

# The Ridgefield Library



472 Main Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

## BIBLIOEVENTS

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### Author Talks:

#### *Death Without Tenure*

With Joanne Dobson



**Dr. Joanne Dobson** is the author of the Karen Pelletier mystery series. She is a former English professor, having taught at Fordham University, Tufts University and Amherst College. *Death Without Tenure* is the sixth book in the Karen Pelletier

series featuring an English professor at a small New England college.

**Thursday, February 4**

**7 PM**

#### *The Last Days of Shea*

With Dana Brand



**Dana Brand** is the author of *Met Fan* and the recently released *The Last Days of Shea: Delight and Despair in the Life of a Mets Fan*.

Dana Brand is a professor of English at Hofstra University and an essayist.

The program is suitable for all ages and all lovers of baseball!

**Thursday, February 11**

**7 PM**

#### *Faces of the Gone*

With Brad Parks



Journalist turned crime fiction writer Parks (Ridgefield High School '92) sets his first novel in Newark—the site of a quadruple homicide investigated by reporter Carter Ross.

Park's debut is a compelling page-turner with an authentic sense of a city reporter's life.

**Friday, February 5**

**7:30 PM**

*Takes place at Books on the Common*

#### *Secrets of Oz*

With Carol de Giere  
and Evan Schwartz

Schwartz and de Giere present *Secrets of Oz: From Baum's Oz Classics to Wicked—Stories from Behind the Curtain*. The Oz-themed evening will conclude with a "Musical Oz Revue" featuring selections from *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Wiz*, and *Wicked*. **Carol Demas** (The original "Sandy" in *Grease* on Broadway and co-star of TV's *The Magic Garden*) and **Lara Janine**, (who starred as "Elphaba" in *Wicked* at Universal Studios in Japan) will perform. Musical direction by Sue Anderson.

**Thursday, February 25**

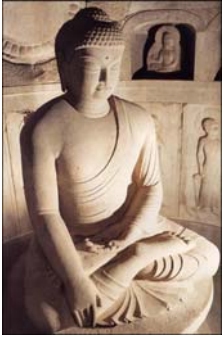
**7 PM**

*Register 203-438-2282 ridgefieldlibrary.org*

## Film Screening:

### *Fifty Wonders of Korea*

The Library's *World Views* series continues with a film screening of *Fifty Wonders of Korea: The Hidden Treasures of Korean Art*. The film will introduce audience members to the unique and extraordinary history and culture of Korea.



After the one hour film screening some traditional Korean food and drinks will be served.

Registration is required, 203-438-2282 or at [www.ridgefieldlibrary.org](http://www.ridgefieldlibrary.org).

**Saturday, February 6**

**1 PM**

## ARTalk:

### *Art in Interiors* With Olga Adler



“To me an interior is not complete without works of art.” *Olga Adler*

Come and enjoy a slide-illustrated talk with Olga Adler, Principal of Olga Adler Interiors, whose work has been featured in numerous publications and on Connecticut Style, ABC CT News. Channel 8.

ARTalks co-sponsored with the Guild of Artists

**Sunday, February 21**

**2 PM**



## Enjoying Joyce @ the Ridgefield Library:

Our multi-part exploration of the life and works of James Joyce continues



The Library's multi-part, multi-media series, *Enjoying Joyce*, continues at **10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24** with a book discussion of *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* facilitated by Mary Rindfleisch, Assistant Library Director.

Then begins a three-month exploration of Joyce's consummate work, *Ulysses*. On **Saturday, February 20 at 10 a.m.** Joyce enthusiast Colonel Jack Daniels will present a lecture called *Read Joyce? Are You Out of Your Mind?* The lecture aims to help readers approach this notoriously difficult novel. Mr. Daniels will also present a lecture about Joyce's life on **Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m.** To further assist readers to get the most from *Ulysses*, Dr. Schenker will return to the Library on six **Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. (March 11, April 8, 29, May 13, 27, June 10)** to facilitate discussions. A limited number of free copies of the text are available at the Fiction Desk thanks to the Friends of the Library. Additional

copies can be purchased at Books on the Common for a 15% discount.

A film screening and discussion of the John Huston classic *The Dead*, based on one of the stories from *Dubliners*, will be led by Mark Edwards from the Media Studies Department at Sacred Heart University on **Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m.** The musical duo Castlebay will help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a performance of *Songs of the Irish Poets* on **Saturday, March 20 at 2 p.m.**

The series will conclude with a Bloomsday celebration on **Wednesday, June 16**. There will be Irish music, Joyce-inspired refreshments, readings by local celebrities and dramatic performances throughout the day.

*Enjoying Joyce* is made possible thanks to the **Friends of the Ridgefield Library and the Wadsworth Russell Lewis Fund.**

Registration is not required, and you can attend one or all of the programs.



# BOOK GROUPS

## TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, February 2  
7 PM

*Guns, Germs, and  
Steel: The Fates of  
Human Societies*  
by Jared Diamond

Next Month's  
Selection

Tuesday, March 2  
7 PM

*The Culture We Deserve:  
A Critique of  
Disenlightenment*  
by Jacques Barzun

"In 12 wise, stimulating essays and lectures, a noted Columbia University scholar ... examines aspects of literary and art criticism, retrospective sociology, the abandonment of intelligibility [and] the effects of relativism on moral behavior." --  
*Publishers Weekly*

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Thursday, February 4  
1 PM

*Quieter than Sleep*  
by Joanne Dobson

A letter by Emily Dickinson lies at the heart of a murderous mystery on a New England college campus, in this first of the author's Karen Pelletier Academic Mystery series.

## Books & Breakfast

Monday, February 8  
10:30 AM



*Join us for breakfast  
and an informal  
book discussion*

## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, February 19  
1 PM

*Collected Poems of  
John Updike*

Sponsored by the Friends

## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, February 16  
7 PM

*The Space Between Us*  
by Thrity Umrigar

This novel offers a revealing look at class and gender roles in modern day Bombay through the relationship of a wealthy woman and her servant.



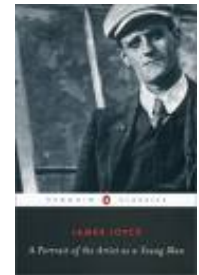
## A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, Feb. 24  
10 AM

*A Portrait of the Artist  
as a Young Man*  
by James Joyce

This groundbreaking autobiographical novel tells the coming-of-age story of Stephen Dedalus, who later appears as one of the main characters in the author's masterpiece, *Ulysses*, which it also foreshadows stylistically and thematically.

*This discussion is part of the  
Ridgefield Library's  
Enjoying Joyce celebration.*

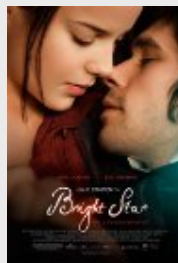


# Hollister Films

Bright Star (2009)

Rated PG 13, 119 Mins.

This award-winning drama directed by Jane Campion is based on the three-year romance between 19th century poet John Keats and Fanny Brawne, which was cut short by Keats' untimely death at age 25.



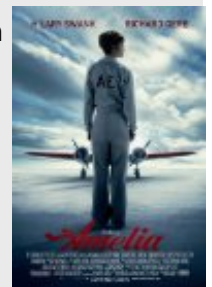
Tuesday, February 9

1:30 & 7 PM

Amelia (2009)

Rated PG 13, 111 Mins.

Directed by Mira Nair, this film focuses on the life of legendary American pilot Amelia Earhart, who disappeared while flying over the Pacific Ocean in 1937 in an attempt to make a flight around the world. Starring Hilary Swank and Richard Gere.



Tuesday, February 23

1:30 & 7 PM



# FEBRUARY 2010

## CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 <b>Tuesday Evening Nonfictioners:</b> <i>Guns, Germs and Steel</i> by Jared Diamond 7 PM	3	4 <b>Murder by the Book:</b> <i>Quieter than Sleep</i> by Joanne Dobson 1 PM  <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>Death Without Tenure</i> with Dr. Joanne Dobson 7 PM	5 <b>Writing Workshop:</b> <i>From Journaling to Poetry</i> (part 4/4) 10 AM  <b>FULL</b>	6 <b>Memoir Writing Group</b> 10 AM  <b>Film Screening:</b> <i>Fifty Wonders of Korea</i> 1 PM <b>Register</b>
7	8 <b>Books and Breakfast</b> 10:30 AM	9 <b>Hollister Film:</b> <i>Bright Star</i> 1:30 & 7 PM	10 <b>Book Discussion:</b> <i>How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid</i> by Joseph A Califano Jr. 7 PM	11 <b>Founders Hall Book Discussion:</b> 2:30 PM  <b>Author Talk:</b> <i>The Last Days of Shea</i> with Author Dana Brand 7 PM	12	13 <b>Shutterbugs:</b> Monthly meeting of the photography group 9:30 AM
14	15	16 <b>Critics' Circle:</b> <i>The Space Between Us</i> by Thrity Umrigar 7 PM  <b>Networking Group:</b> <i>The Writers Guild</i> 7 PM	17	18	19 <b>Poetry Discussion Group:</b> <i>Collected Poems of John Updike</i> led by Dr. Alan Holder 1 PM	20 <b>Enjoying Joyce Lecture:</b> <i>Read Ulysses - Are You Out of Your Mind?</i> with Colonel Jack Daniels 10 AM
21	22 <b>Library Board Meeting</b> 7:30 PM	23 <b>Hollister Film:</b> <i>Amelia</i> 1:30 & 7 PM	24 <b>A.M. Book Group:</b> <i>A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</i> by James Joyce 10 AM	25 <b>Author Talk and Oz Review:</b> <i>The Secrets of Oz</i> with Carol de Giere and Evan Schwartz 7 PM <b>Register</b>	26	27
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