

## Author Talks

### *The Tragedy of Benedict Arnold* with Dr. Joyce Lee Malcolm



Proud and talented, history now remembers this conflicted man solely through the lens of his last desperate act of treason. Yet the fall of Benedict Arnold remains one of the Revolutionary period's great puzzles. **Joyce Lee Malcolm** unravels the man behind the myth and gives us a portrait of the true Arnold and his world. Dr. Malcolm is an historian and constitutional scholar specializing in British and colonial American History. This program is co-sponsored by the Library, Keeler Tavern Museum, Ridgefield Historical Society and Drum Hill Chapter of the DAR.

**Wednesday, May 2, 7 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Reclaiming Kindness: How Women Can Redefine What a Strong Leader Looks Like* with Fran Hauser



In this one-hour conversation **Fran Hauser** will help women -- of all ages -- unlock the key to kindness AND strength to reach their career goals. She presents the scientific case for kindness and compassion, shares real-life anecdotes and discusses why women are positioned - now more than ever - to own their kindness and transform the image of what a strong, successful leader looks like. Hauser is the author of *The Myth of the Nice Girl*. She has held senior positions at some of the world's largest digital media businesses, including Time Inc.'s People, InStyle and Entertainment Weekly, as well as AOL and Moviefone.

**Tuesday, May 22, 7 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)



### *Connecticut Icons* with Charles Monagan

Join us as author **Charles Monagan** discusses a colorful new edition of *Connecticut Icons* published by Globe Pequot. He will cover many Connecticut icons in this talk from Sleeping Giant, the Merritt Parkway and the USS Nautilus to hot lobster rolls, Wiffle Balls and Pepperidge Farm bread. His presentation encourages audience participation, most notably through a Connecticut Icons Quiz. Charles Monagan's work has appeared in many magazines and newspapers, and from 1989 to 2013 he was the editor of *Connecticut Magazine*. In 2012, he received the Connecticut Press Club's Mark Twain Award for Distinguished Journalism, a lifetime award.

**Thursday, May 24, 7 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Live Music* *Ridgefield Folk* with Front Country



What started as a group of friends playing bluegrass in San Francisco's Mission District has morphed into a touring powerhouse of song and sound. **Front Country's** dynamic

instrumental textures take flight with grace and gravitas while rooted in the relentlessly soulful vocals of lead singer-songwriter Melody Walker. Other Front Country band members are mandolinist Adam Roszkiewicz, guitarist Jacob Groopman, violinist Leif Karlstrom and bassist Jeremy Darrow. Free thanks to the Friends of the Ridgefield Library.

**Sunday, May 20, 2 PM**

Free tickets given out at the door from 1 PM

### *Remembering Mary Rindfleisch*



Please join us in remembering **Mary Rindfleisch** on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 6pm ~ 8pm in the Main Program Room. We hope that you are able to stop by during this open house reception as we share stories and memories of all that Mary contributed to the Library and the greater Ridgefield Community during her more than 20 years at the Library.

**Sunday, May 20, 6 - 8 PM**

No registration

### *Play*

#### *We Got Games!*

A Tabletop Gaming Meet-up for Adults and Teens



*We Got Games* is a tabletop gaming meet-up for adults and teens that will meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:45 PM. This program takes place in the Kellen Family Children's Program Room.

**Tuesday, May 8, 6 PM**

No registration

## Workshops

### *Capturing Creativity*

with Julia Strayer



Open to all writers (fiction, nonfiction, poetry) at any level of experience. Creativity is that elusive flutter of light at the edge of your vision that disappears when you look directly at it. Even if you're quiet and sneak up, it often winks out before you can grab it. But there are a few secrets to tapping into your creativity. This two-hour generative workshop goes beyond "writing prompts" to help you, through carefully constructed and completely playful constraints, discover aspects of your writing you didn't know were there.

**Saturday, May 5, 10 AM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Poetry by Heart*

with Andrew Levine



*Poetry By Heart* continues in May. This workshop is led by musician, educator, theater producer and poetry lover **Andrew Levine** and is for anyone who has the desire to know a poem by heart and share it with others in an intimate and non-intimidating setting. "We will form a community of those that love poems spoken aloud and love the inquiry into the very individual and particular poems that have the power to move us, comfort us, challenge us, and more," says Levine. Come with a poem you already know or with one that you would like to know by heart!

**Saturday, May 5 and 19, 10 AM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## Genealogy

### *Genealogy Research: United States Military Records* with Toni McKeen

In this presentation, **Toni McKeen** will cover what documents are available in United States Military Records, the information they contain, how to find them, and how to use them for further research. An informative handout, which lists helpful military sites, will be provided to attendees. The program will begin with an inspirational Powerpoint presentation of historical WWI and WWII posters. This program is part of the town-wide *Ridgefield Remembers World War I*, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the war. The series is co-sponsored by the Library, Keeler Tavern Museum, Ridgefield Historical Society, American Legion, Graveyard Restoration Committee, Marine Corps League, DAR and Ridgefield Playhouse. The program is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Library.

**Sunday, May 6, 1 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## Environmental

### *What's In? What's Out? - Recycling Program* with Jennifer Heaton-Jones



Come to this FREE, fun family-friendly event to learn where our garbage and recycling really goes.

Why is it important to recycle? What really should go in your bin? Learn about the NEW state recycling guide, *What's In? What's Out?* and other recycling programs available for paint, mattresses, thermostats and electronic waste. You're guaranteed to learn something new!

**Jennifer Heaton-Jones**, Executive Director of the regional government solid waste management authority, HRRRA, will give a one-hour Trash Talk. Other recycling experts will be on hand with lots of fun, free giveaways to inspire you to reduce, reuse and recycle.

**Sunday, May 6, 3:30 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://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*

with Valerie Rich

**Wednesday, May 2, 1 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

### *Mindfulness and Meditation*

with the Community Mindfulness Project

**Monday, May 21, 6:30 PM**

Register at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

## Friends of the Library Spring Book Sales

### Children's Books from May 4 - 6

Friday 10:00 AM - 12 noon - Early Bird \$10 entry fee (free to Friends members)

Friday 12:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM \$5/grocery bag (bring your own)

### General Sale from May 11 - 14

Friday 10:00 AM - 12 noon - Early Bird \$10 entry fee (free to Friends members)

Friday 12:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Half price

Monday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM \$5/grocery bag (bring your own)

# Library Book Groups - New Readers Welcome!

## NONFICTIONEERS

### The Arabs: A History

by Eugene Rogan

**Tuesday, May 1**

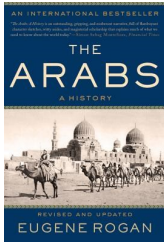
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**Tuesday, June 5**

7:00 PM

(Chapter 9 to end)



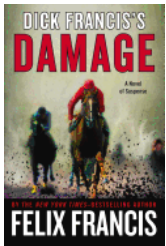
## MURDER BY THE BOOK

**Thursday, May 3**

10:30 AM

**Dick Francis's Damage**

by Felix Francis



Picking up his father's mantle, Felix Francis here delivers a compelling and original tale in which British

Horseracing Authority investigator Jefferson Hinckley tackles a high-profile murder that takes place at the Cheltenham race festival and uncovers a massive horse-doping scheme. *Also available as an audiobook on CD.*

## FOUNDERS HALL BOOK DISCUSSION

**Thursday, May 10**

3:00 PM

**One Summer: 1927**

by Bill Bryson

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

**Tuesday, May 15**

7:00 PM

**The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane**

by Lisa See

Explores the lives of a Chinese mother and her daughter who has been adopted by an American couple. A powerful story about a family, separated by circumstances, culture, and distance, *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* paints an unforgettable portrait of a little-known region of China and its people and celebrates the bond that connects mothers and daughters.

## BOOKS & BREAKFAST

**Monday, May 21**

10:30 AM



Join us for an informal book chat led by Dorothy Pawlowski

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A CULINARY BOOK DISCUSSION

**Monday, May 21**

2:00 PM

**Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef**

by Gabrielle Hamilton

Before Gabrielle Hamilton opened her acclaimed NYC restaurant Prune, she spent 20 hard-living years trying to find purpose and meaning in her life. The book follows the unconventional journey through the many kitchens Hamilton has inhabited through the years. By turns epic and intimate, her story is told with honesty, grit, humor, and passion.

## A.M. BOOK GROUP

**Wednesday, May 23**

10:00 AM

**Candide** by Voltaire



Written in response to the Lisbon earthquake of 1755, Voltaire's masterpiece of history, philosophy

and coming-of-age story has been much mentioned in our

current time of natural disasters and other catastrophes. Through the misadventures of the optimistic youth Candide, Voltaire gives the lie to the maxim that "All is for the best in this best of all possible worlds." If possible, please read the Theo Cuffe translation.

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

**Friday, May 25**

1:00 PM

**Bewilderment**

by David Ferry

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

## 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).

# Ridgefield Remembers WWI - May Through November 2018



The "War to End All Wars" began with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria on June 28, 1914. This single event sparked a conflict of unparalleled scope and brutality that killed tens of millions of people, both civilian and military. It finally ended on November 11, 1918.

The United States didn't officially join the Allied cause until April 1917, but Connecticut residents were keenly aware of the conflict; in many cases, it affected countries from which they or their relatives had emigrated. Most Connecticut residents were involved somehow, fighting or helping those who fought. The state was known as the "Arsenal of the Nation," producing more than a third of the Allied Forces' small arms munitions.

The World War I Town Committee is hosting a full calendar of special events and programs. Please check each hosting organization's website to confirm times and admission. To see a full listing of events click on the *Ridgefield Remembers WWI* link on the home page of the Library website.

**The World War I Town Committee includes:** American Legion, Drum Hill Chapter of the DAR, the Library, Graveyard Restoration Committee, Keeler Tavern Museum, Lounsbury House, Marine Corps League, Ridgefield Historical Society and Ridgefield Playhouse.

**For a full listing of programs visit**  
WWI page at [ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://ridgefieldlibrary.org)

# Featured Events Calendar - May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Exhibition:</b> <i>Cycles of Life: New Paintings</i> by Kesra Hoffman <b>May 19 - June 29</b> Gallery on the Lower Level</p> <p><b>Artist's Reception:</b> Saturday, May 19, 2 - 4 PM</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>Nonfictioneers:</b> <i>The Arabs: A History</i> by Eugene Rogan (Chapters 1 through 8) 7 PM</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Health: Chair</b> <i>Yoga with Valerie Rich</i> 1 PM <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>The Tragedy of Benedict Arnold</i> with Joyce Malcolm 7 PM</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Murder by the Book: Dick Francis's Damage</b> by Felix Francis 10:30 AM <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Using GIMP - Image Editor</i> with Tom Gerhard 6 PM</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>Book Sale:</b> <i>Children's Books</i> 10 AM - 8 PM</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Workshop:</b> <i>Poetry By Heart</i> with Andrew Levine 10 AM <b>Book Sale:</b> <i>Children's Books</i> 9 - 5 PM <b>Workshop:</b> <i>Capturing Creativity</i> with Julia Strayer 10AM</p>	
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<p><b>20</b> <b>Live Music:</b> <i>Ridgefield Folk</i> with Front Country 2 PM <b>Reception:</b> <i>Join us in Remembering Mary Rindfleisch - Drop in</i> between 6 - 8 PM</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>Discussion:</b> <i>Books &amp; Breakfast</i> 10:30 AM <b>Class:</b> <i>Meditation</i> 6:30 PM <b>Food for Thought:</b> <i>Blood, Bones &amp; Butter</i> by Gabrielle Hamilton 2 PM</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>Tech Topics:</b> <i>Facebook</i> with Kate Fitzpatrick 6 PM <b>Conversation:</b> <i>Reclaiming Kindness: How Women Can Redefine What Looks Like a Strong Leader</i> with author Fran Hauser 7 PM</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>A.M. Book Group:</b> <i>Candide</i> by Voltaire 10 AM</p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Connecticut Icons</i> with Charles Monagan 7 PM</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Poetry Discussion Group:</b> <i>Bewilderment: New Poems and Translations</i> by David Ferry with Dr. Alan Holder 1 PM</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>The Health of Long Island Sound</i> with Soundkeeper, Bill Lucey 7 PM</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>