

AUTHOR TALKS

Poetry Coffee House

with Gail Carson Levine, Barb Jennes,
Lesley Lambton and Andrew Levine

The evening will begin with readings by three Ridgefielders: retired English teacher **Barb Jennes**, Ridgefield Library's Program Coordinator **Lesley Lambton** and musician and arts administrator **Andrew Levine**. The evening will conclude with a reading by featured poet **Gail Carson Levine**. Wine and Cheese will be served!



Gail Carson Levine will read from *Transient*, her first poetry collection for adults. She's best known for her books for children, in particular, *Ella Enchanted*, which won a Newbery honor award and was made into a major motion picture. She completed her MFA in poetry at NYU in 2016.

Thursday, December 7, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

The New Wine Rules

with Jon Bonné



Why does finding and choosing a wonderful glass of wine seem so stressful? In *The New Wine Rules*, acclaimed wine writer **Jon Bonné** explains everything you need to know in simple, beautifully illustrated, easy-to-digest tidbits.

Jon Bonné is the senior contributing editor at *Punch*, author of *The New California Wine*, winner of the Roederer International Wine Book of the Year and the wine consultant for JetBlue Airways. For nearly a decade, he served as the wine editor and chief wine critic of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, where he won two James Beard Awards and numerous other accolades.

Monday, December 11, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



ARTALK

Book Arts in Contemporary Art

with Chris Perry



Nationally known book artist **Chris Perry** uses handmade books to impart information without the use of words or images. Perry himself states that "the book artist is a label that has a pretty broad definition, like sculpture. Book art

tends to be things that are made of books or are about books or incorporate books in some way." While books have always been known to contain art, they are hardly thought of as being works of art as themselves. Perry pushes the limits of the book arts genre by creating contemporary interpretations of the book as an art object. He is inspired by book-like formats to convey his artistic process and shapes paper or filaments to convey information.

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

Sunday, December 3, 2 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

PARENTING

**School? No Way, Mom! I Won't Go: A
Fresh Look at School Refusal**

with Nicholas Crimarco, Ph.D



This program will give a fresh look at the many reasons why students refuse to go to school. **Nicholas Crimarco, Ph.D.**, Columbia University instructor and staff psychologist in the Columbia University Clinic for Anxiety Related Disorders, will give parents tried and tested strategies to deal with this issue.

Parenting the #Selfie Generation is 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, December 6, 7 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

TECH TOPICS: SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram with Kate Fitzpatrick



If you've been thinking of using Instagram for personal or professional use, join us for a basic overview about how, when and why to work Instagram into your social media savvy.

Kate Fitzpatrick is a Ridgefield native who enjoys supporting small businesses with her strategic social media services. She is also the Director of Communications and Patient Services for The T.J. Martell Foundation in Manhattan. This program is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Ridgefield Library

Friday, December 8, 1 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

How To Build Your Network on LinkedIn with Kate Fitzpatrick

In this hands-on, 60-minute presentation, Kate Fitzpatrick will walk you through the essentials of an optimized LinkedIn profile. Not just for job-seekers anymore, this platform is now essential for every professional and you'll walk away from this presentation knowing who to connect with, what to post and how to leverage LinkedIn.

This program is made possible thanks to the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund.



Wednesday, December 20, 11 AM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

FINANCIAL

Medicare Workshops with Ridgefield Social Services

Certified MEDICARE CHOICES counselors will be available to answer questions and review prescription coverage for Medicare recipients at the Library, Tuesdays and Fridays during Open Enrollment.

Certified counselors will provide an individual confidential session free of charge to Ridgefield residents with cooperation from the Ridgefield Department of Social Services, the Ridgefield Library, the RVNA and the Western CT Area Agency on Aging.

Tuesday and Fridays through December 5
10 AM - 1 PM - Call 203-431-2754

MAKING STEAM

Make a Holiday Bag with Pat Corrigan



Back by popular demand! **Pat Corrigan** will lead us in making reticules (drawstring purses inspired by the Regency period) that make beautiful gifts or add glamour to an outfit. Materials, patterns, and instruction will be provided. Choose from a wide selections of beautiful fabrics for your bags!

Wednesday, December 6, 1 - 4 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

EXHIBIT

Art and Soul Exhibition - Artwork by Martha Talburt's Students

The *Art & Soul* exhibition represents work from students of Martha Talburt's drawing classes at Founders Hall in Ridgefield and at Wilton Continuing Education. Many had never drawn before starting these lessons and some have been with Ms. Talburt since she began teaching in the area over ten years ago. Students are encouraged to connect with their subjects at an empathic, heart & soul level and produce work which evokes in viewers the same heart & soul connections.

Show runs through December 28
Reception: Friday, December 1, 6 - 8 PM
No registration

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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! Classes will continue on the first Wednesday of the month. This program is part of the Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life series.



Wednesday, December 6, 1 PM
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

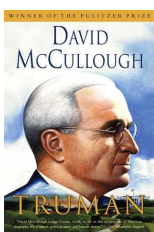
POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, December 1 & 29
1:00 PM

Poems of David Wagoner
Discussion led by Dr. Alan Holder. Program made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, December 5
Chapters 13 - end
Truman
by David McCullough



The Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Harry S. Truman, whose presidency included

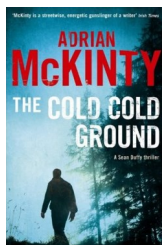
momentous events from the atomic bombing of Japan to the outbreak of the Cold War and the Korean War, is told by America's beloved and distinguished historian. In this riveting biography, acclaimed historian David McCullough not only captures the man—a more complex, informed, and determined man than ever before imagined—but also the turbulent times in which he rose, boldly, to meet unprecedented challenges.

The following book groups do not meet in December. Be sure to get reading for the January discussions!

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, January 4
10:30 AM

The Cold, Cold Ground
by Adrian McKinty



Belfast cop Sean Duffy, a Catholic in the largely Protestant Royal Ulster Constabulary during the

Troubles of the 1980s, is on the case as first one, then a second body turns up. Is this a serial killer or a politically driven paramilitary operation?

BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Monday, January 8
10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP

Thursday, January 11
3:00 PM

Remains of the Day
by Kazuo Ishiguro
Open to all members of Founders Hall

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, January 16
7:00 PM

The Opposite of Everyone
by Joshilyn Jackson

A fiercely independent divorce lawyer learns the power of family and connection when she receives a cryptic message from her estranged mother. Born in Alabama, Paula Vauss spent the first decade of life on the road with her mother, until her mother landed in prison and Paula in foster care.

This emotionally resonant tale is about the endurance of love and the power of stories to shape and transform our lives.

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, January 24
10:00 AM

Bleak House
by Charles Dickens

Bleak House is Dickens' classic satirical look at the legal system in London.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, January 22
2:00 PM

A Square Meal: A Culinary History of the Great Depression by Jane Ziegelman and Andrew Coe

From the author of the acclaimed *97 Orchard* and her husband, a culinary historian, an in-depth exploration of the greatest food crisis the nation has ever faced—the Great Depression—and how it transformed America's culinary culture. *A Square Meal* examines the impact of economic contraction and environmental disaster about how Americans ate then—and the lessons and insights those experiences may hold for us today.

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.

TECH TOPICS

Instagram 101 with Kate Fitzpatrick

- Friday, December 8 @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM - [Register](#)

Getting Started with the Libraries Digital Resources -

Need help getting started with one of our digital resources including OverDrive (eBooks and audiobooks), Zinio (digital magazines), Hoopla (eBooks, audiobooks, streaming music and video) or lynda.com?

- Tuesday, December 19 @ 1:00 - 2:30 PM (Drop-in)

How To Build Your Network on LinkedIn

with Kate Fitzpatrick

- Wednesday, December 20

@ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - [Register](#)



Tech Topics programs are made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library

3D Printing 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. Those who are under age 18 must come with an adult.

- Tuesday, December 26 @ 3:00 - 4:30 PM - [Register](#)

- Thursday, December 28 @ 2:00 - 3:30 PM - [Register](#)

Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD. We have 2-hour slots

available for those wishing to convert a VHS tape to DVD.

- Thursday, December 7 @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM - [Register](#)

- Friday, December 8 @ 3:00 - 5:00 PM - [Register](#)

- Monday, December 18 @ 12:00 - 12:00 PM - [Register](#)



- Monday, December 18 @ 3:00 - 5:00 PM - [Register](#)

- Wednesday, December 20 @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM - [Register](#)

- Friday, December 22 @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM - [Register](#)

- Friday, December 29 @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM - [Register](#)

FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 <p>Exhibition: <i>Art and Soul: Artwork by Martha Talburt's Students</i></p> <p>On exhibit through December 28</p> <p>Lower Level Gallery</p> 				<p>1 Talk: <i>Interpreting Music Through Tchaikovsky</i> with Maestro Eric Mahl 1 PM</p> <p>Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Poems of David Wagoner</i> 1 PM</p> <p>Reception: Art and Soul: Martha Talburt's Student Work 6 - 8 PM</p>	2
<p>3 ARTalk: <i>Altered Books in Contemporary Art</i> with Chris Perry 2 PM</p>	<p>4 Dramatic Reading: <i>A Child's Christmas in Wales</i> and <i>The Gift of the Magi</i> with Alan Sklar 7 PM</p>	<p>5 Nonfictioners: <i>Truman</i> by David McCullough 7 PM</p>	<p>6 Health: <i>Chair Yoga</i> with Valerie Rich 1 PM</p> <p>Making STEAM: Make a Holiday Bag with Pat Corrigan 1 PM</p> <p>Parenting Program: <i>School? No Way, Mom! I Won't Go!</i> with Dr. Crimarco 7 PM</p>	<p>7 Author Talk: <i>Poetry Coffeehouse</i> with Barb Jennes, Lesley Lambton, Andrew Levine and featured poet Gail Carson Levine 7 PM</p>	<p>8 Tech Topics: <i>Introduction to Instagram</i> with Kate Fitzpatrick 1 PM</p>	<p>9 Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM</p>
10	<p>11 Author Talk: <i>The New Wine Rules</i> with Jon Bonné 7 PM</p>	<p>12 We Got Games: <i>Table-top Gaming for Adults and Teens</i> 6 - 8 PM</p>	13	14	15	16
17	18	<p>19 Tech Topics: <i>Getting Started with the Library's Digital Resources</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>20 Tech Topics: <i>How to Build Your Network on LinkedIn</i> with Kate Fitzpatrick 11 AM</p>	21	22	23
<p>24 Library Closed: Christmas Eve</p>	<p>25 Library Closed: Christmas Day</p>	<p>26 Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 3 PM</p>	27	<p>28 Tech Topics: <i>3D Printing Orientation</i> 1 PM</p>	<p>29 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>Poems of David Wagoner</i> 1 PM</p>	30
<p>31 Closed: New Year's Eve</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6