

Live Music

Ridgefield Folk

with The Jacob Jolliff Band



The Jacob Jolliff Band is the next generation of bluegrass supergroups, led by one of the country's premier contemporary bluegrass mandolinists. The Jacob Jolliff Band features some of the most virtuosic and

innovative young pickers in the country.

Sunday, May 5, 2 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Maker-In-Residence

Rewrite the Book

with Noah Steinman

Join Noah Steinman, the Library's 2019 Maker-in-Residence for a workshop. We will investigate the world of concrete and black-out Poetry. Looking at the ways in which text and language have been used in fine art, we will create a number of our own concrete and blackout poems that are equal parts visual art and part creative writing. Materials will be provided. This program is suitable for teens (13 and up) and adults.



Sunday, May 19, 1 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sales

Children's Books from May 10th to 12th

Friday 10:00 AM - 12 noon - Early Bird \$10 entry fee
(free to Friends members)

Friday 12:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

General Sale from May 17th to 20th

Friday 10:00 AM - 12 noon - Early Bird \$10 entry fee
(free to Friends members)

Friday 12:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM \$5/grocery bag (bring your own)

Author Talk

The Brain Under Attack

Maria Rickert-Hong, Roseann Capanna-Hodge,
and Jennifer Giustra-Kozek

Have a child or teen with mental health, neurological, or behavioral issues, such as Lyme Disease, PANS/PANDAS, Autism, sensory processing, OCD, ADHD, ODD, anxiety or depression? Then come and join the authors of the bestselling book, *Brain Under Attack: A Resource for Parents and Caregivers of Children with PANS/PANDAS, and Autoimmune Encephalitis*. Learn about how root causes can impact the brain and body and produce a variety of mental and physical issues.

Thursday, May 30, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Health & Wellness

Chair Yoga

In this Chair Yoga session, you will be guided through a relaxing and recharging yoga class that is suitable for everyone and all abilities.

Wednesday, May 1 and 22, 1 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Mindfulness & Meditation

with the Community Mindfulness Project

Join us for a series of one-hour meditation classes led by CMP, a local, secular meditation group.

Monday, May 13, 6:30 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Mortality and Muffins

Considering end-of-life wishes in an informal, thoughtful, (and even fun) way. *If you can't beat it, plan for it!* This is a café-style program led by RVNA's Hospice experts and hosted by the Ridgefield Library with support from Union Savings Bank Foundation. The program is for all ages and the intent is simple: to get everybody thinking and talking about end-of-life wishes and decisions – *well before they happen*. *Mortality over Muffins* is a two-part program. Session 1 is for discussion, education, stories, and a little bit of homework. Session 2 is for participants to share their thoughts, progress, and experiences in the weeks following the first session. An expert in trusts and estate planning will also be available for questions that arise.

Thursday, May 23 and June 6, 2 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



Language and Culture

Lunch and Language

Learned a little French or German in high school and would like to revisit it? Or thinking about a trip and want to polish up on your rudimentary language skills? Join **Anette Roth** at one of our new, once a month, *Lunch and Language* workshops. Through simple texts, poems, songs, videos, and more, learn more about the language and culture, improve your basic language skills, and meet new friends. The workshops are aimed at those with a rudimentary knowledge of the language, but people who have an intermediate or more advanced ability are welcome to join in the fun. Anette Roth is German and has teaching experience in French, German and English in secondary and higher education.

French: Wed., May 22, 12 PM - [Register](#)

German: Wed., May 29, 12 PM - [Register](#)

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Caffe Italiano: Italian Conversation

Drop in on an Italian conversational group looking to practice the language while meeting new people. All levels welcome, with the goal to speak Italian the whole time. You are welcome to bring a closed cup of coffee/tea to sip while conversing in Italian. First Saturday of the month. **This month at CVS.**

Saturday, May 4, 12 PM @ CVS

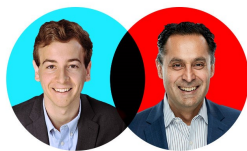
Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Italian Film: *Il Postino*

Come join us to watch an Italian movie (with English subtitles). A discussion will follow for those looking to stay and practice their Italian (or even just to listen). All levels of Italian conversation welcome!

Wednesday, May 8, 4 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



“Close to Home” & “American Creed”

Thrown Stone will present a series of community events around the theme *Close to Home*, building toward their third season, which features the Connecticut Premiere of *Cry It Out* by Molly Smith Metzler and the East Coast Premiere of *Birds of North America* by Anna Moench.



THROWN
STONE

Civility at Home: Community Conversation

With Will Haskell and Harry Arora

Most of us have family members who disagree with our political ideas. How do we nurture our personal relationships while navigating a culture that increasingly seeks to divide us? What strategies can help us find common ground? What is the proper way to respectfully disagree with a loved one? Why is that one uncle such a nuisance at Thanksgiving? This candid discussion will confront these questions and more in an effort to make everyone's family get-togethers more enjoyable. Facilitated by TownVibe publisher **Geoffrey Morris**, the panel discussion will feature State Senator **Will Haskell** and **Harry Arora**, a recent candidate for Connecticut's 4th Congressional district. Both are known for their exemplary civility in the public sphere. The program is also part of [American Creed: Community Conversations](#), a project of Citizen Film, in partnership with the American Library Association and the National Writing Project, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Saturday, May 11, 11 AM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Tech Topics

What the Heck Is iCloud?

with Michael Jay

Whether you're new to Apple products, or are already comfortable with your iPhone, iPad, or Mac, this program, dedicated solely to iCloud and Apple ID's, will help you gain more from your device.

Instructor **Michael Jay** is a technology consultant and educator who has worked with Apple devices and other tech products professionally for over 30 years.

Thursday, May 2, 6:30 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Skillsbox

Confidence: The Formula for Resume and Interview Success

with Stephen Surace

Whether you are currently looking for a job or not, Stephen Surace's techniques will help you obtain your next job or promotion. Attendees will learn how to identify their worth to a company, document their value, and respond to any interview situation through an easy-to-follow, thought-provoking, and entertaining talk. **Stephen A. Surace** is a consultant, entrepreneur, and public speaker, who lives in Ridgefield.

Wednesday, May 8, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

MURDER BY THE BOOK
Thursday, May 2
 10:30 AM
Cover Her Face
 by P.D. James

The first book to feature intense, cerebral, poetry-writing Adam Dalgleish, who will rise through the ranks of Scotland Yard in James's long-running and popular series.

BOOKS & BREAKFAST
Monday, May 13
 10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, May 21
 7:00 PM
The Weight of Ink
 by Rachel Kadish

Set in London of the 1660s and of the early twenty-first century, this is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, just before the plague hits the city; and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history.

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP
Friday, May 31
The Collected Poems of Sylvia Plath
 1:00 PM

Dr. Alan Holder, retired English professor, will lead a discussion about the poems of Sylvia Plath. Books will be available at the Circulation Desk two weeks prior to the meeting thanks to the Friends of the Library.

NONFICTIONEERS
Tuesday, May 7
 7:00 PM

The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History
 By Robert Edsel and Bret Witter

As Adolf Hitler was attempting to take over the Western world, his armies were hoarding the finest art treasures in Europe. In a race against time, a special force of museum curators risked their lives scouring Europe to prevent the destruction of thousands of years of culture.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, May 20
 2:00 PM

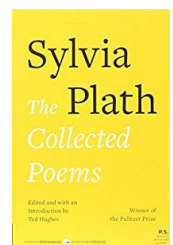
The Gourmands' Way: Six Americans in Paris and the Birth of a New Gastronomy
 by Justin Spring



A biography of six writers on food and wine—A. J. Liebling, Alice B. Toklas, M.F.K. Fisher, Julia Child, Alexis Lichine, and Richard—whose lives and careers intersected in mid-twentieth-century France, and who transformed the way Americans talk and think about food as well as the way we eat.

A.M. BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, May 22
 10:00 AM
Villette
 by Charlotte Brontë

After an unspecified family disaster, a self-reliant young girl travels from her native England to the fictional French-speaking city of Villette to teach at a girls' school, where she is drawn into adventure and romance – as well as gothic-style encounters with a nun who may be the ghost of a woman put to death for breaking her vow of chastity.



LIVE IN HD @ RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE

Metropolitan Opera, National Theatre of London, and the Bolshoi Ballet on the big screen! Ridgefield Library cardholders now receive the Playhouse membership rate of \$20 for these events. For a full listing, visit ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, May 9
 3:00 PM
Circe
 by Madeline Miller

Tech Topics

Podcasts with iPhone for seniors with Dawn DeCosta
Wednesday, May 8 @ 11:00 AM—12:00 PM - [Register](#)

3D Printing Orientation We are now offering use of our 3D printer to Ridgefield Library cardholders. Those who are under age 18 must come with an adult.

Thursday, May 9 @ 6:00—7:30 PM - [Register](#)

Saturday, May 11 @ 10:30 AM—12 PM - [Register](#)

Tuesday, May 21 @ 6:00—7:30 PM - [Register](#)

Introduction to Tinkercad with Chris Iorillo
Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:00—7:30 PM - [Register](#)

Help! Downloading the Library's eBooks and eAudio-books—Bring Your Own Device

Saturday, May 18 @ 12:00—1:00 PM - Drop-in

Wednesday, May 22 @ 12:30—1:30 PM - Drop-in

Learning a Language with Pronunciator
Friday, May 24 @ 2:00—3:00 PM - [Register](#)

Intro to iPhone for seniors with Dawn Decosta
Wednesday, May 22 @ 11:00 AM—12:00 PM - [Register](#)

Tinker Tuesdays - Drop In

Tuesday, May 14 @ 12:00—4:00 PM - Drop-in

Tuesday, May 28 @ 12:00—5:00 PM - Drop-in


Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD - Check ridgefieldlibrary.org for details and available timeslots.

Make a Card with Cricut

Friday, May 11 @ 3:00—5:00 PM - [Register](#)

Saturday, May 17 @ 12—2:00 PM - [Register](#)

Featured Events Calendar - May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Emergence by Charles Guldbrandsen On Show: May 24 through June 26</p> <p>Reception: Saturday, June 1, 2—4 PM The Gallery on the Lower Level</p>		<p>1 Health: <i>Chair Yoga</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>2 Murder by the Book: <i>Cover Her Face</i> by P.D. James 10:30 AM Tech Topics: <i>What the Heck is iCloud?</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Library Closed: <i>Gala! Italian Conversation:</i> <i>Caffe Italiano</i> 12 PM - the group will meet at CVS</p>
<p>5 Ridgefield Folk with the Jacob Jolliff Band 2 PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 The Art of Retirement: <i>Part 3</i> 6:30 PM</p> <p>Nonfictioners: <i>The Monuments Men</i> by Robert M. Edsel and Bret Witter 7 PM</p>	<p>8 Tech Tricks: <i>Podcasts with iPhone</i> 11 AM Italian Film and Conversation: <i>Il Postino</i> 4 PM Skillsbox: <i>The Formula for Resume and Interview Success</i> with Stephen Surace 7 PM</p>	<p>9 Founders Hall: <i>Circe</i> by Madeline Miller 3 PM</p> <p>Tech Topics: 3D Printing Orientation 6 PM</p>	<p>10 Book Sale: <i>Friends of the Library Children's Books Sale</i> 12—8 PM Early Bird Admission 10—noon \$10 fee (Friends of the Library members free)</p>	<p>11 Book Sale: <i>Friends of the Library Children's Books Sale</i> 9 AM—5 PM Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM Community Conversation: <i>Civility at Home</i> with Will Haskell and Harry Arora 11 AM</p>
<p>12 Book Sale: <i>Friends of the Library Children's Books Sale</i> 10AM—5 PM</p>	<p>13 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM Health: <i>Mindfulness and Meditation</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>14 Tech Topics: <i>Introduction to Tinkercad</i> 6 PM</p>	<p>15 Health: <i>Chair Yoga</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Book Sale: <i>Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale</i> 12—8 PM Early Bird Admission 10—noon \$10 fee (Friends of the Library members free)</p>	<p>18 Book Sale: <i>Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale</i> 9 AM—6 PM</p>
<p>19 Book Sale: <i>Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale</i> 10 AM—5 PM Maker-In-Residence: <i>Rewrite the Book</i> Workshop with Noah Steinman 1 PM</p>	<p>20 Book Sale: Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale 10 AM—6 PM Food for Thought: A Culinary Book Discussion Group: <i>The Gourmands' Way</i> by Justin Spring 2 PM</p>	<p>21 Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>The Weight of Ink</i> by Rachel Kadish 7 PM</p>	<p>22 A.M. Book Group: <i>Villette</i> by Charlotte Brontë 10 AM Tech Tricks: 11 AM Lunch and Language: French with Anette Roth 12 PM</p>	<p>23 Conversation: <i>Mortality and Muffins</i> 2 PM Panel Discussion: <i>Bookwork</i> with Noah Steinman and Other Book Artists 7 PM</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Write In: <i>Fairfield County Writers Group</i> 1—4 PM - Register</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Lunch and Language: German with Anette Roth 12 PM</p>	<p>30 Author Talk: <i>Brain Under Attack</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>31 Poetry Discussion Group: Sylvia Plath with Dr. Alan Holder 1 PM</p>	<p>1</p>