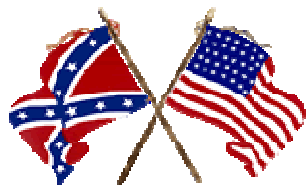


## Ridgefield Remembers the Civil War: A Community-Wide Series of Events in Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War

January through June 2013



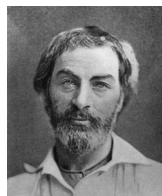
The Civil War was one of the most transformative periods in our national history, and people across the country are observing its sesquicentennial with an outpouring of books, films and other educational and cultural activities. Seeking to tie these large historical events to local history, the organizers 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 [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org) for information.

### Poetry Discussion:

#### *Walt Whitman and the Civil War* with Patricia Grodd

Join us for a two-part discussion on *Walt Whitman and the Civil War: America's Philosopher Poet* led by Patricia Grodd. Patricia Grodd is a licensed psychotherapist and certified bibliotherapist. She has served as a trustee of *The Kenyon Review* and The Council of Literary Magazines and



Independent Presses. She is also the recipient of the "Women Shaping History Award for Excellence in Teaching," as well as being honored for her "Service to Poetry" by the Academy of American Poets. **Required reading:** *Song of Myself* (3rd edition 1891-92).

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

**Friday, March 1 and 8, 2 PM**

### One-Woman Show:

#### *They Called Me Lizzy:* *From Slavery to the White House* with Actor Stephanie Jackson

**@ Keeler Tavern Museum**



Listen to the compelling story of Elizabeth Keckley, Mary Todd Lincoln's seamstress, as told in retrospect by actress Stephanie Jackson from the East Haddam Stage Company.

**Tickets \$15.** Pre-registration is suggested at the Keeler Tavern Museum website. Tickets also available at the door.

**Register at [keelertavern.org](http://keelertavern.org)**

**Sunday, March 17, 4 PM**

### Lecture:

#### *Connecticut in the American Civil War:* *Slavery, Sacrifice and Survival* with Dr. Matthew Warshauer

**@ Keeler Tavern Museum**

Dr. Warshauer, Professor of History at Central Connecticut State University and co-chair of the Connecticut Civil War Commemoration Commission, will discuss his new book, *Connecticut in the American Civil War: Slavery, Sacrifice and Survival*, as well as the plans that are underway for the state's 150th anniversary of the War.

**No registration**

**Thursday, March 1, 7 PM**

### Discussion:

#### *Does the Civil War Still Matter Today?* *Recollections of a Virginia Family* with Randy Lewis

Local history buff Randy Lewis will lead a discussion about the continuing relevance of the Civil War. He will refer to statistics about the devastation of the war, especially in the South, and discuss generational histories and experiences, particularly the personal letters and diaries of the Brooks family of Waynesboro, Virginia.

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

**Thursday, March 28, 7 PM**

## ARTalk:

### *Behind the Scenes at the Center for Contemporary Printmaking*

with Anthony Kirk

@ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum



Anthony Kirk, Artistic Director and renowned Master Printer for the Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Norwalk, CT (the only nonprofit organization between New York City and Boston solely dedicated to the art of the print,

including printmaking, papermaking, book arts, digital processes and related disciplines) will tell us more about CCP and also talk about some of the well-known American artists he has worked with as a Master Printer. Kirk is formerly head of the etching department at Tyler Graphics and has collaborated with numerous artists. This program is co-sponsored by the **Ridgefield Guild of Artists**.

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

**Sunday, March 10, 2 PM**

## Author Talk:

### *Good Cop*

with Brad Parks



For ten years as a reporter based in Newark, New Jersey, Brad Parks chronicled the devastation caused by illegal guns on the streets of one of America's toughest cities. Then he signed a book deal, moved south, and saw where many of those guns had been coming from. That journey is reflected in *The Good Cop*, Parks' fourth novel featuring investigative reporter Carter Ross.

Brad Parks is considered one of the rising stars of the crime fiction genre. After an award-winning career at *The Washington Post* and *The (Newark, N.J.) Star-Ledger*, Parks left the newspaper world in 2008. A graduate of Ridgefield High School, Parks got his first journalism job at *The Ridgefield Press*. He now lives in Virginia and is working on the next book in the series. This program is co-sponsored by **Books on the Common**.

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

**Tuesday, March 12, 7:15 PM**

## Poetry Reading and Music:

### *Voices of Poetry*

@ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum

Join us for an evening of poetry readings by award-winning poets Alfred Corn, Leslie McGrath, Faith Vicinanza, Neil Silberblatt and Joan Kantor, along with live music by Doug White and friends.

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

**Thursday, March 21, 7 PM**

## Workshop:

### *Tech Fridays*

Teens Teach Tech

Technology challenged? Need help with your laptop, phone, tablet or other electronic gadget? Our tech savvy teens are ready to help you. Drop in any time between 3 and 5 PM for some advice from these ultimate power users.

**No registration - drop in!**

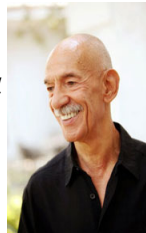
**Friday, March 22, 3 - 5 PM**

## Author Talk:

### *A More Noble Cause*

with Alex Tureaud and Rachel Emanuel

Join us for an Author Talk with Ridgefielder **Alex Tureaud, Jr.** and **Dr. Rachel Emanuel**, co-authors of *A More Noble Cause: A.P. Tureaud and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Louisiana*. Film clips from the documentary *Journey for Justice: The A.P. Tureaud Story* will also be shown at the program.



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

**Wednesday, March 20, 7 PM**

## Performance:

### *Love Letters*

with Andrea Garmun and Larry Greeley

*Love Letters* is A.R. Gurney's most loved play. From their first scrawled valentines of childhood, to the last guilty good-byes, Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd's letters envelop us in a unique nostalgia. M&M veteran **Andrea Garmun**, just seen in our *Love, Loss and What I Wore*, will team up with **Larry Greeley**, a well know Connecticut actor, for his M&M debut to bring *Love Letters* to life. *Love Letters* is a co-production with the new theater group, Village Stage, in Milford, CT.

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

**Wednesday, March 27, 7 PM**

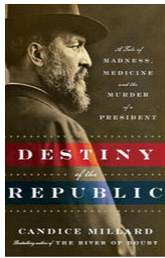
# BOOK GROUPS

## NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, March 5  
7:15 PM

*Destiny of a Republic, A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President*  
by Candice Millard

This extraordinary *New York Times*-bestselling account of James Garfield's rise from poverty to the American presidency, and the dramatic history of his assassination and legacy, comes from bestselling author of *The River of Doubt*, Candice Millard. For a man forced into the presidency, the legacy of James Garfield extended far beyond his lifetime, and *Destiny of the Republic* revisits his meteoric rise within the military and government with meticulous research and intimate focus.



### Next Month's Selection

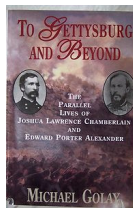
Tuesday, April 2  
7:15 PM

*To Gettysburg and Beyond: The Parallel Lives of J. Chamberlain and E. Alexander*  
by Michael Golay

This dual biography of Chamberlain and Alexander—one a Union

officer and one a Confederate officer - describes a number of Civil War battles, from Bull Run to Appomattox. The climax of each man's career, just as in the war itself, however, came at Gettysburg, where Chamberlain held Little Round Top and Alexander, commanding Lee's artillery, desperately tried to pave the way for Pickett's charge. Fast-paced, full of the feel and texture of conflict, this book is also very much a personal story of the two men.

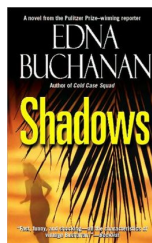
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## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, March 7  
11:15 AM  
*Shadows*  
by Edna Buchanan

The Miami Police Department's Cold Case Squad shines a new light on old crimes in this series by the award-winning Florida police beat reporter.



## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, March 15  
1 PM

*Fire to Fire*  
by Mark Doty

Mark Doty's *Fire to Fire* collects the best of his seven books of poetry, along with a generous selection of new work. His signature style encompasses both the plainspoken and the artfully wrought, as one of contemporary American poetry's most lauded, recognizable voices speaks to the crises and possibilities of our time.

*A limited number of copies of the book will be available for discussion participants, thanks to the Friends of the Library.*



## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, March 19  
7:15 PM

*Enemy Women*  
by Paulette Jiles

Set in the Missouri Ozarks during the Civil War, *Enemy Women* focuses on 18-year-old Adair Colley. When a group of renegade Union

militiamen take away her father, she mounts a rescue effort that results in her own arrest as a Confederate spy. While in a squalid prison camp, she forges a lasting bond with her interrogator.

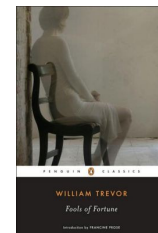
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## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, March 27  
11:15 AM

*Fools of Fortune*  
by William Trevor

Politics, religion and family dynamics intertwine in this Whitbread Award-winning tale of a young Irishman who falls in love with his beautiful English cousin, setting off a spiral of love, violence and revenge.



*Library Book Groups always welcome new members.*

*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.*

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3	4	5 <b>The Nonfiction-eers:</b> <i>Destiny of the Republic</i> by Candice Millard 7:15 PM	6 <b>Workshop: 5/5</b> <i>Awakening Insight - Introduction to Vipassana Meditation</i> with Nina Nagy 7 PM - Full	7 <b>Murder by the Book:</b> <i>Shadows</i> by Edna Buchanan 11:15 AM <b>Children's Book Sale</b> 3 PM—7 PM (Teachers and Friends Members only)	8 <b>Discussion 2/2:</b> <i>Walt Whitman</i> 2 PM Register <b>Friends of the Library Children's Books Sale</b> 9 AM - 5 PM (Open to all)	9 <b>Shutterbugs: Monthly Meeting</b> 9 AM - 4 PM <b>Friends of the Library Children's Books Sale</b> 9 AM - 4 PM (Open to all)
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