

The Ridgefield Library



BIBLIOEVENTS

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Ridgefield Folk



PHIL ROY

Sunday, May 31, 2 PM

Free tickets given out starting at 1 PM thanks to the Friends of the Library

"Drawing on his roots in Philly sound and a devotion to the music of artists such as Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder, Roy unites R&B, straight-up soul, and a hint of jazz with the more confessional approach of a Jackson Browne of Elliot Smith."

Mike Marrone, BusinessWeek

The Wizard of Oz A Unique Book/Movie Event

See the number one fantasy film of all time on the big screen like never before, sing along with Dorothy, and help celebrate the 70th anniversary of THE WIZARD OF OZ at this special film/book event that will take place at **The Ridgefield Playhouse on Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m.** (Oz character costumes are optional.)

Local author Evan I. Schwartz has just released his book *FINDING OZ: How L. Frank Baum Discovered the Great American Story*. Schwartz will introduce the Judy Garland classic by pointing out hidden clues to what the characters, symbols and events originally meant to the man who created the Land of Oz. So come out, come out wherever you are and enjoy an evening of family fun. Copies of *Finding Oz* will be available for sale and signing at the event thanks to **Books on the Common**.

All tickets are \$5.00 - General admission and can be purchased at the door or by visiting www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

Media Sponsor: Y105 - The Best Music Mix!



College, Career & Finance

Spring into Action: Achieving Financial & Personal Well-being

Thursday, May 21 at 7 PM

Registration is not required.



Come learn about important financial planning issues and family dynamics with: **Paula Levy, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist & Karlene Mitchell, Certified Financial Analyst**

Weathering the College Admissions Process

*What High School Parents
Need to Know*



Presented by **Dr. Gay Pepper**, who has worked as Associate Dean of Admissions at the University of Pennsylvania for five years before becoming a college counselor in leading secondary schools for over 23 years. She is Founder and Director of *College and More Inc.*

Thursday, May 28 at 7 PM

Registration is not required.

BOOK GROUPS

TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, May 5
7 PM

*Over the Edge of the World:
Magellan's Terrifying
Circumnavigation of the
Globe*

by Laurence Bergreen

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, June 2
7 PM

The Last Lecture
by Randy Pausch

Based on the extraordinary final lecture by Carnegie Mellon University professor Pausch, given after he discovered he had pancreatic cancer, this moving book goes beyond the now-famous lecture to inspire readers to live each day with purpose and joy.

Books & Breakfast

Monday, May 11
10:30 AM



*Join us for breakfast and an
informal book discussion*

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 19
7 PM

The Bridge of Sighs
by Richard Russo

"Lucy" and Sarah Glover have been married for 40 years and own a struggling grocery store in upstate New York. Their plan to visit a childhood friend, who has

become a prominent artist living in Venice, sparks reflections on paths not taken. There are few writers who capture the ups and downs of small town life better than Russo. In his latest novel, he ponders the bonds between fathers and sons and the lifelong feuds and friendships that can define a life.

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, May 15
1 PM

Poetry and the Stars

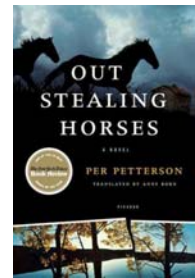
Join us for a special program in celebration of the International Year of Astronomy. Enjoy a host of celestially inspired poems chosen by the group's leader, Dr. Alan Holder. Copies of the poems will be available at the meeting. **Sponsored by the Friends.**

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, May 27
10 AM

Out Stealing Horses
by Per Petterson

From an award-winning Norwegian author comes the haunting tale of Trond Sander, a man in self-imposed exile in an isolated cabin in eastern Norway. A chance encounter with a neighbor triggers memories of a fateful teenage summer in the early days following World War II when Trond, out stealing horses with his friends, learns much about life and himself.



Hollister Films

Frost/Nixon (2008)

Rated R, 122 Mins.

Ron Howard directs this adaptation of Peter Morgan's popular Broadway play centered on a series of revelatory TV interviews former President Richard Nixon granted British talk show host David Frost in 1977.



Tuesday, May 12

1:30 & 7 PM

Milk (2008)

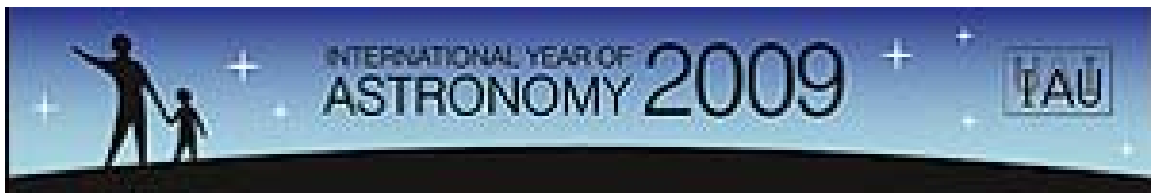
Rated R, 128 Mins.

Sean Penn stars in this fact-based drama about Harvey Milk, the openly gay activist and San Francisco politician who was murdered along with mayor George Moscone by disgruntled city employee Dan White in 1978.



Tuesday, May 26

1:30 & 7 PM



The Library's celebration of the **International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA09)** is well under way this spring. Don't miss the many wonderful programs taking place at the Library, around Ridgefield and in neighboring towns. Pick up a brochure for a full listing of IYA09 events or visit www.ridgefieldlibrary.org or www.starpark.org.

Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery Exhibit

April 11 to June 11, during Library open hours

The exhibit is presented by the Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and the American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, through funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Our Library is one of only 40 nationwide to receive this prestigious exhibit and the only one in Connecticut. Don't miss it!



Exhibit in the Dayton Program Room:

"Starry Night"

Paintings, created by children in the enrichment classes at Ridgefield Community Kindergarten, will be on display in the Dayton Program Room from **May 10 through 28**. The artwork is inspired by the paintings of Van Gogh and other Impressionist painters.



Artists' Reception: Saturday, May 16, 2 - 4 PM

Inspiring Girls in Science

Seeing Stars: Three Optical Engineers from Goodrich Corporation in Danbury discuss their cool careers working in the space industry!



Jennifer Ingrao

Linda Abramowicz-Reed has worked in space-related programs for over 25 years. Some of these include the International Sun Earth Explorer, Voyager (MJS) Mission, and Hubble Space Telescope. Her work ranges from building space hardware to analysis, calibration, and system verification of spacecraft. She will be joined by her colleagues Jennifer Ingrao and Tom Heydenburg.

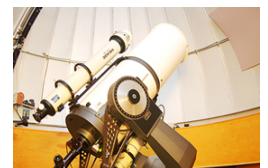
Thursday, May 7

6:30 - 8 PM

The program is aimed at girls & boys in grades 3 and up, but anyone with an interest is invited to attend!

Field Trip: To The John J. McCarthy Observatory in New Milford.

Participants will need to make their own way there. Registration is required by calling the Library at 438-2282.



Monday, May 20

8 PM – 10 PM

Writing About Place: A Workshop

FULL

The Library will offer a three-part writing workshop on Wednesday afternoons May 6, 13 and 20 from 1 – 2:30 PM in the History Room. The facilitators will be Phyllis Ross and Rosalind Till.

All writers from beginners to

more experienced are invited to write and share writings, and to use brief poetic and prose texts to engage in a written exploration of place. This workshop is limited to 8. Participants must plan to attend all three sessions and registration is required.

Phyllis Ross teaches writing at Western Connecticut State University, and the Fir Acres Workshop of Bard



Institute for Writing and Thinking. She has facilitated writing groups at the Katonah Village Library, private writing groups, and workshops.

Rosalind Till is a member of the International Women's Writer's Guild. She has conducted writing workshops at Wainwright House in Rye, New York, and at the Connecticut Institute for Psychosynthesis, where she is on staff.



MAY 2009

CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>May Exhibit: "Starry Night"</p> <p>Paintings created by children in the enrichment classes at Ridgefield Community Kindergarten on view May 10 through 28 in the Dayton Program Room Artists' Reception: Saturday, May 16, 2 - 4 PM</p>					<p>1 Friends Book Sale: 9 AM to 5 PM</p>	<p>2 Friends Book Sale: 9 AM to 5 PM</p> <p>Memoir Writing Group: 10 AM</p>
<p>3 Friends Book Sale: 1 PM to 5 PM</p>	<p>4 Friends Book Sale: 10 AM to 5 PM</p> <p>Friends Meeting: 10:15 AM</p>	<p>5 Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers: <i>Over the Edge of the World: Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe</i> by Laurence Bergreen 7 PM</p>	<p>6 Writing Workshop: <i>Writing About Place</i> Part 1 of 3 1—2:30 PM FULL</p>	<p>7 Inspiring Girls in Science: <i>Seeing Stars</i> - three optical engineers talk about their cool careers 6:30 - 8 PM [grades 3 to 8 but all ages welcome]</p>	<p>8 Wizard of Oz: Special book/movie event at the Ridgefield Playhouse 7:30 PM \$5 per ticket at the Playhouse</p>	<p>9 Shutterbugs: Monthly meeting of photography group 9:30 AM</p>
10	<p>11 Books & Breakfast: 10:30 AM</p>	<p>12 Hollister Film Series: <i>Frost / Nixon</i> 1:30 & 7 PM</p>	<p>13 Writing Workshop: <i>Writing About Place</i> Part 2 of 3 1—2:30 PM FULL</p>	14	<p>15 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Poetry and the Stars!</i> with Dr. Alan Holder 1 PM</p>	<p>16 Reception: <i>Starry Night</i> by children in Ridgefield Community Kindergarten's Enrichment Classes</p>
17	<p>18 Library Board Meeting: 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19 Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>The Bridge of Sighs</i> by Richard Russo 7 PM</p> <p>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield: A Networking Group for Writers 7 PM</p>	<p>20 Writing Workshop: <i>Writing About Place</i> Part 3 of 3 1—2:30 PM FULL</p> <p>Field Trip: to the McCarthy Observatory in New Milford 8 PM</p>	<p>21 Seminar: <i>Spring Into Action - Achieving Financial and Personal Well-being</i> with Paula Levy & Karlene Mitchell 7 PM</p>	22	23 Library Closed
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<p>31 Ridgefield Folk: with Phil Roy 2 PM</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6