

Fiction News

The Ridgefield Library's Fiction Newsletter



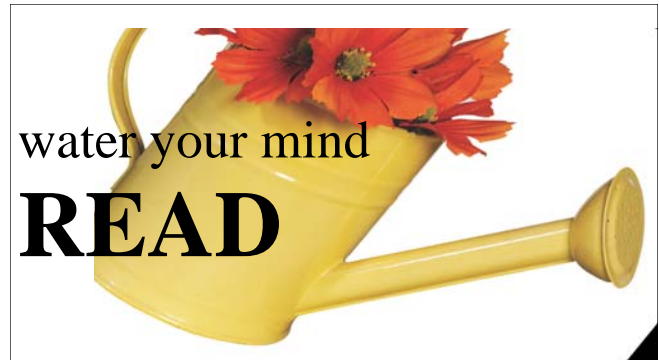
June 2010

WATER YOUR MIND ADULT SUMMER READING 2010

Why should kids and teens have all the fun this summer? We hope you'll take part in our sixth annual Adult Summer Reading Program, **Water Your Mind**, which runs from **June 23rd through August 7th**. Share book suggestions, explore book displays, and be eligible to win one of our weekly raffle prizes.

For each book read or audiobook listened to, just fill out an entry form rating the title, and you'll be entered for one of our weekly prizes. Beginning June 23rd, entry forms will be available throughout the library, or submit an online entry by going to www.RidgefieldLibrary.org. As in past years, we'll share your reviews (don't worry, we won't use your name), so that you can see what other Ridgefielders are reading and recommending this summer.

We'll also be offering a range of Adult Summer Reading programs. Pick up a schedule of event dates and times at the Library or online.



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

BOOK BUZZ

Members of our staff have just returned from Book Expo America, an annual trade show for publishers, book retailers, and librarians. For us, the most exciting part of this event is hearing editors tout what they expect to be the biggest new titles this fall. If they are correct in their predictions, here is a brief preview of what will be some of the sought-after reads. New books by Julia Glass, Sena Jeter Naslund, Lee Child (his second this year), Dennis Lehane, Elmore Leonard, and Laura Lippman. Also two first novels coming out this fall, *Juliet* by Anne Fortier (a modern day Juliet discovers a connection to Shakespeare's heroine) and *The Gendarme* by Mark Mustian (a 92-year old man haunted by memories of the Armenian conflict and the women he loved) received a lot of buzz. We'll see if readers agree this fall.

CELEBRATING JAMES JOYCE AND BLOOMSDAY

The Library's six-month celebration of the life and work of James Joyce will come to a fitting end on Wednesday, June 16th with a six-hour Bloomsday celebration. Between 3 and 9 PM in the Library's Dayton Program Room, come enjoy readings from *Ulysses*, Irish music, Joyce-inspired refreshments, and more.



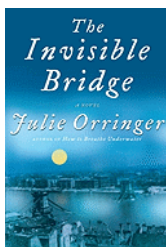
Bloomsday celebrates the day, June 16, 1904, when the action of Joyce's *Ulysses* takes place. The day is named after the central character of the novel, Leopold Bloom, and is celebrated every year around the world by Joyce enthusiasts. You can drop in any time during the festivities and stay for however long you like.

The Bloomsday Celebration is made possible thanks to the **Friends of the Ridgefield Library**.

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NEW FICTION

(Annotations from BookLetters)



Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer.

Orringer's astonishing first novel is a grand love story and an epic tale of three brothers whose lives are torn apart by war. An unforgettable story of history and love, of marriage tested by disaster, of a Jewish family's struggle against annihilation, and of the dangerous power of art in a time of war.

The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest by Stieg Larsson.

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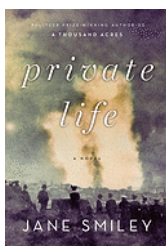
Once upon a time, she was a victim. Now Lisbeth Salander is ready to fight back. "[The trilogy] is intricately plotted, lavishly detailed but written with a breakneck pace and verve . . . a tantalizing double finale--first idyllic, then frenetic . . . Larsson has made the literary moods of saga and soap opera converge--with suspense as the adhesive."--*Independent*.



Private Life by Jane Smiley.

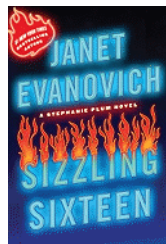
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This riveting new novel from a Pulitzer Prize winner traverses the intimate landscape of one woman's life, from the 1880s to World War II. *Private Life* is a beautiful evocation of the little girl within the hopeful bride, of the young woman filled with yearning, and of the faithful wife who comes to harbor a dangerous secret.



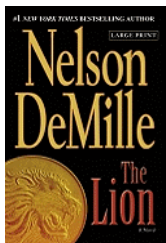
Sizzling Sixteen by Janet Evanovich.

This 16th Stephanie Plum adventure will wear the blockbuster crown for grand scale fun, it's a surefire bet. Someone wants to kill Vinnie, but who? The list is long, and it's up to Stephanie to whittle it down to one.



The Lion by Nelson DeMille.

In this eagerly awaited follow-up to *The Lion's Game*, John Corey, former NYPD Homicide detective and special agent for the Anti-Terrorist Task Force, is back. And, unfortunately for Corey, so is Asad Khalil, the notorious Libyan terrorist otherwise known as "The Lion."



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STAFF PICKS

Elise's Pick

The Scent of Rain by Nancy Pickard.

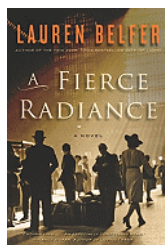
Twenty-three years after her father's murder, a young Kansas schoolteacher in a small ranching community is shocked to learn that the man everyone assumed committed the crime, including her family, has had his sentence commuted and is headed home, probably to seek revenge. Part mystery, part family drama, award-winning author Nancy Pickard's latest literary thriller is a gripping, emotionally satisfying suspense story that will keep you guessing until the very end.



Mary's Pick

A Fierce Radiance by Lauren Belfer.

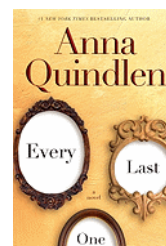
Inspired by the true story of the effort to develop penicillin as a "secret weapon" for the Allies in World War II, this provocative and very readable novel is part period piece, part love story, part family saga and part police procedural. Reminiscent of Joseph Kanon's *Los Alamos*, it features a fascinating glimpse into the medical research world, with a cast of interesting characters dealing with issues of ethics and loyalty in the face of extraordinary world crisis.



Dorothy's Picks

Every Last One by Anna Quindlen.

Mary Beth Lathem is a New England suburban wife, small business owner, and mother of three. The beautiful and creative Ruby Lathem is deciding on colleges, and her slightly younger twin brothers are acclimating to high school. Quindlen has said that motherhood is one of the main focuses of her writing. With pitch-perfect style, Quindlen captures the vicissitudes of family life and then explores the conflicting emotions of a mother for whom the unthinkable becomes all too real.



The Imperfectionists by Tom Rachman.

Set at a fictitious English-language international newspaper headquartered in Rome, this debut novel is the brainchild of a thirty-something foreign correspondent. It is at once a tribute and a send-up of all the news that's fit to print. The razor-sharp portraits of the main players in this failing newspaper are infused with wit and dark humor, and each chapter works as a standalone read. If you like your fiction edgy, this one's for you.



June is Audiobook Month

The Ridgefield Library offers a wide array of fiction and non-fiction titles on cassette, CD, Playaways, and as downloadable audiobooks.

