

Ridgewood Public Library (RPL) Fall 2025 Newsletter – October to December 2025

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**Stronger Together: Library Friends and Foundation
Unite**

Have you ever wondered about the difference between the Friends of the Ridgewood Public Library and the Ridgewood Public Library Foundation?

Both have long raised funds to support the library, and now they've come together as one unified nonprofit: The Friends Foundation of the Ridgewood Public Library. After thoughtful discussion, both boards agreed that a **single organization will better focus fundraising efforts, strengthen volunteer involvement, and expand support for library programs, services, and building improvements.**

To learn more, including ways to donate or volunteer, visit:

SupportRidgewoodLibrary.org.

Special Launch Event with *New York Times* bestselling author Jean Hanff Korelitz!

Please join us to celebrate the new Friends Foundation board with a kickoff event on Friday, October 24, at 6:30 pm featuring the author of *The Plot* and *The Sequel* (paperback available October 1) for a book talk, sale, and signing. With wine and light fare reception. Details to come.

Sponsored by the Friends Foundation

Library of Things

125+ items including a home theater kit, indoor and outdoor games, gardening kit, home repair tools and more in [our collection](#)!

Museum Passes

[Visit up to 14 NY and NJ museums](#) with your RPL card.

Most Ardentlly: RPL Celebrates 250 Years of Jane Austen

Our celebration continues! Full details below and online at [our Jane Austen at 250 page](#). Registration required for all.

Book Discussion

LongReads: Emma

Thursday, 1 to 2 pm

- November 13: Chapters 1 to 27
- December 11: Chapters 28 to 55

Pride and Prejudice

With Lorri, Roberta, Stacey, and Brittin.

Wednesday, December 3, 11 am

Film

Jane Austen Wrecked My Life

(2024; R; 1h 38m; English and French)

Friday, October 10, 1 pm

Pride & Prejudice

(2005; PG; 2h 8m)

Celebrate Jane's actual birthday with a film and discussion.

Tuesday, December 16, 1 pm

Proud (and Prejudiced!) English Country Dance

Music and instruction with North Jersey English Country Dancers.

Sunday, November 2, 2 to 4 pm

Jane Austen Spills the Tea

Lena Yasutake shares tea, biscuits, and gossip from Austen's life and letters.

Monday, November 3, 7 to 8:15 pm

Jane Austen: Mindreader (Hybrid)

Eighteenth-century literature professor Stephanie Hershinow on Austen's brilliant use of "free indirect discourse."

Wednesday, November 5, 7 pm

Film: Pride & Prejudice

(2005; PG; 2h 8m)

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Twenty-Second Annual Genealogy Lock-In*

Workshops including Revolutionary War Ancestors, DNA Roundtable, and Beginners Genealogy; individual assistance from experts; and more.

Cosponsored by the Genealogical Society of Bergen County

Saturday, October 25, 5 to 10 pm

Sponsors

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Valley Health System

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Passport Center

Appointments are required.

Monday and Wednesday: 3:30 to 8 pm; Saturday: 10 am to 2 pm.

Expanded hours coming soon.

For details, please visit [our Passport Center page](#).

Annual Access for All Weekend

All are welcome.

ASL: 101

Friday, October 17, 4 to 6 pm

Fashion and Talent Show

Saturday, October 18, 11:30 am to 2 pm

Interfaith Program

Faith and community leaders, families, and friends discuss the role of faith in the lives of people with disabilities. Panelists TBD

Sunday, October 19, 2 to 3 pm

Bolger Heritage Center

*Registration required

Annual Lock-In

[See above.](#)

German Sabotage and Espionage in the US During WWI*

with James Calaski

Friday, November 21, 11 am to 12 pm

Genealogy Society of Bergen County Events

Book Talk: Italians of Newark with Andrea Van Benschoten

Monday, October 27, 7 to 8:30 pm

Generative AI for Genealogy

with Fred Voss

Monday, November 24, 7 to 8:30 pm

Book Groups

*Registration required.

Book Circle (Virtual)

Literary with director Lorri Steinbacher

Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm

- October 15: *Long Island* by Colm Toibin
- November 19: *The End of the Affair* by Graham Greene
- December 17: *Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar

Cookbook Club

With Lisa Trent

Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm

- October 15: *Molly on the Range* by Molly Yeh
- November 19: *Celebrate with Babs* and *Every Day with Babs* by Barbara Costello
- December 10: Annual cookie swap

Cover 2 Cover

Popular fiction with director Lorri Steinbacher

Thursday, 11 am to 12 pm

- October 2: *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate
- November 6: *33 Place Brugmann* by Alice Austen
- Dec 4: *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

Crafted Crimes (Virtual)

With Ashley and Brittin

Wednesday, 7 to 8 pm

- October 29: *The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum* by Margalit Fox
- December 3: *The Spy and the Traitor* by Ben MacIntyre

New! Dragonborn Society

Sci-fi and Fantasy Book Group

Thursday, 7 to 8:30 pm

October 2, November 13, and December 4: Books TBD

LongReads*

With Victoria and Stacey.

East of Eden by John Steinbeck.

Thursdays, 1 to 2 pm

October 9: Chapters 25 to 55

Reader's Choice

Classics with director Lorri Steinbacher

Friday, 1 to 2:30 pm

- October 17: *The Golden Bowl* by Henry James

- November 21: *Long Day's Journey Into Night* by Eugene O'Neill
- December 19: *Pudd'nhead Wilson* by Mark Twain

Wicked Book Group

With Tatiana

Monday, 7 to 8 pm

- October 20: Part 4
- November 17: Part 5

Children's Highlights

Open to RPL members of all ages. For a complete list of programs, details, and registration, visit [our Children's Services page](#).

Registration required unless noted "All welcome."

Celebrate Diwali with Ms. Mugdha!

Ages 4 to 10

Tuesday, October 7, 4 to 5:30 pm

Halloween Move & Groove

with Miss Jolie

Saturday, October 11, 10:30 to 11 am

Halloween Puppy Parade

Saturday, October 25, 10:30 to 11 am

In Honor of Our Veterans Storytime

Saturday, November 8, 10:30 to 11:15 am

Bracelets for a Cause

Thursday, December 4, 4 to 5 pm

Monthly Programs

Yoga with Simmy

Thursday, 10:30 to 11 am

October 16, November 20, and December 18

World Explorers Club

Ages 5 to 8

Monday, 4 to 4:30 pm

- October 27: Italy
- November 24: China
- December 15: Austria

Fall Storytime Session Two

November 3 to December 5

Registration opens October 1.

Concerts

Forever Young

Sunday, October 5, 2 pm

Classics from the 50s, 60s, 70s Motown and R&B.

The Kootz

Sunday, November 9, 2 pm

Jackie Schiller Alacorde Piano Trio Classical

Works by Enesco, Brahms, and more.

Sunday, December 14, 2 pm

Crafts and Games

*Registration required

Community Costume Closet

We will be collecting and displaying Halloween costumes in the Lobby,

October 4 to 25

Threads of Love Knitting Club

Knit and crochet hats for babies.

Tuesday, October 14, November 11, and December 9, 7 to 8 pm

Adult Crafting: Paper Dolls*

Saturday, October 25, November 22, and December 27, 11 am to 2 pm

Pumpkin Painting and Carving*

Wednesday, October 29, 4 to 5 pm

Adult Game Night at RPL

Bring your own board games and get ready to play and have fun!

Tuesday, December 2, 7 to 8:30 pm

Yarn & Craft Swap

Drop off

November 14 to December 5

Bring to Circulation

Swap

Saturday, December 6, 1 to 4 pm or Sunday, December 7, 2 to 4 pm

ESL & Multicultural

2025 to 2026 Student Applications [available at our website.](#)

Fall Program: September 29 to December 19

Registration opens September 12. Registration required for all.

Tutoring

One-to-one for beginners and small groups for intermediate and advanced.

American Slang (intermediate)

Choose **one**.

Wednesday, 10 to 11 am

Friday, 10 to 11 am

Beginner Class

Monday, 1 to 2 pm *and/or* Wednesday, 1 to 2 pm

Book Group (intermediate to advanced)

Choose one.

Tuesday, 1 to 2:15 pm

Thursday, 7 to 8:30 pm

Coffee Break-Out (all levels)

Friday, October 3 and 17, November 14 and 21, December 19, 1 to 2 pm

Cultural English (high intermediate and advanced)

Thursday, 10 to 11:30 am

Everyday English (advanced beginner to low intermediate)

Choose one.

Tuesday, 9:45 to 11 am

Wednesday, 1 to 2:15 pm

Journal Group (intermediate to advanced)

Tuesday, October 7, November 4, December 2, 7 to 8:30 pm

New! Lyric Lounge (all levels)

Friday, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Walk & Talk (all levels)

Monday, September 29, November 10, December 1, 10 to 11 am

Special Events

Be Prepared Series: Fire and Police

Learn about safety, emergency situations, and more.

Friday, October 24, 10:30 am to 12 pm

Holiday Bazaar

Holiday marketplace featuring handmade gifts and treats.

Friday, December 5, 10 am to 12 pm

Film Series

Check it Out Screening Brunch: *Howards End*

(1992; PG; 2h 22m)

Coffee, bagels, and screening of the film based on EM Forster's classic. Followed by discussion with Lorri, Roberta, and Stacey.

Wednesday, October 15, 11 am to 12:45 pm

Directors Choice

International and independent films with director Lorri Steinbacher.

When Fall is Coming

(France; 2024; NR; 1h 44m; in French)

Thursday, October 2, 6:30 pm

Sister Midnight

(India; 2024; NR; 1h 47m; in Hindi, English)

Thursday, November 6, 6:30 pm

Crossing

(Sweden; 2024; 1h 46m; in Georgian, Turkish, English)

Thursday, December 4, 6:30 pm

Jane Austen Films

See [the Most Ardentlly section](#).

Friday Matinees

at 1 pm

October 24: *Nonnas*

(2025; PG; 1h 51m)

November 14: *F1*

(2025; PG-13; 2h 35m)

December 5: *Everything's Going to Be Great*

(2025; R; 1h 35m)

December 19: *Deep Cover*

(2025; R; 1h 39m)

Reel Voices

Documentaries and speakers with Roberta Panjwani.

Beyond the Statistics

(2024; NR; 37 m; US)

Documentary film amplifying the voices of Ukraine. Speaker: Fernando Ramirez, Producer & Bridges 2030 Founder

Wednesday, December 3, 7 to 8:15 pm

Health and Wellness

**Registration required*

Mayors Wellness Campaign

Join the [1 Million Minutes of Wellness Challenge](#). Through December 5.

Valley: Surgical Solutions for Hernias (Virtual)

with Seema Dhorajia, DO

Tuesday, October 7, 7 to 8 pm

Dementia and Alzheimer's Support Group* (Virtual)

with Debby Montone, NJ Alzheimer's Association.

Monday, October 13, November 10, December 8, 7 to 8:30 pm

Demystifying the "M" Word

with Certified Menopause Coach Tammy Juco

Tuesday, October 14, 7 to 8:15 pm

Sleep Rescue: The Secrets to Restful, Restorative Sleep

With certified health coach Angela Goldman

Tuesday, October 21, 7 to 8:30 pm

Medicare Part D* (Virtual)

with Sheila Brogan

Thursday, October 23, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Valley: Acid Reflux (Virtual)

with Katherine Kim, MD

Wednesday, November 19, 7 to 8 pm

Valley: Chiropractic Care

with Lori Nuzzi, DC, CCSP and Christina Markar Khawam, DC, FMT

Tuesday, December 9, 10 to 11 am

Dementia Conversations

Driving, doctor visits, legal & financial planning with NJ Alzheimer's Association

Wednesday, December 10, 11 am to 12:25 pm

Lectures & Programs

Isabela's Way Author Visit: Barbara Stark-Nemon* (Hybrid)

in conversation with Sue Rodin

Wednesday, October 8, 7 to 8 pm

The Heavy Water War: Stopping Hitler's Atomic Bomb with author Timothy Boyce

Wednesday, October 29, 7 to 8:30 pm

Digitize Your History*

30-minute sessions with our new scanner.

Monday, November 17, 6 and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 19, 11 and 11:30 am

Thursday, November 20, 2:30 and 3 pm

Monthly Groups

**Registration required*

World Language Cafés

Spanish*

Friday, 10 to 11 am

October 3, 17, and 31, November 14, December 12 and 26

French*

Contact the library about waitlist.

Italian*

Group Two: Tuesday, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

October 7, November 4, and December 2

Great Decisions

Thursday, 12:30 to 2 pm

- October 30: AI and American National Security
- November 20: India: Between China, the West, and the Global South
- December 18: After Gaza: American Policy in the Middle East

Passport Center

Monday and Wednesday: 3:30 to 8 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am to 4 pm

Expanded hours coming soon. Appointments are required.

Podcasts

All Booked Podcast

RPL librarians chat about their current reads and add to each other's to be read (TBR) pile.

Watch on [Youtube](#) or [Facebook Live](#) or [listen our website](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

Wednesday, October 1, November 5, December 3, 4 to 5 pm.

A Bend in the Road

This fall Roberta speaks to a 911 dispatcher, a toxic friendships author, Jane Austen experts, and more. or wherever you listen. Listen at bendintheroad.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

Tech & Business

*Registration required

Getting Comfortable with Canva*

Monday, October 6, 12 to 1 pm

Cybersecurity for Dummies

Scams and Spam*

Thursday, Oct 16, 11 am to 12 pm

Securing Devices and Accounts*

Thursday, Oct 23, 11 am to 12 pm

Computer Literacy Q&A*

Tuesday, October 28, 11 am to 12 pm

Excel Basics*

Monday, November 3, 11 am to 12 pm

Social Media Survey Course*

Thursday, November 20, 1 to 2 pm

Excel Basics Continued*

Monday, November 10, 11 am to 12 pm

Cut That Cable* (Hybrid)

Thursday, December 4, 7 to 8 pm

Smartphone Smarts*

Wednesday, December 10, 11 am to 12 pm

Tech Express*

Short, private, one-to-one tech help sessions.

Free for Ridgewood; \$5 for Visitors

Tuesday, 11 am to 1 pm; Friday, 1 to 3 pm; Select Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Sustainability

Plant Swap

Saturday, November 1, 9 am to 1 pm

Repair Cafe

Volunteers help with lamps, knife-sharpening, sewing & more.

Saturday, November 15, 1 to 4 pm

Teen Highlights

Open to RPL members in Grade 6 to 12 unless noted. For a complete list of programs, details, and registration, visit [our Teen Services page](#).

*Registration Required

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Teen Trivia Tuesday: Twilight*

Films one to three. Drop-ins Welcome.

Tuesday, October 21, 4 to 5 pm

Novella Prep: Top 5 Must-know Takeaways from College Admissions 2025*

Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 to 8:15 pm

Game On @ RPL

Celebrate International Games Month with life-sized to tabletop games, Nintendo Switch tournaments, and retro gaming consoles.

Friday, November 14, 4 to 5 pm

Monthly Programs

Manga/Anime Club

Monday, July 7 and August 4, 4 to 5 pm

Teen Tech Club

Monday, 4 to 6 pm

- October 20: WaveMakers DIY Coding and Theremin Workshop
- November 17 and Dec 8: Topics TBD

Not Another Teen Movie...Night: *Twilight Saga*

Thursday, 4 to 6 pm

- October 2: *Twilight* (PG-13; 2h 10m)
- October 9: *New Moon* (PG-13; 2h 10m)

- October 16: *Eclipse* (PG-13; 2h 4m)

D&D: Teen Game

Grades 6 to 8

Monday, October 27, 6 to 7:30 pm