

## RIDGECON 2016

### *Dowagers and Mad Hatters*

Join us at the Ridgefield Library for a fun-filled adult evening celebrating British fandoms such as Downton Abbey, Jane Austen, Sherlock Holmes, Harry Potter, Doctor Who, and Alice in Wonderland.

**Tickets: \$50 per person,  
Ages 21 and up**

**Costumes encouraged but not required**

- Enjoy themed signature cocktails and non-alcoholic drinks, and light refreshments
- Play a card game with the ladies of the Jane Austen Society of North America
- Create a literary-themed craft or two to take home
- Have your picture taken in front of our green screen
- Enter to win one of our British-themed raffle prizes
- Test your fan knowledge of Downton Abbey trivia
  - And much more...



**Friday, August 12, 7 - 9:30 PM**  
Tickets at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *RidgeCon*

Come and enjoy a celebration of pop culture! There are lots of ways to celebrate your fandoms, and we are excited to share with you some of our favorites!

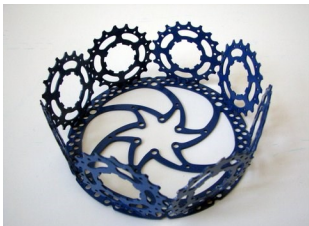
**FREE, For all ages**  
**Costumes encouraged but not required**

- Make your own wand worthy of Ollivander's
- Search for superheroes in a scavenger hunt
- Show off your coloring talent on our character mural
- Make Darth Paper & other characters from Origami Yoda
- Attend a light saber battle demonstration
- Get your face painted and play games in our gaming room
- Vote for your favorite Doctor
- Browse vendor tables
- Play with your favorite characters on Hour of Code
- Enjoy some musical entertainment by RMAC
- Learn about cosplay with Grace



**Saturday, August 13, 10 AM - 4 PM**  
Information at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## ART WALK



**Art Walk** is an initiative for artists to display their work in unique out-of-gallery settings such as merchants up and down Main Street and beyond. It is co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Guild of Artists.



The Library will host two artists: **Justin Perlman** who will have a large sculpture on the Library Lawn and several small sculptures displayed in the Ruggles Fine Arts Reading Room, along with sculptures by **Lewis**

**Schaffer**, which he constructs out of bicycle parts!

**Exhibit, August 19 through September 11**  
**Art Walk Reception, Friday, Aug. 19, 5 - 8 PM**  
**Artist's Day, August 20, 12 - 4 PM**

## WRITING CONTEST



Adults and teens are invited to submit original short stories -- 3,000 words or less -- as part of the inaugural **Ridgefield Library writing contest**. Stories will be considered in five categories: Suspense/Mystery; Romance; Historical; Science Fiction/Fantasy; and a general category for other submissions. One

consistent criteria for all submissions: each story must in some way incorporate the Ridgefield Library into the narrative. Submission deadline is September 1st. Winners will be announced at a special event at the Library on October 1st.

**There is a \$5 submission fee for each story.**  
**Details at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)**  
**or call 203-438-2282 x11009**

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health and Wellness programs are made possible thanks to the Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life fund.

### ***Introduction to Reiki & Chakra Balancing*** with JoAnn Inserra Duncan



JoAnn Duncan will give an *Introduction to Reiki and Chakra Balancing* seminar. Reiki is a modality for easing discomfort, restoring balance and sustaining health through a refined, ancient art of hands on healing that works primarily on the Chakras (energy centers). This is a wonderful technique for stress reduction and relaxation that promotes healing. Reiki is a gentle, non-invasive, holistic method of energy work that helps release energy blockages and increase energy flow in the body. During the program there will be an experiential exercise for Chakra Balancing.

**Monday, August 1, 7 p.m.**  
Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)



### ***Meditation Made Easy*** with Valerie Rich



Valerie Rich of Turning Point Healing Arts & Education Center will present this introduction to meditation based on the teachings of Lorin Roche, author of *Meditation Made Easy*. Meditation is a human homing instinct. There are thousands of techniques leading to meditation, come learn a style that suits you. Meditation is a self-care, self-preservation practice.

This is a fun, interactive workshop which will include some gentle movement and Yoga.

**Monday, August 15, 7 PM**  
Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

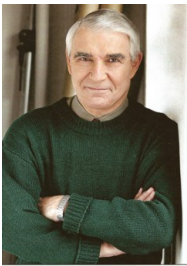
## SUMMER OF RUNNING EXHIBIT



In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Ridgefield Pamby Half Marathon and the Wolfpit Running Club, we will be presenting an exhibit on the Lower Level Gallery of memorabilia and more from July 22 through August 30. Additional programs include a very special appearance by Olympic medalist Deena Kastor on Tuesday, September 20 at 7 PM. *Summer of Running* is co-sponsored by Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Running Company and Ridgefield Pamby Half Marathon.

## DRAMATIC READING

### ***Jug of Silver*** by Truman Capote with Alan Sklar



Come hear a classic story by Truman Capote brought to life through the talents of voice actor **Alan Sklar**. In the short story *Jug of Silver*, an under-privileged boy named Appleseed is determined to guess the amount of money in and thereby win a gallon wine jug of silver coins so that he can do something very special for his sister.

Alan Sklar has been a freelance voice actor for over twenty years, voicing radio and TV commercials and narrating over 200 audiobooks. He lives in Somers, NY.

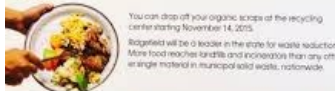
**Wednesday, August 17, 7 PM**  
Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## ENVIRONMENTAL

### ***Ridgefield's Food Scrap Recycling Program: Information Session***



Join us for an informational program about the new organics recycling program offered in Ridgefield.



The Town of Ridgefield, in collaboration with the

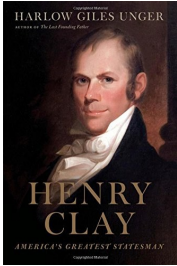
Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority and Winters Bros., is pleased to announce a new recycling program for food scraps. The food scraps will be taken to New England Compost in Danbury and will be made into compost. Ridgefield will be a leader in the state for waste reduction. Come and find out more about this important new program.

**Wednesday, August 24, 7 PM**  
Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

# LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

## NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, August 2  
7:00 PM  
*Henry Clay: America's  
Greatest Statesman*  
by Harlow Giles Unger



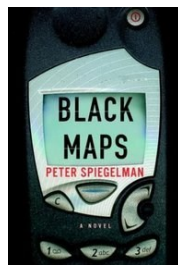
In a critical and little-known chapter of early American history, author Harlow Giles

Unger describes how a fearless young Kentucky lawyer threw open the doors of Congress during the nation's formative years and prevented dissolution of the infant American republic. Explosive, revealing, and richly illustrated, *Henry Clay* is the story of one of the most courageous—and powerful—political leaders in American History.--  
*Amazon.com description*

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, August 4  
10:30 AM  
*Black Maps*  
by Peter Spiegelman

Ridgefielder Spiegelman draws on his own long career in the financial services and software industries to craft this Shamus Award-winning series about a Manhattan private investigator who specializes in white collar crime and Wall Street shenanigans. In this series debut, private investigator John March takes on the case of a banker who is being threatened with blackmail over a money laundering scheme.



## BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Monday, August 8  
10:30 AM

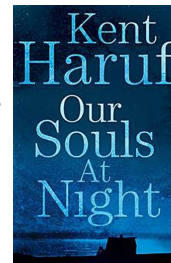


Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, August 16  
7:00 PM  
*Our Souls at Night*  
by Kent Haruf

A spare yet eloquent, bittersweet yet inspiring story of a man and a woman who, in advanced age, come together to wrestle with the events of their lives and their hopes for the imminent future.



## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, August 24  
10:00 AM  
*The Sea Lady*  
by Margaret Drabble

The author turns her trademark satire and sharp observation to tracing the careers and loves of two academics who are unsuspectingly brought together in a seaside English town 30 years after they spent a summer there together as children.

## LIVE IN HD @ RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE

Metropolitan Opera, National Theatre of London and the Bolshoi Ballet on the big screen! Ridgefield Library card holders now receive the Playhouse membership rate of \$20 for these events. For a full listing visit -  
[ridgefieldplayhouse.org](http://ridgefieldplayhouse.org).

## TECH TOPICS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

**3D Printer Orientation** - Are you interested in printing your own 3D design on the Library's Makerbot? We are now offering use of our 3D printer to Ridgefield Library cardholders. Before reserving printer time (available in two-hour blocks), we require attendance at this 90-minute orientation.

- Saturday, August 6, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - [Register](#)  
- Thursday, August 18, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM - [Register](#)

**Getting Started with the Library's Digital Resources**  
Need help getting started with one of our digital resources including OverDrive (eBooks and audiobooks), Zinio (digital magazines), Hoopla (eBooks, audiobooks, and streaming music and video), or lynda.com?

- Tuesday, August 9, 12:00 - 1:30 PM, Drop in for hands-on assistance from our staff.

**Adult Maker Group** - Come join our new Adult Maker Group and tinker with us. This month the group will continue to work with Arduinos and with the SparkFun Thing and delve into how they connect with the *Internet of*

*Things*. This group is for those 18 years of age and over.

- Wednesday, August 24, 6:30 - 8:00 PM - [Register](#)

**Preserve Your Memories - Convert Your VHS Tapes to DVD** - Do you have home videos in VHS format you would like to convert to make a DVD from one of your personal VHS videos (NTSC format only)? Please note it takes the entire playback time of the video for the conversion to DVD. Available to Ridgefield Library cardholders 13 years of age or older. Please reserve one of these two-hour blocks of time.

- Thursday, August 4, 3:00 - 5:00 PM - [Register](#)  
- Friday, August 5, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - [Register](#)  
- Friday, August 5, 2:00 - 4:00 PM - [Register](#)  
- Thursday, August 11, 4:00 - 6:00 PM - [Register](#)  
- Friday, August 19, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - [Register](#)  
- Monday, August 22, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - [Register](#)  
- Wednesday, August 24, 1:00 - 3:00 PM - [Register](#)  
- Friday, August 26, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - [Register](#)  
- Saturday, August 27, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - [Register](#)



# FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 <b>Holistic Health Series:</b> <i>Introduction to Reiki &amp; Chakra Balancing</i> 7 PM	2 <b>Nonfictioneers:</b> <i>Henry Clay: America's Greatest Statesman</i> by Harlow Giles Unger 7 PM	3	4 <b>Murder by the Book:</b> <i>Black Maps</i> by Peter Spiegelman 10:30 AM  <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Convert Your Home VHS Videos to DVD</i> 3 PM	5 <b>Class:</b> <i>Mindfulness Meditation</i> with Achan Niphen 10:15 AM  <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Convert Your Home VHS Videos to DVD</i> 11 AM & 2 PM	6 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 10:30 AM  <b>Meeting:</b> <i>Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 PM
7 <b>Closed:</b> Summer Sundays	8 <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Books &amp; Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM	9 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Getting Started with the Library's Digital Resources</i> 12 PM	10 <b>Making STEAM:</b> <i>Coloring for Adults</i> 1 PM  <b>Monthly Meeting:</b> <i>Theater Barn Playwrights Collective</i> 6 PM	11 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Convert Your Home VHS Videos to DVD</i> 4 PM	12 <b>RidgeCon:</b> <i>Dowagers and Mad Hatters</i> 7 PM	13 <b>RidgeCon:</b> <i>Family fun day!</i> 10 AM to 4 PM  <b>Field Trip:</b> <i>Shutterbugs</i> 9 AM
14 <b>Closed:</b> Summer Sundays	15 <b>Holistic Health Series:</b> <i>Meditation Made Easy</i> with Valerie Rich 7 PM	16 <b>Critics' Circle:</b> <i>Our Souls at Night</i> by Kent Haruf 7 PM	17 <b>Dramatic Reading:</b> <i>Jug of Silver</i> by Truman Capote with Alan Sklar 7 PM	18 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 10:30 AM	19 <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Convert Your Home VHS Videos to DVD</i> 11 AM  <b>Opening Reception:</b> <i>Art Walk</i> 5 - 9 PM	20 <b>Meet the Artists:</b> <i>Art Walk</i> with Justin Perlman and Lewis Schaffer 12 - 4 PM
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28 <b>Closed:</b> Summer Sundays	29	30	31	<b>August Exhibitions</b>  <i>History of the Wolfpit Running Club and the Ridgefield Pamby Half Marathon</i> Through August 30 <b>- The Gallery</b>  <i>Art Walk Sculpture Exhibit</i> by Justin Perlman and Lewis Schaffer August 19 though September 11 <b>- Library Lawn and Ruggles Fine Arts Reading Room</b>		