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Friends Newsletter

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Ridgefield Friends of the Library
PO Box 534
Ridgefield, WA 98642

Ridgefield Community Library
210 N Main Avenue
Ridgefield, WA 98642

Hours:

Tuesday	10 AM-8 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-8 PM
Thursday	10 AM-5 PM
Friday	10 AM-5 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM

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New Library Programs!

Since beginning as Ridgefield's librarian in September, Sean McGill has begun to offer several new programs at the library. Check out page three for a schedule of program for November and December.

Among the new programs is a monthly **Writer's Circle**. The Writer's Circle meets the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM in the library. Writers are invited to bring some of their work and be prepared to share and create with other local writers. This is a great way to build a community from what is often an isolated craft.

Several regular teen programs have also been added into the mix. The library is offering two sessions of a **Teen Book Group**. One, which meets at the library, is held the third Friday of the month at 4:00 PM. The other session is held during lunchtime (11:15 AM) at Ridgefield High School on the last Wednesday of the month. November's pick is

The Forest of Hands and Teeth by Carrie Ryan, a post-apocalyptic zombie novel that is the first in a trilogy. December's book group selection is *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare. Also the first in a series, *City of Bones* follows teenager Clary as she is pulled into a world of magic and demons that she never knew existed. Because schools will be closed for the holidays, there will be no book group meeting at the high school in December.

Teens and tweens can also meet at the library Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM for a new **Gaming Group**. The group meets to play role-playing games, primarily *Dungeons and Dragons*, but also *GURPS* and *Call of Cthulu*.

For teens with more of a video game bent, **Teen Game Nights** are held after hours, from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM, the fourth Friday of the month.

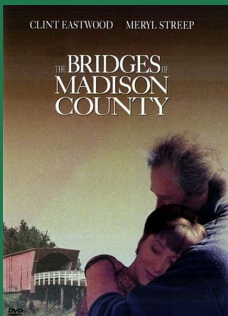
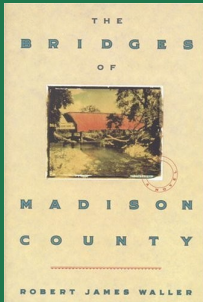
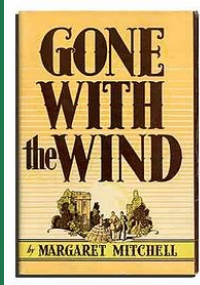
Finally, teen Homework



Help has also been added to the offering of library programs. **Help! Homework!** focuses on assistance with database searching and research strategies and is offered the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

We're very happy to support our fantastic library staff as they provide us with these fabulous services. Would you like to offer your feedback on programs or share ideas for new library events? You can join us at any Friends of the Library meeting, the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM in the library, or even consider joining the board. Information on board elections is on page two.

Friends Recommends:



Movies That Are Just as Good as the Books (or Better!)

At our last Friends of the Library meeting, we got to chatting about instances where the movie might just be better than the books. Our suggestions:

Gone with the Wind

- ◆ Book by Margaret Mitchell (1936)
- ◆ Movie starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable (1939)

The Princess Bride

- ◆ Book by William Goldman (1973)
- ◆ Movie starring Cary Elwes and Robin Wright. (1987)

Seabiscuit

- ◆ Book by Laura Hillenbrand (2001)
- ◆ Movie starring Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges, and Elizabeth Banks (2003)

Fried Green Tomatoes

- ◆ Book by Fannie Flagg (1987)
- ◆ Movie starring Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Stewart Masterson, and Mary-Louise Parker (1991)

To Kill a Mockingbird

- ◆ Book by Harper Lee (1960)
- ◆ Movie starring Gregory Peck (1962)

Bridges of Madison County

- ◆ Book by Robert James Waller (1992)
- ◆ Movie starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep (1995)

What do you think? Have any suggestions for movies that are better or just as good as the book? Or is the book always better? Join the conversation on our Facebook page.

Friends Leadership

It's that time of year!

The Friends of the Library will be holding elections for 2012 officers in January. The positions we will be voting on are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

If you would like to nominate a candidate - including yourself! - please attend the January meeting, which will be held Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 PM in the library.

Current officers are:

- President—Christine Olson
- Vice President—Becky Standal
- Secretary—Ilia Wilkens
- Treasure—Carrie Greene

Love to Bake?

We are looking for volunteers to bake cookies and other treats for our open house during

Hometown Celebration

Saturday December 3

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Birgitta Stone at

(360) 887-8003

or

birgitta_a_c@yahoo.com



Library Events

Weekly

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays 10:30 AM

"Big Kids" storytime for ages 3-6 years. Siblings welcome. Stories, songs, crafts, fingerplays!

TODDLER STORYTIME

Fridays 10:30 AM

We will not meet November 25. Last program December 16.

Storytime for ages birth-3. Must be accompanied by a participating adult. Siblings always welcome. Stories, music, and more!

THE STITCHERY GROUP

Wednesdays 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

An informal weekly drop-in get-together. Any stitchery hobby is welcome, including knitting, spinning, quilting, and mending.

RIDGEFIELD GAMING GROUP

Wednesdays 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

We will not meet December 28

Teens and tweens, join this informal group for fun playing RPGs! We speak and play Dungeons and Dragons, GURPS, Call of Cthulu, etc.

Bi-Monthly

HELP! HOMEWORK!

2nd and 4th Tuesdays 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

We will not meet December 27

We'll help you with research and all of our resources, so your homework is super! Ages 12-18.

Monthly

TEEN COUNCIL

First Friday 4:00 PM

Friday, December 2

Teens, help plan programs and events for your peers by joining your branch's Teen Council. Bring your friends and make new friends.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Third Thursday

Thursday, October 20 6:00 PM

We will not meet in December

New members always welcome!

TEEN BOOK GROUP

Third Friday 4:00 PM

Friday, November 18

Friday, December 16

Join us for a rousing discussion. November we will be discussing *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* by Carrie Ryan. December we take on *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare.

WRITER'S CIRCLE

Third Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Saturday, November 19

Saturday, December 17

Enjoy good company and fine writing as this informal group meets to share work at the library.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Fourth Friday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday, November 25

Friday, December 23

Play a variety of video and board games after regular library hours.

TEEN BOOK GROUP @ RIDGEFIELD HIGH

Last Wednesday 11:15 AM - 11:45 PM

Wednesday, November 30

We will not meet in December

Join us for a rousing discussion during lunch. November we will be discussing *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* by Carrie Ryan.

One Time

FRIENDS HOMETOWN OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 3 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Enjoy cookies and cider provided by the Friends of the Library. Check out the kids craft table!

MADRIGAL SINGERS

Saturday, December 3 1:00 PM

Add the library to your lists of stops during Hometown Celebration for lively Christmas carols by the Vancouver Madrigal Singers.

AUTHOR VISIT—JASON ALBEE

Tuesday, December 13 6:30 PM

Author Jason Albee will be at the library to talk about his experience of writing and read from his latest novel *The Train Ride Home*. Books will be available for purchase.



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We Need Friends Like You!

Annual Contribution

Junior Friend (up to age 18)	\$ 1
Friend (over age 18)	\$ 5
Family (# in family ___)	\$ 7
Good Friend	\$ 10
Best Friend	\$ 25
Business & Organization	\$ 25
Benefactor	\$ 100
Additional Donation	\$ _____

The membership year is from September through August.

I'D LOVE TO BE INVOLVED! Contact me with information about meetings and other activities

Contact me by:

- EMAIL
- PHONE

Print and mail this form to PO Box 534, Ridgefield, WA 98642
OR drop it off at the Ridgefield Community Library, 210 N Main

Remember! The Ridgefield Friends of the Library membership year runs from August to August. Renew at the library or through the mail. As always, thank you for supporting your local library!

Donate Your Used Books

We accept your donations year round!

The Friends of the Library continue to accept your donations of gently-used books to sell at our book sale and lobby book shelf. You can drop your donations off in the bin just inside the Community Center lobby. All your donations are tax deductible and, as always, directly benefit your local library. Thank you for your support!

Yes, Please!

- ◆ Hardcover Books
- ◆ Mass Market Paperbacks
- ◆ Trade Paperbacks
- ◆ Books on Tape/CD
- ◆ Music CDs
- ◆ VHS Tapes and DVDs

No, Thank You!

- ◆ Magazines
- ◆ Reader's Digest Condensed Books
- ◆ Textbooks
- ◆ Moldy or Smelly Books