

MILK DISCUSSION SERIES



Join the Ridgefield Library and Thrown Stone for three engaging discussions that highlight the themes of the [U.S. Premiere of *Milk*](#) by **Ross Dunsmore**, which opens July 14th for a limited engagement at the Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance. Whether you crave connection, camaraderie, or chocolate, there's something for you in these lively community events.

Connections

An Intergenerational Forum



Ridgefield First Selectman **Rudy Marconi** interviews the cast in a post-matinee panel on the theme of connection across generations.

Enjoy free wine and snacks and chat with passionate professionals and volunteers from local organizations dedicated to connecting our community with the things we need to thrive. Attending the July 16th matinee of *Milk* is recommended but not required. (Seniors get 10% off the July 16 show only, with coupon code: CONNECTIONS)

Healthy Indulgences

with Alissa Monteleone



During this fun and interactive workshop led by **Alissa Monteleone** of Simply Good Thinking, you will experience the healthy benefits of chocolate by creating your own chocolate bark and learning how to make a deliciously nutritious chocolate raspberry tart. The tart features locally sourced cream generously supplied by the home deliverer of fresh and local products, Hudson Milk. Eating healthy never tasted so good!

Please note: Nuts are one of the ingredients in the tart and the chocolate bark.

Meet the Playwright

with Ross Dunsmore



In this Skype interview led by **Geoffrey Morris** of *Townvibe*, *Milk* playwright **Ross Dunsmore** will answer your questions about the play, live from Scotland.

Co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Arts Council, this is a unique opportunity to mingle with both local and international artists.

The program is free. Cocktails and other refreshments will be served thanks to Asylum Distillery.

Sunday, July 16, 4 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Tuesday, July 18, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Monday, July 24, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

SUMMER READING 2017!

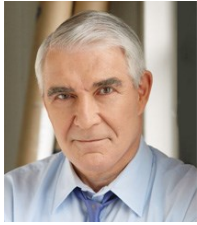
This year's Adult Summer Reading theme is ***Build a Better World***. The program once again coincides with the long-running children's and teen summer reading programs that begin on June 21 and run through August 5. During this period, just read a book or listen to an audiobook and submit an entry to 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. Stay tuned for more information!

DRAMATIC READING

Hilliard's Ceremony

with Alan Sklar



Join acclaimed voice actor **Alan Sklar** as he performs a dramatic reading of Lawrence Block's poignant story *Hilliard's Ceremony*. In the story Alan Hilliard is an American foreign service officer in Togo, West Africa. He has a good life but feels something is missing so he speaks with an American friend who suggests he meet a wise African witch doctor. Hilliard does so.... with surprising results.

Thursday, July 13, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

AUTHOR TALK

The Girl of the Lake

with Bill Roorbach



Bill Roorbach is the author of nine books of fiction and nonfiction, including the Flannery O'Connor Prize and O. Henry Prize winner *Big Bend*; *Into Woods*; *Temple Stream*; and most recently, the bestselling *Life Among Giants*. The 10th anniversary edition of his craft book, *Writing Life Stories*, is used in writing programs around the world. His work has been published in *Harper's*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Playboy*, the *New York Times Magazine*, *Granta*, *New York*, and dozens of other magazines and journals.

Thursday, July 20, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Mindfulness and Meditation

with the Community Mindfulness Project

Join us for a one hour Meditation class taking place on Monday, July 10, 17, 31 and August 7 from 7 to 8 PM. The **Community Mindfulness Project** is 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.



This program is made possible thanks to donors to the Library's Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life fund.

Monday, July 10, 17, 31 & Aug. 7, 7 PM

Register for each at ridgefieldlibrary.org

PERFORMANCE

Butterfly

with Stephen Collins



Actor **Stephen Collins** will perform *Butterfly* by Carl A. Rossi. The show is about the volatile American artist James McNeill Whistler (1834-1903), who battled for personal expression in the arts. The play presents Whistler at two phases of his life: as a bankrupt artist in his 40s on commission in Venice and as an established, yet lonely, legend in his 60s.

Stephen Collins is a classically trained actor who has performed in many productions. He has performed many times at the Ridgefield Library as Walt Whitman, Robert Frost and Shakespeare. Don't miss his latest show!

Tuesday, July 25, 7 PM

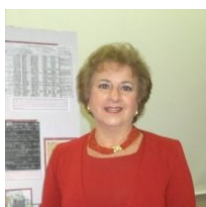
Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Tell Your Story: Exploring Your Family History with Genealogy Documents

with Toni McKeen

This series is made possible thanks to colleagues of Nick Donofrio in recognition of his personal journey and pride of family.

United States Military Records



Discover what documents are available, the information they contain and how to find them and use them for future research.

Saturday, July 8, 10 AM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Tips and Tricks for Using Ancestry.com

In this lecture **Toni McKeen** will show how to research efficiently and successfully using Ancestry.com. She will share helpful tips in finding those elusive relatives, which parameters to use, and how to prevent looking at thousands of names in search of the one person you are trying to find. Also included are often overlooked options and the newest cool features that have just been added.

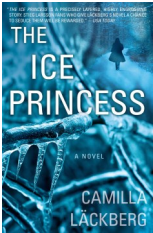
Saturday, July 22, 10 AM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

MURDER BY THE BOOK
Thursday, July 6
 10:30 AM
The Ice Princess
 by Camilla Lackberg

The first in a series featuring Swedish Detective Patrik Hedstrom and crime writer Erica Falk. A popular player on the Scandinavian crime writing scene, Lackberg has created a



compelling mix of police procedural and thriller perfect for fans of Henning Mankill and Stieg Larsson.

BOOKS & BREAKFAST
 Monday, July 10
 10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

NONFICTIONEERS
Tuesday, July 11
 7:00 PM
American Lion:
Andrew Jackson in the White House
 by Jon Meacham

Andrew Jackson, his intimate circle of friends, and his tumultuous times are at the heart of this remarkable book about the man who rose from nothing to create the modern presidency.

Next Month's Selection
 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 Steventown 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.

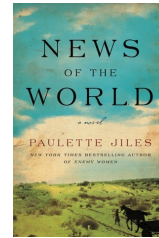
This discussion is part of our *Enjoying Jane: Celebrating 200 Years of Jane Austen*, taking place this fall!

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP
Thursday, July 13
 3:00 PM
Miss Emily
 by Nuala O'Connor

Open to all members of Founders Hall.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, July 18
 7:00 PM
News of the World
 by Paulette Jiles

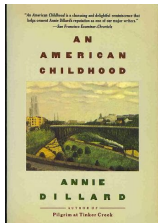
In this exquisitely rendered and morally complex novel, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in the aftermath of the Civil War.



NEW
FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULLINARY BOOK GROUP
Monday, July 24
 2 PM
The Gastronomical Me
 by MFK Fisher

A.M. BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, July 26
 10:00 AM
An American Childhood
 by Annie Dillard

The Pulitzer Prize winner's memoir of growing up in Pittsburgh in the 1950s illuminates how she developed her way of looking at and writing about life and nature.



POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

The Poetry Discussion Group does not meet in July and 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 AND ABOUT: FIELD TRIPS

The Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Gardens
 North Salem, NY

The Hammond Museum and Japanese Stroll Garden aims to enlighten visitors about Eastern traditions through its programs and horticulture. This tour of the garden and visit of the museum is open to 15. Charge is \$5 per person, \$4 for seniors. Lunch will follow (Dutch treat) at 12:00 pm at 121 Restaurant.



Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 AM
 Tickets at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Weir Farm National Historic Site
 Wilton, CT


FULL



Weir Farm National Historic Site is a 60-acre national park with a focus on the American Impressionist painting movement. Tour is open to 15. No charge. The visit will include a tour of J. Alden Weir's home and studio and a screening about Weir Farm. No charge but you **must** register. Please bring a bag lunch.

Wednesday, July 26, 9 AM @ Library
 Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 Closed: <i>Summer Sundays</i>	3 Closed: <i>Independence Day</i>	4 Closed: <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6 Murder by the Book: <i>The Ice Princess</i> by Camilla Lackberg 10:30 AM	7	8 Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs</i> 9 AM Exploring Your Family History: <i>Military Records</i> with Toni McKeen 10 AM Artist's Reception: <i>Paint Outside the Box</i> with Tina Phillips 2 - 4 PM
9 Closed: <i>Summer Sundays</i>	10 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM Class: <i>Mindfulness and Meditation</i> 7 PM	11 Nonfictioneers: <i>American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House</i> by Jon Meacham 7 PM	12 Art and About: <i>ARTrip to Hammond Museum and Japanese Stroll Garden</i> 10:30 AM	13 Founders Hall Discussion: <i>Miss Emily</i> by Nuala O'Connor 3 PM Dramatic Reading: <i>Hilliard's Ceremony</i> by Lawrence Block with Alan Sklar 7 PM	14	15
16 Connections: <i>Intergenerational Forum</i> with Rudy Marconi 4 PM Program Room Main Library Closed: <i>Summer Sundays</i>	17 Class: <i>Mindfulness and Meditation</i> 7 PM	18 Chocolate Demo: <i>Healthy Indulgences</i> with Alissa Monteleone 7 PM Critics' Circle Book Group: <i>News of the World</i> by Paulette Jiles 7 PM	19	20 Author Talk: <i>The Girl of the Lake</i> with Bill Roorbach 7 PM	21	22 Summerfest! Exploring Your Family History: <i>Tips and Tricks for Using Ancestry.com</i> with Toni McKeen 10 AM
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