

April 2016

CELEBRATING SHAKESPEARE: 400 YEARS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Shakespeare's Major Tragedies

with Dr. Mark Schenker

Shakespeare wrote four plays between 1600 and 1606 that are considered the height of his achievement in tragedy: *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear* and *Macbeth*. Among the topics Dr. Schenker will consider in his presentation are: the tragic view of life, the nature of the tragic hero, the interconnectedness of good and evil, and the ways in which Shakespeare employs theater as symbol and metaphor. Participants do not have to have read or seen the plays in advance, but reviewing the plots of each in advance of the lecture will enhance your appreciation of the talk.

Wednesday, April 6, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Beatrice and Juliet - Vignettes from Much Ado About Nothing and Romeo and Juliet

with the Barefoot Shakespeare Company



Meet two of Shakespeare's women in different stages of life and love out on the Library lawn! Barefoot Shakespeare company is dedicated to bringing Shakespeare's work to a wide, diverse audience.

Saturday, April 30, 2 PM

No registration



The Art of Journaling

with Kathy Coe

In this hands-on workshop artist Kathy Coe will teach attendees how to create their own unique and personalized handmade journals, as well as show them how to use mixed media to explore the art journaling process. \$5 material fee will be collected at the door.

Wednesday, April 13, 10 AM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Tell Your Story! is a new series of programs featuring the many ways you can capture your own personal or family history---digitally, with art, using technology, sound, etc. This series is made possible thanks to funding from colleagues of Nick Donofrio in recognition of his personal journey and pride of family.

Shake-Scene

with Stephen Collins



Join us to celebrate Shakespeare on the 400th Anniversary of his death (and on his birthday) with actor and teacher Stephen Collins, who will bring Shakespeare's tragedies, comedies, histories, and sonnets to life as he performs as King Lear, Edmund, Iago, Prospero, Bottom and many others.

Saturday, April 23, 2 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

Hamlet - Encore Performance in HD @ Ridgefield Playhouse

starring Benedict Cumberbatch

Wednesday, April 13, 3 & 7 PM

Tickets \$10/students free at ridgefieldplayhouse.org

Shake-Sphere - Romeo and Juliet @ The Prospector Theater

starring members of SPHERE

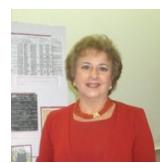
Saturday, April 23, 11:30 AM

Tickets \$5 at prospectortheater.org

TELL YOUR STORY!

Tips and Tricks for Researching your Family Using Ancestry.com

with Toni McKeen



In this lecture Toni McKeen will show how to research efficiently and successfully using the Ancestry.com website.

Thursday, April 21, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Ridgefield Folk

The Edna Project with Liz Queler, Seth Farber and Joey Farber



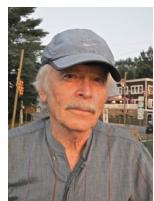
In celebration of National Poetry Month the Library's Ridgefield Folk series welcomes back Liz Queler, Seth Farber and Joey Farber to perform *The Edna Project*, which is a song cycle of 21 of Edna St. Vincent Millay's poems set to music. Their music has been described as an eclectic melding of folk, bluegrass, rock and jazz with humor & great harmonies.

Sunday, April 3, 2 PM

Free tickets from 1 PM on the day of the show!

Sky Gazer

with Dr. Alan Holder



Join us as poet and teacher Alan Holder reads from his recently released volume *Sky Gazer*.

Sky Gazer rejects the unabashed subjectivity and accompanying impenetrability of much contemporary verse, making its poems steadily accessible to the reader, who is often addressed directly and assumed to be "a creature of feeling,"

Wednesday, April 20, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

SKILLSBOX

Join us as we continue our series of workshops and programs designed to help small businesses, home-based professionals and entrepreneurs not only survive but thrive! Co-sponsored by Ridgefield Library, Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce and Western CT SCORE

Digital Media Training

with Hearst Media



Join the Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce, Hearst Media and the Ridgefield Library for a Skillsbox seminar on Digital Media Training. Learn how to enhance your business presence online with a variety of tools.

Wednesday, April 12, 8 AM

Register at destinationridgefield.com/events

It Could Be Verse!

with Ira Joe Fisher



Ira Joe Fisher was awarded two regional Emmys for television writing. He is the author of *Remembering Rew*, a poetry chapbook, and the full-length collections *Some Holy Weight in the Village Air, Songs From an Earlier*

Century, and *The Creek at the End of the Lawns*. Ira has a Master of Fine Arts degree in poetry from New England College. He has taught poetry, communications and broadcast history at New England College; he lectures and teaches at the University of Connecticut and Mercy College.

Sunday, April 10, 2 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org



Workshop: Dare You See a Soul at the White Heat? What a Poet Can Learn from Emily Dickinson

with Dr. Joanne Dobson

This one-session class will delve into Dickinson's life, her practices as a poet, and the eloquent "brokenness" of the poems themselves. Students will also have an opportunity to write a "Dickinson poem" using techniques they've learned from close reading of several of her works. Dr. Joanne Dobson is a Dickinson scholar and the author of *Emily Dickinson and the Strategies of Reticence: The Woman Writer in 19th-century America*.

Saturday, April 24, 1 - 4 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LYME DISEASE PREVENTION

Don't Let A Small Tick Become a Big Problem!

Tick- borne disease prevention expert and Ridgefield resident **Neeta Connally PhD** will present best-practice strategies for staying safe while continuing to enjoy the great outdoors with your family. Dr. Connally is an Assistant Biology Professor at Western Connecticut State University and Director of the Tick Research Lab at WCSU. **Kate Fitzpatrick**, of Kate Fitzpatrick Social Media & Public Relations Consulting, will officially launch a Social Media Prevention Campaign exclusively designed for Lyme Connection by Discovery Communications. Bring your smartphones to share the campaign! Co-sponsored by the Library, Lyme Connection & Smart Revenue.

Thursday, April 28, 7 PM

Register at ridgefieldlibrary.org

LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS - NEW READERS WELCOME!

NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, April 5

7:00 PM

The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War by David Halberstam (April 5, Part 6 to end)

Halberstam considered *The Coldest Winter* his most accomplished work, the culmination of forty-five years of writing about America's post-war foreign policy. Halberstam gives us a masterful narrative of the political decisions and miscalculations on both sides. He charts the disastrous path that led to the massive entry of Chinese forces near the Yalu River and that caught Douglas MacArthur and his soldiers by surprise. He provides astonishingly vivid and nuanced portraits of all the major figures - Eisenhower, Truman, Acheson, Kim, and Mao, and Generals MacArthur, Almond, and Ridgway. (Amazon Book Description)

MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, April 7

10:30 AM

The Art Forger by B. A. Shapiro

The notorious 1990 real-life heist of millions of dollars of iconic artworks from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston forms the backdrop for this suspenseful tale of a young painter who finds her life in danger when she agrees to a forgery scheme that is more complicated and perilous than she imagines.

CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 PM

We Are Not Ourselves by Matthew Thomas

Follows three generations of an Irish-American family from 1940s New York to the present as they pursue the American dream with all of its pitfalls. *The New York*

Times Book Review called it "A long and gorgeous epic, full of love and caring..."

FOUNDERS HALL BOOK GROUP

Thursday, April 14

3:00 PM

Shakespeare: The World as Stage by Bill Bryson

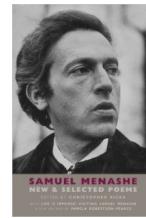
Join us for a monthly book discussion at Founders Hall facilitated by Mary Rindfleisch, the Library's Assistant Director. Open to members of Founders Hall.

POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, April 15

1:00 PM

New and Selected Poems by Samuel Menashe



The Poetry Discussion Group, led by retired English professor Dr. Alan Holder,

is made possible thanks to The Friends of the Library.

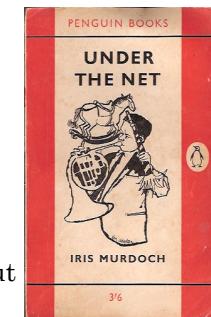
A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, April 27

10:00 AM

Under the Net by Iris Murdoch

Jake Donoghue, ne'er-do-well translator in 1950s England, shares a first-hand account of his adventures in a comic novel about work and love, wealth and fame.



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 AND MAKING STEAM PROGRAMS

5 Foolproof Ways to Promote Your Business Using Facebook

with Kate Fitzpatrick.

- Monday, April 4, 10:30 - 11:30 AM - [Register](#)

Maker Group for Adults - Introduction to Arduinos -

This hands-on session will include a demonstration of some examples of projects utilizing these microprocessors. This group is for those 18 years of age and over.

- Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 - 8:00 PM - [Register](#)

- Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 - 8:00 PM - [Register](#)

Social Media 101

with Kate Fitzpatrick.

- Monday, April 11, 10:30 - 11:30 AM - [Register](#)

What is Virtual Reality

- Thursday, April 14, 6:30 - 7:30 PM - [Register](#)

iPad Tips and Tricks

- Discover how to be more productive and have more fun with your iPad. We'll share our favorite tips and tricks and hope you'll share some of yours.

- Thursday, April 28, 12 - 1:30 PM - [Register](#)

Orientation to 3D Printing - Patrons under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- Saturday, April 30, 10 - 11:30 AM - [Register](#)

Preserve Your Memories - Convert Your VHS Tapes to DVD - Available to Ridgefield Library cardholders 13 years of age and above. Reserve one of these slots.

- Wednesday, April 6, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - [Register](#)

- Thursday, April 7, 12 - 2 PM - [Register](#)

- Wednesday, April 13, 2 - 4 PM - [Register](#)

- Thursday, April 14, 11 AM - 1 PM - [Register](#)

- Wednesday, April 27, 2 - 4 PM - [Register](#)

For more information visit ridgefieldlibrary.org



MAKING STEAM

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Adult Coloring

- Friday, April 8, 1 - 3 PM - [Register](#)

Fold and Sew Bags

- Friday, April 15, 10:30 - 11:30 AM - [Register](#)

FEATURED EVENTS CALENDAR - APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Exhibit: <i>Visions of Southeast Asia</i> - A multi-media exhibition of works by Gayle Gleckler and Tony Woolner On View from April 1 through April 29 Opening Reception: Saturday, April 2, 2 - 4 PM				1	2 Meeting: Memoir Writing Group 1 PM Artist's Reception: <i>Visions from Southeast Asia</i> 2 - 4 PM
3 Ridgefield Folk: <i>The Edna Project</i> with Liz Queler, Seth Farber and Joey Farber 2 PM	4 Tech Topics: <i>Promote your Business on Facebook</i> 10:30 AM Skillsbox: <i>Simple Steps For Starting Your Business</i> Part 3/5 6 PM	5 Brown Bag Lunch Discussion: <i>Parenting the Selfie Generation</i> 12 PM Nonfictioneers: <i>The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War</i> by David Halberstam 7 PM	6 Maker Group for Adults: <i>Intro to Arduinos</i> 6:30 PM Lecture: <i>Shakespeare's Major Tragedies</i> with Dr. Mark Schenker 7 PM	7 Murder by the Book: <i>The Art Forger</i> by B. A. Shapiro 10:30 AM	8 Making STEAM Activity: <i>Coloring for Adults</i> 1 - 3 PM	9 Library Closed! 2016 Gala: <i>Great Expectations</i>
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24 Workshop: <i>What a Poet Can Learn from Emily Dickinson</i> with Dr. Joanne Dobson 1 PM	25 Library Board Meeting 7:30 PM	26	27 A.M. Book Group: <i>Under the Net</i> by Iris Murdoch 10 AM Maker Group for Adults: <i>Arduinos</i> 6:30 PM	28 Building a Community Response to Lyme Disease: <i>Don't Let a Little Tick Become a Big Problem</i> 7 PM	29	30 Celebrating Shakespeare: <i>Beatrice and Juliet with Barefoot Shakespeare</i> 2 PM