
by Amitav Ghosh

An intricately woven narrative tapestry of life in modern India, centered on the remote Sundarban Islands, where natives, city businessmen, American visitors and conservationists cross paths over several generations.



Library Book Groups always welcome new readers. Copies of the books may be purchased at Books on the Common at a 15% discount, or inquire about in-house and Inter-Library Loan availability.

# PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP & LANGUAGE LEARNING

## Taking And Editing Digital Photos 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**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## Tech Fridays: Learn a Language with Dorothy Pawlowski

Travelling abroad this summer or just want to learn or brush up on a foreign language? Join us for this demo of Mango, which offers self-paced online instruction for 27 languages and can be accessed from both home computers and mobile devices. Mango lessons combine everyday conversation skills, memory building strategies and interactivity. We'll also discuss other online resources for practicing foreign languages.

**Friday, June 28, 1 - 3 PM**  
No registration

# EVENTS CALENDAR - JUNE 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 <b>Meeting:</b> <i>Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 PM <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>A Reading by the Ridgefield Writers Workshop</i> 3 PM
2	3 <b>Workshop:</b> <i>Energy Literacy for Classic Homes @ Keeler Tavern Museum</i>	4 <b>The Nonfictioneers:</b> <i>Witness</i> by Whittaker Chambers 7:15 PM	5 <b>Writing Workshop:</b> <i>Milestones</i> with Phyllis Ross 1 PM Full	6 <b>Murder by the Book:</b> <i>Devil in the White City</i> by Erik Larson 11:15 AM	7	8 <b>Shutterbugs:</b> <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 9 AM <b>Soldiers Fair @ Ballard Park</b> 1—4:30 PM
9 <b>Soldiers Fair @ Ballard Park</b> <b>Rain Date</b> 1—4:30 PM	10 <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Books &amp; Breakfast @ Keeler Tavern Museum</i> 10:30 AM	11	12 <b>Writing Workshop:</b> <i>Milestones</i> with Phyllis Ross 1 PM Full	13 <b>Founders Hall Book Discussion:</b> <i>Jane Eyre</i> by Charlotte Bronte 3 PM <b>Author Talk:</b> with Cathryn Prince 7 PM	14	15
16	17	18 <b>Critics' Circle Book Group:</b> <i>Bring up the Bodies</i> by Hilary Mantel 7:15 PM	19 <b>Writing Workshop:</b> <i>Milestones</i> with Phyllis Ross 1 PM Full <b>Online Course:</b> <i>The Fiction of Relationship</i> 7 PM	20 <b>Talk:</b> <i>Caring for Your Aging Parent: A Baby Boomers Guide</i> 7 PM <b>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield:</b> 7 PM	21 <b>Poetry Discussion Group:</b> <i>Howl and Other Poems</i> by Allen Ginsberg 1 PM	22
23 <b>Closed:</b> <i>Summer Sundays</i>	24 <b>Summer Reading Begins!</b> <b>Meeting:</b> <i>Library Board</i> 7:30 PM	25	26 <b>A.M. Book Group:</b> <i>The Hungry Tide</i> by Amitav Ghosh 11:15 AM <b>Writing Workshop:</b> <i>Milestones</i> with Phyllis Ross 1 PM - Full <b>Online Course:</b> <i>The Fiction of Relationship</i> 7 PM	27 <b>Class:</b> <i>Taking and Editing Digital Photographs</i> with Mark Edwards 7 PM	28 <b>Tech Fridays:</b> <i>Learning a Language Online</i> 1 PM <b>Honey Tasting and Book Signing</b> with Marina Marchese @ Books on the Common 6—8 PM	29
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