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Visit Us at our New Location - During our New Hours!



New physical location: 21 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Mailing address remains: 472 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Main telephone number remains: 203-438-2282

New opening hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 7 PM
Friday and Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday, 1 PM to 5 PM (during the school year)

Dipping Into Proust: Lecture, Discussions, Music and More:

All programs take place at The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT.



This fall the Library will join with **The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum** to present a multi-media series of programs based on Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time*, better known as **Remembrance of Things Past** or, in its original French, *À la recherche du temps perdu*. The novel, in seven volumes, is one of the longest in the world at

1.5 million words. Our series **Dipping Into Proust** will focus on the first book, *Swann's Way*, the volume that contains the now famous "episode of the madeleine" which sparked the involuntary memories of the book's narrator.

Thanks to the **Friends of the Library** a limited number of copies of *Swann's Way* are available for book discussion participants; we will be using the Penguin Classics edition, in the new Lydia Davis translation. Sign up at the Information Desk of the Library to receive your free copy.

Dr. Mark Schenker, Associate Dean at Yale College, will kick off the series on **Thursday, September 20 at 7 PM** with an introductory lecture about the life and work of Proust. Dr. Schenker has led many "sold-out" lectures at the Library in the past, including programs on such literary giants as James Joyce, John Steinbeck and, most recently, Charles Dickens.

Parisian Impressions: Chamber Music of Proust's Time with the Sherman Chamber Ensemble will take place

on **Sunday, September 23 at 3:30 PM**. The Sherman Chamber Ensemble presents a musical program that will evoke the Paris of Proust's time, with works by Ravel, Fauré, Debussy and others. Performers are Stacey Shames (harp), Susan Rotholz (flute) and Eliot Bailen (cello). A reception will follow the performance – madeleines will be served!

A discussion by the Nonfictioneers on **October 2 at 7 PM** will focus on *The Dreyfus Affair* by Piers Paul Read.

Mary Rindfleisch, Assistant Library Director, will lead two discussions of *Swann's Way*: a morning discussion on **Wednesday, October 24 at 10 AM** and an evening discussion on **Thursday, October 25 at 7 PM**.

Dipping into Proust is a project of **Ridgefield Library @ The Aldrich**, a joint initiative to promote cultural and educational programming in the community, particularly while the Library is in transition during construction of the new Ridgefield Library. Programs are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library and the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund.

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For information about The Aldrich visit www.aldrichart.org

Author Talks

The Resistance with Peter Steiner

Wednesday, September 5, 7 PM @ Governor Street



New Yorker cartoonist turned thriller writer **Peter Steiner** will discuss his latest novel, *The Resistance* (Minotaur Books, August 2012.) The program is co-sponsored by **Books on the Common**.

Many people may recognize Peter Steiner's name from his successful, decades-long career as a cartoonist for the *New Yorker* and other periodicals, where he published over 400 cartoons. Steiner turned to fiction in 2003 and has written four atmospheric thrillers featuring disgraced ex-CIA operative Louis Morgan. Morgan, like Steiner himself, moved to a small village in France's Loire Valley, only to find his old life haunting him. The landscape of the Loire, French culture and the country itself are an important aspect of each of Steiner's novels – a place and a people he has studied, lived with

and deeply admires. Steiner started his career as a professor of German literature – he earned a Ph.D. and taught at Dickinson College for 8 years.

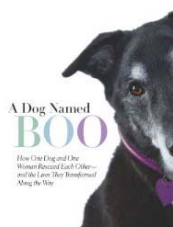
His novels (which also include *Le Crime*, *L'Assassin* and *The Terrorist*) have been favorites of Books on the Common co-owner Darwin Ellis – Steiner's books are always featured on his “picks” display in the store. Ellis says “*The Resistance*, set in the 1970's, with a plot involving the discovery of a WWII news-letter published during the Nazi occupation, is a very real and exciting evocation of the strains of the occupation on daily life in an otherwise idyllic French village, which led to divisions, mistrusts and hatred that only die out as the participants of that terrible period vanish.”

Kirkus Reviews called *The Resistance* “a subtle and complex thriller/whodunit, written with wit, intelligence and luminous precision.”

A Dog Named Boo: How One Dog and One Woman Rescued Each Other - and the Lives They Transformed Along the Way with Lisa Edwards and special guest Boo!

Thursday, September 27, 7 PM @ The Aldrich Museum

LISA J. EDWARDS



A Dog Named Boo (Harlequin Nonfiction) is a remarkable true story that shows the magic of the animal-human bond and chronicles Boo's journey from abandoned puppy to therapy dog, detailing the countless lives he has changed along the way.

It was one Halloween night when Lisa Edwards came across a cardboard box filled with a litter of orphaned puppies. Lisa — healing from past abuse and battling constant pain from a chronic medical condition—saw a bit of herself in little Boo and had to take him home.

Boo was the least likely of heroes. He was the dunce of obedience class with poor eyesight and a clumsy gait, yet he had an uncanny ability to connect with people who haven't responded to other therapies. He seemed “to reach people on a much deeper level, bringing quiet changes that last a lifetime,” Lisa writes. From helping a six-year-old boy with selective mutism speak for the

first time, coaxing movement from a paralyzed little girl, to stirring life in a ninety-four-year-old nun with Alzheimer's, Boo was a true miracle worker.

Lisa J. Edwards is a full-time professional dog trainer and behavioral consultant. She has been a registered Delta Society Pet Partner with three of her dogs and has made more than 500 visits with her pets to hospitals, schools, nursing homes, and residential care facilities. In 2008, Boo was honored as one of the five finalists for the Delta Society's national Beyond Limits Award for his therapy work with Lisa. She lives in Carmel, New York with her husband and three dogs. Visit her at threeDogsTraining.com.

Hosted by **The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St., Ridgefield, CT.** Co-sponsored by **Books on the Common**.



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BOOK GROUPS

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, September 4
7 PM

Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History

by S.C. Gwynne

Next Month's Selection

Tuesday, October 2
7 PM

This discussion will take place at The Aldrich Museum

The Dreyfus Affair
by Piers Paul Read

In the 1890s, on the basis of flimsy evidence, Captain Alfred Dreyfus, a rising star in the French artillery command with Alsatian Jewish roots, was placed under arrest for the crime of high treason. Not long afterward, he was sentenced to spend the rest of his life on the legendary Devil's Island. The saga of Dreyfus's many trials is a fast-moving mystery story rife with heroes and villains, loose women, loyal wives, bisexual men, tricksters, and charlatans. But this was no mere side-show. The anti-Semitism and deceit on display in the Dreyfus case was an ominous prelude to the Holocaust and the long, bloody twentieth century to come.

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, Sept. 6
10 AM

Case Histories
by Kate Atkinson

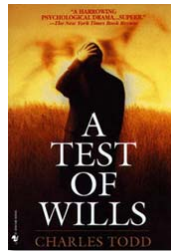


Next Month's Selection

Thursday, October 4
10 AM

Location TBD
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A Test of Wills
by Charles Todd



Introducing private detective Jackson Brodie, who finds echoes of the tragedies in his own life in the details of several old cases of murder and missing persons he agrees to investigate. "Playful humor, an impressive technique, and an offbeat detective with a penchant for weeping are the most obvious pleasures of a page-turner that succeeds in being both brainy and thoroughly entertaining." (Booklist starred review)

BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Monday, September 10
10:30 AM



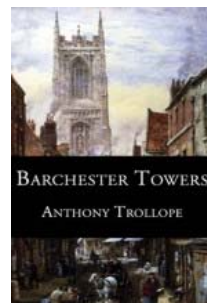
This program now takes place at the Keeler Tavern Museum at 132 Main Street

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, Sept. 18
7 PM

Barchester Towers
by Anthony Trollope

For all of fans of 19th century literature, this is the second and most popular of Trollope's six Barchester novels (this one works as a stand-alone). This moral comedy chronicles the struggles for power and position in an imaginary county in Victorian England where passions start seething when an "outsider," Dr. Proudie, is appointed bishop of Barchester.



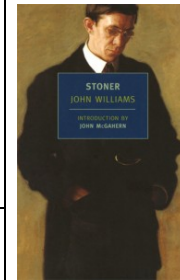
A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, Sept. 26
10 AM

Stoner

by John Williams

Location TBD
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William Stoner is the son of a dirt-poor farmer who falls in love with English

literature and becomes a professor at a Missouri college. Set in the early 20th century, this novel captures the professional and personal triumphs and disappointments of an unassuming man committed to the life of the mind. *The New York Times* lauded it as "a perfect novel, so well told and beautifully written, so deeply moving, it takes your breath away."

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, September 21
1 PM

Ants on the Melon
by Virginia Hamilton
Adair

Sponsored by The Friends



During the construction of the New Ridgefield Library we will be unable to screen the Hollister Film Series

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 The Nonfictioneers: <i>Empire of the Summer Moon</i> by S.C. Gwynne 7 PM	5 Author Talk: <i>The Resistance</i> with Peter Steiner 7 PM	6 Murder by the Book: <i>Case Histories</i> by Kate Atkinson 10 AM	7	8 Shutterbugs: <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 9:30 AM
9	10 Discussion: <i>Books and Breakfast</i> with Dorothy Pawlowski @ The Keeler Tavern Museum 10:30 AM	11	12	13 Founders Hall Book Discussion: <i>Caleb's Crossing</i> by Geraldine Brooks @ Founders Hall (for FH members) 3 PM	14	15
16	17	18 Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>Barchester Towers</i> by Anthony Trollope 7 PM	19	20 Lecture: <i>Introduction to Proust and Swann's Way</i> with Dr. Mark Schenker @ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum 7 PM Register	21 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Ants on the Melon</i> by Virginia Hamilton Adair 1 PM	22
23 Concert: <i>Parisian Impressions:</i> Chamber Music with the Sherman Chamber Ensemble @ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum 3:30 PM Register	24	25	26 A.M. Book Group: <i>Stoner</i> by John Williams 10 AM Location TBD	27 Author Talk: <i>A Dog Named Boo</i> - Book Launch @ The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum 7 PM Register	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

Unless noted otherwise the programs on this calendar will take place in the Program Room at 21 Governor Street