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ADULT PROGRAMS

June 2014

RIDGEFIELD FOLK

Sponsored by the Friends of the Ridgefield Library

Kim and Reggie Harris

Consummate musicians and storytellers, **Kim & Reggie Harris** are a mini-festival of diversity. Combining traditional African-American spirituals and freedom songs with original folk, they sing of life, love, the quest for freedom, environment and community. Their latest CD, "Resurrection Day," binds these themes into a profoundly moving personal odyssey of inspiration and hope, adding Reggie's experience as an organ donor recipient to the social justice palette. For over two decades, Kim & Reggie have been affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center's Partners in Education program, offering multimedia educational performances for students and community, "Music & The Underground Railroad" and "Dream Alive."

Sunday, June 8, 2 PM

Cillian and Niall Vallely and Alan Murray

Ridgefield Folk presents brothers **Cillian** and **Niall Vallely** from Armagh City in the north of Ireland and **Alan Murray**, guitarist and singer from Glasgow, Scotland. The brothers will reunite to play music from their critically acclaimed album "Callanbridge" as well as many of Niall's more recent compositions from his band "Buille." **Cillian Vallely** is the uilleann pipes and low whistle player with the renowned Irish band **Lunasa**, described as "the hottest Celtic band on the planet" (Irish Voice). In recent years, he has played and recorded with Bruce Springsteen, Natalie Merchant, Mary Chapin-Carpenter, Tim O'Brien, and Riverdance. **Niall Vallely** has established himself as one of the most original and distinctive voices in Irish traditional music. He has been acclaimed throughout the world as one of Ireland's greatest concertina players. Niall is currently working on new commissions for the Kronos Quartet. **Alan Murray** is a highly respected guitarist and singer who hails from Glasgow, Scotland.

Sunday, June 22, 2 PM

Free tickets can be picked up in the lobby on the Lower Level starting at 1 PM

HEALTH

The Low Down on Lyme
a panel discussion

How does Lyme impact you and your family, as a sufferer or a caregiver? How does it affect our greater community? What can you do to help protect yourself and your family from this silent invader? Top Lyme specialists and researchers will be on hand to answer these questions and give information and advice about Lyme disease and other tick co-infections. Program is co-sponsored by the Lyme Disease Task Force and Lyme Connection.

The panel includes: **Dr. Kenneth Liegner**, MD, **Dr. Steven E. Phillips**, MD, and **Joann R. Petrini**, PhD, MPH, Director, Clinical Outcomes and Health Services Research Department, Western CT Health Network.

Tuesday, June 10, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

TECHNOLOGY

The Future of Healthcare and the Internet with John Patrick, DHA

John Patrick, who served as IBM's Vice President of Internet Technology, will cover topics such as home health care telemonitoring, new smartphone medical devices that can perform an EKG, a cholesterol test, or diagnose ear infection of a child. He will also describe emerging trends for personalized healthcare from our genomes, population health, and self-diagnosis.

John Patrick has just earned a Doctor of Health Administration (DHA), with his research performed at Danbury Hospital.

Thursday, June 26, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

AUTHOR TALK

Everything to Lose
with Andrew Gross

Books on the Common and Ridgefield Library are delighted to welcome award-winning author Andrew **Gross** to discuss his latest novel *Everything to Lose*.

Andrew Gross is the author of the *New York Times* and international bestsellers *15 Seconds, Eyes Wide Open, The Blue Zone, The Dark Tide, Don't Look Twice,* and *Reckless*. He is also the co-author of five number one bestsellers with James Patterson, including *Judge & Jury* and *Lifeguard*. His books have been translated into more than twenty-five languages. His latest thriller, *Everything to Lose* (William Morrow), has just been released.

Wednesday, June 4, 7 PM
Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

READING & PERFORMANCE

Voices of Poetry: Off the Shelf
with poets Jonathan Gillman, Brian Clements, Ralph Nazareth and Arthur Pfister

We are pleased to host a summer evening of fine poetry & great music. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ridgefield Library and will feature poetry read by a quartet of distinguished poets: Brian Clements, Ralph Nazareth, Jonathan Gillman and Arthur Pfister. To complement these excellent poets, music will be provided by Doug White and his jazz trio. Refreshments will be served.

Voices of Poetry was founded by poet and poetry activist Neil Silberblatt. Since 2012, VOP has presented a series of poetry (& music) events - featuring distinguished poets & writers at venues throughout Connecticut, including The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum (in Ridgefield); New Britain Museum of American Art; The Sherman Playhouse; and Hartford Public Library.

Saturday, June 7, 5 PM
Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

College Essays: Show Don't Tell!
With Susan Berescik

Learn how to write dynamite college admission essays with the nationwide program Show! Don't Tell! This one-hour introduction de-mystifies the Common Application essay questions and presents the powerful, attention-getting Show! Don't Tell! technique for writing narratives that LEAP off the page. Examples and appropriate handouts guide students to write effective compositions. Copies of the book *Show! Don't Tell How to Personalize College Applications* with 75 actual student writing samples will be available for perusal and purchase. Students and parents are encouraged to attend together.

Saturday, June 14, 1 PM
Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

READING & PERFORMANCE

Poetry, Prose and Music with students and alumni from Fairfield University

Join us for an evening of poetry, prose and music! Published students and alumni of Fairfield University's MFA in Creative Writing will read from their own work of poetry, fiction and memoir. Readings will be interspersed with original songs and music.

Join us for a lively literary evening!

Friday, June 20, 7 PM
Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

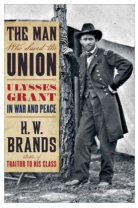
NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, June 3 and Tuesday, July 1
7 PM
Dayton Program Room

The Man Who Saved the Union: Ulysses Grant in War and Peace
by H.W. Brands
7 PM

Ulysses Grant emerges in this masterful biography as a genius in battle and a driven president to a divided country, who remained fearlessly on the side of right. In this sweeping and majestic narrative, bestselling author H.W. Brands now reconsiders Grant's legacy and provides an intimate portrait of a heroic man who saved the Union on the battlefield and consolidated that victory as a resolute and principled political leader.

NOTE: Read parts 1 & 2 for June and part 3 to the end for the July.



MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, June 5
1 PM

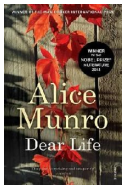
The Keeper of Lost Causes
by Jussi Adler-Olsen

After being wounded in the line of duty, irascible Copenhagen detective Carl Morck is transferred to Department Q, a new office dealing with cold cases. Adler-Olsen has been compared favorably with Stieg Larsson, with reviews praising the prose style and a welcome hint of humor added to the twisty plots and deliciously evil villains.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, June 17
7:15 PM
Dear Life
by Alice Munro

Munro is one of the acknowledged masters of the short story form. In this latest collection, hailed as one of her best, she continues to explore the universe of rural and small-town Ontario. Alice Munro is the winner of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Literature.



POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, June 20
1 PM
Dayton Program Room
Looking in All Directions
by Peter Kane Dufault

The Poetry Discussion Group is made possible thanks to the **Friends of the Library.**

Note: The next meeting of *The Poetry Discussion Group* will be on September 19.

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, June 25
10 AM
Dayton Program Room
TransAtlantic
by Colum McCann

The family saga of 19th century Irish maid Lily Duggan and her descendants forms the narrative tissue connecting three historical stories: the efforts of abolitionist Frederick Douglass to raise anti-slavery funds and support in Ireland in 1845, Senator George Mitchell's negotiations leading to the Good Friday Peace Accords in 1998, and the exploits of the aviators who made the first nonstop transatlantic flight from Newfoundland to Ireland in 1919.

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP

@ Founders Hall

Thursday, June 12
3 PM
The Aviator's Wife
by Melanie Benjamin

EXHIBITION

Contemporary Landscapes
curated by Rachel Volpone

Contemporary Landscapes will be on exhibit in the Ridgefield Library's Gallery throughout June with an artists' reception on Sunday, June 1 between 3 and 5 PM. The exhibition features work by **Torrance York**, **Ann Conrad Stewart**, **Frances B. Ashforth**, **Donna von Holdt** and **Kim Hanna.**

Contemporary Landscapes brings together artists who have developed a distinct visual vocabulary that informs their work. Working in a variety of mediums, they explore different aspects of their inner and outer landscapes.

May 9 through June 28
In the Gallery on the Lower Level

WORKSHOP

Make Your Own Terrarium
with Diane Antezzo

Come and make and take home a custom terrarium. Learn the requirements of closed and open terrariums and suitable plants to use for each. Make your own closed terrarium in an 8" apothecary jar incorporating purchased miniature plants and moss. Personalize with your own collectibles. For adults age 17 and older. All materials will be provided by the Library, but feel free to bring in individual (small) items if you would like to personalize your terrarium. A $5.00 materials fee will be collected at the door.

Saturday, June 28, 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM
Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

EVENTS CALENDAR - JUNE 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **Workshop:** *Altered Books* with Katie Stevenson - Full **Artists' Reception:** *Contemporary Landscapes* 3 - 5 PM	2 **Panel Discussion:** *It's Never Too Early to Stop Worrying About College* with Ridgefield Prevention Council 7:30 PM	3 **The Nonfictio-neers:** *The Man Who Saved the Union* by H.W. Brands 7 PM **Meeting:** *The Writers Guild of Ridgefield* 7 PM	4 **Author Talk:** *Everything to Lose* with Andrew Gross 7 PM	5 **Murder by the Book:** *The Keeper of Lost Causes* by Jussi Adler-Olsen 1 PM **Workshop:** *Writing Children's Novels* 6:30 PM Part 2/3 - Full	6	7 **Meeting:** *Memoir Writing Group* 1 PM **Poetry and Music Perfor-mance:** *Voices of Poetry: Off the Shelf* 5 PM
8 **Ridgefield Folk** with Kim and Reggie Harris 2 PM	9 **Discussion:** *Books & Breakfast* 10:30 AM	10 **Panel Discussion:** *The Lowdown on Lyme* 7 PM	11	12 **Founders Hall Book Discussion:** *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin 3 PM **Workshop:** *Writing Children's Novels* 6:30 PM Part 3/3 - Full	13	14 **Meeting:** *Shutterbugs* 9 AM **Seminar:** *Show Don't Tell! The College Essay* with Sue Berescik
15	16	17 **Critics' Circle Book Group:** *Dear Life* by Alice Munro 7:15 PM	18	19	20 **Poetry Discussion Group:** *Looking in All Directions* by Peter Kane Dufault 1 PM **Reading:** *An Evening of Poetry, Prose and Music* with faculty and alumni of Fairfield University 7 PM	21
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