

ALL ABOUT JANE: CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF JANE AUSTEN



People around the world are celebrating the life and works of Jane Austen this year on the 200th anniversary of her death. The Ridgefield Library will be joining the fun with a series of lectures, book discussions, film screenings, field trips, performances and more. For a complete listing of programs and events visit our *All About Jane* web page. Some of September's highlights of the series are as follows:

Sensibility and Sense: How the 18th Century Meets the 19th in Jane Austen's Novels

with Dr. Mark Schenker



The novels of Jane Austen (1775-1817) were published between 1811 and 1818—four during her lifetime and two posthumously. However all are set in the closing years of the 18th century and in the opening years of the 19th. In her fiction's witty presentation and critique of the British landed gentry at the turn of the century, it may be seen as providing a bridge between the novel of sensibility, which Austen satirized as excessively sentimental, and the literary realism that was to form the hallmark of the 19th-century novel. **Dr. Mark J. Schenker** has been at Yale College since 1990. He is currently a senior associate dean of the College and dean of academic affairs.

Thursday, September 14, 7 PM
Please register ridgefieldlibrary.org

Film Screening: Emma 1996, PG, 120 minutes

This delightfully fun and lighthearted comedy stars Gwyneth Paltrow.

Tuesday, September 26, 1 PM and 7 PM
Please register ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIVE MUSIC *Ridgefield Folk*

with Open Book & Dan Bonis

Rick and Michele Gedney of **Open Book** have been writing, recording, and performing together since 2000. Their original music features melody invention and vocal harmonies backed by a tapestry of interweaving guitars. **Dan Bonis** will accompany them on lap steel guitar. Ridgefield Folk concerts are free thanks to the Friends of the Library.

Sunday, September 10, 2 PM
Free tickets from 1 PM at the door

ARTalk: The World of Jane Austen Through Paintings of the Period

with Patricia Carr



With the aid of beautiful slides, including many of paintings of the time, Carr will help us enter Jane Austen's world and learn a little more about what life was like for the country gentry. **Patricia Carr**

was born and studied in England. For the past thirteen years she has worked as a docent at the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, CT. She also gives guided tours at the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven where she will lead a Jane Austen-themed tour (fee \$5) on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 2 PM.

Sunday, September 24, 2 PM
Please register ridgefieldlibrary.org

AM Book Discussion: Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen led by Mary Rindfleisch

Wednesday, September 27, 10 AM & 7 PM
No registration

CREATIVE WRITING *Ridgefield Writers Conference* Reading and Reception

The conference kicks off Friday evening, Sept. 22, with readings and an author Q&A panel featuring renowned memoirist **Peter Selgin**, bestselling author **Jamie Cat Callan** and award-winning novelist **Pete Nelson**. The reading and wine and cheese reception is free and open to conference attendees and members of the general public.

Friday, September 22, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

BUSINESS

Blow the Doors Off Business As Usual with David Fields



The Library, Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce and SCORE present another in the *Skillsbox: Tools for Business Success* series. Ridgefielder **David Fields** will give a no-holds-barred session on how to better tackle the toughest challenge: consistently attracting and closing new business. Field's material is oriented toward consulting firms; however, any small business owner or salesperson that needs to win clients will find this session extremely useful. Fields is the author of *The Irresistible Consultant's Guide to Winning Clients: 6 Steps to Unlimited Clients & Financial Freedom*.

Wednesday, September 6, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

SPORTS

Champions Way: Football, Florida, and the Lost Soul of College Sports



In the wake of a mishandled rape complaint against a star quarterback and the resulting scandal that engulfed Florida State University, Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* investigative reporter **Mike McIntire** set out to answer a question: What's wrong with big-time college athletics?

Champions Way is the jaw-dropping result of that investigation, and is as much a detective story as it is an exposé of an American higher education system rife with institutionalized greed, academic fraud and cover-ups.

Monday, September 25, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health and wellness programs are part of the Library's *Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life* series.



Chair Yoga with Valerie Rich

Ever wanted to try a Yoga class but have some restrictions or injuries? In this introductory Chair Yoga session you will be guided through a relaxing and recharging Yoga class that is suitable for everyone and all abilities. Chair Yoga offers support in the Yoga poses and all the benefits. In this introductory class the student will explore traditional Yoga poses breathing instruction and a short guided meditation. Come explore Yoga! It's for everyone! Classes will continue on the first Wednesday of the month through December.

Wednesday, September 6, 1 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

FILM SCREENING

The Buddy System with Megan Smith-Harris and Patty Dobbs Gross



Join us for a film screening of *The Buddy System* followed by a discussion with filmmaker **Megan Smith-Harris** and Autism Assistance dog trainer **Patty Dobbs Gross**. Megan and Patty will also be joined by assistance dog **Cuby**.

The Buddy System is an award-winning documentary that tells the intimate stories of three families touched by autism, who experience meaningful change when a specially trained assistance dog comes into each of their lives. This program is co-sponsored by the Library, Ridgefield Arts Council and ROAR.

Wednesday, September 13, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

AUTHOR TALK

With You There is Light with Alexandra Lehmann

With You There Is Light is inspired by the lives and letters of anti-Nazi political activist, Sophie Scholl (1921-1943) and her boyfriend, German army officer Fritz Hartnagel. With a Fulbright Scholarship, Ridgefield author **Alexandra Lehmann** conducted archival research in Germany. She won a fellowship to the Wesleyan Writers' Conference and has guest lectured on German Resistance history at Western Connecticut State University and Mt. Holyoke College.

Tuesday, September 12, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org


WORKSHOP

Customizing Your Grant Proposal to Meet Funders' Needs: A 3-hour Workshop for Non-profits with Judith Margolin

In this workshop participants will learn the basics of tailoring grant requests to meet funders' needs while referring to real-life grant proposals in interactive exercises. **Judith Margolin**, independent consultant, workshop and webinar leader on foundations and grants.

Friday, September 29, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

<p>NONFICTIONEERS Tuesday, September 5 7:00 PM Jane Austen's England: Daily Life in the Georgian and Regency Periods by Leslie and Roy Adkins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p>Next Month's Selection: Tuesday, October 3 7:00 PM Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill by Sonia Purnell</p> <p>This book captures the intimate dynamic of one of history's most fateful marriages. By Winston Churchill's own admission, victory in the Second World War would have been "impossible without her." Until now, however, the only existing biography of Churchill's wife, Clementine, was written by her daughter. Sonia Purnell finally gives Clementine her due with a deeply researched account that tells her life story, revealing how she was instrumental in softening FDR's initial dislike of her husband and paving the way for Britain's close relationship with America.</p>	<p>MURDER BY THE BOOK Thursday, September 7 10:30 AM The Ritual Bath by Faye Kellerman</p> <p>Police detective Peter Decker first meets his eventual romantic interest and sleuthing partner, Jewish widow Rina Lazarus, while looking into a reported rape in the insular Los Angeles orthodox community that is resistant to his usual methods of investigation.</p>	<p>CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP Tuesday, September 19 7:00 PM The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood</p> <p>In a future world where the birth rate has declined, fertile women are rounded up, indoctrinated as "handmaids," and forced to bear children to prominent men. <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> is funny, unexpected, horrifying, and altogether convincing.</p>	<p>Congress until bestselling food writer Mark Kurlansky selected a number of them for this collection.</p>
	<p>FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP Thursday, September 14 3:00 PM My Antonia by Willa Cather</p> <p>Open to all members of Founders Hall.</p>	<p>FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION Monday, September 25 2:00 PM The Food of a Younger Land by Mark Kurlansky</p> <p>In 1939, the Federal Writers' Project of the WPA started a new project: sending writers out across the country to document "American cookery and the part it has played in the national life. The project was supposed to culminate in a book entitled <i>America Eats</i>, but the bombing of Pearl Harbor put an end to it. The writings sat in an archive at the Library of</p>	<p>A.M. BOOK GROUP Wednesday, Sept. 27 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen</p> <p>Clergyman's daughter Catherine Morland loves the suspense and romance of the popular Gothic novels of the day and expects to find similar excitement when she is invited to visit some new friends at the forbidding Northanger Abbey, their family estate. Austen adds a satirical send-up of the Gothic sensibility to her usual keen observation of human frailties.</p>
	<p>BOOKS & BREAKFAST Monday, September 11 10:30 AM</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski</p>	<p>POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP Friday, September 29 1:00 PM Still Life With Waterfall by Aemon Grennan</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	

FINANCIAL *Flying Solo* with The Brown Bag Network

Flying Solo is for those who are single, divorcing or widowed. Being on one's own, whether by choice or by circumstance, can be extremely challenging. A panel of specialists will cover key issues to help individuals navigate the emotional, legal and financial aspects of being single. Six professional women will share advice, and topics will range from financial and tax implications to feeling and looking good. Speakers include Rosemarie Ferrante, Divorce Mediator; Kristina Kelly, Estate Planning Attorney; Candy Schrull, Trust and Estate Tax and JoAnn Duncan, Reiki master.

Tuesday, September 19, 6 PM
 Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



PLAY! *We Got Games!*

A Tabletop Gaming Meet-up for Adults and Teens



We Got Games is a tabletop gaming meet-up for adults and teens that will meet on the second Tuesday of each month starting on September 12. The Library has a collection of games - *Carcassonne*, *Settlers of Catan*, *Pandemic*, *Machi Koro* to name a few - from which to choose, or attendees are welcome to bring a game to play. All skill levels welcome!

The Library will also be hosting a monthly *Family Game Day* on the fourth Saturday of each month for families with children ages 4 and up.

Tuesday, September 12, 6 - 8 PM
 No registration

FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Art Exhibits: Lower Level Gallery <i>Paint Outside the Box</i> Watercolors by Tina Phillips through Tuesday, October 6 Ruggles Fine Art Reading Room <i>Book Arts</i> by Chris Perry through Friday, September 9 		29	30	31	1	2
		5 Nonfiction-neers: <i>Jane Austen's England</i> by Leslie & Roy Adkins 7 PM	6 Holistic Health: <i>Chair Yoga</i> with Valerie Rich 1 PM Skillsbox: <i>Blow the Doors Off Business as Usual</i> with David Fields 7 PM	7 Murder by the Book: <i>The Ritual Bath</i> by Faye Kellerman 10:30 AM	8	9 Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs</i> 9 AM
10 Live Music: <i>Ridgefield Folk</i> with Open Book and Dan Bonis 2 PM	11 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM	12 Tech Topics: <i>Getting Started with the Library's Digital Resources</i> 1 PM We Got Games: <i>Tabletop Gaming for Adults and Teens</i> 6 PM Author Talk: with Alexandra Lehmann 7 PM	13 Making STEAM: <i>Accessorize Your Fall Wardrobe</i> , felting with Pat Corrigan 1 PM Tech Topics: <i>Adult Maker Group</i> 6:30 PM Film Screening & Discussion: <i>The Buddy System</i> 7 PM	14 Founders Hall Discussion: <i>My Antonia</i> by Willa Catha 3 PM Lecture: <i>How the 18th Century Meets the 19th in Jane Austen's Novels</i> with Dr. Mark Schenker 7 PM	15 LYL: Playwriting Contest Performance @ Ridgefield Playhouse 7 PM \$10/\$5 FORE Your Library: Mini-golf Challenge Cup 7 - 10 PM \$65/\$35 Visit ridgefieldlibrary.org for info & tickets for Friday events	16 FORE Your Library: Open Play mini-golf for all ages. Drop-in 10 AM - 4 PM \$5 putters and balls provided. Around Town: <i>LYL Day</i> 10 AM - 4 PM
17	18 Tech Topics: <i>Learning a Language with Pronunciator - the Library's Newest Online Resource</i> 1 PM	19 Panel: <i>Flying Solo: Educational Event for Divorcing, Single or Widowed Individuals</i> 6 PM Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> by Margaret Atwood 7 PM	20	21	22 Ridgefield Writers Conference: <i>Reading and Reception</i> 7 PM	23 Ridgefield Writers Conference: Workshops and Panels Visit ridgefieldwritersconference.blogspot.com for info. 8 AM - 6 PM
24 ARTalk: <i>The World of Jane Austen Through Paintings of the Period</i> with Patricia Carr 2 PM	25 Food for Thought Discussion: <i>The Food of a Younger Land</i> by Mark Kurlansky 2 PM Author Talk: <i>Champions Way</i> with Mike McKintire 7 PM	26 Film Screening: <i>Emma</i> 1 PM & 7 PM Tech Topics: <i>Learning with Lynda.com</i> 6:30 PM	27 A.M. Book Group: <i>Northanger Abbey</i> by Jane Austen 10 AM & 7 PM Tech Topics: <i>Adult Maker Group</i> 6:30 PM	28	29 Workshop: <i>Customizing Your Grant Proposal</i> with Judith Margolin 9:30 AM Poetry Discussion: <i>Still Life With Waterfall</i> by Aemon Grennan 1 PM	30 Tech Topics: <i>3D Printer Orientation</i> 10 AM

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