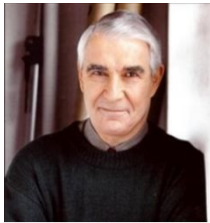


Dramatic Reading: *Lady with a Lapdog* by Anton Chekhov with Alan Sklar



Join us for a reading of *Lady with a Lapdog* by Anton Chekhov with acclaimed voice actor Alan Sklar. *Lady with a Lapdog* is a tale of two adults, both in unsatisfying marriages, who meet at a resort on the Black Sea and fall in love—experiencing true love for the first time in their lives.

Alan Sklar has been a freelance voice actor for over twenty years, voicing radio and TV commercials, narrating over 200 audiobooks and working on numerous corporate video projects.

Wednesday, January 8, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Author Talk and Workshop - Swedish Weaving with Cantor Debbie Katchko-Gray



Learn about Swedish weaving and create a bookmark with **Debbie-Katchko Gray** who will present a 30 minute Author Talk at 1 PM followed by a workshop. Her new book is a creative how-to book with detailed instructions, photos and ideas. Copies of Cantor-Katchko Gray's book *Prayerful*

Creations will be available for sale and signing at the event. No registration is needed for the Author Talk but space is limited to 12 participants for the workshop and so registration is required if you would like to take part in the workshop.

Tuesday, January 14, 1 PM

Please register for workshop at ridgefieldlibrary.org

ARTalk: Dynamic Architecture: The Spaces In Between with Peter Bachmann



Peter G. Bachmann, JCI Architecture Principal and firm-wide leader for Institutional Projects, will give a slide-illustrated tour through examples of contemporary and historic architecture concentrating on the experiential aspects of design. **Peter Bachmann**, AIA, is an architect with over 30 years of experience managing design projects. He has a keen interest in creating space that fosters human connectivity and interaction. The ARTalk series is co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Guild of Artists.

Sunday, January 12, 2 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Indigenous Peoples of the Far North with Moki Kokoris



Join us for a fascinating presentation about the native cultures that call the Arctic their home. The program will introduce their traditional lifestyles, folklore, mythology, animal husbandry, traditional dwellings and clothing, as well as their most ingenious tools!

Moki Kokoris is Editor of *The Polar Times* and a United Nations NGO representative focusing on the impacts of climate and societal change on the indigenous peoples of the Circumpolar North.

Wednesday, January 15, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Health and Wellness

Poetry on the Path with Barb Jennes



Divorce, empty nesting, career change, illness, loss... when life deals you a tough transition, turn to the proven, healing power of poetry. In each session of this bi-monthly workshop, participants will read and discuss a series of specially selected poems, then reflect/respond in poem or prose pieces of their own. Attendees will give and get support from a compassionate community of others facing change. This ongoing workshop is led by poet and educator **Barb Jennes** and will take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Wednesday, January 9 & 23, 10:30 AM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Chair Yoga with Liz Wendell



In this twice a month (once in January) introductory chair yoga session you will be guided through a relaxing and recharging yoga class that is suitable for everyone and all abilities.

Wednesday, January 15, 1 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Mindfulness and Meditation with The Community Mindfulness Project

Join us for a new series of one-hour meditation classes led by a local, secular meditation group dedicated to the study and practice of mindfulness meditation for people of all religious backgrounds.

Monday, January 13 & 27, 6:30 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Votes for Women: Ridgefield Celebrates the 19th Amendment



"The right of citizens . . . to vote shall not be abridged . . . on account of sex." So reads the 19th Amendment which was ratified in August 1920. Join us in 2020 as we explore the history of the women suffrage movement and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment! There will be a whole year of programs including exhibits, theatrical and musical performances, field trips, discussions, film screenings, and more to commemorate this special anniversary.

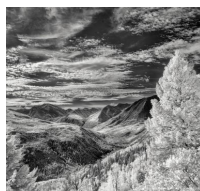
Highlights of the series will include an exhibit that pulls from Ridgefield's rich suffrage history. The exhibit, created by the Ridgefield Historical Society and the League of Women Voters of Ridgefield, will be on view at various locations around town during 2020, including at the Library during March. Several book discussions of **Elaine Wiess's** seminal work on the passage of the 19th Amendment, *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*, will take place around town, and the author herself will be at the Library on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m., to discuss some of the many complex issues surrounding the passage of this amendment. On Saturday, May 16, at 4 p.m., Professor **Gloria Browne-Marshall** of John Jay College of Criminal Justice will give a lecture on race and the suffrage movement. A panel discussion about women's rights from 1920 to today is also in the works. In addition, there will be concerts, talks about women in the arts and other fields, and many other educational and entertaining programs.

Programs are sponsored by Ridgefield Library, Keeler Tavern Museum & History Center, Ridgefield Historical Society, League of Women Voters of Ridgefield, and the Drum Hill Chapter of the DAR. Other programs are in the works to celebrate this important milestone.

Visit ridgefieldlibrary.org for a full listing of events

Exhibit

Visions: 2020 with the Shutterbugs



This exhibition is a group show representing the Ridgefield Shutterbugs. The Ridgefield Shutterbugs is a casual, collegial camera club that has been meeting for over 20 years. The Shutterbugs welcome photographers of all skill levels, working from smart phones, to point & shoot, to DSLRs. Film and digital and rank

amateur to working photographers are all represented. The Shutterbugs goal is to foster sharing, learning, and camaraderie--and enjoyment at the same time.

Reception: Saturday, January 11, 2 –4 PM
Show runs through February 25

What is AI?

with Dr. Murray Campbell



Join us for the first program in an exciting new series called *The Future is Now: Artificial Intelligence in 2020*. To kick off the series Dr Murray Campbell will discuss *What is AI?*

Murray Campbell is a Distinguished Research Staff Member at the IBM T. J. Watson Research Center, where he is a manager in the IBM Research AI organization. He received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. in computing science from the University of Alberta, and his Ph.D. in computer science from Carnegie Mellon University. He was a member of the IBM team that developed Deep Blue, which was the first computer to defeat the human world chess champion in a match. He received numerous awards for Deep Blue, including the Allen Newell Medal for Research Excellence and the Fredkin Prize. He is an ACM Distinguished Scientist and a Fellow of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI).

Wednesday, January 29, 7 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Language & Culture

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. First Saturday of the month.

Saturday, January 4, 12 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Lunchtime Language: French

with Anette Roth

Through simple texts, poems, songs, videos and more, learn more about the language and culture, improve your basic language skills, and meet new friends.

Wednesday, January 15, 12 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Italian Film: Ginger and Fred

Come join us and watch an Italian movie (with English subtitles). A discussion will follow for those looking to stay and practice their Italian. *Ginger and Fred* (Rated PG13, 127 mins).

Wednesday, January 15, 4 PM

Please register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

<p>NONFICTIONEERS No meeting in January Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 PM <i>Seneca Falls and the Origins of the Women's Rights Movement</i> by Sally G. McMillen</p>	<p>new and startling world--until the unthinkable happens.</p>	<p><i>Ask Again, Yes</i> is a deeply affecting exploration of the lifelong friendship and love that blossoms between Kate Gleeson and Peter Stanhope, born six months apart. One shocking night their loyalties are divided, and their bond will be tested again and again over the next 40 years.</p>	<p>an account of a loving, civilized family, of flight from Bolshevik terror, education in England, and émigré life in Paris and Berlin.</p>
<p>MURDER BY THE BOOK Thursday, January 2 10:30 AM <i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> by Delia Owens</p>  <p>For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. She's barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. Drawn to two young men from town, who are each intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a</p>	<p>NEW BOOK GROUP WORLD LIT NOW! Wednesday, January 8 11:00 AM <i>An Unnecessary Woman</i> By Alameddine, Rabih</p> <p>In this breathtaking portrait of a reclusive woman's late-life crisis, readers follow Aaliya's digressive mind as it ricochets across visions of past and present Beirut. Colorful musings on literature, philosophy, and art are invaded by memories of the Lebanese Civil War and Aaliya's own volatile past. As she tries to overcome her aging body and spontaneous emotional upwellings, Aaliya is faced with an unthinkable disaster that threatens to shatter the little life she has left.</p>	<p>A.M. BOOK GROUP Wednesday, January 22 10:00 AM <i>Speak, Memory</i> by Vladimir Nabokov</p> <p>The Nabokovs were eccentric, liberal aristocrats who lived a life immersed in politics and literature on splendid country estates until their world was swept away by the Russian Revolution. Nabokov's memoir is</p>	<p>FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION Friday, January 17 11 AM <i>Hippie Food: How Back to the Landers, Longhairs, and Revolutionaries Changed the Way We Eat</i> by Jonatha Kaufman</p> <p>An entertaining fusion of Tom Wolfe and Michael Pollan that traces the colorful origins of once unconventional foods and the diverse fringe movements, charismatic gurus, and counter-culture elements from the 1960s and 1970s that brought them to the mainstream and created a distinctly American cuisine.</p>
<p>LIVE IN HD @ RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>FOUNDERS HALL BOOK DISCUSSION Thursday, January 9 3:00 PM <i>The Woman's Hour</i> by Elaine Weiss</p>	<p>BOOKS & BREAKFAST Monday, January 13 10:30 AM</p>  <p>Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski. Breakfast is served!</p>	<p>Poetry Discussion Group Friday, January 31 1 PM <i>Selected Poems</i> by Howard Nemerov led by Dr. Alan Holder</p> 
<p>CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 PM <i>Ask, Again Yes</i> By Mary Beth Keane</p>			

Tech Topics & STEAM Workshops

Help! Downloading the Library's eBooks and eAudiobooks—Bring Your Own Device
 Tuesday, January 7 @ 1:00–2:00 PM - Drop-in
 Thursday, January 16 @ 1:00–2:00 PM - Drop-in
 Monday, January 20 @ 1:00–2:00 PM - Drop-in
 Wednesday, January 29 @ 1:00–2:00 PM - Drop-in

3D Printing Orientation
 Saturday, January 11 @ 10:00–11:30 AM - [Register](#)

iPhone Introduction for seniors with Dawn DeCosta
 Monday, January 13 @ 3:00–4:00 PM - [Register](#)

Podcasts: Why You Should Be Listening - for seniors with Dawn DeCosta
 Tuesday, January 14 @ 10:00–11:30 AM - [Register](#)

Who Can You Trust?: Finding Quality Health Information
 Wednesday, January 22 @ 12:30–2:00 PM - [Register](#)

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

Learning a Language with Pronunciator
 Thursday, January 30 @ 1:00–2:00 PM - [Register](#)

Making a Personalized Mug
 Thursday, January 23 @ 1:00–2:00 PM - [Register](#)



Featured Events Calendar - January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>The 2020 Escape Room Adventure at the Ridgefield Library celebrates all things fairy tales with the “Call of the Fabled Forest.” Can you help the princess escape the tower before the breadcrumb trail grows stale?</p> <p>Your ticket purchases for the Escape Room are donations to the Library and help fund the Library’s Operating Budget.</p>			<p>1 Library Closed: Happy New Year!</p>	<p>2 Murder by the Book: <i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> by Delia Owens 10:30 AM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Language: <i>Italian Discussion Group</i> 12 PM</p>
		<p>7 Tech Topics: <i>Help Downloading the Library’s eBooks and eAudio-books—Bring Your Own Device</i> 1 PM Nonfictioneers: No meeting this month!</p>	<p>8 World Lit Now!: <i>An Unnecessary Woman</i> by Rabih Alameddine 10:30 AM Artists Way Study Group: <i>Reawaken Your Creative Self</i> 6:30 PM Dramatic Reading: <i>Lady with a Lapdog</i> by Chekhov with Alan Sklar 7 PM</p>	<p>9 Workshop: <i>Poetry on the Path</i> with Barb Jennes 10:30 AM Founders Hall Book Discussion: <i>The Woman’s Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote</i> by Elaine Weiss 3 PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 10 AM Artists’ Reception: <i>Visions: 2020</i> 2–4 PM</p>
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