

# The Ridgefield Library

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## BIBLIOEVENTS

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### The Donofrio Technology Series: Inspiring Kids in Science

#### *WATSON: Jeopardy and Beyond*

Don't miss the Ridgefield Library's *Inspiring Kids in Science* program on Tuesday, May 31 at 7 PM, at Veteran's Park Elementary School in Ridgefield. The presentation will feature two team members who work on IBM's *DeepQA* artificial intelligence system, more affectionately known as *Watson*. Come find out how this incredible machine was built and programmed to compete on *Jeopardy* (and win!) and what real world applications are being dreamed up for the future.

The program is part of the Ridgefield Library's ongoing *Donofrio Technology Series: Inspiring Kids in Science*, which aims to get kids, especially girls, interested in science and technology. **The program is aimed at children in grades 4 and up, but anyone with an interest is invited to attend.** Registration is required as space is limited.

*Inspiring Kids in Science* is made possible thanks to the generosity of the Donofrio family.

#### Speakers:

**Jennifer Chu-Carroll, PhD, Research Staff Member & Manager, IBM TJ Watson Research Center,** works on algorithms for identifying relevant question content in order to generate possible answers, as well as on special question processing.



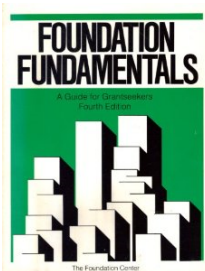
**Sugato Bagchi, PhD, Research Staff Member, IBM TJ Watson Research Center,** works on adapting *DeepQA* to provide decision support, especially related to uses in the medical field.



**Please register - [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)  
Tuesday, May 31, 7 PM  
At Veteran's Park Elementary School**

#### Workshop:

#### *Securing Funds from Foundations* with Judith Margolin



This presentation is geared to anyone involved with trying to secure funding for non-profit organizations.

This workshop demystifies the process of securing foundation funding. A brief introduction to the new *Foundation Center Cooperating Collection* at the Ridgefield Library will also be included.

Judith Margolin is an independent grants consultant and the author of several books, including *Grantseeker's Guide to Winning Proposals* and *After the Grant*.

**Please register - [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)**

**Wednesday, May 4, 10 - 11:30 AM**

Ridgefield Library, 472 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877, 203/438-2282, [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

#### Performance:

#### *Shake-Scene* with Stephen Collins



Actor Stephen Collins returns to the Ridgefield Library with his new one-man show called *Shake-Scene*.

From the evil machinations of Richard III, to the philosophical bantering of Falstaff, to the brilliant oratory of Brutus and Antony, Collins will bring the Bard's words to life. Shakespeare's tragedies, comedies, histories, and sonnets are all represented in this exciting show.

**No registration**

**Thursday, May 25, 7 PM**

## Features with the Friends:

### *Last Tango in Paris*

#### Film Discussion led by David Rich

The Friends of the Library film screening and discussion series continues with the controversial classic *Last Tango in Paris* (NC17, 1998, 129 minutes). A fee of \$7 to cover cost of refreshments will be charged at the door.

**Please register - [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)**

**Tuesday, May 3, 6 PM**

## Rise and Shine Presentation:

### *Be a Better You: From Stagnation to Motivation* with Bob Pargament

The Chamber of Commerce and the Library present hypnotist Bob Pargament of the Westchester Hypnosis Center. Visit the [www.ridgefieldchamber.org](http://www.ridgefieldchamber.org) to register.

**\$10 Chamber members/ \$20 General**

**Wednesday, May 18, 7:45 AM**

## Workshop:

### *Dabble in Scrabble*

#### with Cornelia Guest

Sessions will take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month till May, from 1 - 3 PM. Cookies, drinks and all game materials will be provided.



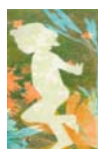
**No registration**

**Wednesday, May 25, 1 - 3 PM**

## Film Screening and Discussion:

### *Mother Nature's Child*

#### with the Discovery Center



This film screening is made possible by the Connecticut Environmental Literacy Plan, Connecticut Outdoor and Environmental Educators, and Clean Air-Cool Planet's Community Catalyst Fund.

**No registration**

**Thursday, May 5, 7 PM**

## Energy Conservation Seminars:

### *Home Energy Basics Part 1*

#### presented by CT Energy Challenge

Join us for this free workshop that aims to inform Ridgefield residents about CT tax incentives and rebates available for home energy efficiency upgrades. Workshop attendees will learn about the Home Energy Solutions (HES) program. Home Energy Solution's technicians will be present to schedule home visits.

This event is hosted by the Library, Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment, and Ridgefield Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge. The Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge is a new program in Ridgefield that aims to reduce energy consumption in 10% of households by 20%.

**Tuesday, May 3, 1 PM**

### *Home Energy - Part 2*

A follow up session to *Home Energy Basics Workshop* for those who want to make deeper energy savings. This program is aimed at those who have already received a Home Energy Solutions visit and are wondering what to do next.

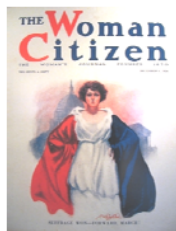
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**Wednesday, May 11, 7 PM**

## Lecture, Exhibit and Reception:

### *Marching in Their Footsteps*

#### with Dr. Laurel Clark



Join us for a celebratory champagne and dessert reception to mark the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the **League of Women Voters**. Professor Laurel Clark from the University of Hartford will speak on the history of the Suffrage Movement with a focus on Connecticut.

*Marching in Their Footsteps*, an exhibit commemorating the 90th anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the right of women to vote in the United States, will be on display in the Library **May 5 through May 26, 2011**. Visitors may view the exhibit during the library's regular hours.

The exhibit showcases photographs of national and local Connecticut suffragists, sheet music and journal covers, posters, and reproductions of banners. It honors the women and men who lobbied for three generations to make the 19th Amendment to the Constitution become a reality in August 1920.

**No registration**

**Tuesday, Thursday, May 12, 7 PM**

# B O O K G R O U P S

## TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, May 3  
7 PM  
*A Whole New Mind*  
by Daniel Pink

### Next Month's Selection:

Tuesday, June 7,  
1 PM  
*The Day of Battle: The  
War in Sicily and Italy*  
by Rick Atkinson

"Atkinson depicts soldiers fighting for honor, not glory. 'We did it because we could not bear the shame of being less than the man beside us,' explains one soldier's diary. 'We fought because he fought; we died because he died.' The result is an incredible portrayal of the courage, sorrow, and determination that came to define our greatest generation." - Dave Callanan

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Next Month's Selection:  
Thursday, May 5  
1 PM  
*The Kill Artist*  
by Daniel Silva

Silva has created a truly memorable series character in Allon, an Israeli Mossad agent and art restorer.

Next Month's Selection:  
Thursday, June 2  
1 PM  
*Bruno, Chief of Police*  
by Martin Walker

## Books & Breakfast

Monday, May 9  
10:30 AM



## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 17  
7 PM  
*Little Bee*  
by Chris Cleave

This psychologically charged story follows the tide of events that carries a Nigerian girl called Little Bee into the lives of a British couple.

Next Month's Selection:  
Tuesday, June 21  
7 PM  
*Middlemarch*  
by George Eliot

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

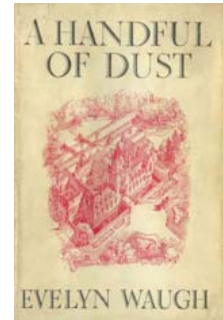
Friday, May 20 and  
Friday June 17  
1 PM

*Messenger: New and  
Selected Poems*  
by Ellen Bryant Voigt  
Sponsored by the Friends

## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 25  
10 AM  
*A Handful of Dust*  
by Evelyn Waugh

The master of British social satire depicts the breakdown of a marriage among London's smart set between the World Wars.



Next Month's Selection:  
Wednesday, June 22  
10 AM  
*Major Pettigrew's Last  
Stand*  
by Helen Simonson

# Hollister Films

## Fair Game (2010)

Rated PG13, 108 Minutes



From the director of *The Bourne Identity* comes this riveting thriller inspired by the experiences of real-life CIA officer Valerie Plame. When Plame's retired ambassador husband Joe Wilson writes a newspaper article challenging the basis for the U.S. war on Iraq, the White House leaks Plame's undercover status, leaving her contacts vulnerable and her career in shambles.

Tuesday, May 10

1:30 & 7 PM

## Mao's Last Dancer (2009)

Not Rated, 107 Minutes



From Academy Award nominee Bruce Beresford comes *Mao's Last Dancer*, the inspiring true story of Li Cunxin and his extraordinary journey from a poor upbringing in rural China to international stardom as a world-class ballet dancer. Based on the best selling autobiography, the film weaves a moving tale about the quest for freedom and the courage it takes to live your own life.

Tuesday, May 24

1:30 & 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Ridgefield Folk</b> with Toby Walker 2 PM	2	3 <b>Workshop: Home Energy Basics 1</b> 1 PM - Register <b>Features with the Friends: Last Tango in Paris</b> 6 PM Register, fee \$7 <b>The Nonfictioneers: A Whole New Mind</b> by Daniel Pink 7 PM	4 <b>Workshop: How to Secure Funding From Foundations</b> with Judi Margolin 10 AM Register	5 <b>Murder by the Book: The Kill Artist</b> by Daniel Silva 1 PM <b>Film Screening and Discussion: Mother Nature's Child</b> 7 PM	6	7 <b>Memoir Writing Group: Monthly Meeting</b> 10 AM
8	9 <b>Books &amp; Breakfast</b> 10:30 AM	10 <b>Hollister Film Series: Fair Game</b> 1:30 & 7 PM	11 <b>Workshop: Home Energy Basics 2</b> Register 7 PM	12 <b>Lecture and Exhibit Reception: Marching in Their Footsteps</b> 7 PM	13	14 <b>Shutterbugs: Monthly meeting of photography group</b> 9:30 AM
15	16 <b>Meeting: Library Board</b> 7:30 PM	17 <b>Critics' Circle Book Group: Little Bee</b> by Chris Cleave 7 PM <b>The Writers Guild: A Networking Group for Writers</b> 7 PM	18 <b>Rise and Shine Program: Be a Better You</b> with hypnotist Bob Pargament \$10 Chamber members, \$20 general admission Register 7:45 AM	19	20 <b>Book Sale: Friends of the Library Sale</b> 9 AM - 5 PM <b>Poetry Discussion Group: Messenger</b> by Ellen Bryant Voigt 1 PM	21 <b>Book Sale: Friends of the Library Sale</b> 9 AM - 5 PM
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29 <b>Library Closed</b>	30 <b>Library Closed</b>	31 <b>Library Closed Inspiring Kids in Science: WATSON: Jeopardy and Beyond</b> 7 PM at Veteran's Park School Register	<b>Note:</b> The Library will be closed on Tuesday, May 31 for a computer upgrade.	2	3	4