

**AUTHOR TALK**

***The Wonder Garden***

with Lauren Acampora



Award-winning author Lauren Acampora will discuss her collection of linked stories *The Wonder Garden*, which was named a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection and an Indie Next selection and was chosen as one of the best books of the year by Amazon and NPR. It won the GLCA New Writers

Award and was a finalist for the New England Book Award. Raised in Connecticut, she now lives in Westchester County, New York, with her husband and daughter.

**Thursday, March 3, 7 PM**

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



**AUTHOR TALK**

***Where You Go Is Not Who You Will Be*** with Frank Bruni



Frank Bruni is a best-selling author and columnist for *The New York Times*. This half-day consortium will feature a talk by Bruni at 12 PM followed by workshops for parents and teens on topics relevant to developing the skills young adults need to

deal effectively with the journey to college and beyond. Tickets for adults are \$10, teens are free. Copies of Bruni's book will be available for sale and signing at the event

**Sunday, March 6, 12 PM - Ridgefield High School** - Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

**AUTHOR TALK**

***Palm Beach Panache***

with Carolina Fernandez

A 'Remodelista' and self-described layman Cultural Anthropologist, Carolina Fernandez brings her business acumen and artistic sensibilities to unearth the art and design scene of Palm Beach in her newest book *Palm Beach Panache: Infusing Island Style with Serendipitous and Re-Imagined Finds*. Join us for a lively slide presentation with images from the twenty-two homes, fifteen shops, gardens and galleries included in the book.

**Tuesday, March 8, 7 PM**

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

**ARTALK**

***Sense and Non***

with Sculptor James Grashow

James Grashow will talk about his life and his career working with woodcut sculpture and illustration. His sculpture projects range from giant corrugated cardboard installations which are often exposed to the elements of weather to small intricate house plants. Grashow's illustrated talk will focus on his art adventures and he will build something on the spot. Grashow has done woodcuts for every major publication from *The New York Times* to *Playboy Magazine*.

**Sunday, March 13, 2 PM**

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

**RIDGEFIELD FOLK**

***Tall Heights***



"With a guitar, a cello, and two voices in sublime harmony, *Tall Heights* creates quiet pastoral music out of city life. Call it urban Americana. Call it simply gorgeous." – **John Platt - WFUV**

"If you still remember how happy your ears were when you first listened to *Bon Iver* or *Arcade Fire* and realized you'd stumbled into singer/songwriter oblivion... – **Boston Magazine**

**Sunday, March 20, 2 PM**

Free tickets at the door from 1 PM  
Thanks to the Friends



**WORLD VIEWS**

***The Refugee Crisis: The Faces Beyond the Headlines*** with Gus Ford and Irina Patkanian

This timely program will take a closer look at the refugee crisis unfolding in Western Europe. The program is presented by a filmmaking duo who have been documenting the issue on Lesbos Island, Greece. Gus Ford, a Redding-based freelance photographer and Irina Patkanian, an award-winning filmmaker, will present. Irina and Gus will offer a firsthand account of the crisis using video footage, audio clips, still photography and discarded items from the shore.

**Thursday, March 31, 7 PM**

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

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## Ridgefield League of Women Voters & the Library Celebrate Women's History Month

### *Exhibit: We Fight For Roses, Too*

This exhibit is dedicated to the stories, struggles and achievements of inductees to the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, women who have shaped the culture and society of Connecticut and the nation. The panels will be on display on all three floors of the Library.

**Exhibit March 10 through 20**

### *Reception and Family Celebration*

Come celebrate Women's History Month with the entire family! Join us for a family friendly celebration, including a reception with crafts, refreshments, a scavenger hunt throughout the Library and much more!

**Saturday, March 12, 2 - 4 PM**



### *A Dozen Women Who Made a Difference* with Jack Sanders

Using slides, local historian and retired editor of the Ridgefield Press will describe a dozen Ridgefield women of the 19th and 20th centuries who made noteworthy contributions locally, nationally or internationally in politics, education, medicine, journalism, the arts, and other fields.

**Saturday, March 12, 1 PM - [Register](#)**

### *Connecticut Women Changing Democracy*

Join us for an interactive multi-media program by the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame and learn about some of the state's powerful female voices for change in our democracy.

**Wednesday, March 16, 7 PM - [Register](#)**

## WRITING WORKSHOP

### *The Language of Abstraction: A Writing Workshop* with Julia Rommel

Join Aldrich exhibiting artist Julia Rommel for an interactive writing workshop. With her exhibition *Two Italians, Six Lifeguards* as both the backdrop and muse, Rommel will read from her recently published monograph *Around Woman*, then lead participants in an art-making and writing project prompted by their freshly created work.

**Thursday, March 17, 6 PM @ The Aldrich**  
Register at [aldrichart.org](http://aldrichart.org)

## LEARN THROUGH FILM

### *The Fog of War*

The Library along with Lehmann and Lehmann Transmedia are pleased to continue the *Learn Through Film* Series this winter with a focus on politics. The third and final film in the series will be *The Fog of War*, an Academy Award-winning documentary that addresses lessons that can be learned from past U.S. military involvements. A discussion will follow led by Richard Land of Chipman & Mazzucco and professors from Western Connecticut State University.

**Wednesday, March 23, 7 PM**  
Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

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## SKILLSBOX: TOOLS FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS

Join us as we continue our series of workshops and programs designed to help small businesses, home-based professionals and entrepreneurs not only survive but thrive!

Co-sponsored by Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce and Western CT SCORE

### *Learning with Lynda.com* with Dorothy Pawlowski

This session will demonstrate the many video-based courses available with your Ridgefield Library card through Lynda.com. Whatever your business need, Lynda.com has a course to help you and your staff learn new skills.

**Wednesday, March 9, 8 AM**  
Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Simple Steps for Starting Your Business: A Five Part Series*

Want to start a business but don't know where to begin? This workshop series, conducted by a team of professionals from SCORE's Norwalk and Western CT Chapters, will give you the boost to get you on your way! The program is free but because registration is limited we ask that you attend at least 4 sessions. Please register (by registering for session 1 you are automatically registered for the 5 part series).

**Monday, March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18**  
from 6 to 8:30 PM  
Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

# LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

## NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, March 1  
7:00 PM

*The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War* by David Halberstam (March 1, Part 1 to 5 and April 5, Part 6 to end)

Halberstam considered *The Coldest Winter* his most accomplished work, the culmination of forty-five years of writing about America's post-war foreign policy. Halberstam gives us a masterful narrative of the political decisions and miscalculations on both sides. He charts the disastrous path that led to the massive entry of Chinese forces near the Yalu River and that caught Douglas MacArthur and his soldiers by surprise. He provides astonishingly vivid and nuanced portraits of all the major figures - Eisenhower, Truman, Acheson, Kim, and Mao, and Generals MacArthur, Almond, and Ridgway. (Amazon Book Description)

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, March 3  
10:30 AM

*Kissing the Gunner's Daughter* by Ruth Rendell

Rendell enthralled readers from 1964 through her death in 2015 with the work and personal lives of the psychologically insightful Chief Superintendent Reg Wexford and his team. In this 15th installment, the team deals with the shooting deaths of a prolific novelist and her family, along with a seemingly unrelated bank robbery gone awry and troubling domestic problems of their own

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, March 15  
7:00 PM

*The Children Act* by Ian McEwan

Fiona Maye is a leading High Court judge

who presides over cases in the family division. She is called on to try an urgent case: Adam, a seventeen-year-old boy, is refusing for religious reasons the medical treatment that could save his life, and his devout parents echo his wishes. Should the secular court overrule sincerely expressed faith?

## FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP

Thursday, March 10  
3:00 PM

*Dead Wake* by Erik Larson

Join us for a monthly book discussion at Founders Hall facilitated by Mary Rindfleisch, the Library's Assistant Director. Open to members of Founders Hall.

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, March 18  
1:00 PM

*New and Selected Poems* by Samuel Menashe

The Poetry Discussion Group, led by retired English professor Dr. Alan Holder, is made possible thanks to The Friends of the Library.

## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, March 23  
10:00 AM

*Cheating at Canasta* by William Trevor

Twelve recent stories from the award-winning master of short fiction that illuminate the ambiguity of human relationships in contemporary Ireland.

## LIVE IN HD @ RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE

Metropolitan Opera, National Theatre of London and the Bolshoi Ballet on the big screen! Ridgefield Library card holders now receive the Playhouse membership rate of \$20 for these events.

For a full listing visit [ridgefieldplayhouse.org](http://ridgefieldplayhouse.org).

## TECH TOPICS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

**Preserve Your Memories - Convert Your VHS Tapes to DVD** - Available to Ridgefield Library cardholders 13 years of age and above. Reserve one of these slots.

- Friday, March 18, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - [Register](#) & 1:00 - 3:00 PM - [Register](#)
- Tuesday, March 29, 12:00 - 2:00 PM - [Register](#)

**Create an Interactive Memory Book Using Powerpoint**

Build an interactive powerpoint slideshow with Jeanne Lanzetta that captures photos from your special occasions.

- Wednesday, March 9, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - [Register](#)

**5 Foolproof Ways to Promote Your Business Using Facebook** with Kate Fitzpatrick.

- Wednesday, March 16, 12:00 - 1:00 PM - [Register](#)

**Getting Started with the Library's Digital Resources** -

- Thursday, March 17, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Drop-in

**Orientation to 3D Printing** - Patrons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- Wednesday, March 19, 3:00 - 4:30 PM - [Register](#)

**Introduction to 3-D Modeling Using Blender** - A hands-on 3D design workshop with Chris Iorillo aimed at teens and adults.

- Wednesday, March 23, 6:00 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)

**Using Value Line** - Whether you're a beginning investor or a veteran, Value Line offers reliable, unbiased information for investment research on companies, industries, and markets. Drop-in for help in getting started using this online library resource.

- Thursday, March 24, between 1:00 and 2:30 pm, Drop-in


**iPad Tips and Tricks** - Discover how to be more productive and have more fun with your iPad. We'll share our favorite tips and tricks and hope you'll share some of yours.

- Thursday, March 31, 12:00 - 1:30 PM - [Register](#)

Tech Topics are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library



# FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - MARCH 2016

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
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|  <p>CONNECTICUT<br/>WOMEN'S<br/>HALL OF FAME</p>  | <p>Women's History Month Exhibition: We Fight For Roses, Too on Exhibit from March 10 through March 20 throughout the Library.</p>            | <p>1<br/><b>Nonfictioners:</b> <i>The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War</i> by David Halberstam 7 PM</p>                    | <p>2</p>   | <p>3<br/><b>Murder by the Book:</b> <i>Kissing the Gunner's Daughter</i> by Ruth Rendell 10:30 AM<br/><b>Author Talk:</b> <i>The Wonder Garden</i> with Lauren Acampora 7 PM</p> | <p>4</p>   | <p>5<br/><b>Meeting:</b> <i>Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 PM</p>   |
| <p>6<br/><b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be</i> with Frank Bruni 12 PM @ Ridgefield High School<br/><b>A Community Sing-Along:</b> <i>Let's Sing!</i> 3 PM</p> | <p>7</p>  | <p>8<br/><b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Palm Beach Panache</i> with Carolina Fernandez 7 PM</p>  | <p>9<br/><b>Skillsbox:</b> <i>Learning with Lynda.com</i> 8 AM<br/><b>Skillsbox:</b> <i>Create a Memory Interactive Book using Power-Point</i> 10:30 AM<br/><b>Meeting:</b> <i>Playwrights Collective</i> 6 PM</p>                                     | <p>10<br/><b>Founders Hall Discussion:</b> <i>Dead Wake</i> by Erik Larson 3 PM</p>  | <p>11<br/><b>Making STEAM Activity:</b> <i>Coloring for Adults</i> 1 - 3 PM</p>                    | <p>12<br/><b>Meeting:</b> <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM<br/><b>Lecture:</b> <i>A Dozen Women Who've Made A Difference</i> 1 PM<br/><b>Reception and Family Celebration:</b> <i>We Fight For Roses, Too 2</i> - 4 PM</p> |
| <p>13<br/><b>ARTalk:</b> with sculptor James Grashow 2 PM</p>  | <p>14<br/><b>Discussion:</b> <i>Books &amp; Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM</p>  | <p>15<br/><b>Making STEAM:</b> <i>Sew What!</i> 12 - 3 PM<br/><b>Critics' Circle:</b> <i>The Children Act</i> by Ian McEwan 7 PM</p> | <p>16<br/><b>Skillsbox:</b> <i>Promote your Business on Facebook</i> 12 PM<br/><b>Lecture:</b> <i>CT Women Changing Democracy</i> 7 PM</p>   | <p>17<br/><b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Digital Resources</i> 12 PM<br/><b>Workshop:</b> <i>The Language of Abstraction</i> with Julia Rommel 6 PM @ The Aldrich</p>                    | <p>18<br/><b>Poetry Discussion Group:</b> <i>New and Selected Poems</i> by Samuel Menashe 1 PM</p> | <p>19<br/><b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 3 PM</p>   |
| <p>20<br/><b>Ridgefield Folk:</b> with Tall Heights 2 PM</p>   | <p>21<br/><b>Skillsbox:</b> <i>Simple Steps For Starting Your Business</i> Part 1/5 6 PM<br/><b>Meeting:</b> <i>Library Board</i> 7:30 PM</p> | <p>22</p>  | <p>23<br/><b>A.M. Book Group:</b> <i>Cheating at Canasta</i> by William Trevor 10 AM<br/><b>Making STEAM:</b> <i>Tee Shirt to Tote Bag</i> 1 PM<br/><b>Tech Topics:</b> 3D Modeling 6 PM<br/><b>Learn Through Film:</b> <i>The Fog of War</i> 7 PM</p> | <p>24<br/><b>Making STEAM:</b> <i>Sew What!</i> 12 - 3 PM<br/><b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Using Value Line</i> Drop-in 1 - 2:30 PM</p>  | <p>25<br/><b>Closed:</b> Good Friday</p>   | <p>26</p>   |
| <p>27<br/><b>Closed:</b> Easter</p>  | <p>28<br/><b>Skillsbox:</b> <i>Simple Steps For Starting Your Business</i> Part 2/5 6 PM</p>  | <p>29</p>  | <p>30</p>  | <p>31<br/><b>Presentation:</b> <i>The Refugee Crisis: The Faces Beyond the Headlines</i> 7 PM</p>  | 1  | 2   |