

The Ridgefield Library

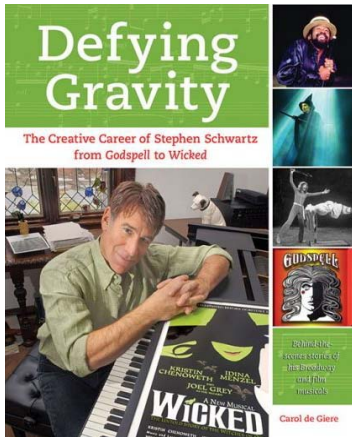


472 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877

BIBLIOEVENTS

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"The Creative Career of Stephen Schwartz" with author Carol de Giere

Fans of *Wicked*, *Godspell* and other Stephen Schwartz award-winning musicals will be in for a treat as author Carol de Giere discusses her recently released career biography *Defying Gravity: The Creative Career of Stephen Schwartz, from Godspell to Wicked* on **Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m.** Carol de Giere will be joined by Steve Boockvor, also of Ridgefield, who performed in the original cast of Schwartz's Broadway musical *Working*. The two will share behind-the-scenes stories of the making of shows such as *Wicked*. There will be copies of *Defying Gravity* available for sale and signing afterwards, some of them pre-signed by Mr. Schwartz himself.

ARTalk

@ the Ridgefield Library

Co-sponsored by the Ridgefield Guild of Artists



ART 21 FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Sunday, November 16 at 2 PM

Led by art historian and educator
Laurie McGavin Bachmann

Ridgefield Folk



Rob Messore
November 9

Free tickets can be picked up on the day of the concert starting at 1 PM. The doors open at 1:30 and the show start at 2 PM.

Sponsored by the
Friends of the
Library

The final concert in the Ridgefield Folk fall series will take place at the Ridgefield Library on Sunday, November 9 at 2 p.m. Acoustic, finger-style guitarist Rob Messore will be joined by some other incredible guitarists (and a dobro player) for this afternoon's special performance.

Don't miss it!

Library programs are made possible thanks in part to donations made to our annual appeal.

Ridgefield Library, 472 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877, 203/438-2282, www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

BOOK GROUPS

TUESDAY EVENING NONFICTIONEERS

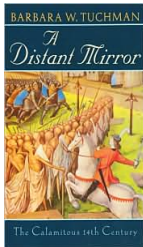
Tuesday, November 11
7 PM

*A Distant Mirror, The
Calamitous 14th Century*

by Barbara Tuchman
(Part 1 will be discussed on
November 11 and part 2 on
December 2)

“The 14th century gives us
back two contradictory
images: a glittering time of
crusades and castles,
cathedrals and chivalry, and
a dark time of ferocity and
spiritual agony, a world
plunged into a chaos of war,
fear and the Plague. Barbara
Tuchman anatomizes the
century, revealing both the
great rhythms of
history and the
grain and
texture of
domestic life as
it was lived.”

Book Jacket



CRITICS' CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, November 18
7 PM

Spring Snow

by Yukio Mishima

Mishima is considered one
of Japan's finest post-war
writers. This first in his four
“Sea of Fertility” novels,
the tragic love story of two
children of Japanese
aristocrats is set in Tokyo
in 1912 as the hermetic
world of ancient traditions
is about to change.

A.M. BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, Nov. 19
10 AM

One Writer's Beginnings

by Eudora Welty

A literary and personal
memoir from a distinctive
voice in American letters,
based on lectures delivered
at Harvard in 1983.

Note: This
session is a
week earlier
than usual
because of
Thanksgiving.



POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, November 21
1 PM

Join us for the third session
in a four-part discussion of
the works of W. B. Yeats.
The discussions will be led
by English professor and
poet Dr. Alan Holder. 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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Next Meeting of:



Monday
November 17
10:30 AM

Breakfast

Join us for an informal discussion about
new and recommended books.

Hollister Films

Mongol (2008)

2008, Rated R, 120 Mins.



Award-winning Russian filmmaker
Sergio Bodrov illuminates the life and
legend of Genghis Khan in this stunning
historical epic.

In Mongolian with English subtitles.

Tuesday, November 11
1:30 & 7 PM

Once (2008)

2008, PG 13, 126 Mins.



A serendipitous meeting on the streets
of Dublin between a down on his luck
Irish street performer and a poor Czech
immigrant sparks a bond that plays out
in this hip modern day musical. ONCE
follows the two as they write, rehearse
and record the songs that reveal their
unique love story.

Tuesday, November 25
1:30 & 7 PM

Exhibit



*From Poland to America:
A Lucky Survivor*
Paintings by Philip Gelber
November 7–30, 2008

RECEPTION
Sunday, November 9
4 - 6 PM

Refreshments will be served.

Poetry Reading

Poets Alan Holder and Martha Talburt will share poetry from their recently released chapbooks *Opened: A Mourning Sequence* and *Acorn on my Shoulder*.

Alan Holder currently leads the Library's Poetry Discussion Group and is a retired English professor. He is the author of four books of literary criticism. His poems have been published in many publications, including *Timber Creek Review*, *Bent Pin Quarterly*, and the *Adirondack Review*.

Martha Talburt has been writing poetry most of her adult life. *Acorn on my Shoulder* is a whimsical collection of "takes" on her experiences. From the challenge of raising six kids in the sixties, to that of putting one foot in front of the other and making it to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Talburt's life has been a series of adventures and transitions.



Martha Talburt

Refreshments will be served.

Thursday
November 20
7 PM

Copies of the poets' chapbooks will be available for sale and signing after the reading.

Writing Workshop

From Idea to Story



Author and educator
Carmine Coco De Young

Puzzled by an idea for a story? Does it resemble the loose pieces of a jigsaw puzzle?

Bring your work in progress, ideas and enthusiasm to this four-part series and watch your story take shape as you frame an idea, connect the pieces and fill in the missing parts.

Characterization

Saturday, October 25

Setting

Saturday, November 8

Plot

Saturday, November 15

Style

Saturday, November 22

Workshops are from 10 to noon.

Call to 438-2282 register.

New Writers Read



From left to right: Daniel Hudson, Susan Taylor, Cheryl Card, Nancy Fried & Rosalind Till.

A reading of brand new writings by students in the Ridgefield Continuing Education course *Art of Creative Writing* will take place at the Library on **Sunday, November 23 at 2 p.m.**

Readers will include Cheryl Card, Carolyn Freudenthal, Nancy Fried, Daniel Hudson, Ann Raab, Susan Taylor & Rosalind Till. The reading will be moderated by teacher, author and musician Chris Belden. Be sure to come and support these budding authors!



NOVEMBER 2008

CALENDAR OF ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>Exhibit <i>From Poland to America: A Lucky Survivor</i> Paintings by Philip Gelber November 7–30, 2008 Reception Sunday, November 9 4 - 6 PM</p>		30	31 Friends of the Library Book Sale: 9 AM - 5 PM Early Bird Admission \$10 (9 AM - noon)	1 Memoir Writing Group: 10 AM Friends of the Library Book Sale: 9 AM - 5 PM Free Admission
2 Friends of the Library Book Sale: 1 PM - 5 PM Free Admission - All books 1/2 price	3 Friends of the Library Book Sale: 10 AM - 4 PM Free Admission - Books \$5 a bag	4	5	6	7	8 Shutterbugs: 10 AM Writing Workshop: with Carmine Coco De Young (2 of 4) 10 AM Register
9 Ridgefield Folk: with Rob Messore and Friends 2 PM Artist's Reception: Paintings by Philip Gelber 4 - 6 PM	10	11 Hollister Film Series: Mongol: The Rise of Genghis Khan 1:30 and 7 PM Tuesday Evening Nonfictioneers: <i>A Distant Mirror</i> by Barbara Tuchman 7 PM	12	13 Author Talk: From Godspell to Wicked the Creativity of Stephen Schwartz with author Carol de Giere 7 PM	14	15 Writing Workshop: with Carmine Coco De Young (3 of 4) 10 AM Register
16 ARTalk: Art 21 Film Screening and Discussion with Laurie McGavin Bachmann 2 PM	17 Books & Breakfast: 10:30 AM	18 Critic's Circle Book Group: <i>Spring Snow</i> by Yukio Mishima 7 PM The Writers Guild of Ridgefield: A Networking Group for Writers 7 PM	19 A.M. Book Group: <i>One Writer's Beginnings</i> by Eudora Welty 10 AM	20 Author Talk: <i>New Poetry</i> with Martha Talburt and Alan Holder 7 PM	21 Poetry Discussion Group: <i>A Yeats Reader</i> with Alan Holder 1 PM	22 Writing Workshop: with Carmine Coco De Young (4 of 4) 10 AM
23 Author Talk: with students from Ridgefield Adult Ed. Class 2 PM	24	25 Hollister Film Series: <i>Once</i> 1:30 and 7 PM	26	27	28	29
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