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

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
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

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

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

Benefit Concert with David Gale

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

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.

Sunday, October 17 @ 2 PM

No Registration
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.

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.

Books & Breakfast
Monday, Oct 11  10:30 AM
Join us for breakfast and an informal book discussion

A.M. BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, Oct. 27  10 AM
The Space Between Us
by Thrity Umrigar
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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 PG-13, 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

Ridgefield Library, 472 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT  06877, 203/438-2282, www.ridgefieldlibrary.org
## Calendar of Programs & Events for Adults

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