

# RIDGEFIELD READS: THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

## Oz Book Discussions

### Open to the Public:

September 3rd—2 PM

*Ridgefield Library:*

Middle School Students & Parents

September 25th –7 PM

*Ridgefield Library:*

Scholarly Adult Discussion

September 30th-7 PM

*Adult Ed. Dept. at Veterans Park Elementary*

Community Discussion

*Call Adult Ed. At 431-9995 to register.*

October 2nd—6 PM

*Ridgefield Library:*

Parent & Child (K-5) Discussion

*(Pizza served)*

October 3rd—7 PM

*Discovery Center at the Ridgefield Library*

Family Discussion

*Call the Discovery Center at 438-1063 to register.*

October 7th—4 PM

*Ridgefield Library:*

Junior Critics Discussion

October 11th-2 PM

*Ridgefield Library:*

Adult Discussion (Childcare available)

October 14th –4 PM

*Ridgefield Library:*

Teen Critics Discussion

October 29th—7 p.m.

*"Political Leadership in Context of W. W. of Oz"*  
Community Discussion with League of Women Voters

*Unless otherwise noted, call the Library to register.*

## Special Oz Events

◆ **July 10th** - Composer, Stephen Schwartz talks about his upcoming Broadway show, *Wicked*, based on the novel about the Wicked Witch of the West.

◆ **August 21st, 7 PM** - Film Screening & Book to Movie Discussion. Following a screening of the Wizard of Oz movie, Andrew Miller, Professor of Languages, Literature & Media Studies, Sacred Heart University, will discuss the relationship between MGM's 1939 movie and the original book.

◆ **September 2nd, 12:30-2 PM** - Ridgefield Girl Scouts will host a children's (Ages 3 & Up) Oz Fun & Games event in the Library's Dayton Program Room.

◆ **October 7th, 7 PM** - The Library's Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers discuss Katherine M. Rogers's recent biography, *L. Frank Baum, Creator of Oz*.

◆ **October 9th, 7 PM** - Oz Expert Extraordinaire Peter Glassman lectures on, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: THE American Classic."

◆ **October 13th-November 19th, 4:15—5:30 PM** "Oz Puppeteers." This children's (Gr. 2 -3) program will meet to produce Oz-inspired scenes using their own handcrafted Oz puppets! Families invited to attend final performance. Pre-registration Required.

◆ **October 17th, 7 PM** - Oz Extravaganza at Yanity Gym. Oz fun and games for all ages, featuring entertainment, costume parades, refreshments, contests and more. A great chance for participants in different discussion groups to get together for one big Oz-fest!

◆ **October 30th (7 PM), October 31st (6:30 & 9:45) & November 1st (2 PM)** - "The Wizard of Oz Sing-A-Long" Movie at the Ridgefield Playhouse. Wear your favorite Oz costume and come join the fun! *Admission \$15.*

◆ **November 22nd** - The Ridgefield Chorale celebrates *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* in song as part of their fall concert program.

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### Other Groups Participating:

- ◆ The Lions Club
- ◆ "Babes with Babies" (Mother/Baby Group)
  - ◆ Ridgefield Rotary Club
  - ◆ Founders Hall
  - ◆ The Newcomers Club
- ◆ Mother and Daughter Groups
- ◆ Ridgefield Garden Club
- ◆ The Ridgefield Boys & Girls Club
- ◆ Wisteria Gardens Neighborhood
- ◆ Ridgewood/Harvey Road Families
- ◆ ERMS 7th Grade Writing Lab

## How Can You Get Involved In The Fun?

- ◆ Pick up a *free* copy of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* at the Library and begin reading!
- ◆ Join an Oz Discussion Group!
- ◆ Become an Oz Book Group Facilitator!

Call The Ridgefield Library at  
203/438-2282 or email Lesley Lambton  
at [rdgprograms@biblio.org](mailto:rdgprograms@biblio.org).

New discussion groups are added daily - visit [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org)

# Overview

In celebration of its one hundredth birthday, the Ridgefield Library is conducting a town-wide reading program, "*Ridgefield Reads*."

"Ridgefield Reads" is a "One Community-One Book" project - a popular phenomenon currently sweeping the nation. These popular library-sponsored events encourage a community to read a selected text and then come together to share their experience through discussion groups and related programs. In Ridgefield, we chose L. Frank Baum's 1900 fantasy bestseller, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the first of a long series of Oz books (a la Harry Potter) and source material for the 1939 Judy Garland film.

The goal of the "Ridgefield Reads" program is to promote reading among young people and families, to engage the community in a dialogue about shared values and to celebrate 100 years of books, reading the free and spirited exchange of ideas in our community made possible by the Library.

Throughout the fall, we will offer dozens of book discussions, film showings, lectures, and even a costume ball - all based on L. Frank Baum's original fantasy bestseller, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Ridgefielders of all ages are invited to take part. Visit the Library or our website for more details.

For more information about "Ridgefield Reads," contact Adult Program Director, Lesley Lambton at 203-438-2282 or via e-mail at [rdgprograms@biblio.org](mailto:rdgprograms@biblio.org).

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**The Wonderful  
Wizard of Oz**  
by *L. Frank Baum*

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