



## *Why Native Plants Matter*



**Wednesday, June 25  
7 PM**

**Dayton Program Room**

Registration not required.

Landscape Designer **David Sanders** will present an informative slide presentation about the benefits of using native plants in suburban gardens and landscapes. The presentation will focus on dozens of the best native plants for suburban landscapes and will cover perennials, shrubs, and trees. Handouts with extensive lists of recommended natives will be provided.

***Q & A to follow presentation***

## June Art Exhibit

### **"Opposites Attract"**

Photographs by award-winning photographers  
Cynthia O'Connor and Marc Isolda



**Opening Reception**

**Saturday, June 7**

**3 - 5 PM**

The exhibit can be viewed during normal library hours when the room is not in use for another program.

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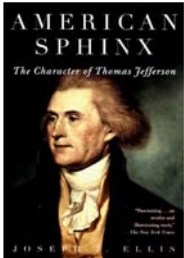
# J U N E B O O K G R O U P S

## TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

Tuesday, May 6  
7 PM

*American Sphinx*  
by Joseph Ellis

"Joseph J. Ellis's *American Sphinx* is a brief and elegant return to Monticello. Mr. Ellis . . . is a remarkably clear writer, mercifully free of both the groveling and the spirit of attack that have dominated the subject in the past. . . . *American Sphinx* is fresh and uncluttered but rich in historical context." Brent Staples, *The New York Times Book Review*



## CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, June 17  
7 PM

*A Thousand Splendid Suns*  
by Khaled Hosseini

The author of *The Kite Runner* returns with the tale of two very different Afghan women brought together by circumstances and tragedy.

"What keeps this novel vivid and compelling are Hosseini's eye for the textures of daily life and his ability to portray a full range of human emotions, from the smoldering rage of an abused wife to the early flutters of maternal love." *Los Angeles Times*



## POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, June 20  
1 PM

*Selected Poems*  
Philip Larkin

"Larkin is resolute, forthright, witty, and gloomy. This is the man who famously said that deprivation was for him what daffodils were for Wordsworth. Yet surely the results of this life, in the shape of his poems, are gifts, not deprivations." *Donald Hall, The New Criterion*

**Note:** No Poetry Group meetings in July or August.

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## A.M. BOOK GROUP

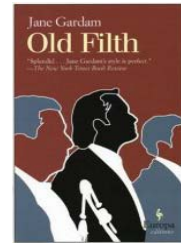
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10 AM

*Old Filth*

by Jane Gardam

The reminiscences of lawyer and judge Sir Edward Feathers (known universally as FILTH, for Failed in London, Try Hong Kong) cover the scope of 20<sup>th</sup> century history in a novel that is both sharply witty and compassionate. Gardam's acutely observed and richly layered novels consistently win a place on the short-list for major British literary prizes but are generally less well-known in the United States.

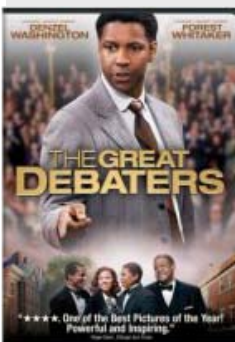


# Hollister Films

All films are free thanks to the generosity of a private donor.

## The Great Debaters

2008, Rated PG-13, 123 Mins.



This touching drama, starring Denzel Washington and Forest Whitaker, is based on the true story of Mel Tolson, a professor at Wiley College who inspired his students to form the school's first debate team. This group of kids was the first African American team to ever go up against Harvard and be in the national championships.

Tuesday, June 10  
1:30 & 7 PM

## Away From Her

2007, PG-13, 110 Mins.



Married for almost 50 years, Grant and Fiona must come to terms with Fiona's increasing symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. She opts for the care of a nursing home but Grant is devastated, when after her 30 day orientation to the facility, she has all but forgotten him. Starring Julie Christie.

Tuesday, June 24  
1:30 & 7 PM

# RIDGEFIELD FOLK

Live Music at the Library

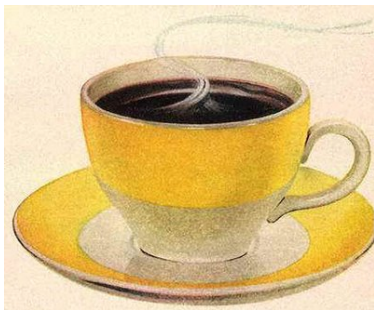


MEG HUTCHINSON  
Sunday, June 8, 2 PM

Meg Hutchinson is a lyric-based, contemporary acoustic songwriter. Her influences include poet Mary Oliver, songwriter Shawn Colvin, word slinger Greg Brown and mood maker David Gray. Originally from rural western Massachusetts, Hutchinson now lives in the Boston area. Although only 29, she has already won numerous songwriting awards in the US, Ireland and UK, including recognition from prestigious competitions at Merlefest, NewSong, Kerrville, Falcon Ridge, Telluride and Rocky Mountain Folks fests. She recently signed with Red House Records for the release of her new album "Come Up Full."

The concert is free thanks to the *Friends of the Ridgefield Library*. Tickets can be picked up the day of the concert starting at 1 PM.

BOOKS



& Breakfast

JOIN US EACH MONTH FOR THE LATEST BUZZ ABOUT NEW & UPCOMING FICTION AND FIND OUT WHAT EVERYONE ELSE IS READING.

MONDAYS, JUNE 30 AND JULY 28

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Dayton Program Room

Sign up at the Circulation Desk

or email Adult Services Librarian Dorothy Pawlowski at [dapawl@ridgefieldlibrary.org](mailto:dapawl@ridgefieldlibrary.org)

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.



## Adults Read Around Ridgefield Summer Reading 2008

JUST READ A BOOK  
OR LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK  
BETWEEN JUNE 23 AND AUGUST 2  
AND FILL OUT AN ENTRY FORM.

For each book read or audiobook listened to, participants will earn one dollar toward the purchase of large print books and audiobooks earmarked for our new **HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE**, which will be launched this summer for those unable to travel to the library due to disability or health problems.

## PROGRAMS

### ◆ BOOKS & BREAKFAST

Mondays, June 30 and July 28, 10:30 AM

◆ AUTHOR TALK ABOUT LYME DISEASE WITH  
*CURE UNKNOWN* AUTHOR PAMELA WEINTRAUB  
Saturday, July 12, 1 PM

◆ MYSTERY LOVERS' BROWN BAG LUNCHES  
WITH DR. JOANNE DOBSON  
Wednesdays, July 16 & 30, 12 PM

◆ SONGS OF OLD NEW ENGLAND  
WITH FOLK DUO CASTLEBAY  
Thursday, July 31, 7 PM

◆ EXHIBIT: "FACE TO FACE" WITH RIDGEFIELD  
ILLUSTRATOR GERRY GERSTEN  
August 1 - 29

Opening Reception: Saturday, August 9, 2-4 PM


Check the Library's website for more programs and events.

The Adult Summer Reading Program is a *Ridgefield Writes* program in celebration of the Town's 300th anniversary and is made possible with the support of The Friends of the Ridgefield Library.



# JUNE 2008

## CALENDAR OF ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p><b>Exhibit:</b> <i>Opposites Attract</i> Photographs by Cynthia O'Connor and Marc Isolda June 2—27</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers <i>American Sphinx</i> by Joseph Ellis 7 PM History Room</p>	4	5	6	<p>7</p> <p>Memoir Writing Group 10 AM History Room</p> <p>Artists' Reception <i>Opposites Attract</i> Photographs by Cynthia O'Connor and Marc Isolda 3—5 PM</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Ridgefield Folk with Meg Hutchinson 2 PM</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>Hollister Film Series <i>The Great Debaters</i> PG-13 123 Mins. 1:30 &amp; 7 PM</p>	11	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>Monthly Meeting of the Shutterbugs 9:30 AM</p>
<p>15</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>Critics' Circle Book Group <i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> By Khaled Hosseini 7 PM</p> <p>The Writers Guild of Ridgefield: A Networking Group for Writers 7 PM</p>	18	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Poetry Discussion Group with Alan Holder <i>Selected Poems</i> by Philip Larkin 1 PM</p>	21
22	23	<p>24</p> <p>Hollister Film Series <i>Away From Her</i> PG-13 110 Mins. 1:30 &amp; 7 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>A.M. Book Group <i>Old Filth</i> By Jane Gardam 10 AM</p>	26	27	28
29	<p>30</p> <p>Books &amp; Breakfast - A Book Chat 10:30 AM Please call to register.</p>					