

# Biblioevents

## Live Music:

### *Ridgefield Folk*

with Susan McKeown @ The Aldrich  
Contemporary Art Museum



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, Billy Bragg and Arlo Guthrie.

### Free thanks to the Friends of the Library

**Sunday, October 20, 2 PM**

Tickets given out at the door starting at 1 PM

## *ARTalk: Envisioning the New Ridgefield Library @ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum*

Join us for a lively moderated panel discussion and preview of the new Ridgefield Library design. For our panel, we have two representatives from the Library's architect, Newman Architects, Principal **Richard Munday** and Senior Associate **Michelle Newman**; the Library's Owner's Representative for this project **Robert Cavello**; Director of the Ridgefield Library **Chris Nolan**, and Library Board Chair **Peter Coffin**. Come learn how the new Library is moving from concept to reality.

**Thursday, October 10, 7 PM**

Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## Play Performance:

### *Time Stands Still*

Presented by  
M & M Productions

From the brilliant Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Donald Margulies comes another funny, yet rich, thoughtful drama that focuses on conflicts ranging from profession to family life to the extremes of global strife. *Time Stands Still* examines the challenges that face two wartime correspondents: Sarah, a recently injured photojournalist and her overprotective partner James, a floundering freelance writer.

Director Larry Schneider also brought M&M's *Love, Loss, and What I Wore*, *Almost, Maine*, *Collected Stories*, *Jake's Women*, *Rabbit Hole*, *Fiction*, and *Three Tall Women* to the stage. Featured in this performance of *Time Stands Still* are Robin Gorn, Theodora Kimmel and Peter Lillo.



**Wednesday, October 23, 7:30 PM**

Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## *Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale*

@ Yanity Gym, 50 Prospect St.



**Friday, October 25, 9 AM to 8 PM**  
\$10 entrance fee from 9 AM to Noon  
(Friends members free)

**Ridgefield Library** Saturday, October 26, 9 AM to 5 PM  
*Serving & Supporting*

**Sunday, October 27, 12 PM to 5 PM** - Books half-price

**Monday, October 28, 10 AM to 4 PM**  
- Bag of books \$5



**Friday, October 25  
to Monday, October 28**

## AUTHOR TALKS

### ***Poetry Workshops and Reading*** with Dr. Anne F. O'Reilly @ The Library and the Aldrich



Irish Poet and teacher **Dr. Anne Frances O'Reilly** is returning to Ridgefield after her inspiring performance at the highly successful 2012 Creativity Conference. O'Reilly will lead two poetry workshops, one on Tuesday, October 2 at the Library and the other on Wednesday, October 3 at The Aldrich. In addition, O'Reilly will conduct a poetry performance on Wednesday evening, October 3, also at The Aldrich.

**October 2, 2 PM and Oct 3, 4:30 and 7 PM**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### ***How to Write and Publish a Book*** with Richard Mintzer



Are you one among the millions of people who have thought about writing a book, but never seem to get started? This one-night seminar will show you how to get your ideas from your mind to the page. Whether it's a personal story, a book to promote your business or an e-book about your favorite hobby or pastime, now you can make it a reality. Speaker **Rich Mintzer** has been writing professionally for more than 25 years. He has sixty published non-fiction books as an author or ghostwriter. He currently runs *Your Book Your Way*, a ghostwriting and editing service.

**Wednesday, October 9, 7 PM**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### ***Ulysses S. Grant*** with Michael Korda @ Keeler Tavern Museum



**Michael Korda** discusses his new illustrated and oversized edition of the acclaimed biography of Ulysses S. Grant - a man who managed to end the Civil War on a note of grace, serve two terms as president, write one of the most successful military memoirs in American literature. Korda is the former Editor in Chief of Simon and Schuster and author of more than 20 books. This program is co-sponsored by Books on the Common and Keeler Tavern Museum.

**Thursday, October 17, 7 PM**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### ***Chasing Chaos: My Life In and Out Of Humanitarian Aid*** with Jessica Alexander



**Jessica Alexander** spent much of the last decade responding to humanitarian crises across the globe. A former Fulbright scholar, she has worked for various NGOs as well as UN agencies. She has a dual master's degree from Columbia and is currently working toward her PhD. She grew up in Ridgefield, CT and graduated from Ridgefield High School. This program is co-sponsored by Books on the Common.

**Monday, October 21, 7 PM**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### ***Room of Tears*** with Linda Merlino



**Linda Merlino** is the author of *Room of Tears* (July 2013), *Hudson Catalina* (2008 & 2012), and *Swan Boat Souvenir* (self-published 2003). She began writing fiction as a young mother on the sidelines of endless soccer practices. Linda wrote any time, any place. A manuscript filled a carton in the back seat of her car. The children have grown but her work continues, still inspired by those early beginnings and the fulfillment of her writer's dream.

**Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 PM**  
Register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### ***Monsters: The 1985 Chicago Bears and the Wild Heart of Football*** with Rich Cohen



**Rich Cohen** is a *New York Times* bestselling author as well as a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair* and *Rolling Stone*. He has written eight books, including *The Fish That Ate the Whale*, *Tough Jews*, *Israel Is Real*, and the widely acclaimed memoir *Sweet and Low*. His work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's Magazine*, and *Best American Essays*. He lives in Ridgefield with his wife, three sons and dog. Co-sponsored by Books on the Common.

**Thursday, October 30, 7:30 PM**  
No registration

# LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

## NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, October 1  
7:15 PM

*The End of Empire:  
Attila the Hun and the  
Fall of Rome*  
by Christopher Kelly

### Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, November 5  
7:15 PM

*Physics of the Future:  
How Science Will Shape  
Human Destiny and  
Our Daily Lives by the  
Year 2100*  
by Michio Kaku

Theoretical physicist Michio Kaku details the developments in computer technology, artificial intelligence, medicine, space travel, and more, that are poised to develop over the next hundred years. He also considers how these inventions will affect the world economy. He interviews three hundred of the world's top scientists—working in their labs on astonishing prototypes.

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, October 3  
11:15 AM

*Maisie Dobbs*  
by Jacqueline Winspear

Heroine Maisie Dobbs is a former servant who served as a nurse during the First World War and now has started her own private investigation firm, M. Dobbs, Trade and Personal Investigations. While they share much in terms of setting and circumstance with the Golden Era cozies, Winspear's novels are admired for their complex characterizations and plots and their darker undertones.

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, October 15  
7:15 PM

*The Snow Child*  
by Eowyn Ivey

Loosely based on a Russian folktale and set in

the 1920s Alaskan wilderness, *The Snow Child* is the story of a young couple homesteading in the wilderness and yearning for an offspring of their own. After the snow girl they build melts, they begin seeing fleeting glimpses of a young blond-haired child. Is she real or a figment of their desires? This evocative debut novel, celebrating the ties between man and nature, was one of three finalists for this year's Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

## BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Next Meeting  
Monday, October 7  
10:30 AM



Books and Breakfast will take place at the Keeler Tavern Garden House through April 2014

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, October 18  
1 PM

*Walt Whitman Selected Poems, 1855–1892*  
led by Dr. Alan Holder.

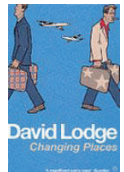
The poetry discussion group is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.

## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, October 23  
11:15 AM

*Changing Places: A Tale of Two Campuses*  
by David Lodge

British satirist David Lodge skewers academia and contemporary society in a novel about two professors who trade more than just their academic posts when they join a teacher exchange program.



## TRAVEL SERIES

*Visiting Morocco*  
with Susan Farewell



**Susan Farewell**, a former travel editor at Condé Nast Publications, has spent more than 20 years as a freelance writer and editor contributing to numerous print publications including *Travel and*

*Leisure, Vogue, Gourmet, and Outside Traveler*. She has written for countless newspapers, including *The New York Times*. The next program in the series is *The Europe You Haven't Seen*. It takes place on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 PM.

Thursday, October 24, 7 PM

Please register at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## TECH FRIDAYS

*Computer Security*  
with Ryan Perry

*Computer Security* with **Ryan Perry** from the Brookfield Technology Center will be the topic of this month's Tech Fridays program. Come and learn some basic measures you can take to keep your personal information safe. This program is co-sponsored by SCORE.

*Tech Fridays* is for anyone who would like to use an online resource or a new technology but feels overwhelmed by the learning curve involved? Each month, we'll pick a topic related to technology, and one of our staff will be available to answer your questions and demonstrate how to become an empowered user.

Friday, October 25, 1 - 3 PM

No registration

# EVENTS CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2013

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