

## January programs at the Weston Public Library

Here are the programs at the Weston Public Library in January. All programs are free and open to the public.

### **Special Guest and Author Shareen Brysac Will Address Weston Thursday Morning Book Club Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM**

The book being discussed is *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson

*In the Garden of Beasts* is a vivid portrait of Berlin during the first years of Hitler's reign, brought to life through the stories of two people: William E. Dodd, who in 1933 became America's first ambassador to Hitler's regime, and his scandalously carefree daughter, Martha. Ambassador Dodd, an unassuming and scholarly man, is an odd fit among the extravagance of the Nazi elite."

Joining us for this club will be Weston resident and author, Shareen Brysac. She is the biographer of one of the participants in the events of the era, Mildred Harnack and her book is called *Resisting Hitler: Mildred Harnack and the Red Orchestra* (Oxford, 2000). Brysac also interviewed Martha Dodd in Prague in 1989 shortly before her death, and so will offer a first-hand account of the historical figures in *In the Garden of Beasts*. The author will also update us on the last years of Mildred and Arvid Harnack as well as Boris Vinogradov. as she has their KGB files as well as their FBI and CIA files.

### **Wednesday Evening Book Club – *Where'd You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple**

Wednesday, January 15 at 7:30 PM

Bernadette Fox is notorious. To her Microsoft-guru husband, she's a fearlessly opinionated partner; to fellow private-school mothers in Seattle, she's a disgrace; to design mavens, she's a revolutionary architect, and to 15-year-old Bee, she is a best friend and, simply, Mom. Then Bernadette disappears. It began when Bee aced her report card and claimed her promised reward: a family trip to Antarctica. But Bernadette's intensifying allergy to Seattle--and people in general--has made her so agoraphobic that a virtual assistant in India now runs her most basic errands. A trip to the end of the earth is problematic. To find her mother, Bee compiles email messages, official documents, secret correspondence--creating a compulsively readable and touching novel about misplaced genius and a mother and daughter's role in an absurd world." - Amazon

### **Movie Night Feature Film – *The Butler* (PG-13)**

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM

As Cecil Gaines serves eight presidents during his tenure as a butler at the White House, the civil rights movement, Vietnam, and other major events affect this man's life, family and American society. Starring Forest Whitaker and Oprah Winfrey.

### **Minecraft Meet Up**

Sunday, January 26 12 Noon – 2 PM

The Darien Library created a Fairfield County Minecraft Server and the Weston Public Library has its own world! This project is designed to bring Fairfield Country Minecrafters together. The server is designed to be a safe environment for kids and teens (aged 8-16) to build, collaborate, and be creative. Come to the Weston library with your library card, your Minecraft player name and a parent or guardian and we can add you to the server. Bring your computer and stay awhile to play.

### ***The New Yorker* Roundtable**

The roundtable will begin again in January. Dates to be announced