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BIBLIOEVENTS

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The Big Read: The Grapes of Wrath

September - October 2010



The Ridgefield Playhouse in partnership with the Ridgefield Library has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to host *The Big Read* in Ridgefield, an initiative of the Endowment designed to restore reading to the center of American culture.

To get involved just check out a copy of *The Grapes of Wrath* at the Library or purchase a discounted copy at *Books on the Common* and begin reading now. You can also participate in the many related events coming this fall including book discussions, movies, concerts, art exhibits, lectures, and more.

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

Big Read Public Programs and Events in October

Special Event: *Ridgefield Cultural Festival*
Saturday, October 2, 10 AM - 5 PM
Ballard Park

Concert: *Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra Plays Aaron Copland*
Saturday, October 2, 8 PM

Anne S. Richardson Auditorium, Ridgefield High School
tickets at www.ridgefieldsymphony.org

Book Discussion: *Meltdown* by Paul Mason
Tuesday, October 5, 7 PM
Ridgefield Library - No registration

Lecture: *Steinbeck's America: The Economics of the Great Depression* with Dr. Nick Perna
Thursday, October 7, 7:30 PM

Lounsbury House/Ridgefield Community Center
Register at info@booksonthecommon.com or 203-431-9100
Co-sponsored by Books on the Common and Lounsbury House

Book Discussion: *The Grapes of Wrath* for members of Founders Hall led by Mary Rindfleisch
Thursday, October 14, 2:30 PM
Founders Hall - No registration

One-Man Show: *John Steinbeck*
performed by Michael Oakes
Tuesday, October 19, 7 PM

Ridgefield Library - Please register
Michael Oakes will perform during the day for students at East Ridge Middle School, courtesy of Productions for Young People, and in the evening for the general public at the Library, sponsored by the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund.

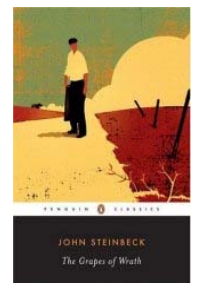
Book Discussion for Friends of the Library Members: *The Grapes of Wrath*
Wednesday, October 20, 10 AM
Ridgefield Library - Please register
Bring your membership card for admittance, or sign up to become a member at the door

Family Book Discussion: *The Year Down Yonder*
by Richard Peck
Wednesday, October 20, 6 PM
Ridgefield Library - Register in Children's Services.
For children in grades 3 and up accompanied by an adult

Book Discussion: *The Grapes of Wrath*
led by professor Terrence Cheng
Thursday, October 21, 7 PM
Ridgefield Library - Please register
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Film Screening & Panel Discussion: *Dirt! The Movie*
panel discussion moderated by Dina Brewster
Wednesday, October 27, 7 PM
Ridgefield Library - No registration
Co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment and the Ridgefield Green Village Initiative

Film Screening: *The Grapes of Wrath*
Enjoy the classic 1940 film version of the novel
Thursday, October 28, 7:30 PM
The Ridgefield Playhouse
Admission \$5.00 for adults/seniors; students admitted free of charge. Purchases at www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org or call 203-438-5795



Please register for Library programs and check for more information at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

Live Music

Ridgefield Folk with The Waymores



The Waymores are a delicious blend of contemporary folk, retro pop and old school country by three of the best performing songwriters in the world! Come see Don Henry, Sally Barris and Tom Kimmel all together on one stage!

Sunday
October, 3 @ 2 PM

Ridgefield Folk with Heart and Soul



Come enjoy the band *Heart and Soul* featuring Frannie Faith, Jeff Southworth, Chris Coogan and Sharon Bryan. The band will perform a versatile concert for all ages, playing styles from the 1930s to current pop songs made famous by the likes of John Mayer, Stevie Nicks, Neil Diamond, James Taylor and many more.

Sunday
October, 24 @ 2 PM

Free thanks to the **Friends of the Library**. Tickets can be picked up starting at 1 PM on the day of the show. Doors open at 1:30 PM.

Benefit Concert with David Gale

Virtuoso violinist David Gale, a young Ridgefielder who recently graduated from the Manhattan School of Music, will perform a concert to benefit the Library's Annual Appeal. The concert will take place at the beautiful **South Salem Presbyterian Church at 111 Spring Street, South Salem, New York**. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 for children) in advance, \$25 at the door.

Sunday, October 3, 3 PM



"Kidlit" Author Panel



Talk From the Trenches: Six Published Authors Give Advice on Writing, Finding an Agent and Selling Your Children's Book

Panelists are: Ann Leal, Jame Richards, Michaela MacColl, Sari Bodi, Caragh O'Brien and Laurie Toffler-Corrie.

Saturday, October 16, 1 PM - No Registration

Poetry Class

Poetry 101: The Romantics and the Victorians with Patricia Grodd



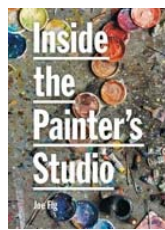
Poet and award-winning teacher Patricia Grodd will present a six-part class at the Library this fall focusing on works of the Romantic and Victorian poets. No prior poetry experience necessary!

Thursdays, October 7, 21, November 4, 18, December 2, 16 @ 2 PM

Registration Required

ARTalk

Inside the Painter's Studio with Joe Fig



Author and artist Joe Fig will talk about his book *Inside The Painter's Studio* and about the many artists he interviewed to find out how they set up their studios. This is an excellent talk for those who are refining their own studios and for those who admire and are inspired by the artistic process.

Co-sponsored by The Ridgefield Guild of Artists.

Sunday, October 17 @ 2 PM

No Registration

BOOK GROUPS

THE NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, Oct. 5
7 PM

Meltdown: The End of the Age of Greed
by Paul Mason

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, Nov. 2
7 PM

The Island at the Center of the World
by Russell Shorto

When the British wrested New Amsterdam from the Dutch in 1664, the truth about its thriving, polyglot society began to disappear. But the story of the Dutch colony of New Netherland was merely lost, not destroyed: 12,000 pages of its records are now being translated. Drawing on these Russell Shorto has created a gripping narrative. *Book Description.*

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, Oct 7
1 PM

Down River
by John Hart

This Edgar-award winner has been praised by critics and readers alike for the literary quality of the writing, the atmospheric depiction of small town Southern life and the psychologically acute portrait of protagonist Adam Chase, who finds himself under a cloud of suspicion in several murders.

Books & Breakfast

Monday, Oct 11
10:30 AM

Join us for breakfast and an informal book discussion

POETRY GROUP DISCUSSION

Friday, Oct. 15
1 PM

Collected Poems
by Wallace Stevens

Sponsored by
the Friends

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, Oct. 19
7 PM

Let the Great World Spin
by Colum McCann

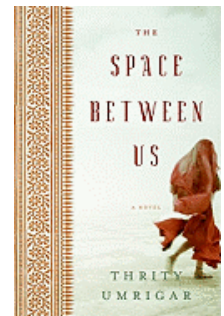
This year's National Book Award winner is an allegorical tale of New York City and its residents in 1974, when tightrope walker Philippe Petit shocked the world by walking a wire between the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, Oct. 27
10 AM

The Space Between Us
by Thrity Umrigar

An affecting portrait of the relationship between an upper class Bombay housewife and her older, lower class servant, who share the heartbreaks of life despite their very different social positions.



Registration is not required for book groups and new members are always welcome!

Hollister Films

SUBTITLES SHOWN AT MATINEE SCREENINGS

The Ghost Writer (2010)

Rated PG13, 128 Minutes



When a gifted ghostwriter is hired to write the memoirs of former British Prime Minister Adam Lang, he quickly finds himself trapped in a web of political intrigue. Lang is implicated in a scandal over his administrations harsh tactics, and as the ghostwriter digs into the politicians past, he discovers secrets that threaten to jeopardize international relations forever.

Tuesday, October 12
1:30 & 7 PM



Crazy Heart (2010)

Rated R, 112 Minutes



Four-time Academy Award nominee Jeff Bridges stars as the richly comic, semi-tragic, romantic anti-hero Bad Blake in the debut feature film *Crazy Heart* from writer-director Scott Cooper. Bad Blake is a broken-down, hard-living country music singer who's had way too many failed relationships and far too many years on the road - and yet Bad can't help but reach for salvation.

Tuesday, October 26
1:30 & 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Exhibit: Serendipity: Photographs by Melanie S. T. Sanchez</p> <p>Dates: October 3 - 29</p> <p>Reception: Saturday, October 9, 2 - 4 PM</p>					1	2 Memoir Writing Group 10 AM Cultural Festival in Ballard Park 10 AM - 5 PM
3 Live Music: <i>Ridgefield Folk</i> with <i>The Waymores</i> 2 PM Benefit Concert: with Violinist David Gale at South Salem Presbyterian Church , 3 PM	4 Meeting: Friends Board meeting 10 AM	5 *The Nonfictioners: <i>Meltdown: The End of the Age of Greed</i> by Paul Mason 7 PM	6 Writing Workshop: Memoir and Imagination with Phyllis Ross, part 3/4 10:30 AM Full	7 Murder by the Book: <i>Down River</i> by John Hart 1 PM Class: Poetry 101: The Romantics and Victorians , part 1/6 2 PM Register	8	9 Artist's Reception: Photographs by Melanie S. T. Sanchez 2 - 4 PM Photography Meeting: <i>Shutterbugs</i> 9:30 AM
10	11 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM	12 Hollister Film: <i>The Ghost Writer</i> 1:30 & 7 PM	13 Writing Workshop: Memoir and Imagination with Phyllis Ross, part 4/4 10:30 AM Full	14 Founders Hall Book Discussion: 2:30 PM	15 Friends of the Library Book Sale: 9 AM - 5 PM Discussion: <i>Poetry Group</i> with Dr. Alan Holder, 1 PM	16 Friends of the Library Book Sale: 9 AM - 5 PM Writer's Panel: <i>Kidslit Author Panel</i> , 1 PM
17 Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale: 12 - 5 PM ARTalk: The Painter's Studio with Joe Fig 2 PM	18 Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale: 10 AM - 4 PM Meeting: <i>Library Board</i> 7:30 PM	19 *Performance: The Big Read - <i>John Steinbeck</i> with Actor Michael Oakes 7 PM - Register Networking Group: <i>Writers Guild of Ridgefield - Offsite</i> 7 PM Critic's Circle: <i>Let the Great World Spin</i> by Colum McCann 7 PM	20 *Book Discussion: The Big Read - <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> by John Steinbeck for members of the Friends. Sign up to become a member at the door - Register 10 AM	21 Class: Poetry 101: The Romantics and Victorians , part 2/6 2 PM Register *Book Discussion: The Big Read - <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> by John Steinbeck 10 AM Register - Sponsored by the Friends	22	23
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