

RIDGECON 2017

**Consoles and Clefs: A Celebration
of Video Games and Music**



with Kate Remington, Tom Salta
and the Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra

Join us for a discussion about the creation and production of video game music, followed by a concert with the Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra. The entertainment will be accompanied by light refreshments and a raffle.

Our special guests include: Kate Remington, WSHU Public Radio; Tom Salta, Composer; and Bryan Doyle, Director of Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra.

Please register for this event. This event is free and open to the public. Register in-person, online or by calling the Library. Consoles & Clefs, a RidgeCon Event is sponsored by [Workspace Education](#).



Doors open at 6:30.

Friday, August 11, 7 PM

Registration recommended ridgefieldlibrary.org

RidgeCon

What are YOU a fan of? Can you quote *Harry Potter*? Can't get enough of the *Walking Dead*? Are you always humming that one Disney tune? Come to the library on August 12th for our Third Annual RidgeCon, and join in the fun! Here's a preview of just some of the activities we have in store for you:

- * Costume contest judged by Harley Nox Cosplay and CK Cosplay with photos by Unlimited Crossroads
- * Pokémon Tournament hosted by Gamer's Gambit
- * Board Game Demos by Gamer's Gambit
- * Lightsaber Battle Demonstration by Way of the Sword
- * Face Painting by Enchanted Garden
- * Scavenger Hunts and crafts
- * Video, AR, VR and tabletop games
- * Character visits
- * Dunk tank ...and more!
- * Raffles (\$5 for 5 ticket, \$10 for 12; cash, check, credit) for great prizes

Special thanks to sponsors Workspace Education, Ridgefield Capital, Dimitri's Diner, Planet Pizza & Ridgefield Academy!

Saturday, August 12, 10 AM - 4 PM

Costumes encouraged but not required!

No registration

SUMMER READING 2017!

This year's Adult Summer Reading theme is *Build a Better World*. The program once again coincides with the long-running children's and teen summer reading programs that run through August 5. During this period, just read a book or listen to an 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.) 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 over the summer. And, be sure not to miss RidgeCon, a celebration of pop culture and fandom, that will take place on Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12.



FILM

From Russia to Hollywood
with the Michael Chekhov Theatre Festival



The **Michael Chekhov Theatre Festival of Ridgefield** will present a documentary film screening of *From Russia to Hollywood*. The film was created and co-produced by Lisa Dalton of the National Michael Chekhov Association.

Narrator Gregory Peck joins an A-list of Hollywood stars to take us through the odyssey of two Russian born Hollywood legends: The great acting teacher Michael Chekhov and the amazing director George Shdanoff. The screening is co-sponsored by the Festival and the Library. For information about the Michael Chekhov Theatre Festival visit chekhovfestival.com.

Wednesday, August 9, 6 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

FINANCIAL LITERACY

How to Prevent Medicare Fraud

with Dawn Macary

Dawn Macary, Senior Medicare Patrol with the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging will present information on Medicare fraud and scams. Have you ever been puzzled over all that information in your Medicare Summary Notice? You know—the statement of charges that the government sends you from time to time. Are you concerned by the kinds of scams and abuse that are directed at seniors like you? Would you like to acquire the sort of know-how you can use to defend yourself? Learn about the newest scams out to get you!

Wednesday, August 2, 11 AM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Probate for the Public

with Judge Daniel O'Grady



Judge **Daniel O'Grady** will explain various aspects of the probate process, stressing those that are most frequently encountered in the Probate Court. After speaking there will be time for Q & A.

The office of Judge of Probate deals with different types of issues including wills and administration of estates, overseeing testamentary and living trusts, appointing guardians for persons of intellectual disability and more. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, August 3, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

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*.

Mindfulness and Meditation

with the Community Mindfulness Project

Join us for a one hour Meditation class taking 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.

Monday, August 7, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Chair Yoga

with Valerie Rich



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. Come explore Yoga! It's for everyone!

Tuesday, August 15, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Thru Hiking the Appalachian Trail

with Sam Ducharme

Sam Ducharme set out on a 2,180 mile, 14 state backpacking trip from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mt. Katahdin, Maine. During his six month journey he documented the rugged beauty of the Appalachian Mountains, the wildlife, the hardships encountered on the trail, as well as the people, culture and humanity at its finest. Come join him as he takes you through the trail towns, over the mountaintops and through the backcountry. The images and stories will leave you with a renewed awe of the beauty of our country and its people.

See his gear, how he cooked, and hear what it is like sleeping in a hammock for six months through three seasons.

Thursday, August 10, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Connecting to Mother Earth's Treasures: An Introduction to Using Crystals in Self-Healing

with Brenda Story

In this workshop **Brenda Story** will teach you how to choose rocks and crystals to be your allies in self-healing and self-awareness. Learn to cleanse, clear, and connect with your chosen crystals. The qualities of quartz crystals and normal, everyday rocks will be explored.

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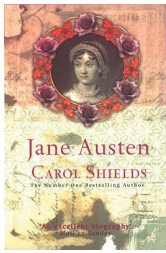


LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, August 1
7:00 PM

Jane Austen: A Life
by Carol Shields



In *Jane Austen*, Shields follows this superb and beloved novelist from her early

family life in Steventon to her later years in Bath, her broken engagement, and her intense relationship with her sister Cassandra. She reveals both the very private woman and the acclaimed author.

This discussion is part of our *Enjoying Jane: Celebrating 200 Years of Jane Austen* series

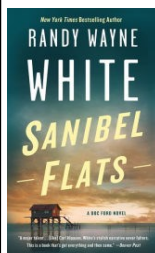
Next Month's Selection
Tuesday, September 5
7:00 PM

Jane Austen's England:
Daily Life in the
Georgian and Regency
Periods
by Leslie and Roy Adkins

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, August 3
10:30 AM

Sanibel Flats
by Randy Wayne White



Long-time NSA secret agent Doc Ford thinks he is retiring to peace and quiet in a new life as a

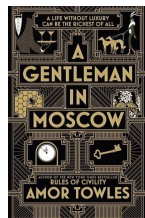
marine biologist in Florida but immediately runs up against kidnapping, corruption and murder that threaten his beloved Sanibel Island life.

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP

Thursday, August 10
3:00 PM

A Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles

Open to all members of Founders Hall.



BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Monday, August 14
10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, August 23
10:00 AM

All the King's Men
by Robert Penn Warren

The iconic award-winning chronicle of Willie Stark, a deeply flawed and power-hungry Southern politician said to be based on Louisiana governor Huey Long.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, August 15
7:00 PM

Lilac Girls
by Martha Hall Kelly

This is story of the Ravensbruck Rabbits: seventy-four women prisoners in the Ravensbruck concentration camp. Using alternating first-person narratives, the characters relate their experiences from 1939 through 1959. More than a war story, this is a tale of how the strength of the women's bonds carry them through even the most difficult situations.

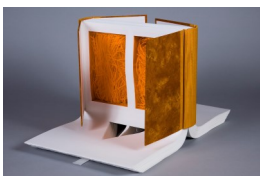
POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

The Poetry Discussion Group does not meet in August.

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.

ART WALK

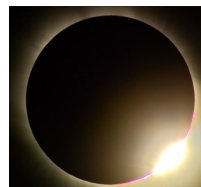


Art Walk is an initiative for artists to display their work in unique out-of-gallery settings such as merchants up and down Main Street and beyond. It is presented by the Ridgefield Guild of Artists.

The Library will host two artists this year: **David Boyajian**, who will have a large sculpture on the Library Lawn, and **Chris Perry** who will exhibit some of his amazing book art in the Ruggles Fine Arts Reading Room.

Exhibit, August 25 through September 10
Art Walk Reception, Friday, Aug. 25, 5 - 8 PM
Artist's Day, August 26, 12 - 4 PM




SOLAR ECLIPSE



A total solar eclipse will occur on Monday, August 21 and will be visible (depending on cloud cover) within a band across the USA. A partial solar eclipse will be visible in the rest of the contiguous USA, including Connecticut at 2:45 PM (EST). Don't miss activities at the Library and in Ballard Park on this rare occasion. Along with Ridgefield Parks and Recreation, the Library will be organizing safe eclipse viewings, educational presentations, crafts, games, music and more.

Monday, August 21, 10 AM - 3 PM
@ Ridgefield Library & Ballard Park
visit ridgefieldlibrary.org for more info.

FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Exhibit: <i>Paint Outside the Box</i> Watercolors by Tina Phillips through Tuesday, August 29</p> 		<p>1 Nonfictioneers: <i>Jane Austen: A Life</i> by Carol Shields 7 PM</p>	<p>2 Talk: <i>Medicare Fraud and Scams</i> with Dawn Macary 11 AM Tech Topics: <i>Exploring Virtual Reality</i> 6 PM Part 2/3</p>	<p>3 Murder by the Book: <i>Sanibel Flats</i> by Randy Wayne White 10:30 AM Talk: <i>Probate for the Public</i> with Judge O'Grady 7 PM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Summer Reading Ends!</p>
<p>6 Closed: <i>Summer Sundays</i></p>	<p>7 Class: <i>Mindfulness and Meditation</i> 7 PM</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Tech Topics: <i>Adult Maker Group</i> 6:30 - 8 PM Film Screening: <i>From Russia to Hollywood</i> with the Michael Chekov Theatre Festival of Ridgefield 6 PM RVNA: Blood Pressure Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM</p>	<p>10 Founders Hall Discussion: <i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i> by Amor Towles 3 PM Tech Topics: <i>3D Printer Orientation</i> 6 - 7:30 AM Lecture: <i>Thru Hiking the Appalachian Trail</i> with Sam Ducharme 7 PM</p>	<p>11 RidgeCon: <i>Consoles and Clefs</i> with Kate Remington, Tom Salta and the Norwalk Gamer Symphony Orchestra 7 PM</p>	<p>12 Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs</i> 9 AM RidgeCon: <i>A Celebration of Pop Culture for All Ages!</i> 10 AM - 4 PM</p> 
<p>13 Closed: <i>Summer Sundays</i></p>	<p>14 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM</p>	<p>15 Holistic Health: <i>Chair Yoga</i> with Valerie Rich 10:30 AM Holistic Health: <i>Crystals</i> with Brenda Story 7 PM Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>Lilac Girls</i> by Martha Hall Kelly 7 PM</p>	<p>16 Tech Topics: <i>Exploring Virtual Reality</i> 6 PM Part 3/3</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Tech Topics: <i>3D Printer Orientation</i> 10 - 11:30 AM</p>
<p>20 Closed: <i>Summer Sundays</i></p>	<p>21 Special Event: <i>Solar Eclipse Programs!</i></p>	<p>22 Tech Topics: <i>Learning a Language with Pronunciator</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>23 A.M. Book Group: <i>All the King's Men</i> by Robert Penn Warren 10 AM Tech Topics: <i>Adult Maker Group</i> 6:30 - 8 PM</p>	<p>24 Tech Topics: <i>Getting Started with the Library's Digital Resources</i> Drop-in 1 - 2:30PM</p>	<p>25 Reception: <i>Art Walk</i> with David Boyajian and Chris Perry 5 - 9 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Art Walk Exhibit:</p> <p>Sculptures by David Boyajian on the Library Lawn and by Chris Perry in the Ruggles Fine Arts Reading Room August 21 through September 10</p> 	<p>26 Art Walk: <i>Meet the Artists</i> with David Boyajian and Chris Perry 12 - 4 PM</p>
<p>27 Closed: <i>Summer Sundays</i></p>	<p>28 Meeting: <i>Library Board</i> 7:30 PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		