

LYME DISEASE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

Lyme Madness with Lori Dennis

Lyme Connection and the Ridgefield Library present an Author Talk with **Lori Dennis** who will discuss her memoir *Lyme Madness: Rescuing My Son Down The Rabbit Hole of Chronic Lyme Disease*. Lori Dennis, M.A., is a registered psychotherapist in private practice with a focus on depression, anxiety, grief, ADHD, interpersonal conflict, and more.

Protecting Your Family from Tick Borne Diseases

Tick-borne disease prevention expert **Dr. Neeta Connally** and Master Gardener **Tessa O'Regan** are teaming up to teach effective strategies for staying safe from ticks while still enjoying the great outdoors. Whether you're a weekend gardener or avid hiker, pet owner or parent, you'll benefit from hearing the latest research on disease prevention along with landscaping tips for reducing ticks in your yard.

Sponsors are: Ridgefield Health Department's BLAST Tick-borne Disease Prevention Program, Lyme Connection, Rotary Club of Ridgefield, Western Connecticut Health Network and the Ridgefield Library. These programs are also part of the Library's *Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life* series.

Tuesday, May 2, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



Saturday, May 6, 10 AM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

ENVIRONMENTAL

Create Your Own Edible Garden with John Carlson

Come learn how to plan, plant, maintain and harvest your own edible garden with Ridgefielder and Homefront Farmer owner and manager John Carlson who, in 2011, after a 25-year career in marketing, unleashed his passion for organic farming. John is an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional (AOLCP), certified by the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA).

Thursday, May 18, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Preserving Plum Island for Future Generations with Chris Cryder

Join us for a presentation on Plum Island, home to over 200 resident and migratory bird species, about a quarter of all birds known in the United States, 57 of which are listed as in urgent need of conservation. Learn how you can help preserve this incredible public resource from the threat of development. This program is co-sponsored by the Library, Ridgefield Conservation Commission, Woodcock Nature Center and the Norwalk River Watershed Association.

Monday, May 22, 6:30 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Author Talk: Lilli de Jong with Janet Benton



Ridgefield native and founder of the long-standing high-school literary magazine *Lodestar* **Janet Benton** returns to Ridgefield to discuss *Lilli de Jong*, her debut novel about a young Quaker woman who finds the most powerful love of her life when she gives birth at an institution for unwed mothers. *Lilli de*

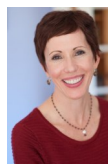
Jong is at once a historical saga, an intimate romance, and a lasting testament to the work of mothers.

Thursday, May 25, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Marijuana and Alcohol: Just The Facts Without the Fiction

with Alicia Farrell, Ph.D



Join us for this parenting workshop presented by **Alicia Farrell** and sponsored by Ridgefield Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse, Ridgefield Prevention Council and Ridgefield Library. Parents and teens are welcome! Alicia Farrell has a uniquely common sense, science-based, compassionate, and interesting way to talk about these tough issues.

Tuesday, May 30, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

RIDGEFIELD INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL



The Ridgefield Independent Film Festival (RIFF) is an intimate, international and inspired film festival that aims to make the world a more compassionate place through the sharing of stories from around the globe through cinema. RIFF runs May 19-21, with screenings at various venues around town, including the Library, Keeler Tavern Museum, The Ridgefield Playhouse, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum and The Prospector Theater. More info and passes available at www.riff.website

RIFF Programs Taking Place at the Library:

Friday, May 19, 2:30PM - 4:00PM (Student Program 1)

An Evening of Eternity

Narrative Feature: 1 hour 25 minutes; Director:

Constantin Maier; Germany

Friday, May 19, 4:15PM - 5:30PM (Program A)

Swimming in the Desert

Narrative Short: 16 minutes; Director: Alvaro Ron;

United States

Friday, May 19, 4:15PM - 6:00PM (Program A)

The Chocolate Case

Documentary Feature: 1 hour 30 minutes; Director:

Benthe Forrer; Netherlands

Saturday, May 20, 11:00AM - 12:30PM - (Program C)

My Name is Joan

Documentary Short: 30 minutes; Director: Margaret

Stapor Costa; United States

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Robert Shaw - Man of Many Voices

Documentary Feature: 1 hour 11 minutes; Director:

Pamela Roberts; United States

Saturday, May 20, 11:00AM - 5:00PM

Two Guys

Web/New Media; Director: Michael Kohlbrenner;

United States

Saturday, May 20, 11:00AM - 2:00PM

Umphrey's McGee 360 VR Puppet String

Come sample a Virtual Reality experience of this film

Director: Pete Herzog; United States

Saturday, May 20, 1:00PM - 3:30PM (Program E)

Change

Animated Short: 5 minutes; Director: Isaac Kerlow;

Singapore

Saturday, May 20, 1:00PM - 3:30PM (Program E)

Forgotten Farms

Documentary Feature: 1 hour 13 minutes; Director:

Dave Simonds; United States

Saturday, May 20, 4:00PM - 6:00PM (Program F)

Written Off

Documentary Feature: 1 hour 20 minutes + talk-back

40 minutes; Director: Molly Hermann; United States

Sunday, May 21, 11:00AM - 12:30PM (Program Q)

One Big Home

Documentary Feature: 1 hour 30 minutes; Director:

Thomas Bena; United States

Sunday, May 21, 12:35PM - 1:35PM (Program R)

Shallow Waters: The Public Death of Raymond Zack

Narrative Short: 32 minutes + filmmaker talk back 23

minutes; Director: Jaime Longhi; United States

For a full listing of all of the programs and events taking place throughout Ridgefield this weekend and to purchase tickets visit www.riff.website

MUSIC PROGRAMS

The Library presents several music appreciation and participation programs this May suitable for teens and adults!

The Romantic Narrative in Music

with Eric Mahl



Eric Mahl, Music Director of the Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra, will explore the Romantic narrative in music

using examples from Mozart, Beethoven, Dvorak and Tchaikovsky.

Friday, May 5, 3 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Get the Scoop on the Greats! Brilliant Beethoven and his Heroic 3rd Symphony!

with Alexa Donaldson

Join us for this music appreciation class for children (12 and up), teens and adults that is co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra, Sharps and Flats Music Conservatory in Ridgefield and the Ridgefield Library.

Sunday, May 7, 1 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Community Sing-a-long!

Join us for *Sing It! - A Community Sing-a-long* and celebration of classic folk and patriotic songs with singer songwriter gems from James Taylor, Carole King and the Beatles thrown in! If you play a portable instrument feel free to bring it along! Musical hosts are **Edwin and Faith Taylor** and **Deborah Katchko-Gray**. Songbooks are provided.

Sunday, May 7, 3 PM

No registration

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

<p>NONFICTIONEERS May 2 7:00 PM <i>David and Goliath</i> by Malcolm Gladwell</p>	<p>MURDER BY THE BOOK Thursday, May 4 10:30 AM <i>In a Dark, Dark Wood</i> by Ruth Ware</p>	<p>FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP Thursday, May 11 3:00 PM <i>The Golden Age</i> by Joan London</p>	<p>family. Also available as a downloadable audiobook on hoopla and as a downloadable e-book and audiobook from Project Gutenberg.</p>
<p>Next Month's Selection June 6 7:00 PM Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold and the Fate of the American Revolution by Nathaniel Philbrick</p>	<p>Reclusive crime writer Leonora Shaw accepts an invitation from an old acquaintance to attend a country weekend bachelorette party, and winds up in the hospital with blood on her hands and no idea what has happened. A psychological thriller recommended for fans of <i>The Girl on the Train</i>. Also available as a downloadable e-book from OverDrive.</p>	<p>Open to all members of Founders Hall.</p>	<p>POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP Friday, May 26 1:00 PM <i>Poems of Marianne Moore</i> with Dr. Alan Holder</p>
<p> From the <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author of <i>In The Heart of the Sea</i> and <i>Mayflower</i> comes a surprising account of the middle years of the American Revolution, and the tragic relationship between George Washington and Benedict Arnold. <i>Valiant Ambition</i> is a complex, controversial, and dramatic portrait of a people in crisis and the war that gave birth to a nation. The focus is on loyalty and personal integrity, evoking a Shakespearean tragedy that unfolds in the key relationship of Washington and Arnold.</p>	<p>BOOKS & BREAKFAST Monday, May 15 10:30 AM</p> <p></p> <p>Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski</p>	<p>CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP Tuesday, May 16 7:00 PM <i>Circling the Sun</i> by Paula McLain</p> <p></p> <p><i>Circling the Sun</i> explores the formative years of renowned aviatrix Beryl Markham, a complex woman who fought to make her way in the world on her terms. McLain paints a captivating portrait of Africa in the early 1900s and of the impact of the European expats who left an indelible mark.</p>	<p></p>
		<p>A.M. BOOK GROUP Wednesday, May 24 10:00 AM <i>The Vicar of Wakefield</i> by Oliver Goldsmith</p> <p>The classic satire about the misadventures of a rural clergyman and his</p>	<p>LIVE IN HD @ RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE</p> <p>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.</p>

TECH TOPICS

3D Printing Orientation- Are you interested in printing your own 3D design on the Library's Makerbot? We are now offering use of our 3D printer to Ridgefield Library cardholders. Those who are under age 18 must come with an adult.
 - **Saturday, May 6 @ 10:00 - 11:30 AM** - Register
 - **Thursday, May 25 @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM** - Register

Genealogy Databases - Updates and Enhancements - Refresh your searching skills using the latest updates from Ancestry Library edition.
 - **Wednesday, May 17 @ 1:30 - 2:30 PM** - Register

Adult Maker Group - Come join our Adult Maker Group and tinker with us.
 - **Wednesday, May 17 @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM** - Register



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



Getting Started with the Libraries Digital Resources - Need help getting started with one of our digital resources including OverDrive (eBooks and audiobooks), Zinio (digital magazines), Hoopla (eBooks, audiobooks, streaming music and video) or lynda.com?
 - **Tuesday, May 23 @ 12:30 - 2:00 PM (Drop-in)**

Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD. We have 2-hour slots available for those wishing to convert a VHS tape to DVD. Visit ridgefieldlibrary.org or call 203-438-2282 to register.
 - **Monday, May 15 @ 2:00 - 4:00 PM** - Register
 - **Tuesday, May 16 @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM** - Register
 - **Tuesday, May 16 @ 5:00 - 7:00 PM** - Register
 - **Thursday, May 18 @ 2:00 - 4:00 PM** - Register
 - **Friday, May 19 @ 2:00 - 4:00 PM** - Register
 - **Monday, May 22 @ 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM** - Register
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 - **Wednesday, May 24 @ 11 AM - 1:00 PM** - Register
 - **Friday, May 26 @ 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM** - Register

FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2 Discussion: <i>5th Grade Parent Circle (1)</i> 10 AM Author Talk: <i>Lyme Madness</i> with Lori Dennis 7 PM Nonfictioneers: <i>David & Goliath</i> by Malcolm Gladwell 7 PM	3 Workshop: <i>Fiction Writing</i> with Kim Kovach 5/5 10:30 AM	4 Murder by the Book: <i>In a Dark, Dark Wood</i> by Ruth Ware 10:30 AM	5 Presentation: <i>The Romantic Narrative in Music</i> with Maestro Eric Mahl 3 PM Book Sale: <i>Children's Books</i> 10 AM - 8 PM	6 Book Sale: <i>Children's Books</i> 9 AM - 5 PM Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 10 AM Talk: <i>Protecting Your Family From Tick-borne Diseases</i> 10 AM
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