

The Ridgefield Library



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Film, Lecture and Discussion Series:

Think Green, Eat Green: A Series About Sustainable Food



A six-part series called *Think Green, Eat Green* will take place at the Ridgefield Library during May and June. The Library is teaming up with Ridgefield Green Village Initiative (RGVI) and Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment (RACE) to promote a greater love and respect for the natural world, our delicate food eco-systems, our local growers, and eating delicious foods grown closer to home, including from our own backyards.

The series will kick off with a screening and discussion of the film *A Sense of Wonder* about environmentalist Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring*. The screening will take place on Wednesday, May 19 at 7 PM. The discussion to follow will be led by **David Brown**, Sc.D., an adjunct professor of Ethics in the Environment at Fairfield University. The film is brought to us by the **Sierra Club of Connecticut**.



panel will share backyard vegetable garden secrets about soil enrichment, planting, weeding and, best of all, harvesting. Panelists are: **Peter Schmidt** of Compostwerks LLC; **Jim Nordgren**, Executive Director of the Bedford Audubon Society; and **Terry Keller**, a Master Gardener.

Local filmmaker **Amy Kalafa** will be joined by nutritionist **Karen Siclare** to lead a discussion after the screening of Kalafa's movie *Two Angry Moms* on Wednesday, June 9 at 7 PM.



The movie explores the roles the federal government, corporate interests, school administration and parents play in feeding our country's school kids.

Last but not least will be a program called *Meet Your Local Growers*, on Saturday, June 12 at 10 AM. Local farmers from the greater Ridgefield area will talk about the positive value and impact of eating locally grown foods. Panelists include **Dina Brewster** from The Hickories in Ridgefield, **Joe Keller** from The Garden of Ideas in Ridgefield, and **Bill Hill** from Warrup's Farm in Redding. After the program there will be an opportunity to buy local produce and products.

Wholesome refreshments will be provided at the presentations thanks to **Green Rocks Inn, Milillo Farms, Nature's Temptations, Ridgefield Organic & Specialty Market** and **Wave Hill Breads**. The program is also made possible thanks to the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund. **Please register** for each event at the Library's website: www.ridgefieldlibrary.org.



On Wednesday, May 26 at 7 PM the film *Fresh* will be screened. This is an upbeat look at our food system and how to make it work better for the health of humans and the planet. Local "green" grocer and architect **Joe Ancona** will introduce the film.

Permaculture: Self Sustaining Ways to Grow Food and Harness Energy will be the title of a talk to be given by **Andrew Faust**, founder of the Center for Bioregional Living, on Wednesday, June 2 at 7 PM.

Your Edible Backyard will be the topic up for discussion on Saturday, June 5 at 10 AM. An experienced



Live Music:

Ridgefield Folk

Danny Schmidt

May 23

2 PM



Schmidt's musical influences draw from deeply-rooted Appalachian mountain gospel to haunted English balladry, from syncopated Piedmont country blues to vagabond 60's protest folk. Upon his winning the prestigious Kerrville New Folk award in 2007, *Sing Out Magazine* tagged Austin, TX-based Schmidt "the best new songwriter we've heard in 15 years."

Free thanks to the Friends of the Library. Tickets can be picked up starting at 1 PM on the day of the show. Doors open at 1:30 PM.

Lecture/Discussion:

Our multi-part exploration of James Joyce continues



The Library's multi-part, multi-media series, *Enjoying Joyce*, continues as Dr. Mark Schenker, Associate Dean at Yale College, returns to the Library on three more **Thursday evenings at 7 PM (May 13, 27, June 10)** to facilitate discussions of *Ulysses*.

Copies of the text that will be used in the discussions can be purchased at Books on the Common for a 15% discount.

A celebration of Bloomsday on June 16 will round out the *Enjoying Joyce* series, along with an exhibit of powerful woodcuts called *The Lure of Mythology* by Donald Axleroad, which will run throughout June.



Enjoying Joyce is made possible thanks to the **Friends of the Ridgefield Library and the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund.**

Registration is not required.

Exhibit:

Impressions of the Four Seasons: Landscapes by Russian Artists



The artists represented have all earned graduate degrees in art and are members of the *Union of Artists of Russia*, a highly regarded professional organization for artists dating back to the Soviet era. Their names are well-known throughout Europe, and their work has been acquired by museums, galleries and private collectors in the United States, Great Britain, Italy, Germany, France and South Africa.

Exhibit runs from May 2 - 27
Reception, Saturday, May 15, 2- 4 PM

Coming in June:

The Songs and Music of Scotland Performed by Isla St Clair with guest pipers and drummers



On Saturday, June 5 at 7 PM Isla St Clair, one of Scotland's foremost singers, will take part in a wonderfully entertaining performance spiced with fascinating and humorous anecdotes of Scotland's rich musical heritage.

Known to millions in Britain for her numerous television appearances, Isla has performed at venues as diverse as the Edinburgh Festival and the Royal Albert Hall in front of the Queen. Don't miss this rare U.S. appearance.

On the afternoon of **June 5 at 2:30 PM** she will also join filmmaker **Patrick King** to talk about their PBS and History Channel Films, including the award-winning *When the Pipers Play*.

These free programs are to raise awareness for the Allied Forces Foundation. Please **register** as space is limited at www.ridgefield.library.org or by calling 203-438-2282 ext. 1015 or 1016.

BOOK GROUPS

THE NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, May 4
7 PM

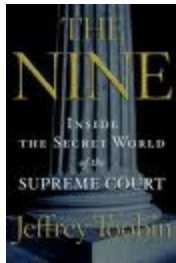
Consumer's Republic
by Lizabeth Cohen

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, June 1
7 PM

The Nine
by Jeffrey Toobin

Based on exclusive interviews with the Supreme Court Justices themselves and other insiders, *The Nine* is a timely and provocative state of the union about America's most elite legal institution.



MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, May 6
1 PM

Harvest
by Tess Gerritsen

Surgical resident Abby DiMatteo of Boston's Bayside Hospital encounters Russian gangsters, unethical colleagues and a skeptical police detective as she uncovers a gruesome organ transplant scheme.

Books & Breakfast

Monday, May 10
10:30 AM



Join us for breakfast and an informal book discussion

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 18
7 PM

The Help
by Kathryn Stockett

Skeeter Phelan, aspiring writer, has returned to her hometown of Jackson, Mississippi. The year is 1962 and Jim Crow laws still abide. Skeeter proposes writing a collection of first hand accounts of black maids. The story is told from the alternating perspectives of three unforgettable women.

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, May 21
1 PM

Selected Poems of Yehuda Amichai

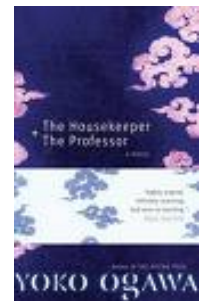
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A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, May 26
10 AM

The Housekeeper and the Professor
by Yoko Ogawa

A prizewinner in the original Japanese edition, this slender but penetrating book limns the relationship between a mathematical genius who has dire repercussions from a head injury and the uneducated woman who takes care of him. Rather than a romance or family drama, the book is about the joy of learning and the elegance of mathematics.



Hollister Films

The Informant (2009)

Rated R, 108 Minutes



Whitacre, a rising star in the agri-industry giant Archer Daniels Midland, suddenly turns whistleblower. Even as he exposes his company's multi-national price-fixing conspiracy to the FBI, Whitacre envisions himself being hailed as a hero of the common man. Based on the true story of the highest-ranking corporate whistleblower in U.S. history.

Tuesday, April 13

1:30 & 7 PM

Coco Before Chanel (2009)

Rated PG13, 100 Minutes




Audrey Tautou stars as legendary French designer Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel in this lively biopic that explores the fashion icon's storied ascension from orphan to seamstress and cabaret singer and ultimately to the queen of Parisian haute couture. **In French with English subtitles.**

Tuesday, May 25

1:30 & 7 PM



CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Exhibit: <i>Impressions of the Four Seasons: Landscapes by Russian Artists</i></p> <p>Dates: May 2 - 27</p> <p>Reception: Saturday, May 15, 2 - 4 PM</p>						<p>1 Memoir Writing Group 10 AM</p>
2	3	<p>4 The Nonfictioneers: <i>Consumer's Republic</i> by Lizabeth Cohen 7 PM</p>	5	<p>6 Murder by the Book: <i>Harvest</i> by Tess Gerritsen 1 PM</p>	7	<p>8 Photography Meeting: Monthly Meeting of the Shutterbugs 9:30 AM</p>
9	<p>10 Books and Breakfast 10:30 AM</p>	<p>11 Hollister Film: <i>The Informant</i> 1:30 & 7 PM</p>	12	<p>13 Lecture: <i>Ulysses</i> by James Joyce led by Dr. Mark Schenker 7 PM</p>	<p>14 Early Closing: Library closing early for a special event 5 PM</p>	<p>15 Reception: <i>Impressions of the Four Seasons: Landscapes by Russian Artists</i> 2 - 4 PM</p>
16	17	<p>18 Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett 7 PM Networking Group: <i>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>19 Film Screening and Discussion: <i>A Sense of Wonder</i> 7 PM Register at www.ridgefield.library.org</p>	20	<p>21 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Selected Poems of Yehuda Amichai</i> 1 PM Friends Book Sale: 9 AM - 5 PM</p>	22 Friends Book Sale 9 AM - 5 PM
<p>23 Live Music: <i>Ridgefield Folk</i> with Danny Schmidt 2 PM Friends Book Sale 1 PM - 5 PM</p>	<p>24 Meeting: Library Board 7:30 PM Friends Book Sale 10 AM - 5 PM</p>	<p>25 Hollister Film: <i>Coco Before Chanel</i> 1:30 & 7 PM</p>	<p>26 A.M. Book Group: <i>The Housekeeper and the Professor</i> by Yoko Ogawa 10 AM Film Screening and Discussion: <i>Fresh</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>27 Lecture: <i>Ulysses</i> by James Joyce led by Dr. Mark Schenker 7 PM</p>	28	29
<p>30 Library Closed</p>	<p>31 Library Closed Happy Memorial Day!</p>	1	2	3	4	5