



Fall Newsletter

October to December 2025



Jane Austen at 250
Our celebration continues!



See inside for films and podcasts. Scan for details & registration.

Craft: Novels in Silhouette*

Wednesday, October 22
7 to 8:30 pm

Craft: Regency Paper Dolls*

Saturday, October 25
11 am to 2 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 use of "free direct discourse."

Wednesday, November 5, 7 pm

LongReads: Emma*

Thursday, 1 to 2 pm

November 13: Chapters 1 to 27

December 11: Chapters 28 to 55

Book Discussion:

Pride and Prejudice*

Wednesday, December 3, 11 am

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 Oct 1) for a book talk, sale, and signing. With wine and light fare reception. *Details to come.*

Sponsored by the Friends Foundation:



Museum Passes

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Library of Things

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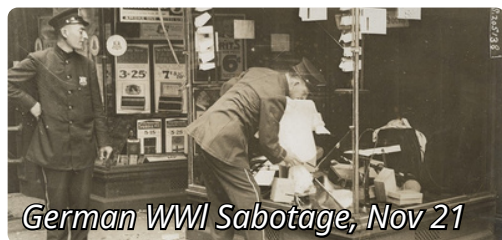
22nd Annual Genealogy Lock-In*



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

Bolger Heritage Center



German WWI Sabotage, Nov 21

Annual Lock-In see cover

German Sabotage and Espionage in the US During WWI* with James Calaski
Friday, Nov 21, 11 am to 12 pm

Genealogical Society of Bergen County Events

Book Talk: Italians of Newark
with Andrea Van Benschoten
Monday, Oct 27, 7 to 8:30 pm

Generative AI for Genealogy
with Fred Voss
Monday, Nov 24, 7 to 8:30 pm

Monthly Groups



Great Decisions, October 30

World Language Cafes*

Italian Group Two
Tuesday, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Oct 7, Nov 4, and Dec 2

Spanish Friday, 10 to 11 am
Oct 3, 17, and 31, Nov 14,
Dec 12 and 26

French

Contact the library about waitlist.

Great Decisions*

Thursday, 12:30 to 2 pm
Oct 30: AI and American
National Security
Nov 20: India: Between China,
the West, and the Global South
Dec 18: After Gaza: American
Policy in the Middle East

ESL & Multicultural

2025-26 Student Applications

available at ridgewoodlibrary.org.

Fall Program: Sept 29 to Dec 19
Registration opens Sept 12

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 Groups | choose **one**

(high intermediate to advanced)

Tuesday, 1 to 2:15 pm

Thursday, 7 to 8:30 pm

Coffee Break-Out (all levels)

Friday, 1 to 2 pm

Oct 3 & 17, Nov 14 & 21, Dec 19

Cultural English (high inter/adv)

Thursday, 10 to 11:30 am

Everyday English

(adv beg/low inter), choose **one**

Tuesday, 9:45 to 11 am

Wednesday, 1 to 2:15 pm



New! Lyric Lounge (all levels)

Friday, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Journal Group (inter/adv)

Tuesday, 7 to 8:30 pm

Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2

Walk & Talk (all levels)

Monday, 10 to 11 am

Sep 29, Nov 10, Dec 1

Special Events

Be Prepared Series: Fire/Police

Friday, October 24,

10:30 am to 12 pm

Learn about safety, emergency
situations, and more.

Holiday Bazaar

Friday, Dec 5, 10 am to 12 pm

Holiday marketplace featuring
handmade gifts and treats.

Health & Wellness



Demystifying the "M" Word, Oct 14

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/Alzheimer's Support

Group* (Virtual) with Debby

Montone, NJ Alzheimer's Assoc.

Monday, 7 to 8:30 pm

Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

Demystifying the "M" Word

with Certified Menopause Coach

Tammy Juco

Tuesday, Oct 14, 7 to 8:15 pm

Sleep Rescue: The Secrets to Restful, Restorative Sleep

With certified health coach

Angela Goldman

Tuesday, Oct 21, 7 to 8:30 pm

Medicare Part D* (Virtual)

with Sheila Brogan

Thursday, Oct 23, 6 to 7 pm

Valley: Acid Reflux (Virtual)

with Katherine Kim, MD

Wednesday, Nov 19, 7 to 8 pm

Valley: Chiropractic Care with

Lori Nuzzi, DC, CCSP and Christina

Markar Khawam, DC, FMT

Tuesday, Dec 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

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, Oct 28, 11 am to 12 pm

Excel Basics*

Monday, Nov 3, 11 am to 12 pm

Excel Basics Continued*

Monday, Nov 10, 11 am to 12 pm

Social Media Survey Course*

Thursday, Nov 20, 1 to 2 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, Nov 1, 9 am to 1 pm

Repair Cafe

Volunteers help with lamps, knife-sharpening, sewing & more
Saturday, Nov 15, 1 to 4 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, Oct 29, 7 to 8:30 pm

Digitize Your History*

30-minute sessions with our new scanner.

Monday, Nov 17, 6 and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 19,

11 and 11:30 am

Thursday, Nov 20, 2:30 and 3 pm

Crafts & Games



Yarn & Craft Swap, Dec 6 and 7

Community Costume Closet

We will be collecting and displaying Halloween costumes
October 4 to 25, Lobby

Threads of Love Knitting Club

Knit and crochet hats for babies.

Tuesday, 7 to 8 pm

Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9

Adult Crafting: Paper Dolls*

Saturday, 11 am to 2 pm

Oct 25, Nov 22, Dec 27

Pumpkin Painting and Carving*

Wednesday, Oct 29, 4 to 5 pm

Adult Game Night @ RPL

Bring board games or use ours!

Tuesday, Dec 2, 7 to 8:30 pm

Yarn & Craft Swap

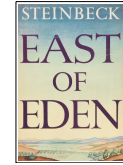
Drop off: Nov 14 to Dec 5

Bring to Circulation

Swap: Saturday, Dec 6, 1 to 4 pm

or Sunday, Dec 7, 2 to 4 pm

Book Groups



With director Lorri Steinbacher

Book Circle Literary (Virtual)

Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm

Oct 15: *Long Island* C. Toibin

Nov 19: *The End of the Affair* G. Greene

Dec 17: *Martyr!* K. Akbar

Cover 2 Cover Popular fiction

Thursday, 11 am to 12 pm

Oct 2: *The Book of Lost Friends*

L. Wingate

Nov 6: *33 Place Bruggmann A.* Austen

Dec 4: *The Berry Pickers* A. Peters

Reader's Choice Classics

Friday, 1 to 2:30 pm

Oct 17: *The Golden Bowl* H. James

Nov 21: *Long Day's Journey Into Night*

E. O'Neill

Dec 19: *Pudd'nhead Wilson* M. Twain

Wicked Book Group*

(by G. Maguire) *With Tatiana*

Monday, 7 to 8 pm

Oct 20: Part 4; Nov 17: Part 5

LongReads: *East of Eden**

(J. Steinbeck) *With Victoria & Stacey*

Thursday, 1 to 2 pm

October 9: Chapters 25 to 55

Crafted Crimes (Virtual)

With Ashley and Brittin

Wednesday, 7 to 8 pm

Oct 29: *The Talented*

Mrs. Mandelbaum M. Fox

Dec 3: *The Spy and the Traitor*

B. MacIntyre

Cookbook Club *With Lisa Trent*

Thursday, 7 to 8:30 pm

Oct 15: *Molly on the Range* M. Yeh

Nov 19: *Celebrate with Babs and*

Every Day with Babs B. Costello

Dec 10: Annual cookie swap

New! Dragonborn Society

Sci/Fan Book Group*

Thursday, 7 to 8:30 pm

Oct 2, Nov 13, Dec 4: Books TBD

Film Series

Directors Choice

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

International and independent films
with director Lorri Steinbacher



Crossing, December 4

October 2: **When Fall is Coming**
(France; 2024; NR; 1h 44m;
in French)

November 6: **Sister Midnight**
(India; 2024; NR; 1h 47m;
in Hindi, English)

December 4: **Crossing**
(Sweden; 2024; 1h 46m;
in Georgian, Turkish, English)

Jane Austen at 250



Pride & Prejudice, December 16

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 screening and discussion.
Tuesday, December 16, 1 pm

Passport Center

Monday and Wednesday:
3:30 to 8 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am to 4 pm

Expanded hours coming soon
Appointments are required.

Reel Voices and TEEEM Event



Beyond the Statistics

(2024; NR; 37 m; US)

Documentary film amplifying the
voices of Ukraine.

Wednesday, Dec 3, 7 to 8:15 pm

Speaker: **Fernando Ramirez**,
Producer & Bridges 2030 Founder

Friday Matinees at 1 pm



Nonnas, October 24

Oct 24: **Nonnas** (2025; PG; 1h 51m)

Nov 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)

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

Sunday Concerts at 2 pm



Jackie Schiller Trio, December 14

Classics from the 50s, 60s, 70s
Motown and R&B from two of
our favorite bands:

October 5: **Forever Young**

November 9: **The Kootz**

Dec 14: **Jackie Schiller Alacorde
Piano Trio** Classical works by
Enesco, Brahms, and more

RPL Podcasts

Scan or listen wherever you get
your podcasts.



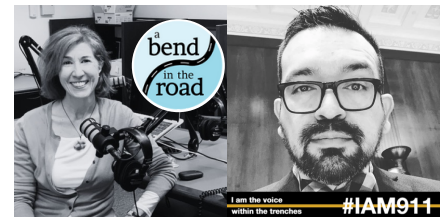
All Booked

RPL librarians chat about their
current and future reads.

YouTube & Facebook Live
Wednesday, 4 to 5 pm
Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3



A Bend in the Road



This fall Roberta speaks to a 911
dispatcher, a toxic friendships
author, Jane Austen experts,
and more. Scan or visit
bendintheroad.org
or wherever you listen.



Children's Highlights

Open to RPL cardholders of all ages. Registration required unless noted "All welcome."

Celebrate Diwali

with **Ms. Mugdha!**

Tuesday, October 7, 4 to 5:30 pm

Ages 4 to 10

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

Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18

World Explorers Club

Monday, 4 to 4:30 pm

October 27: Italy

November 24: China

December 15: Austria

Ages 5 to 8

Fall Storytime Session 2

November 3 to December 5

Registration opens October 1

Info and registration:

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ridgewoodlibrary.org

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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, Oct 19, 2 to 3 pm



Halloween Puppy Parade, Oct 25

Game On at RPL, November 14



Teen Highlights

Open to Ridgewood cardholders in Grade 6 to 12 unless noted.

Teen Trivia Tuesday: *Twilight**

(Films one to three)

Tuesday, October 21, 4 to 5 pm

Drop-ins Welcome

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

Not Another Teen Movie ...

Night: *Twilight Saga*

Thursday, 4 to 6 pm

Oct 2: *Twilight* (PG-13; 2h 10m)

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

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

Teen Tech Club

Monday, 4 to 6 pm

Oct 20: WaveMakers DIY Coding

and Theremin Workshop

Nov 17 and Dec 8: Topics TBD

D&D Teen Games *Grade 6 to 8*

Monday, Oct 27, 6 to 7:30 pm

Info and registration:

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Monday to

Thursday: 9 am to 9 pm

Friday: 9 am to 6 pm

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Sunday: 1 to 5 pm



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