

# The Ridgefield Library



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Ridgefield, CT 06877

## BIBLIOEVENTS

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### Art Exhibit

August 1 – 29, 2008



**Opening  
Reception  
Saturday  
August 9  
2 to 4 PM**

**Come and meet  
the artist and  
enjoy some  
refreshments!**

### *Face to Face* with Award-winning Illustrator and Caricaturist **Gerry Gersten**

**G**erry Gersten, Ridgefield resident and famed caricaturist, will exhibit a diverse mix of portraits of literary and political figures, in a show entitled “Face to Face,” at the Ridgefield Library during August. An artist’s reception will take place on Saturday, August 9 from 2 – 4 PM.

Mr. Gersten’s powerful line drawings have appeared in the pages of *Esquire*, *Harper’s*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Time*, *Newsweek* and many other publications. His gift for grasping a character’s essential traits and attitudes has earned him national and international acclaim. He has received awards from The Society of Illustrators, The Art Director’s Club, and The Society of Publication Designers among others. His work has been exhibited at the Brooklyn Museum, the Spectrum Gallery and the Daz-Marcel Gallery in New York and in various galleries in Connecticut, including Weston where he lived prior to moving to Ridgefield.

The exhibit can be viewed during normal library hours when the Dayton Program Room is not in use for other programs. Call the Library at 438-2282 or visit [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org) for more information.

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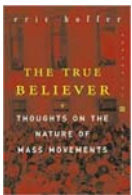
## TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, August 5  
7 PM

*A True Believer: Thoughts on the Nature of Mass Movements*  
by Eric Hoffer

A stevedore on the San Francisco docks in the 1940s, Eric Hoffer wrote philosophical treatises in his spare time while living in the railroad yards. *The True Believer* was made into a best seller when President Eisenhower cited it during one of the earliest television press conferences.

Completely relevant and essential for understanding the world today, *The True Believer* is a visionary, highly provocative look into the mind of the fanatic.

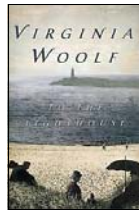


## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, August 19  
7 PM

*To the Lighthouse*  
by Virginia Woolf

The serene and maternal Mrs. Ramsay and the tragic yet absurd Mr. Ramsay, together with their children and assorted guests, are holidaying on the Isle of Skye. Woolf constructs a remarkable and moving examination of the tensions and allegiances of family life, and the conflict between male and female qualities, all impacted by the trivial postponement of a visit to a nearby lighthouse.



## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

The Poetry Discussion Group will not meet over the summer, but will reconvene on Friday, September 19 with the first of a four-part discussion of the works of W. B. Yeats. A limited number of copies of *A Yeats Reader* are available at the Circulation Desk thanks to the Friends of the Library.

### Dates for Yeats Discussions:

Friday Sept. 19, Oct 10,  
Nov. 21 and Dec. 19,  
1 to 2:30 PM



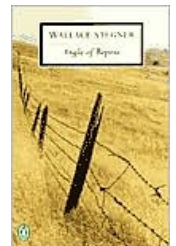
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## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, August 27  
10 AM

*Angle of Repose*  
by Wallace Stegner

Cantankerous retired professor Lyman Ward copes with the trials of age and illness, while he and a neighbor work to reconstruct the history of Ward's grandmother, an early pioneer in the rough and tumble mining towns of the Old West. A Pulitzer Prize-winner from one of the premier chroniclers of the American West.



# Hollister Films

Summer Series: Books on the Big Screen

## Ladies in Lavender

2005, Rated PG-13, 104 Mins.



"A pair of elderly sisters living on the Cornish coast discover a young Polish man washed ashore and barely alive. They nurse him back to health and discover that he's a talented violinist, a fact also recognized by a mysterious young woman..." *Bret Fetzer*

Tuesday, August 12  
1:30 & 7 PM

## Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day

2007, PG-13, 92 Mins.

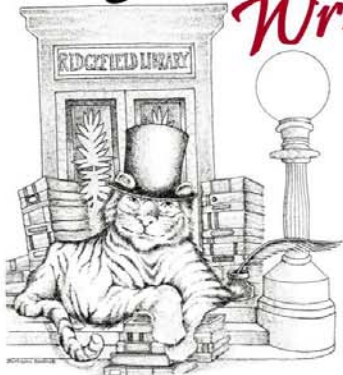


In this 1939-set film, Miss Guinevere Pettigrew, a middle-aged London governess, finds herself unfairly dismissed from her job. Taking a chance with a new job as a social secretary, she finds herself immediately caught up in the dizzying social whirl of an American actress and singer.

Tuesday, August 26  
1:30 & 7 PM

# Coming in September

Ridgefield  
*Writes*



The Ridgefield Library  
Presents

## EUGENE O'NEILL'S *Desire Under The Elms*

Join us for a film screening & book discussion series about Eugene O'Neill's first great tragedy, a play he wrote while living here in Ridgefield.



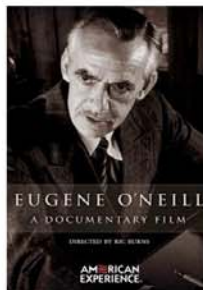
### FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

"Desire Under The Elms" (1958)  
Discussion led by film enthusiast Lou Sabini  
**Saturday, September 13**  
10 AM - 12:30 PM



### SCHOLARLY LECTURE

Eugene O'Neill  
with Yale Professor Dr. Mark Schenker  
**Thursday, September 18**  
7 PM - 8:30 PM



### FILM SCREENING

"Eugene O'Neill" (2006)  
PBS American Experience  
Documentary  
**Saturday, September 20**  
10 AM - 12:30 PM



### BOOK DISCUSSION

*Desire Under the Elms* (1924)  
with Adult Services Librarian Dorothy Pawlowski  
**Monday, September 22**  
2 PM & 7 PM

Visit the Fiction Desk to register and pick up your free copy of the play.

*This series is made possible thanks to the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund*



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# AUGUST 2008

## CALENDAR OF ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">2</a> <b>Memoir Writing Group</b> 10 AM
3 Library Closed	4	<a href="#">5</a> <b>Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers: A True Believer: Thoughts on the Nature of Mass Movements</b> by Eric Hoffer 7 PM	6	7	8	<a href="#">9</a> <b>Meeting:</b> Shutterbugs 9:30 AM  <b>Reception:</b> <i>Face to Face</i> with Caricaturist Gerry Gersten 2—4 PM
10 Library Closed	11	<a href="#">12</a> <b>Hollister Film Series: Ladies in Lavender</b> (PG 13, 104 mins.) 1:30 & 7:00 PM	13	<a href="#">14</a>	15	16
17 Library Closed	18	<a href="#">19</a> <b>Critic's Circle Book Group:</b> <i>To the Lighthouse</i> by Virginia Woolf 7 PM <b>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield:</b> A Networking Group for Writers 7 PM	20	21	22	23
24 Library Closed	25	<a href="#">26</a> <b>Hollister Film Series:</b> <i>Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day</i> (PG 13, 92 mins.) 1:30 & 7 PM	<a href="#">27</a> <b>A.M. Book Group:</b> <i>Angle of Repose</i> by Wallace Stegner 10 AM	<a href="#">28</a> <b>Founders Hall Book Discussion:</b> <i>Thread of Grace</i> by Mary Doria Russell 2:30 PM <b>at Founders Hall</b>	29	<a href="#">30</a>
31 Library Closed						