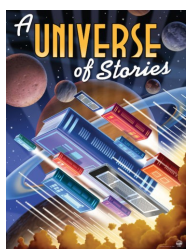


## Summer Reading - A Universe of Stories!



This year's Adult Summer Reading theme is *A Universe of Stories!* The program once again coincides with the long-running children's and teen summer reading programs that begin on June 20 and run through July 31. During this period, just read a book or listen to audiobook and submit an entry to be included in drawings for themed prizes. Participants are encouraged to do their entries online (see the Summer Reading link at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org).) Forms

can also be dropped off at one of the Service Desks. The Library's summer reading programs are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.

In addition, the Library will host a series of programs and events for adults over the summer. The Library's many book groups (except the Poetry Discussion Group) also continue to meet. And, be sure not to miss **RidgeCon**, a celebration of pop culture and fandom, that will take place all day on August 10.

## Summer Film Series - Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing.

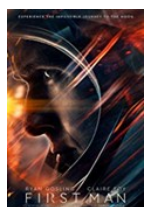
This series is made possible thanks to the estate of Rose Antonucci.



**Hidden Figures**, 2017, 2h, 7 min, Rated PG  
The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the space program.  
**July 2 @ 1 PM & 6 PM**  
Please [register](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org) at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)



**Guardians of the Galaxy**, 2014, 2h, Rated PG-13  
A group of intergalactic criminals must pull together to stop a fanatical warrior with plans to purge the universe.  
**July 9 @ 1 & 6 PM**  
Please [register](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org) at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)



**First Man**, 2018, 2h, 20 min, Rated PG-13  
A look at the life of the astronaut, Neil Armstrong, and the legendary space mission that led him to be the first man to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969.  
**July 16 @ 1 & 6 PM.**  
Please [register](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org) at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)



**Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**, 2014, 1h, 49 min, Rated PG, *Hitchhiker* follows the misadventures of the last surviving man, Arthur Dent, following the demolition of the planet Earth.  
**July 23 @ 1 & 6 PM**  
Please [register](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org) at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)



**Apollo 13**, 1995, 2h, 20 min, Rated PG, NASA must devise a strategy to return to Apollo 13 to Earth safely after the spacecraft undergoes massive internal damage putting the lives of the three astronauts on board in jeopardy.  
**July 30 @ 1 & 6 PM**  
Please [register](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org) at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)



**Galaxy Quest**, 1999, 1h, 42 min, Rated PG  
The alumni cast of a space opera television series have to play their roles as the real thing when an alien race needs their help.  
**August 6 @ 1 & 6 PM**  
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## 1969: 50 Years Later

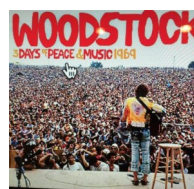
with Evan Weiner

Journalist, TV pundit, radio commentator and podcaster **Evan Weiner** will present "Looking Back 50 Years: the Exceptional Events of 1969. Milestone events of 1969 include the landing of the first man on the moon, the introduction of the artificial heart, the Stonewall Riots marking the beginning of the modern gay rights movement, the Miracle Mets World Series victory, and the last public performance by the Beatles. Evan Weiner, produces a daily podcast in addition to being a regular on television and radio in both the United States and the United Kingdom.

**Thursday, July 11, 6 PM**  
Please register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## Woodstock: A 50th Anniversary Celebration

with Craig Harris



In this presentation **Craig Harris** incorporates rare recordings, archival video, insightful storytelling, group singing, and guided music-making. The August 1969 Woodstock Exposition of Music and Art continues to reverberate cultural ripples. This program will not only stir up memories, but it will also provide new perspectives.

**Thursday, July 25, 6 PM**  
Please register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## Author Talk

### *Making a Garden For the Birds*

with Margaret Roach



Join us for an Author Talk with **Margaret Roach** who will discuss *Making a Garden For the Birds*. Copies of her new book *A Way to Garden* will be available for sale and signing at the event. This program is co-sponsored with the Library, Books on the Common, Caudatowa Garden Club, Ridgefield Garden Club, Woodcock Nature Center, Norwalk River Watershed Association, and the Pollinator Pathway.

**Monday, July 1, 7 PM**

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

## Writing Workshop

### *Personal Encounters: Personal Essays*

with Jesse Longman

Have a story you'd like to tell? Don't know where to start? Personal stories are often the hardest to contemplate. What will people say? Can I do the experience justice? This sort of questioning can trap and distract a writer from the details that can be addressed and recorded. Creative non-fiction is after all a practice. Like anything else there are tricks of the trade and a sense of community in the writer's room.

**Jesse Longman** is a writer and mother whose work has been published internationally. An MFA recipient in Theater from Columbia University, she is a columnist for *The Spectator* magazine and a life-long resident of Ridgefield.

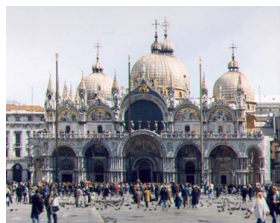
**Thursday, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 1, 1 PM**

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

## Travel

### *The Hidden, and Not So Hidden, Treasures of Venice*

with Toni McKeen



Join us for first in a three-part armchair travel series with genealogist and world traveler Toni McKeen. In these illustrated lectures she will share her travel experiences in three locations in Italy. Future programs are *Sicily* on August

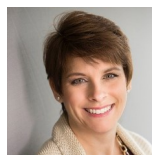
5 and *A Wedding On The Amalfi Coast* on August 19.

**Monday, July 15, 7 PM**

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

## Tech Tricks

with Dawn DeCosta



Join us for *Tech Tricks*: Classes to keep you current and connected! *Tech Tricks* is made possible thanks to the Paul and Johanna Laszig Fund for the Elderly.

### *iPhone Intro*

**Wednesday, July 17, 11 AM**

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

### *iPhone Cameras and Photos*

**Wednesday, July 24, 11 AM**

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

## Theater

### *Meet the Playwrights*

with Anna Moench and Molly Smith Metzler



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.

“Meet the Playwrights,” will be a lively and candid discussion with the award-winning authors of the plays. In this Skype interview, led by SPACE on Ryder Farm founder **Emily Simoness, Molly Smith Metzler** and **Anna Moench** answer your questions live from Los Angeles. Co-sponsored by TownVibe and the Ridgefield Library. Cocktails by Litchfield Distillery and light refreshments will be served.

**Monday, July 29, 7 PM**

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

## Games

### *Games on Tap!*



Join us for the second adults-only, beer-wine-and-snacks included, tabletop-gaming experience offered by the Ridgefield Library. Tabletop games mean anything from card games to dice games, board games to strategy games. You are welcome to bring a game and play, learn a new game, borrow a game from our collection to take home, or just observe! The RidgeCon team will be on hand to teach a variety of games. All attendees will receive a gift card to Gamer's Gambit in Danbury.

**Friday, July 26, 6:30 PM**

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



# Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

## NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, July 2  
7:00 PM

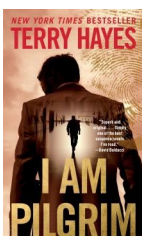
*Where the Water Goes: Life and Death Along the Colorado River*  
by David Own

The story Owen tells in *Where the Water Goes* is crucial to our future: how a patchwork of engineering marvels, byzantine legal agreements, aging infrastructure, and neighborly cooperation enables life to flourish in the desert—and the disastrous consequences we face when any part of this tenuous system fails.

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, July 11  
10:30 AM

*I Am Pilgrim*  
by Terry Hayes



This astonishing debut espionage thriller depicts the collision course between two geniuses, one a tortured hero and one a determined terrorist, in a breakneck story reminiscent of John le Carre and Robert Ludlum at their finest.

## BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Monday, July 8  
10:30 AM



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

## FOUNDERS HALL BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, July 11  
3:00 PM

*Hidden Figures: The American Dream and The Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race*

by Margot Lee Shetterly

**NOTE:** The movie *Hidden Figures* will be shown on Tuesday, July 2 at 1 & 6 PM

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, July 22  
2:00 PM

*32 Yolks: From My Mother's Table to Working the Line*

by Eric Ripert

Hailed by Anthony Bourdain as "heartbreaking, horrifying, poignant, and

inspiring," *32 Yolks* is the brave and affecting coming-of-age story about the making of a French chef, from the culinary icon behind the renowned New York City restaurant Le Bernardin.

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, July 16  
7:00 PM

*Washington Black*  
by Esi Edugyan

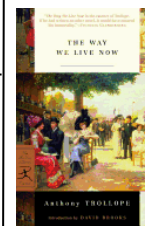


Eleven-year-old George Washington Black--or Wash--a field slave on a Barbados sugar plantation, is initially terrified when he is chosen as the manservant of his master's brother. To his surprise, however, the eccentric Christopher Wilde turns out to be a naturalist, explorer, inventor, and abolitionist. Soon Wash is initiated into a world where a flying machine can carry a man across the sky, where even a boy born in chains may embrace a life of dignity and meaning, and where two people, separated by an impossible divide, can begin to see each other as human.

## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, July 24  
10:00 AM

*The Way We Live Now*  
by Anthony Trollope



Trollope's magnificent and prescient satire about a dishonest financier who buys his way into a corrupt

society and throws it into turmoil. When the Melmottes arrive in London everyone agrees their manners are wanting, their taste is execrable, and their lineage and background decidedly shadowy. But their money is far from revolting, and city society quickly makes allowances for the mysterious financier and his family. Soon hearts, minds, and family savings are swept into the whirl of Augustus Melmotte's lavish parties and exciting investment plans—but is it all an elaborate swindle?

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

No meetings over the summer.

Classes will resume on **Friday, September 27**  
1:00 PM

## Health and Wellness

Health and wellness programs are made possible thanks to donors to the Library's *Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life* fund.

### Chair Yoga

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. Classes will continue on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

**Wednesday, July 3 & 17, 1 PM**  
Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### Mindfulness and Meditation


with the Community Mindfulness Project

Join us for a new series of one-hour Meditation classes led by the **Community Mindfulness Project**, a local, secular meditation group dedicated to the study and practice of mindfulness meditation for people of all religious backgrounds. CMP's teachings draw from a variety of meditation traditions, and in addition to regular, dedicated practice the group supports new and veteran practitioners. Classes will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

**Monday, July 8 & 22, 6:30 PM**  
Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)



# Featured Events Calendar - July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Exhibit:</b> <i>Emergence</i> Paintings by Charles Guldbrandsen on view through July 30</p> 	<p>1 <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Making a Garden for the Birds</i> with Margaret Roach 7 PM</p>	<p>2 <b>Summer Reading Film Series:</b> <i>Hidden Figures</i> 1 &amp; 6 PM <b>Nonfictioners:</b> <i>Where the Water Goes:</i> by David Owen 7 PM</p>	<p>3 <b>Book Discussion:</b> <i>Next Chapter Book Club</i> 11 AM <b>Health:</b> <i>Chair Yoga</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 <b>Workshop:</b> <i>Podcasting for Beginners and Pros</i> with Scott Schulte 10 AM</p>
<p>7 <b>Closed:</b> <i>Summer Sundays!</i></p>	<p>8 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Downloading ebooks and eAudiobooks</i> 5—6 PM <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Books &amp; Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM <b>Health:</b> <i>Meditation</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>9 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Tinker Tuesdays</i> Drop-in 12—3 PM (note: this drop-in program takes place on all other Tuesdays from 12-4 PM) <b>Summer Reading Film Series:</b> <i>Guardians of the Galaxy</i> 1 &amp; 6 PM</p>	<p>10 <b>Tech Tricks:</b> <i>iPhone Intro.</i> with Dawn DeCosta 11 AM- <b>Book Discussion:</b> <i>Next Chapter Book Club</i> 11 AM &amp; 6:30 PM <b>Lunch and Language:</b> <i>French</i> with Anette Roth 12 PM <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 3 PM</p>	<p>11 <b>Murder by the Book:</b> <i>I Am Pilgrim</i> by Terry Hayes 10:30 AM <b>Workshop:</b> <i>Encounters: Personal Essays</i> with Jesse Longman 1 PM <b>Founders Hall Book Discussion:</b> 3 PM <b>Presentation:</b> <i>1969: 50 Years Later</i> with Evan Weiner 6 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 <b>Workshop:</b> <i>Podcasting for Beginners and Pros</i> with Scott Schulte 10 AM <b>Field Trip:</b> <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM</p>
<p>14 <b>Closed:</b> <i>Summer Sundays!</i></p>	<p>15 <b>Summer Travel Series:</b> <i>Hidden Venice</i> with Toni McKeen 7 PM</p>	<p>16 <b>Summer Reading Film Series:</b> <i>First Man</i> 1 &amp; 6 PM <b>Critics' Circle Book Group:</b> <i>Washington Black</i> by Esi Edugyan 7 PM</p>	<p>17 <b>Tech Tricks:</b> <i>iPhone Introduction</i> with Dawn DeCosta 11 AM <b>Health:</b> <i>Chair Yoga</i> 1 PM <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Booked for Travel</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>18 <b>Workshop:</b> <i>Personal Essays</i> with Jesse Longman 1 PM <b>Seminar:</b> <i>College Theater Programs Audition Preparation</i> with Ann Evans Watson 7 PM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 3 PM <b>Write In:</b> <i>Fairfield County Writers Group</i> 1—4 PM</p>
<p>21 <b>Closed:</b> <i>Summer Sundays!</i></p>	<p>22 <b>Food for Thought:</b> A Culinary Book Discussion Group: <i>32 Yolks: From My Mother's Table to Working the Line</i> by Eric Ripert 2 PM <b>Health:</b> <i>Meditation</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>23 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Tinker Tuesdays</i> Drop-in 12—4 PM <b>Summer Reading Film Series:</b> <i>Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> 1 &amp; 6 PM</p>	<p>24 <b>A.M. Book Group:</b> <i>The Way We Live Now</i> by Anthony Trollope 10 AM <b>Tech Tricks:</b> <i>iPhone Camera and Photos</i> 11 AM</p>	<p>25 <b>Workshop:</b> <i>Encounters: Personal Essays</i> with Jesse Longman 1 PM <b>Presentation:</b> <i>Woodstock: A 50th Anniversary Celebration</i> with Craig Harris 6 PM</p>	<p>26 <b>Board Games:</b> <i>Games on Tap</i> 6:30 PM (21 and up)</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 <b>Closed:</b> <i>Summer Sundays!</i></p>	<p>29 <b>Presentation:</b> <i>Meet the Playwrights</i> with Thrown Stone 7 PM</p>	<p>30 <b>Summer Reading Film Series:</b> <i>Apollo 13</i> 1 &amp; 6 PM</p>	<p>31 <b>Lunch and Language:</b> <i>German</i> with Anette Roth 12 PM</p>	<p><b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Convert Your VHS to DVD</i></p> <p>Visit <a href="http://ridgefieldlibrary.org">ridgefieldlibrary.org</a> to find out more and to schedule a 2 hour slot to convert your VHS tape to DVD.</p>		