

Author Talks

Trivial Pursuit: Italian Style

with Carla Gambescia



Test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights about "The Boot." This will be an entertaining and educational evening for those curious about (or already in "amore" with) Italy and its cultural and culinary gifts.

Carla Gambescia, the author of *La Dolce Vita University*, a unique lifestyle compendium of all things Italian: food, wine, history, art, film, style, and more, will be our MC. Come and bring your "inner Italian!" Copies of *La Dolce Vita University* will be available for sale and signing thanks to Books on the Common.

Wednesday, June 6, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Feast: True Love in and out of the Kitchen with Hannah Howard



Hannah Howard is a writer, food expert, and the author of *Feast: True Love in and out of the Kitchen*, a compulsively readable memoir about a woman at war with herself, her body, and food - all the while working her way through the underbelly of New York's glamorous culinary scene.

Howard unflinchingly examines her lifelong struggles with food and eating disorders, gendered power, and dynamics in the workplace.

Tuesday, June 12, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change with Mary Beth Pfeiffer



Mary Beth Pfeiffer will discuss her new book *Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change*. Pfeiffer has been a journalist for four decades. In the last five years, she has emerged as the nation's leading investigative reporter on Lyme disease, attracting national and international attention and winning seven

awards for her groundbreaking articles. This program is co-sponsored by Lyme Connection and the Library.

Thursday, June 14, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Parisian Charm School

with Jamie Cat Callan



In our hectic lives it's hard to stay connected to what makes us feel most alive-our beauty, confidence, uniqueness, and personal style. Happily, French women know the secrets to cultivating that lifelong "je ne sais quoi," and author **Jamie Cat Callan** will share those secrets with you. Jamie Cat Callan is the author of *Parisian Charm School*, *French Women Don't Sleep Alone*, *Bonjour, Happiness!* and *Ooh La La! French Women's Secrets to Feeling Beautiful Every Day*. Her books have been published in twenty-one countries and have been featured in many major magazines.

Copies of *Parisian Charm School* will be available for sale and signing at the event thanks to Books on the Common.

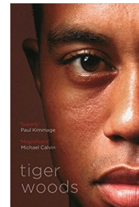
Thursday, June 7, 7 PM

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Tiger Woods

with Jeff Benedict



Books on the Common and Ridgefield Library present an author talk with **Jeff Benedict** who will discuss his book *Tiger Woods*, which he co-wrote with Armen Keteyian. "Meticulously reported, scrupulously fair, endlessly interesting... *Tiger Woods* reveals the human being long-hidden behind the golf genius. The story of Tiger's passage from driven prodigy, to lonely hero, to disgraced celebrity is compelling, and often poignant, from first page to last." - Jeffrey Toobin, author and legal analyst for CNN.

Wednesday, June 13, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Health and Wellness

Health and wellness programs are made possible thanks to the *Noreen L. Papa - Mothers: Live Your Life Fund*.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, June 6, 1 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Mindfulness and Meditation

with the Community Mindfulness Project

Monday, June 11 & 25, 6:30 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Workshops

Finding Foundation and Corporate Grants with Susan Shiroma



Are you new to the field of grantseeking? Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders in this introductory course led by **Susan Shiroma** from the Foundation Center in New York City.

How do you identify potential foundation and corporate funders and make the first approach. Also, learn how to use the Foundation Directory Online Professional to find private foundations and corporate prospects.

Friday, June 1, 1 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Understanding Anxiety in Your Child with Elizabeth Jorgensen and Dr. Mary Murphy

Anxiety often goes hand in hand with children with Learning Disabilities and ADHD. This is a positive and empowering workshop for parents with children of all ages who have anxiety. **Liz Driscoll Jorgensen** and **Dr. Mary Murphy** will address the data behind what works and will teach basic skills parents can use to help soothe their child's anxiety. Together they will explain the unique presentations of anxiety in children with LD and ADHD; discuss the efficacy of non-medication interventions and focus on the positive "how to" set of skills parents can employ right away to help their child. This program is co-sponsored by the Library and Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities.

Saturday, June 2, 9:30 AM

Register at anxietysolutions@eventbrite.com

Theater and Dance

Repertory in American Theater with Rob Weinert Kendt and Panel

Rob Weinert-Kendt, American Theatre Editor-in-Chief, will speak about the creative benefits, production challenges, and audience experience of repertory theatre, followed by a panel and audience discussion.

Panelists are: **Melody Libonati**, Artistic Director of Summer Theatre of New Canaan; **Michael Bradford**, Artistic Director of Connecticut Rep; **Jason Peck & Jonathan Winn**, Co-Artistic Directors of Thrown Stone; **Dale Rose**, Associate Artistic Director of Connecticut Repertory Theatre and **Fufan Zhang**, Scenic Design alum from Yale School of Drama.

Wine, cheese and an informal discussion will follow. Co-sponsored by Thrown Stone Theatre Company.

Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Indian Classical Dance

with Dr. Francis Barboza & Rema Subramanian



Please join **Dr. Francis Barboza** and **Rema Subramanian** on a journey to the magical world of Indian classical dance, Bharatanatyam. Bharatanatyam is possibly the oldest classical dance heritage of India and is regarded as the foundation of many other Indian classical dance forms. Learn the history, current significance, hand gestures, fundamental steps and language of this form of dance.

Dr. Barboza received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Dance as well as a PhD in Performing Arts from The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India.

Monday, June 18, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Summer Reading 2018!

This year's Adult Summer Reading theme is **Libraries Rock!** The program once again coincides with the long-running children's and teen summer reading programs that begin on June 28 and run through August 11. 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 17 and Saturday, August 18. Stay tuned for more information!



Exploring Easter Island and its Mysterious Statues with Toni Mckeen

Join us for the first in a four-part armchair travel program with Toni Mckeen taking place this summer. In these illustrated lectures she will share her travel experiences in four exotic locations: Easter Island, Galapagos Islands, Malta and Jordan. Programs take place on Thursday evenings.

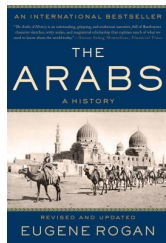
Thursday, June 21, 6:30 PM

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Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

NONFICTIONEERS

The Arabs: A History
by Eugene Rogan
Tuesday, June 5
7:00 PM
(Chapter 9 to end)



BOOKS & BREAKFAST
Monday, June 11
10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

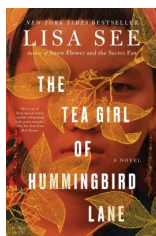
expedition to the vast, untamed Alaska Territory, leaving behind Sophie, his newly pregnant wife. On her own at Vancouver Barracks, Sophie chafes under social restrictions, not knowing that the winter will require as much of her as it does of her husband. In this atmospheric tale of adventure, love, and survival, the truths that Allen and Sophie discover over the course of that fateful year change both of their lives.

A.M. BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, June 27
10:00 AM
The Secret Agent: A Simple Tale
by Joseph Conrad

Things turn out to be not quite that simple after all for London shopkeeper (and secret agent) Mr. Verloc when he gets embroiled in an anarchist plot to blow up the Greenwich Observatory.

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, June 14
3:00 PM
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane
by Lisa See



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, June 25
2:00 PM

The Third Plate: Field Notes on the Future of Food
by Dan Barber

Today's optimistic farm-to-table food culture has a dark secret: the local food movement has failed to change how we eat. It has also offered a false promise for the future of food. Barber offers a radical new way of thinking about food that will heal the land and taste good, too—where good farming and good food intersect.

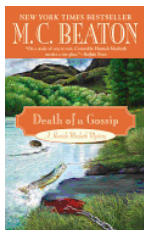
POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, June 29
1:00 PM
Bewilderment
by David Ferry

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

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, June 7
10:30 AM
Death of a Gossip
by M.C. Beaton



The murder of a nasty gossip columnist attending a local fishing school is the first case for mild-mannered yet determined

Police Constable Hamish MacBeth, who investigates murders in the Scottish village of Lochdubh in a series that combines the cozy flavor of Agatha Christie with wry humor and lots of local color. *Also available as a downloadable audiobook from hoopla*

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, June 19
7:00 PM
To the Bright Edge of the World
by Eowyn Ivey

In the winter of 1885, Colonel Allen Forrester leads a small band of men on an

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.

Ridgefield Remembers WWI - Through November 2018

Connecticut in WWI

with Christine Pittsley

Christine Pittsley, from the Connecticut State Library's *Remembering World War One* project, will give a lecture about what was happening in CT during the war. She will discuss how Connecticut became known as the "Arsenal of the Nation" and how the war governor, Marcus Holcomb, prepared the State for war. From Liberty Loan campaigns and victory gardens to local soldiers and nurses on the front lines, she will describe the many ways Connecticut contributed to the war effort.

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




State Library staff will also be at Keeler Tavern Museum on Saturday, June 10 between 1 and 4 PM for **Digitization Day** to help capture any stories, images or other WWI related objects you may have. Click [here](#) for more information. And be sure not to miss **Family Day at Keeler Tavern** on Father's Day, June 17 between 12 and 4 PM for WWI reenactors, trenches in the barn, propoganda posters, dance and music programs, food trucks and much more!

For a full listing of WWI programs and partners visit

WWI page at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Featured Events Calendar - June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Exhibition: <i>Cycles of Life: New Paintings</i> by Kesra Hoffman Through June 29 Gallery on the Lower Level</p>				<p>1 Presentation: <i>Finding Foundation and Corporate Grants</i> with Susan Shiroma 1 PM</p>	<p>2 Workshop: <i>Understanding and Addressing Anxiety in Your Child</i> 10 AM Workshop: <i>Poetry By Heart</i> led by Andrew Levine 9:30 AM</p>
<p>3 Ridgefield Remembers WWI: <i>Connecticut in World War I</i> with Christine Pittsley 2 PM</p>	4	<p>5 Tech Topics: <i>Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD</i> 5 PM Panel Discussion: <i>Repertory in American Theater</i> 6:30 PM Nonfictioneers: <i>The Arabs: A History</i> by Eugene Rogan 7 PM</p>	<p>6 Health: Chair Yoga with Valerie Rich 1 PM Author Talk: <i>Trivial Pursuit Italian Style</i> with Author Carla Gambescia 7 PM</p>	<p>7 Murder by the Book: <i>Death of a Gossip</i> by M.C. Beaton 10:30 AM Tech Topics: <i>Using GIMP - Image Editor</i> 6 PM Author Talk: <i>Parisian Charm School</i> with Author Jamie Cat Callan 7 PM</p>	8	<p>9 Field Trip: <i>Shutterbugs Photography Group</i> 9 AM</p>
<p>10 Ridgefield Remembers WWI: <i>Digitization Day</i> @ Keeler Tavern Museum 1- 4 PM</p>	<p>11 Discussion: <i>Books & Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM Class: <i>Meditation</i> 6:30 PM Special Event: <i>Arts Council Generator</i> 8 PM</p>	<p>12 Tech Topics: <i>Social Media for Nonprofits</i> with Kate Fitzpatrick 10 AM Author Talk: <i>Feast: True Love in and out of the Kitchen</i> with Hannah Howard 7 PM</p>	<p>13 Tech Tricks: <i>iPhone Photos and Camera</i> 11 AM NoveList Plus: <i>Finding Your Next Read</i> 2 PM Author Talk: <i>Tiger Woods</i> with Jeff Benedict 7 PM</p>	<p>14 Founders Hall Book Discussion: <i>The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane</i> 3 PM Author Talk: <i>Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change</i> with Mary Beth Pfeiffer 7 PM</p>	<p>15 Tech Topics: <i>Convert Your VHS Videos to DVD</i> 11 AM</p>	<p>16 Tech Topics: 3D Printing Orientation 10 AM</p>
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