

Einstein's Big Idea - Einstein's Big Idea - Einstein's Big Idea

Einstein Exhibit

Exhibit will run through October

A display created by local teens will feature intriguing facts about Einstein and the other scientists whose discoveries led him to his startling conclusion that $E=mc^2$.

Cinema Kaffeehaus

Tuesday, October 11, 7 – 10 p.m.

Live debut screening of the PBS NOVA program —EINSTEIN'S BIG IDEA in a coffee house setting.

♦ 7-8 p.m.

Experience the FOOD and MUSIC of the Zurich coffeehouses of 1905, where Einstein discussed, debated and discovered some of his most revolutionary theories. Refreshments will include Leckerli (honey cakes), Gugelhopf (cream cake), Birnenbrot (tea bread), Nusstorte (nut cake), chocolate and other Swiss goodies. Also try your hand at our TRIVIA quiz and win cool Einstein PRIZES!

♦ 8-10 p.m.

Watch the broadcast debut of the NOVA docudrama, **EINSTEIN'S BIG IDEA** - "a story of obsession, politics, love, betrayal...and physics." A local scientist will be on hand to moderate.

Space is limited,
so call the Library at
(203) 438-2282 to register for this
evening of food, friends and
intellectual discovery!

Events for Adults



Lecture: The Science of Time Travel

Monday, October 17
7 p.m.

Could time travel move out of science fiction books and into reality? Dr. Ronald Mallett, professor of theoretical physics at the University of Connecticut, who has been described as "on the verge of building the world's first operative time machine" (Alistair Highet), will talk about his fascinating work.

Author Talk

Einstein in Love by
Dennis Overbye,
Deputy Science Editor,
New York Times
Thursday, November 10,
7 p.m.

Dennis Overbye will discuss his book "Einstein in Love," which explores Einstein's early life. The book draws upon hundreds of unpublished letters and a decade of research. "Overbye has written a definitive portrait of the coming of age of the most influential thinker of the modern era." (Book jacket)



Overbye is a critically-acclaimed science writer who has contributed to *TIME*, *The New York Times Magazine* and many other publications. His first book "Lonely Hearts of the Cosmos" was nominated for a *National Book Critics Circle Award*. He lives in New York City.

Hollister Movies

Tuesday, October 11, 1:30 p.m.
HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

Tuesday, October 11, 8–10 p.m.
EINSTEIN'S BIG IDEA (Call to Register!)

Tuesday, October 25, 1:30 and 7 p.m.
CONTACT

Tuesday, November 22, 1:30 and 7 p.m.
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Tuesday, November 29, 1:30 and 7p.m.
PRIMER

Book Discussion & Author Talk

E=mc²: A Biography of the World's Most Famous Equation by David Bodanis
Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m.

David Bodanis will join the discussion via telephone from his home in Oxford, England!

David Bodanis is the author of *The Secret House*, *The Electric Universe* and *E=mc²*, which was the inspiration for the NOVA "docudrama" *Einstein's Big Idea*. Bodanis lectured at the University of Oxford for many years and currently works as a consultant.



Events for Children & Teens



Einstein Alive

**Saturday, October 22,
11 a.m.**

Marc Spiegel presents
Einstein Alive!! With
theater, songs and audience
participation, Spiegel brings

Grades 4 & Up

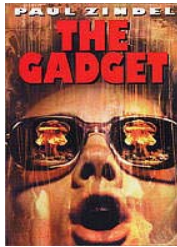
Einstein to life! Voyage into the great
genius's mind and have fun learning
about Einstein's life and his amazing
theories!

The Gadget

**Thursday, October 27,
5 – 6 p.m.**

YA book discussion of
The Gadget by Paul Zindel.
In 1945, having joined his
father at Los Alamos,
thirteen-year-old Stephen
becomes caught in a web of secrecy and
intrigue. **Pizza & soda served.**

Contact Teen Librarian Geri Diorio at
gdiorio@biblio.org to register and pick up
your free copy of the book.



Grades 6 - 8

School Visits

- ◆ Women scientists will visit
the Ridgefield middle
schools in the fall to talk
about their careers in science!!

Sponsored in part by the Donofrio family

- ◆ National Honor Society students will
conduct science experiments with 5th
graders during the fall.



Dr. Heidi Hammel

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- ◆ Mr. Arthur Amend
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 - ◆ Mr. Richard Taylor
 - ◆ Dr. James Wynne
- ◆ Scientists from Boehringer
Ingelheim, IBM, Schlumberger
Doll Research and The Space
Science Institute for their
presentations to 6th grade
students
 - ◆ National Honor Society
students from Ridgefield High
School for their presentations
to 5th grade students

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presents

Einstein's E=mc² BIG IDEA



*Albert Einstein in 1905 -
his "Miracle Year"*