

Ridgefield Remembers WWI

British Soldier Poets with Dr. Mark Schenker

With the centenary of the original Armistice Day—11 November 1918—arriving this fall, **Mark Schenker** of Yale College will discuss poems written by British soldiers of WWI. The Great War, as it was often called, claimed more than nine million lives and changed forever the political and cultural landscapes of the Western World. A handout of more than a dozen poems by five poets—Rupert Brooke, Wilfred Owen, Isaac Rosenberg, Siegfried Sassoon, and Edward Thomas—are available at the Library's Circulation Desk.

Thursday, November 8, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Greatest Music of the Great War with a quartet of Broadway musicians

Curated by Wesleyan University's professor **Roy Wiseman**, this colorful concert features selections from Wiseman's extensive library of authentic period band arrangements, covering the length and breadth of America's wartime music, all performed by a virtuoso quartet of some of Broadway's best instrumentalists.

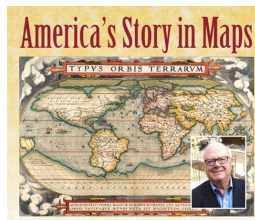
This program is part of Ridgefield Remembers WWI, a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. The program is free thanks to the Friends of the Ridgefield Library.

Sunday, November 11, 3 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Exhibit, Talk & Reception

America's Story in Maps



Join us for a talk and reception with **Joel Third**, Keeler Tavern and History Center Board Member, about his collection of antique maps, which depict the rapid growth of the United States of America.

Talk: Sunday, November 4, 2 PM

Reception: 3-4:30 PM

Exhibit: Runs through November 30

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Special Event

An Evening With Diana Nyad



Join us for an inspirational evening with **Diana Nyad**, who at the age of 64, in her fifth and final attempt, successfully fulfilled her lifelong dream of completing the 110-mile swim from Cuba to Florida. Upon completing her grueling 53-hour journey, Nyad told the world, "I have three messages. One is we should never ever give up. Two is you are never too old to chase your dreams. And three is it looks like a solitary sport, but it takes a team."

Monday, November 5, 7 PM

Tickets \$5—register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Author Talks

Ogre Enchanted with Gail Carson Levine

Join us in welcoming **Gail Carson Levine**, author of the beloved Newbery-Honor-Award-Winning *Ella Enchanted*, as she discusses the new *Ella Enchanted* companion novel, *Ogre Enchanted*. Books will be available for sale and signing at the program thanks to Books on the Common. All ages are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, November 10, 2 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

1,000 Books to Read Before You Die with James Mustich

Join us for an entertaining evening with **James Mustich**. This program is co-sponsored with Books on the Common.

James Mustich began his career in bookselling at an independent book store in Briarcliff Manor, New York, in the early 1980s. In 1986 he co-founded, and was for two decades the guiding force behind, the acclaimed book catalog *A Common Reader*.

Thursday, November 29, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Climate Change

with Peter Bancel

Join us for a Climate Change Conversation with **Peter Bancel**. A recent study from Yale University states that climate change is sparsely covered on the news and comments how infrequently friends and family talk about it. While people are concerned, rarely do they have a chance to exchange in a meaningful way. Peter Bancel has a Ph.D. in experimental physics. Peter currently works at the Institut Métapsychique, International in Paris, France.

Thursday, November 1, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Hidden Stories: Writing Workshop

with Kim Kovach

In this weekly adult writing program, participants will tap into personal experiences, family stories, famous works of art, and imagination for writing inspiration! Perfect for new and experienced writers of creative non-fiction, memoir and fiction. This program is led by author and writing teacher, **Kim Kovach**.

Wednesday, November 7, 14, 21 10:30 AM

Full - Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

National Novel Writing Month Come Write In!

November is **National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)**, an international event supporting writers of all ages. Thousands of libraries all over the world participate by inviting writers and want-to-be writers to meet in "Come Write In" programs where writers bring laptops, notebooks and pens to a quiet room to work.

Saturday, November 17, 10 AM-2 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Skillsbox

Simple Steps Every Business Should Do Before Spending a Dime on Marketing

with Mike Brooks

Join **Mike Brooks** to discuss what every business should do before they spend money on marketing!

Skillsbox is co-sponsored by Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce, SCORE, and Ridgefield Economic and Community Development Commission.

Tuesday, November 13, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Survival of the Kindest: How Helping Other Fuels Success in Our Children...and Ourselves

with Dr. Christopher Kukk

New research in biology, neuroscience, and economics proves that to achieve durable success, we need to do more than "look out for #1" – we need to practice compassion.

Christopher Kukk, Ph.D., author of *The Compassionate Achiever* and founding Director of the Center for Compassion, Creativity & Innovation at Western CT State University, will be on hand to discuss this new research and more. *Parenting the #Selfie Generation* is a community-wide collaboration.

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7 PM @ Scotts Ridge

Middle School - register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Conversations That Matter

with Bob Krasnow

Join us for the last two sessions in this five-week discussion series where people can meet face-to-face to exchange and share ideas freely. Each week **Bob Krasnow** will screen a TED Talk, then open up the conversation to the group to share its views on the subject presented. Examples include: *How We Make Decisions*, *On Being Wrong*, and *Happiness*.

Wednesday, November 7, 14, 1 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Children's Books Merit Grown-Up Conversation—A Two-part Series

This program presents an introduction to the picture book as visual literacy, art, and cultural fare. Often these seemingly simple stories have layers of depth, theme, artistic ingenuity, and historical significance. Part one of this series covers a brief history of the picture book. The second session builds upon the first, and introduces analysis and evaluation of picture books.

Tuesday, November 27 and Dec. 4, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

ARTalk

Exploring Sculpture Commissions and the Creation of Public

Monuments with Meredith Bergmann

Award-winning sculptor **Meredith Bergmann** will show images of work from her 40-year career as a sculptor who seeks out public commissions that explore issues of history, race, human rights, disabilities, and the power of poetry and music. Bergmann will talk about her creative process, the research that inspires her to bring history to life, and some of the many issues involved with competing for commissions and making public art.

Sunday, November 18, 2 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

<p>MURDER BY THE BOOK Thursday, November 1 10:30 AM <i>Devil in a Blue Dress</i> by Walter Mosley</p>  <p>African-American WWII vet Easy Rawlins discovers a place for himself as a sleuth in the Los Angeles of the 1950s and '60s, after he is fired from a factory job and is hired by a mobster to find a missing woman, a search that involves him with murder and corruption in high places.</p>	<p>FOUNDERS HALL BOOK DISCUSSION Thursday, November 8 <i>Between Them: Remembering My Parents</i> by Richard Ford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Open to members of Founders Hall</p>	<p>with Dexter Styles, a man who she thinks can help her unravel the backstory of her father and the reason he disappeared. Dexter takes her into a world populated by gangsters, bankers, and union men. Longlisted for the National Book Award for Fiction.</p>	<p>elements—Salt, which enhances flavor; Fat, which delivers flavor and generates texture; Acid, which balances flavor; and Heat, which ultimately determines the texture of food—and anything you cook will be delicious.</p>
<p>NONFICTIONEERS Tuesday, November 6 7:00 PM <i>Eleanor of Aquitaine, A Life</i> by Alison Weir</p> <p>Eleanor of Aquitaine, Queen consort of France and England and Duchess of Aquitaine in her own right, was among one of the most powerful rulers of Europe and one of the most fascinating women in 12th century English history. Renowned in her time for being the wife of two kings and mother of three, Eleanor of Aquitaine was one of the great heroines of the Middle Ages.</p>	<p>BOOKS & BREAKFAST Monday, November 12 10:30 AM</p>  <p>Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski.</p>	<p>A.M. BOOK GROUP Wednesday, November 28 10:00 AM <i>The Awkward Age</i> by Henry James</p> <p>This novel about the complications created in a family's social set by a young girl coming of age represents the decadence and corruption of English fin de siècle life.</p>	<p>POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP Friday, November 30 1:00 PM</p> <p>Dr. Alan Holder, retired English professor, will lead a discussion about Jacobean and Elizabethan English poets. Copies of the poems are available at the Circulation Desk one week before the discussion date.</p> <p>This program is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.</p>
<p>CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP Tuesday, November 20 7:00 PM <i>Manhattan Beach</i> by Jennifer Egan</p> <p>Set in the New York of the 1930s and 1940s, this atmospheric novel captures a transformative time in America. Anna Kerrigan becomes the first female diver at the Brooklyn Naval Yard helping to repair ships that America needs to win the war. Then one night Anna has a chance encounter</p>	<p>FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION Monday, November 26 2:00 PM <i>Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking</i> by Samin Nosrat</p> <p>In the tradition of <i>The Joy of Cooking</i> and <i>How to Cook Everything</i>, an ambitious new approach to cooking by a major new culinary voice. Master the use of just four</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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

Intro to 3D Design Using Blender with Chris Iorillo
 Designer and illustrator Chris Iorillo leads this hands-on workshop is an introduction to Computer-Aided Design (CAD). This program is for those 16 years of age and up.
Tuesday, November 6 @ 6:30–8:00 PM - [Register](#)

Library Resources for Artists and the Arts Community
Wednesday, November 7, 11 AM - 12:30 PM - [Register](#)

Help! Downloading the Library's eBooks and eAudiobooks: Bring Your Own Device - Get help downloading eBooks or eAudiobooks to your phone or tablet.
Friday, November 9 @ 2:00–3:00 PM - Drop-in
Saturday, November 17 @ 10:30 AM–12:00 PM - Drop-in

3D Printing Orientation - 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, November 10 @ 10:00 AM–11:30 AM - [Register](#)

Intro to Facebook with Kate Fitzpatrick
Tuesday, November 13 @ 1:30 PM–2:30 PM - [Register](#)

Adult Maker Group: Intro to Arduinos and Raspberry Pis
Wednesday, November 14 @ 6:45 –8:00 PM - [Register](#)

Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD - Check ridgefieldlibrary.org for details and available timeslots.

Intro to Cricut - the Library's smart cutting machine
Wednesday, November 14 @ 1:00-2:30 PM - [Register](#)
Thursday, November 29 @ 12:00-1:30 PM - [Register](#)

Featured Events Calendar - November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Confused about Medicare? Town offers FREE counseling sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 10/16/18 to 12/7/18 in the Donofrio Family Technology Center.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call 203-431-2754 to schedule an appointment.</p>				<p>1 Murder by the Book: <i>Devil in a Blue Dress</i> by Walter Mosley 10:30 AM Talk: <i>Climate Change</i> with Dr. Peter Bancel 7 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Talk and Reception: <i>America's Story in Maps</i> with Joel Third Talk: 2 PM Reception: 3 - 4:30 PM</p>	<p>5 Talk: <i>An Evening with Diana Nyad</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>6 Workshops: <i>Medicare Counseling</i> 10 AM Nonfictioners: <i>Eleanor of Aquitaine, A Life</i> by Alison Weir 7 PM</p>	<p>7 Writing Workshop: <i>Hidden Stories</i> 10:30 AM Health: <i>Chair Yoga</i> 1 PM Discussion: <i>Conversations that Matter</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>8 Founders Hall Discussion: <i>Between Them: Remembering My Parents</i> by Richard Ford 3 PM Lecture: <i>British Poets of World War I</i> with Dr. Mark Schenker 7 PM</p>	<p>9 Workshops: <i>Medicare Counseling</i> 10 AM Tech Topics: <i>Help! Downloading the Library's eBooks and eAudiobooks: Bring Your Own Device</i> 2 PM</p>	<p>10 Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 10 AM</p>
<p>11 Veteran's Day Concert: <i>Greatest Music of the Great War</i> 3 PM</p>	<p>12 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM Health: <i>Mindfulness and Meditation</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>13 Making STEAM: <i>Hold Everything! in Recycled Felted Wool</i> 1 PM Tech Topics: <i>Facebook with Kate Fitzpatrick</i> 1:30 PM Table-top Gaming: <i>We Got Games</i> 6 PM Skillsbox: <i>Simple Marketing Steps</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>14 Writing Workshop: <i>Hidden Stories</i> 10:30 AM Discussion: <i>Conversations that Matter</i> 1 PM Adult Maker Group: <i>Intro to Arduinos and Raspberry Pis</i> 6:45 PM Talk: <i>Survival of the Kindest</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Workshops: <i>Medicare Counseling</i> 10 AM</p>	<p>17 National Novel Writing Month: <i>Come Write In!</i> 10 AM Tech Topics: <i>Help! Downloading the Library's eBooks and eAudiobooks: Bring Your Own Device</i> 10:30 AM</p>
<p>18 ARTalk: <i>Exploring Sculpture Commissions and the Creation of Public Monuments</i> with Meredith Bergmann 2 PM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Workshops: <i>Medicare Counseling</i> 10 AM Critics' Circle: <i>Manhattan Beach</i> by Jennifer Egan 7 PM</p>	<p>21 Writing Workshop: <i>Hidden Stories</i> 10:30 AM Health: <i>Chair Yoga</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Library Days at Books on the Common: <i>Show your Ridgefield Library Card, and 15% of the proceeds will be donated to the Library</i></p>	<p>24 Library Days at Books on the Common: <i>Show your Ridgefield Library Card, and 15% of the proceeds will be donated to the Library</i></p>
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