

## Live Music:

***Ridgefield Folk***  
with Susan McKeown  
@ **Temple Shearith Israel**



After singing on the streets of her native Dublin as a teenager, Susan McKeown left for New York with a bursary from The Arts Council of Ireland and a scholarship to the American Musical & Dramatic Academy, and soon became a regular performer at the legendary East Village club Sin-É. Her debut album 'Bones' (1995) garnered wide

critical acclaim, established her reputation as an inventive songwriter with a powerful voice and set her on the road to an international touring and recording career.

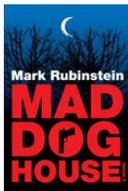
Ten albums later McKeown has a catalog of music that solidly spans the realms of world music and rock. She has worked with such luminaries as Natalie Merchant, Linda Thompson, Pete Seeger, Mary Margaret O'Hara, Billy Bragg, Arlo Guthrie and Andy Irvine.

**Free thanks to the Friends of the Library**

**Postponed - New Date Coming Soon**

## Author Talk:

***Mad Dog House***  
with Dr. Mark Rubinstein



Join us for an Author Talk with author and psychiatrist Mark Rubinstein who will discuss his recently released novel *Mad Dog House* and the relationship between psychiatry, fantasy and fiction.

Mark Rubinstein served in the U.S. Army as a field medic. After his discharge, he went to medical school, became a physician, and then a psychiatrist. As a forensic psychiatrist, he was an expert witness in many trials.

**No registration**

**Thursday, October 15, 7 PM**

**(rescheduled from November 8)**

## Author Talk:

***Exploring Connecticut's  
Natural History***  
with Brendan Hanrahan

Connecticut may seem tame, but look closely and you find a state where incredible discoveries about rocks, dinosaurs and wild places have been made for centuries. *Exploring Connecticut's Natural Wonders* is an award-winning program about our state's natural history. Brendan Hanrahan will explain how our state's small size and intriguing past make it one of the best places in the world to explore natural history. It includes tales few have heard, but which can be explored in little more than the time it takes to pull off the road and eat lunch.

Presenter Brendan Hanrahan is publisher of the *Road to Discovery Series* of guidebooks to Connecticut's natural history. He began searching for and writing about local places to explore in 2002, when his kids were in elementary school, and is still at it.

**No registration**

**Thursday, November 29, 7 PM**  
**(rescheduled from November 1)**

## Tech Fridays:

***Personal Finance: Library Resources***  
with Christie Mitchell

We're excited to announce a new monthly program called *Tech Fridays*. Each month we'll highlight a 21<sup>st</sup> century tool offered by the Library, or one readily available online, with the goal of helping our patrons become empowered users of these resources. Today's program focuses on personal finance and will cover the following topics and more:

- Improving financial literacy using University of CT and the Cooperative Extension System site and other resources
- Explore websites to help with personal finance and household management

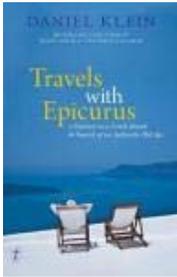
**No registration - drop in!**

**Friday, November 30, 2 - 4 PM**

# Author Talk

## *Travels with Epicurus*

### With Daniel Klein



Join us for a talk by Daniel Klein about his latest book, *Travels with Epicurus*, in which he travels to Greece with a suitcase full of philosophy books, seeking the best way to achieve a fulfilled life. This program is co-sponsored by Books on the Common.

“A late-in-life reflection and modern-day philosophical exploration of what it means to age authentically... Charming and accessible, this philosophical survey simply and accessibly makes academic philosophy relevant to ordinary human emotion.” --*Kirkus Reviews*

Daniel Klein, the bestselling author of the writing team that created such critically acclaimed books *Plato and a Platypus Walk Into a Bar* and *Heidegger and a Hippo Walk Through*

*Those Pearly Gates*, was faced with something of an existential crisis recently when, at the age of 73, his dentist told him he'd need to choose either a denture plate or tooth implants. If he chose the implants, he would have to undergo several painful orthodontic procedures spread out over the span of months. If he chose the dentures, he'd be stuck with a “clunky old-man smile” and restrictions on what he could eat. Klein initially planned on going with the implants. Upon further reflection however, he decided against the drill and went to Greece instead.

Come and hear about his adventures!



**No registration**

**Tuesday, November 13, 7 PM**

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## Author Talk: Fly Fishing

### *The Grand Cascapedia: A History* with Hoagy B. Carmichael Jr.



Join us for a talk by producer and author Hoagy B. Carmichael about his latest book on fly fishing, *The Grand Cascapedia – A History*.

Hoagy has fished for Atlantic salmon in places like Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Labrador and Norway (eight trips), and has fished most of the well-known rivers in Canada. He has been traveling to the Grand Cascapedia River for twenty- seven years, where he is a founding member of the Cascapedia River Museum. Mr. Carmichael is also a trout fisherman and a member, and past president, of the Fly Fishers Club of Brooklyn on the upper Beaverkill River.

**No registration**

**Saturday, November 17, 10 AM**

### *Fly Fishing: A Sacred Art* with Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer



Ridgefield's own Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer will talk about the recently released book *Fly Fishing—The Sacred Art, Casting a Fly as a Spiritual Practice*, which he co-authored with Dr. Michael Attas. Weather permitting he will also do a short fly fishing demo.

The book is a unique exploration of fly-fishing as a spiritual practice. The authors, an Episcopal priest and a rabbi, share what fly-fishing has to teach us about reflection, awe and the wonder of the natural world, the benefits of solitude, the blessing of community and the search for the Divine. Rabbi Eisenkramer is creator of *The Fly Fishing Rabbi: A Blog about Trout, God and Religion*, and a contributor to Trout magazine. He is the spiritual leader of Temple Shearith Israel in Ridgefield.

**No registration**

**Thursday, December 6, 7 PM**

# BOOK GROUPS

## NONFICTIONEERS

Wednesday, Nov. 14  
(rescheduled from  
October 30)

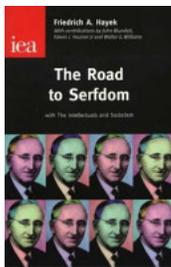
7 PM  
***Infidel***  
by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, December 4  
7 PM

***The Road To Serfdom***  
by F.A. Hayek

An unimpeachable classic work in political philosophy, intellectual and cultural history, and economics, *The Road to Serfdom* has inspired and infuriated politicians, scholars, and general readers for half a century. Originally published in 1944—when Eleanor Roosevelt supported the efforts of Stalin, and Albert Einstein subscribed lock, stock, and barrel to the socialist program—*The Road to Serfdom* was seen as heretical for its passionate warning against the dangers of state control over the means of production. For F. A. Hayek, the collectivist idea of empowering government with increasing economic control would lead not to a utopia, but to the horrors of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

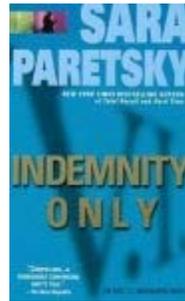


## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, December 6  
(rescheduled from  
November 1)

10 AM  
***Indemnity Only***  
by Sara Paretsky

One of the creators of the popular subgenre of the modern female PI, Paretsky is also known for integrating social issues into the plots of her Chicago-based novels. In this series opener, V.I. Warshawski is up against serious white collar criminals when she is hired by the head of Chicago's biggest bank to find his son's missing girlfriend.



## BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Monday, Nov. 12  
10:30 AM



This program now takes place @ **the Keeler Tavern Museum at 132 Main Street**

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, November 20  
7 PM

***Please Look After Mom***  
by Kyung-Sook Shin



This is a deeply moving story of a family's search for their mother, who goes missing one afternoon amid the crowds of the Seoul subway station. Told through the alternating perspectives of a daughter, son, husband, and mother, it is a portrait of contemporary life in Korea and a universal story of family love. Kyung-Sook Shin is a best-selling author in Korea.

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, November 16  
PM

***The Postal Confessions***  
by Max Garland

A limited number of copies of the book will be available for discussion participants, thanks to the Friends of the Ridgefield Library.



## A.M. BOOK GROUP

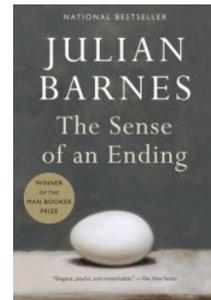
Wednesday, Nov. 28  
***The Sense of an Ending***

by Julian Barnes

@ **The Community Center**

Tony Webster is in his mid-sixties, divorced, retired and leading a comfortable life. When he is bequeathed a journal from his friend Adrian, who committed suicide at age 22, suppressed memories slowly surface.

*The New York Times* called this year's winner of the Man Booker Prize "a sort of psychological detective story."



*Library Book Groups always welcome new members.*

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

*No registration needed.*

Unless noted otherwise programs will take place in the Library Program Room at 21 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

# NOVEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 <b>Memoir Writing Group</b> 1 PM Off-site
4	5	6	7	8 <b>Founders Hall Book Discussion:</b> <i>Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i> by Jamie Ford 3 PM	9	10 <b>Shutterbugs:</b> <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 9:30 AM
11	12 <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Books and Breakfast @ The Keeler Tavern Museum</i> 10:30 AM	13 <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Travels with Epicurus</i> with Daniel Klein 7 PM	14	15 <b>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield:</b> <i>A Networking Group for Writers</i> 7 PM <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Psychiatry, Fantasy and Fiction</i> with Dr. Mark Rubinstein 7 PM	16 <b>Poetry Discussion Group:</b> <i>The Postal Confessions</i> by Max Garland 1 PM	17 <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Fly Fishing</i> with Hoagy B. Carmichael Jr. 10 AM
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