

Fiction News



The Ridgefield Library's Fiction Newsletter

July 2011

NOVEL DESTINATIONS ADULT SUMMER READING 2011

The Ridgefield Library's annual Adult Summer Reading Program, "Novel Destinations" is now in full swing and runs through August 6th.

Adult Summer Reading goes online!

This year it's easier than ever to enter. Access the link for Adult Summer Reading on our website from anywhere you have internet access: at home, at the Ridgefield Library or while on vacation. For every book you read or listen to, you'll be entered for one of **our weekly prizes**. You'll also have access to reviews submitted by other summer readers (don't worry all reviews are anonymous). In addition, you'll find themed reading recommendations for each of our weekly "destinations", from books with locales in France and Italy to titles set in the fifty states.

For those who prefer, printed entry forms are also available at all the library service desks. And don't forget to pick up a copy of our updated list of "Beach Reads with Brains and Bite" next time you're in the library.

The Library has also lined up a host of events and programs for adults throughout the summer, including live music, art exhibits, book discussions, movies, workshops, and more!



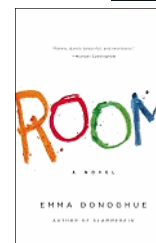
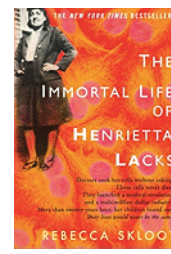
Adult Summer Reading is made possible thanks to the support of the Friends of the Ridgefield Library.



NEW TITLES ADDED TO BOOK CLUB CORNER

Calling all Ridgefield book discussion groups. Thanks to the **Friends of the Ridgefield Library**, ten copies of the novels pictured on the right have been recently added to our Book Club Corner. These titles can be reserved in advance for book discussions. Please contact Interlibrary Loan Coordinator Karen Kazzi at 203-438-2282 x 1011 or e-mail kkazzi@ridgefieldlibrary.org to inquire about availability for specific dates.

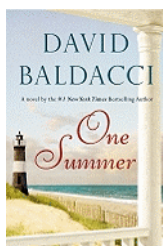
Our staff is always happy to help you choose the perfect titles for your book group discussion. Contact Adult Services Librarian for help in making your selections. Drop by, call at 203-438-2282 x1003, or e-mail dlpawl@ridgefieldlibrary.org for suggestions.



NEW FICTION

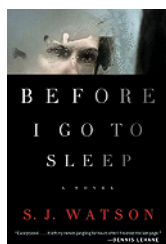
(Annotations from BookLetters)

One Summer by David Baldacci.
New York Times–bestselling author Baldacci delivers a moving family drama about learning to love again after terrible heartbreak and loss.



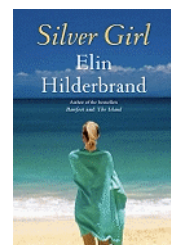
Joy for Beginners by Erica Bauermeister.
Six women gather to celebrate their friend Kate's recovery from cancer. Kate strikes a bargain with them: to celebrate her new lease on life, she'll do the one thing that's always terrified her. But if she does, each of them will also do the one thing they always swore they'd never do.

Before I Go to Sleep by S. J. Watson.
In this gripping psychological thriller in the vein of *Shutter Island* and the film *Memento*, an amnesiac attempts to reconstruct her past by keeping a journal and discovers the dangerous inconsistencies in the stories of her husband and her secret doctor .



Vaclav & Lena by Haley Tanner
BookPage Notable Title
Offering a new glimpse at the American immigrant experience, a stunningly gifted young novelist delivers a timeless love story set in New York's Russian migrant community.

Carte Blanche: The New James Bond Novel by Jeffery Deaver.
Bestselling thriller superstar Deaver--author of such international hits as *Roadside Crosses*, *The Bodies Left Behind*, and *The Bone Collector*--delivers the newest installment of the James Bond series, updated for the new millennium.



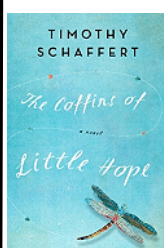
Silver Girl by Elin Hilderbrand.
Set against the backdrop of a Nantucket summer, Hilderbrand (*Summer People*, *The Island*) delivers a suspenseful story of the power of friendship, the pull of love, and the beauty of forgiveness.

For a more extensive list of new fiction, mystery, and science fiction and fantasy titles, visit our website at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org

STAFF PICKS

Elise's Picks

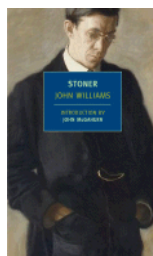
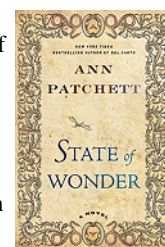
Doc by Mary Doria Russell.
Set in Dodge City years before the notorious Gunfight at OK Corral, Russell's newest novel paints a fascinating portrait of Doc Holliday and the gritty cow towns of the Wild West. A Georgia gentleman with a classical education and an advanced dental degree, John Henry Holliday was forced to move to a drier western climate after he contracted TB, the disease that killed his beloved mother. Finding himself effectively exiled in a rowdy frontier world, Doc relied on his talents as a gambler and his fierce friendships to survive. A highly entertaining, extensively researched historical novel, this saga of the Old West sympathetically reimagines a legendary figure we thought we knew.



The Coffins of Little Hope by Timothy Schaffert.
A small and struggling Nebraska newspaper is thrust into the national limelight by two major stories. *The County Paragraph* is hired by a New York publisher to covertly print the last book in a hugely popular young adult series, but someone in town is leaking the plot. Adding to the media frenzy, Essie Myles, the paper's feisty 83-year old obituary writer stumbles upon the scoop of a lifetime, the mysterious disappearance and possible abduction of a young girl. Filled with quirky endearing characters, and wry observations about the foibles of small town life, this charming and slightly subversive little book should appeal to fans of Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon novels.

Dorothy's Picks

State of Wonder by Ann Patchett.
In this ambitious novel, Patchett explores the interface of medical research and ethics. After her colleague Anders Eckman dies under mysterious circumstances in Brazil, Dr. Marina Singh is sent to the Amazon to investigate. The assignment is to locate renowned gynecologist Dr. Anneck Swenson and report on the status of her research on fertility drugs and to learn more about the details of Dr. Eckman's demise. Marina's mission takes her deep into the jungle where Dr. Swenson works among the Lakeshi tribe, whose women bear children well into their seventies. Patchett's rich prose infuses every page of this multi-layered atmospheric novel. *State of Wonder* would make an excellent book discussion pick.



Stoner by John Williams.
Written in 1965 and set in the early 20th century, *Stoner* is considered a classic about the academic life. William Stoner is the son of a dirt poor farmer who falls in love with English literature and becomes a professor at a Missouri college. This deeply moving novel captures the professional and personal triumphs and disappointments of an unassuming man pursuing a life worth living. *The New York Times* lauded *Stoner* as, "something rarer than a great novel - it is a perfect novel, so well told and beautifully written, so deeply moving, that it takes your breath away." I agree.