

## Author Talks—Presented by the Library and Books on the Common

### Running with Sherman

with Christopher McDougall



Join us for a talk with *Born to Run* and *Natural Born Heroes* author **Christopher McDougall**. When Christopher McDougall agreed to take in a donkey from an animal hoarder, he thought it would be no harder than the rest of the adjustments he and his family had made after moving from

Philadelphia to the heart of Pennsylvania Amish country. But when Sherman arrived, he was so sick he could barely move. Chris decided to undertake a radical rehabilitation program designed not only to heal Sherman's body but his mind as well.

**Monday, November 4, 7 PM**

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

### The Paper Wasp

with Lauren Acampora



The Ridgefield Library and Books on the Common and pleased to welcome back author Lauren Acampora who will discuss her novel, *The Paper Wasp*.

“A hypnotic tale of codependence that skewers our fascination with gossip and fame.”—*O Magazine*, *The Best Books by Women of Summer 2019*

“Take *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, cross it with *Suspiria*, add a dash of *La La Land* and mix it all at midnight and this arty psychological stalker novel is what might result.”—*New York Times Book Review*

**Wednesday, November 6, 7 PM**

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### Passing: A Memoir of Love and Death

with Michael Korda



Author **Michael Korda** will discuss his latest book, *Passing: A Memoir of Love and Death*, about his radiant wife, Margaret, and her battle with cancer. After a series of troubling symptoms and within a few rapid weeks, this fiercely independent horsewoman and former fashion model was diagnosed with brain

cancer. In rapturous prose, Korda, a modern-day Orpheus, braids her heroic story with heartrending details of their final year together. *Passing*, a tender memoir, is a testament to the transcendent possibilities of love.

**Tuesday, November 12, 7 PM**

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### Good Cop

with Peter Steiner



Join us as **Peter Steiner** discusses his recently released novel, *The Good Cop*. Peter Steiner is perhaps best known for helping to capture the zeitgeist of the early 1990s with his famed pen-and-ink artwork of two dogs at a desk, one of them sitting before a computer screen, with the

caption “On the Internet, nobody knows you’re a dog,” which went on to become the most reproduced cartoon in *New Yorker* history. Now Peter turns his hand to a new novel that once again examines the zeitgeist of our times, asking: How do you uphold the law when the law goes bad?

**Tuesday, November 19, 7 PM**

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## Live Music—Thanks to the Friends of the Library

### Ridgefield Folk with WMD



Having their roots in classic Americana and bluegrass, the trio WMD covers a wide territory, including bluegrass standards, folk rock and their own arrangements of both well-known and re-discovered classics - from diverse songwriters such as Bob Dylan, the Beatles, and Cole Porter. The band also incorporates original

works by song-writing members: **Will Demers**, vocals, guitar & mandolin; **Mat Kastner**, vocals, guitar, slide guitar, mandolin; and **Dan Bonis**, vocals, banjo, mandolin, guitar, dobro, and percussion.

**Sunday, November 10, 2 PM**

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### Ridgefield Folk with On the Trail



Come and enjoy a performance by blue grass group On The Trail. Featuring four musicians from very different backgrounds, On The Trail is a modern acoustic quartet that explores everything from bluegrass to contemporary pop, from stunning instrumentals to beautiful traditional songs.

On The Trail features **Austin Scelzo** on fiddle and vocals, **Tom Polizzi** on mandolin and vocals, **Chet Duke** on Banjo, and **Charlie Widmer** on guitar and vocals.

**Sunday, November 24, 2 PM**

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

## Battle of the Books

with James Mustich



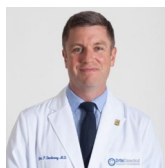
Ridgefield Library and Books on the Common present *Battle of the Books* with **James Mustich**, author of *1,000 Books to Read Before You Die*. Cheer on 5 local heroes as they champion the books they love: **Matt Byrnes, Rich Cohen, Amy Macartney Freidenrich, Dave Griffith** and **Suzanne Nelson**. Who will prevail? The audience decides! The books will all be available for sale at the event. Free admission, refreshments, door prizes.

**Thursday, November 14, 7 PM**

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

## Facts, Fads, and Fiction about Joint Replacement Surgery

with Dr. John Dunleavy M.D.



According to the Mayo Clinic, an estimated 4.7 million people in the United States have undergone total knee replacement and 2.5 million have undergone total hip replacement and are living with implants. Today's technological advancements in orthopedics are helping to improve the care and recovery of the modern patient. **Dr. John Dunleavy** will discuss minimally invasive techniques as well as technological advancements. This program is co-sponsored by the Library and OrthoConnecticut. It is part of the Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life series.

**Thursday, November 7, 6 PM**

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

## Tellabration - Storytelling

with Laconia Therrio



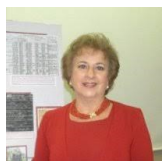
Join our Tellabration celebration! [Tellabration](http://Tellabration) is an international event celebrating the rich tradition of oral storytelling. **Laconia Therrio** of the Connecticut Storytelling Center will offer stories for families with children ages 5 and up at 11 AM. And at 1 PM hear Mr. Therrios' tales for teens and adults. Refreshments will be served.

**For families: Saturday, November 16, 11 AM**

**For teens and adults: Saturday, November 16, 1 PM**

## Mussolini: The Man Behind the Uniform

with Toni McKeen



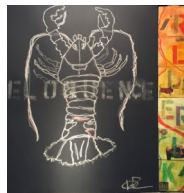
As a follow-up to her three-part travel series about Italy given over the summer **Toni McKeen** will give an illustrated lecture on *Mussolini: The Man Behind the Uniform*.

Toni McKeen lectures widely on genealogy, travel, art, and history.

**Wednesday, November 20, 7 PM**

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

## Exhibit: Art and Text



Lobster Rhetoric  
by Leslie Connito

This show, *Art & Text*, taking place in the Ridgefield Library Gallery, is part of themed exhibitions of the same name taking place across a consortium of 13 Fairfield County, CT libraries from September to December 2019.

This exhibition, which features ten artists demonstrate rich combinations of text letters, words, colors, forms, and images is

co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Library and the Ridgefield Guild of Artists.

**Exhibit: November 1 through December 19**

**Reception: Saturday, November 2, 2-4 PM**

## Vaping: What Every Parent and Teen Needs to Know

with Elizabeth Jorgensen, CADC



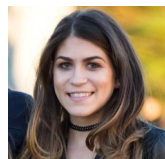
**Elizabeth Jorgensen**, renowned speaker, Director of Insight Counseling, and expert on substance abuse, will discuss short and long-term effects of vaping nicotine and marijuana use. Strategies for talking and intervening with your teens will also be discussed. This program is part of the *Parenting the #Selfie Generation* series of programs and workshops, a community-wide collaboration with Ridgefield Public Schools, Ridgefield Council of PTAs, Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Youth Commission, Books on the Common, Project Resilience, Town Vibe, and Silver Hill Hospital.

**Wednesday, November 13, 7 PM**

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

## ARTalk: The Brant Foundation and Art Study Center

with Sabrina Marsalisi



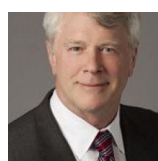
Now celebrating the tenth anniversary since its founding in 2009, The Brant Foundation is home to a remarkable collection of contemporary art and several changing exhibitions throughout the year. **Sabrina Marsalisi**, Director of Education, will talk about the founding, mission, and history of this renowned contemporary art center, which is housed in an exquisite stone barn building in Greenwich, CT and also in New York City.

**Sunday, November 17, 2 PM**

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

## War on Long Island Sound During the American Revolution

with Ed Hynes



The Ridgefield Historical Society and the Ridgefield Library present an exciting new lecture by Ed Hynes. In *War on Long Island Sound during the American Revolution*, Hynes reveals the action, intrigue, and terror of the people living around Long Island Sound during America's War for Independence.

**Saturday, November 23, 11 AM**

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

## Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

### NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, November 5  
7:00 PM

***The Republic for Which It Stands: The United States During Reconstruction and the Gilded Age, 1865-1896***

By Richard White

"Before the Civil War, Americans commonly said that "the United States are." After the war, despite grouching from fussy pedants, it gradually became standard usage to say that "the United States is." That grammatically anomalous and long-contested transition in popular speech to conceiving the nation in the singular rather than the plural serves as an apt metaphor for the compelling story that Richard White tells in *The Republic for Which It Stands*."

### 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](http://ridgefieldplayhouse.org).

### MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, November 7  
10:30 AM

***A Trick of the Light***  
by Louise Penny

Investigating a murder at a solo artist's Quebec village home, Chief Inspector Gamache and his team encounter deceptive nuances in the art world that distort every clue they find with tales of duality and broken hearts.

**BOOKS & BREAKFAST**  
**Monday, November 11**  
10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski.  
**Breakfast is served!**

### FOUNDERS HALL BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, November 14  
3:00 PM

***Warlight***

by Michael Ondaatje

### CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, November 19  
7:00 PM

***The Masterpiece***  
by Fiona Davis



Two independent women, living 50 years apart, find themselves working at Grand Central Terminal.

In 1928, the station is home to the Grand Central School of Art, where Clara Darden is the lone female teacher. Meanwhile, in 1974, Virginia Clay, a recent divorcée is forced to find work for the first time in her life taking a position at the information booth at the now rundown terminal. When it's marked for redevelopment, a mysterious painting found in an abandoned studio links the two women together.

### A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, November 20  
10:00 AM

***Never Let Me Go***  
by Kazuo Ishiguro

As a child, Kathy – now 31 years old – lived at Hailsham, a private school in the English countryside where children were sheltered from the outside world, brought up to

believe that they were special and that their well-being was crucial not only for themselves but for society at large. Kathy had long ago put this idyllic past behind her, but when two of her Hailsham friends come back into her life, she is compelled to face the truth about her childhood – and her future.  
**Note: this meeting will be held on the third Wednesday due to Thanksgiving.**

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, November 25  
2:00 PM

***Climbing the Mango Trees***  
by Madhur Jaffrey

From a highly regarded writer on Indian food comes this enchanting and delightful memoir of growing up in Delhi. An enormously appealing account of an unusual childhood, Jaffrey's story is also a testament to the power of food to prompt memory.

### Poetry Discussion Group

Friday, Nov. 22,  
1 PM

***Selected Poems***

by Howard Nemerov  
led by Dr. Alan Holder



## Tech Topics & STEAM Workshops

***Make a Penny Rug*** with Pat Corrigan

Wednesday, November 6 @ 1:30 PM–4:00 PM - [Register](#)

***Help! Downloading the Library's eBooks and eAudiobooks—Bring Your Own Device***  
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Tuesday, November 12 @ 3:00–4:00 PM - Drop-in

***How to Build Your Network in LinkedIn*** with Kate Fitzpatrick

Tuesday, November 12 @ 6:00–7:00 PM - [Register](#)

***Podcasts: Why You Should Be Listening*** - for seniors with

Dawn DeCosta

Wednesday, November 13 @ 11:00 AM–12:00 PM - [Register](#)

***iPhone Photos*** - for seniors with Dawn DeCosta

Thursday, November 14 @ 2:00–3:00 PM - [Register](#)

***3D Printer Orientation***

Thursday, November 14 @ 6:00–7:30 PM - [Register](#)

***Instagram 101*** with Kate Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, November 20 @ 10:00–11:00 AM - [Register](#)

**MAKING STEAM**



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***Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD*** - Check [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org) for details and available time slots.

## Featured Events Calendar - November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Medicare Workshops:</b> Ridgefield Social Services is offering free confidential Medicare prescription drug counseling sessions from <b>October 15–December 7</b> at the Library. Call Karen Guadian at 203-431-2754 or email <a href="mailto:municipalagent@ridgefield.org">municipalagent@ridgefield.org</a> to make an appointment. In addition, a Medicare presentation will take place on Wednesday, November 6 @ 5 PM (Please register).					1	2 <b>Language:</b> Italian Discussion 12 PM <b>Reception: Art and Text</b> 2–4 PM
3	4 <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Running with Sherman</i> with Christopher McDougall 7 PM	5 <b>Medicare Workshop</b> 10 AM—1 PM <b>Nonfictioneers:</b> <i>The Republic for Which It Stands</i> By Richard White 7 PM	6 <b>Health:</b> <i>Chair Yoga</i> 1 PM <b>Making STEAM:</b> <i>Make a Penny Rug</i> 1:30 PM <b>Presentation:</b> <i>Medicare</i> with Karen Guadian 5 PM <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>The Paper Wasp</i> with Lauren Acampora 7 PM	7 <b>Medicare</b> 10 AM—1 PM <b>Murder by the Book:</b> <i>A Trick of the Light</i> by Louise Penny 10:30 AM <b>Presentation:</b> <i>Facts, Fads, and Fiction about Joint Replacement</i> with Dr. Dunleavy 6 PM	8	9 <b>Field Trip:</b> <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM
10 <b>Ridgefield Folk:</b> <i>with WMD—Will, Mat and Dan</i> 2 PM	11 <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Books &amp; Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM <b>Health:</b> Meditation 6:30 PM	12 <b>Medicare Workshop</b> 10 AM—1 PM <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>LinkedIn</i> with Kate Fitzpatrick 6 PM <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Passing: A Memoir of Love and Death</i> with Michael Korda 7 PM	13 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Podcasts: Why You Should be Listening</i> 11 AM <b>Language:</b> French with Anette Roth 12 PM <b>Presentation:</b> <i>Vaping: What Every Parent and Teen Needs to Know</i> 7 PM	14 <b>Medicare Workshop</b> 10 AM <b>Workshop: Poetry on the Path</b> 10:30 AM <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>iPhone Photos</i> 2 PM <b>Founders Hall Book Discussion:</b> <i>Warlight</i> by M Ondaatje 3 PM <b>Special Program:</b> <i>Battle of the Books</i> 7 PM	15	16 <b>Storytelling:</b> <i>Telebration</i> with Laconia Therrio 11 AM & 1 PM <b>Write In:</b> <i>Fairfield County Writers Group</i> 1–4 PM
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24 <b>Ridgefield Folk:</b> <i>On the Trail</i> 2 PM	25 <b>Food for Thought:</b> <i>Climbing the Mango Trees</i> 2 PM <b>Health:</b> Meditation 6:30 PM	26 <b>Medicare Workshop</b> 10 AM—1 PM	27	28 <b>Library Closed:</b> Happy Thanksgiving!	29 <b>Library Closed</b>  <b>Library Days at Books on the Common:</b> Show your Ridgefield Library Card, and 15% of the proceeds will be donated to the Library.	30