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Live Music:

Ridgefield Folk with Heart and Soul



After a standing room only performance here in 2010, the band *Heart and Soul* will return to perform classic songs from the past along with

some originals. *Heart and Soul* features Frannie Faith, Jeff Southworth, Chris Coogan, Tony Cruz and Sharon Bryan. They will be joined by special guest Journi Gallwey. The band will perform a versatile concert for all ages, playing styles from the 1930s to current pop songs made famous by Stevie Nicks, Neil Diamond, James Taylor, and

Ridgefield Folk with Sally Barris



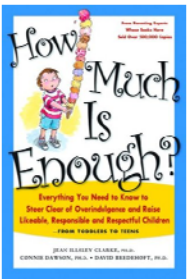
Sally Barris is a Nashville songwriter who has had songs covered by such artists as Kathy Mattea, Martina McBride, and Lee Ann Womack. Her song *Let The Wind Chase You*, recorded by Trisha Yearwood and Keith Urban, received a Grammy nomination for vocal collaboration in 2009. Film credits include *Honey Suckle Sweet* from the Miramax film *An Unfinished Life* and *Liars Lie* featured in the Tim McGraw/Gwyneth Paltrow film *Country Strong*. *Dirty Linen* says, "Barris knows how to write lyrics that are as forthright as a stream of clear water and how to support them with melodies that share that quality."

Ridgefield Folk is free thanks to the Friends of the Library. Tickets given out starting at 1 PM
Sunday, May 6, 2 PM

Sunday, May 20, 2 PM

Discussion:

How Much is Enough? with Brenda Chapman



Ridgefield Prevention Council and the Ridgefield Library present a parenting discussion about how to steer clear of overindulgence and raise likeable, responsible and respectful children.

Join Educator and group discussion facilitator **Brenda Chapman, MS, ED**, as she helps inspire action and commitment through her well guided group discussion. She is the owner of "Up For Discussion," a literature based group discussion business that serves multiple generations.

No registration

Wednesday, May 2, 7 PM

Workshop:

How to Find Funding with Jimmy Tom

Jimmy Tom, director of the Foundation Center's New York Library, will conduct a training workshop on grant-seeker resources available for free use at the Ridgefield Library.

Introduction to Finding Funders

The first part of the workshop provides an introduction to the Foundation Center's comprehensive online database, Foundation Directory Online Professional.

Guide to Philanthropy In/Sight®

The second session explores *Philanthropy In/Sight®*, an interactive mapping tool that can quickly create maps that reveal patterns of giving and funding relationships.



Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Thursday, May 17, 11 AM to 12:30 PM

Author Talks:

The Dynamic Duo of Midlife Transitions

with Prill Boyle and Barbara M. Traynor

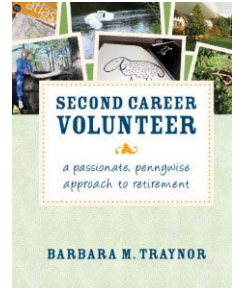


Authors Barbara M. Traynor and Prill Boyle will present a passionate, pennywise approach to launching second acts in midlife. Come listen to what they've learned - and what you can learn - from adventurous women and men who have turned their dreams into reality!

A self-described late-bloomer, **Prill Boyle** graduated from Georgetown University in her late 30's with a B.A. and M.A. in English, landed her first full-time teaching job at age 40, and wrote her first book—*Defying Gravity: A Celebration of Late-Blooming Women*—at age 50. Since its publication, she has spoken to groups all over the world, given a keynote at the United Nations and had her blog featured in *The New York*

Times. Now 57, she's the host of the long-running Fairfield County television program "Ageless" and is finishing up her first novel.

Barbara Traynor is an author and professional volunteer. She is retired from a forty-five year career as an Administrative Assistant and is a veteran of eighteen moves to six states. Her volunteer lifestyle led to self-publishing *Second Career Volunteer, a passionate, pennywise approach to retirement*, a how-to for those who wish to delve into this retirement option.



No registration

Tuesday, May 29, 7 PM

Panel Discussion:

Flying Solo

A panel of experts will address legal, financial, social, and family issues in "**Flying Solo**," a free seminar for single, divorced or widowed women. "Being on one's own can be extremely challenging, to say the least," said Barbara McMahon, one of the members of *Brown Bag Network*, the co-sponsor for the event.

The keynote speaker will be **Jessica Bram**, author of *Happily Ever After Divorce: Notes of a Joyful Journey*. Bram's award-winning radio commentaries have been heard on the National Public Radio, and her essays have been published in many national and regional newspapers and magazines, including *The New York Times*. Other professionals on hand for advice will be: **Barbara McMahon**, a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch; **Rebecca L. Ciota**, an attorney specializing in family law and divorce proceedings; **Birgitta Stone**, an insurance and financial products specialist; **Kristina Kelly**, an attorney practicing in the fields of trust and estate planning, elder law and residential real estate; **Olga Adler**, award-winning interior designer and lifestyle consultant, and **Candy Schrull**, an accountant and client services specialist.

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Thursday, May 17, 6:30 PM

Writing Workshop:

Writing Parenthood

with Phyllis Ross



This is a writing workshop for beginning or experienced writers who are parents or grandparents--biological, adoptive, surrogate or spiritual --writing about their experiences as parents, or exploring "parenthood" from

the perspective of the child. We will approach parenthood as a transformative and evolving passage, and we will delve into the complexity of that passage through stories that reveal aspects of relationship, moments of self-revelation, and the ever changing nature of an evolving role. We will write from prompts that are inspired by poems, prose passages, and photographs.

Phyllis Ross has taught writing at Western Connecticut State University and as faculty of the Fir Acres Workshop of Bard Institute for Writing and Thinking. She is also a licensed social worker.

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Tuesdays, May 15, 22, 29 & June 5, 10:30 AM

BOOK GROUPS

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, May 1
7 PM

My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey
by Jill Bolte Taylor

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, June 5
7 PM

Lafayette
by Harlow Giles Unger

The author, a journalist and biographer, makes no secret of his great admiration for Lafayette, whom he presents as a "gallant knight" and true believer in American republican and constitutional ideals.

...Unger aims to recount objectively the Frenchman's contributions to the great events of his age the American War of Independence and the French Revolutions of 1789 and 1830. – *Library Journal*

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, May 3
1 PM

A Man Lay Dead
by Ngaio Marsh

A parlor game of Murder during a country house weekend turns deadly in this first of the Inspector Roderick Alleyn mysteries. Exemplifying the best of the Golden Age "cozy" tradition, Marsh's novels feature an intelligent and sensitive aristocratic Scotland Yard sleuth who is the prototype for later popular heroes such as Adam Dalgleish and Thomas Lynley.

Books & Breakfast

Monday, May 14
10:30 AM



CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 15
7 PM

Nemesis
by Philip Roth

In the stifling heat of the summer of 1944, the city of Newark is in the grips of a polio epidemic. Roth explores its effect on a closely knit, family-oriented community and its children through the persona of Bucky Cantor, a playground director devoted to his charges.



Poetry Discussion Group

Friday, May 18
1 PM

Departure: Poems
By Rosanna Warren

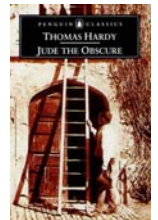
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A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, May 23
10 AM

Jude the Obscure
by Thomas Hardy

Although he continued to live and write in other forms until 1928, this is Hardy's last novel, which casts an unsentimental eye on almost all major social institutions at the end of the 19th century as it explores the love between Jude and his cousin Sue.



Copies of these books may be purchased at Books on the Common at a 15% discount or inquire about Inter-Library Loan availability.

New members always welcome!

Hollister Films

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close

2011, PG13, 129 Minutes



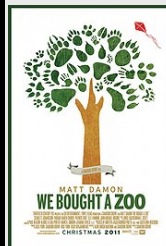
Oskar (Thomas Horn) is convinced that his father (Tom Hanks), who died in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, has left a final message for him hidden somewhere in the city. Feeling disconnected from his grieving mother (Sandra Bullock) and driven by a relentlessly active mind that refuses to believe in things that can't be observed, Oskar begins searching for the lock that fits a key he found in his father's pocket.

Tuesday, May 8

1:30 & 7 PM

We Bought a Zoo

2011, Rated PG13, 124 Minutes



Matt Damon plays a single dad who decides his family needs a fresh start, so he and his two children move to the most unlikely of places: a zoo. With the help of an eclectic staff, and with many misadventures along the way, the family works to return the dilapidated zoo to its former wonder and glory. Based on a true story.

Tuesday, May 22

1:30 & 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 The Nonfictioners: My Stroke of Insight by Jill Bolte Taylor 7 PM	2 Family U: How Much is Enough? with Brenda Chapman 7 PM	3 Murder by the Book: A Man Lay Dead by Ngaio Marsh 1 PM	4	5 Memoir Group: Monthly Meeting 10 AM Ridgefield's Gone Country!
6 Live Music: Ridgefield Folk with Heart and Soul 2 PM	7	8 Hollister Film Series: Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close 1:30 & 7 PM	9	10 Founders Hall Discussion: The Lady and the Panda by Vickie Constantine Croke 2:30 PM	11	12 Shutterbugs: Monthly Meeting 9:30 AM
13	14 Discussion: Books and Breakfast with Dorothy Pawlowski 10:30 AM	15 Workshop: Writing Parenthood with Phyllis Ross part 1/4 Register 10:30 AM Critics' Circle Book Group: Nemesis by Philip Roth 7 PM Meeting: Writers Guild of Ridgefield 7 PM	16	17 Seminar: Introduction to Finding Funders and Guide to Philanthropy In/Sight® 11 AM Register Presentation: Flying Solo: A program for single, divorced or widowed women 6:30 PM Register	18 Poetry Discussion Group: Departure: Poems By Rosanna Warren 1 PM	19
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