The Bolton Library will hold a series of 6 book discussions this fall and winter. The first 4 mystery books are written by nationally acclaimed prosecutor and author Marcia Clark. Marcia Clark is a former prosecutor from Los Angeles. She joined the District Attorney’s Office in 1981, and was later appointed as the first female member of the elite Special Trials Unit, where she handled several high profile cases—including the criminal prosecutions of Robert Bardo, who stalked and murdered actress Rebecca Schaeffer, and O.J. Simpson. Following the Simpson trial, she co-authored a memoir, *Without a Doubt* (1997), which reached #1 on the New York Times, Wall St. Journal, Washington Post, LA Times and Publishers Weekly bestsellers lists. A frequent media commentator and legal expert for television and radio, she made her crime fiction debut in 2011 with *Guilt by Association*, a national bestseller that was also nominated for the Nero Wolfe Award. Subsequent entries in the Rachel Knight series include *Guilt by Degrees* (2012), *Killer Ambition* (2013) and *The Competition* (2014). Ms. Clark lives on the West Coast, where she is at work on her next novel. We will be fortunate enough to speak with Ms. Clark about her fiction writing thru Skype at one of our discussion evenings.

The last two books featured will concern the OJ Simpson trial, as this is the 20th anniversary of the case.

Our discussion leader will be John Valeri. John has written the *Hartford Books Examiner* column for Examiner.com since 2009. HBE consistently ranks in the top ten percent of all Hartford, National Books and National Arts & Entertainment Examiners. His reviews have been excerpted in more than thirty titles by authors including James Patterson, Marcia Clark, and Shania Twain. He regularly moderates local events and is a member of the Em-Dashes writers group.
The dates of the discussions and the book teasers are as follows:

**Guilt by Association – Oct. 2, 2014:** In her crime fiction debut, Marcia Clark introduces Los Angeles Special Trials prosecutor Rachel Knight and her gal pals, Detective Bailey Keller and ADA Toni LaCollette. When their colleague, Jake, is found dead at a seedy motel, Rachel assumes his current case—the sexual assault of a young woman from a prominent family—while simultaneously vowing to clear his name of a bad rap ...

**Guilt by Degrees – Nov. 6, 2014:** In Clark’s second novel to feature Rachel Knight and her best gal pals, the Deputy D.A. suspects that the unsolved homicide of a homeless man and the year-old slaying of a cop may be connected. Further complicating matters is the fact that somebody has been keeping tabs on Rachel—somebody who knows the darkest secret from her past ...

**Killer Ambition – Dec. 4, 2014:** In their third outing, prosecutor Rachel Knight and Detective Bailey Keller find themselves investigating the murder of billionaire director Russell Antonovich’s daughter in an apparent kidnapping gone wrong. A high profile trial ensues, and Rachel’s personal and professional lives become fodder for the news media, even as her case threatens to spin out of control ...

**The Competition – Jan. 8, 2015:** In their most sensitive case to date, Rachel Knight and Bailey Keller are called to the scene of a Columbine-like massacre at a San Fernando Valley high school. Their investigation leads them to believe that the suspected shooters, found dead on scene, may actually have been victims – and that the real killer(s) may still be out there, plotting yet another attack ...

**Without a Doubt – Feb. 5, 2015:** Written with Pulitzer Prize Award-winning author/journalist Teresa Carpenter, this #1 New York Times bestselling memoir is a riveting and intensely personal account of the Trial of the Century. Clark allows readers inside her head and heart, providing unique, and often infuriating, insights into the prosecution of O.J. Simpson—and the criminal justice system, which came under extreme scrutiny in the aftermath of his acquittal ...

**O.J. Is Innocent and I Can Prove It – Mar. 5, 2015:** Private Investigator William Dear has invested seventeen years in pursuit of answers to lingering questions surrounding the murders of Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman. Based on his exhaustive research, he has come to the conclusion that the “overlooked suspect,” O.J. Simpson’s eldest son, may have committed the crimes—and he has a wealth of circumstantial evidence to support his case ...

All discussions will be held at the library on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the books will be available. Please register and reserve your copy today at 860-646-7349 or email at Bentley@biblio.org. Refreshments will be served.