

Biblioevents

Ridgefield Library's Adult Programs Newsletter

March 2014

AUTHOR TALK

The Undead Pool with Kim Harrison



Join us for an Author Talk with New York Times bestselling author **Kim Harrison**. Her latest and penultimate installment of her *Hollows* series, *The Undead Pool*, follows witch and day-walking demon Rachel Moran as she seeks out an ancient magic that is her only chance to preserve the truce between humans and the supernatural world before all-out war consumes both sides.

Kim Harrison was born and raised in the upper Midwest. Her bestselling *Hollows* novels include *Dead Witch Walking*, *The Good, The Bad, and The Undead*, and *Every Which Way But Dead*. She also writes the bestselling *Madison Avery* YA series. This program is co-sponsored by Books on the Common.

Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 PM

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

PERFORMANCE

The Delany Sisters First 100 Years @ Keeler Tavern Museum



Ridgefield Library and Keeler Tavern Museum will host M&M Productions as they stage *Having Our Say, The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*, by Emily Mann, adapted from the book, *Having Our Say*, by Sarah L. Delany and A. Elizabeth Delany with Amy Hill Hearth, and based on the extraordinary and long lives of the Delany sisters. Their true story is not simply African-American

history or women's history. It is our history, told through the eyes of two unforgettable women as they look not only into the past, but also ahead into the twenty-first century. The Delany sisters will be portrayed by actresses **Donna D. James** and **Leslie Smithey**, under the direction of **Melinda O'Brien**. This program is in celebration of National Women's History Month.

Sunday, March 23, 2 PM

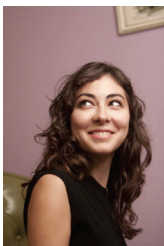
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LIVE MUSIC

Ridgefield Folk

with Heather Maloney

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



Ridgefield Folk, the Library's live music series, continues this month with singer/songwriter **Heather Maloney**. The concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Ridgefield Library and tickets are free. They can be picked up on the day of the show at the door (21 Governor Street) starting at 1 p.m.

"*Heather Maloney*", out on Signature Sounds, is the third album for a songwriter hailed by The Huffington Post for "lyrics that cut to the chase." DigBoston wrote that she "deserves the type of cult following that has allowed the likes of Aimee Mann and Ani DiFranco that long standing success and influence they have had."

Sunday, March 9, 2 PM

Tickets available at the door starting at 1 PM

WORKSHOP

From Idea to Book

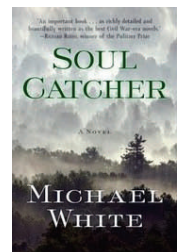
with Dr. Michael White

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



The Library's new *Write It!* series of workshops and talks for new and experienced writers continues in March with a talk entitled *From Idea to Book* with **Dr. Michael White**.

Going from an idea to a finished and published book is an interesting way to see how a novel unfolds. For this seminar Fairfield University professor Michael White will discuss how his novel *Soul Catcher* went from an "idea on a mountain top in Colorado" to a published book.



Thursday, March 6, 7 PM

Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

GARDENING PROGRAM

Growing Herb and Kitchen Gardens with Donna Katsuranis



Dream about growing your own herbs, fruits and veggies and then learn how to make it happen at the Ridgefield Library.

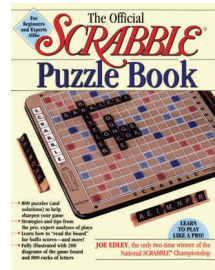
Donna Katsuranis is an Advanced Master Gardener and Interfaith Minister who lives and gardens in Brookfield CT, despite lots of 'help' from her dog and the local deer.

Donna lectures and guides walks year-round on garden and nature-related subjects. During the warm season, she also coaches individual gardeners.

Wednesday, March 19, 7 PM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

TALK

How to Improve Your Scrabble Game! with Joe Edley



Joe Edley will present a talk about Scrabble™ at the Library.

Joe Edley is the only U.S. player to win the U.S. National Scrabble Championship on three separate occasions. He is also a published author having written or co-written several Scrabble related books including *Everything SCRABBLE*, 3rd Edition and *Bananagrams!*

The talk will focus on several quick ways you can improve your SCRABBLE word game skills, as well as offering a free one-page handout of the most important words to know to become a better player.

Saturday, March 29, 11 AM
Register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org



PANEL DISCUSSION

Environmental Arts in Contemporary Culture with Sarah Breznen, Verlyn Klinkenborg and Michael Smith @ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum



The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum's 2014 *Draw On!* Program will celebrate *Draw On! Goes Green* with programming inspired by sustainability, recycling, and green art-making. Discover the trend of eco-friendly art making and sustainable living, and how it is changing both the art world and everyday life, during a cross-disciplinary discussion between visual artist and naturalist **Sarah Breznen**, author **Verlyn Klinkenborg**, and solar energy and composting specialist **Michael Smith**. This event is presented in collaboration with **Books on the Common** and **The Ridgefield Library**.

Sarah Breznen has been with the Woodcock Nature Center since 2009. She graduated from SUNY Purchase with a degree in environmental studies and a minor in fine arts; her thesis explored the importance of fine arts in environmental awareness.

Verlyn Klinkenborg, a member of The New York Times editorial board since 1997, has a Ph.D. in English Literature from Princeton University and teaches at Pomona College and Yale University. The author of six books of nonfiction, the subjects he has addressed for the editorial board include the *The Rural Life* essays. His main fields are agriculture, environmental issues, the natural world, and all non-human species.

Michael Smith has been involved in solar energy since 2007, tinkering around the edges of energy efficiency. He was part of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Energy Challenge in Ridgefield and lent support to the Bedford 20-20 town-wide energy efficiency effort. Smith looks at energy efficiency from both the numbers and the people sides: how can data and passion be combined to convince people to improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

Thursday, March 20, 7 PM

For more information email mfriedman@aldrichart.org, or call 203.438.4519

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LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, March 4
7:15 PM

Behind the Beautiful Forevers

by Katherine Boo

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, April 1
7:15 PM

The Hudson: A History

by Tom Lewis

The Hudson River has always played a vital role in American culture. Flowing through a valley of sublime scenery, the great river uniquely connects America's past with its present and future. This book traces the course of the river through four centuries, recounting the stories of explorers and traders, artists and writers, entrepreneurs and industrialists, ecologists and preservationists—those who have been shaped by the river as well as those who have helped shape it.

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, March 6
11:15 AM

Moment of Truth

by Lisa Scottoline

Scottoline's linked series of legal thrillers featuring the various members of an all-woman law firm in Philadelphia are character-driven and intricately plotted, with plenty of suspense and just a hint of romance. In this installment, novice lawyer Mary Di Nunzio is hired to defend a man who frames himself for the murder of his wife to protect someone else.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

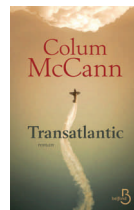
Tuesday, March 18
7:15 PM

TransAtlantic

by Colum McCann

This tale spanning 150 years and two continents reimagines the efforts of democracy champion

Frederick Douglass; Senator George Mitchell's role in the Northern Ireland peace talks; and the 1919 attempt of World War I airmen John Alcock and Teddy Brown to complete the first transatlantic flight, all through the experiences of four generations of women from a matriarchal clan.



cross section of his five decades of influential work, including such legendary songs as "Suzanne," "Sisters of Mercy," "Bird on the Wire," "Famous Blue Raincoat," and "I'm Your Man" and searingly memorable poems from his many acclaimed poetry collections, including *Flowers for Hitler*, *Beautiful Losers*, and *Death of a Lady's Man*.

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

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, March 21
1 PM

Poems and Songs

by Leonard Cohen

In the more than half century since his first book of poems was published, Leonard Cohen has evolved into an international cult figure who transcends genres and generations. This anthology contains a

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, March 26
11:15 AM

Lucky Jim

by Kingsley Amis

The classic academic satire, following the ups and downs of James Dixon as he crusades against the British class system from his position as history lecturer at a British college.

ARTALK FILM SERIES

Film Series @ The Prospector Theater



Join us for the last in a series of films focusing on artists' creative work and lives. The beautiful documentary *Andy Goldsworthy Rivers and Tides* will be screened.

Co-sponsored by The Guild of Artists and the Prospector Theater. Please register at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Monday, March 10, 7 PM

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SAVE THE DATE

The New Ridgefield Library Opening Weekend Celebrations

Peter Coffin, Chair of the Ridgefield Library Board of Directors, is very pleased to announce that the official Opening Weekend for the New Ridgefield Library has been set for May 9-11. "We invite the entire community to join us on the afternoon of Friday, May 9th for ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremonies, to be followed throughout the weekend by performances, demonstrations, games and more to help visitors discover the many delights of the New Ridgefield Library." Don't miss this special weekend!

Friday, May 9 to Sunday, May 11

For information visit www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

EVENTS CALENDAR - MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 Meeting: <i>Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 PM
2 ARTalk: <i>Neoclassical Goddesses</i> with Richard Ventre 2 PM @ The Ridgefield Guild of Artists	3	4 The Nonfictioneers: <i>Behind the Beautiful Forever</i> by Katherine Boo 7:15 PM Author Talk: <i>The Undead Pool</i> with Kim Harrison 7:30 PM	5	6 Murder by the Book: <i>Moment of Truth</i> by Lisa Scottoline 11:15 AM Write It!: From Idea to Book with Dr. Michael White 7 PM	7	8 Meeting: <i>Shutterbugs</i> 9 AM
9 Live Music: <i>Ridgefield Folk</i> with Heather Maloney 2 PM	10 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM @ Keeler Tavern ARTalk Film Series: <i>Rivers and Tides</i> 7 PM @ The Prospector	11	12	13 Founders Hall Book Discussion: <i>A Month in the Country</i> by J. L. Carr 3 PM	14	15
16	17	18 Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>Transatlantic</i> by Colum McCann 7:15 PM	19 Talk: <i>Herb and Kitchen Gardens</i> with Master Gardener Donna Katsuranis 7 PM	20 Draw On Goes Green: <i>Environmental Arts in Contemporary Culture</i> @ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum 7 PM Meeting: <i>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield</i> 7 PM	21 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Poems and Songs</i> by Leonard Cohen 1 PM	22
23 Portraits in Motion: <i>Having Our Say, The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years</i> 2 PM @ The Keeler Tavern Museum	24 Meeting: <i>Library Board Meeting</i> 7:30 PM	25	26 A.M. Book Group: <i>Lucky Jim</i> by Kingsley Amis 11:15 AM	27	28	29 Talk: <i>How to Improve your Scrabble Game</i> with Joe Edley 11 AM
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