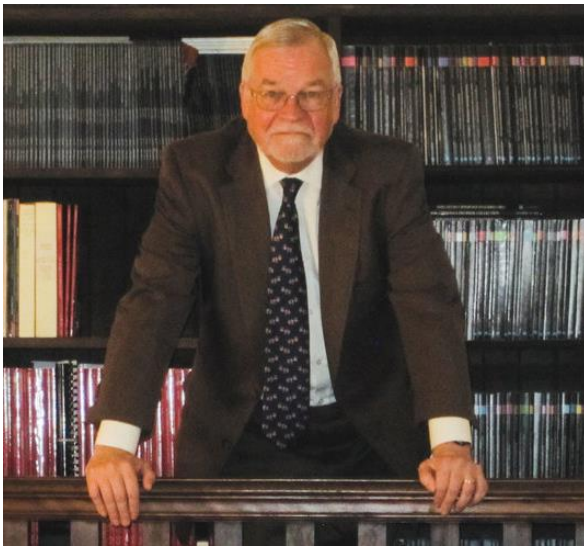




**RETIREED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
Invites you to its meeting **July 26, 2023** at 11:00 am.  
**First Presbyterian Church, 37 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**  
The program will also be shown on Webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

## ***David Richards***

### **"I Give These Books: The History of the Yale University Library, 1656-2022"**



David Alan Richards is a member of RMA and has spoken to the Association on previous occasions, including about the donation of the High Line railroad viaduct for a New York City park, and on the British author Rudyard Kipling. He holds history degrees from Yale College and the University of Cambridge, where he was a Keasbey Scholar, and then attended Yale Law School. During his legal career in Manhattan, he handled the sale of Tiffany's air rights to Trump Tower, the sale of the AT&T building to Sony, and over thirteen years, the donation of the High Line from Conrail and CSX to the City of New York.

Up in New Haven, he is the recently-retired chair of the Yale Library Associates, the alumni support group for the university's Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, which holds his collection of the first editions and manuscripts of Rudyard Kipling, the largest such collection in the world. He is also currently the president of the Kipling Society, the first non-Briton to hold that position. Dave is the author of seven books, including the modern bibliography of Kipling, published by the British Library in 2010 and now the industry standard for auction houses and bookdealers; the exhibition catalogue for the summer 2007 show of his Kipling collection at the Beinecke; and two histories of Yale: *Skulls and Keys*, the story of its famous secret societies published in 2017, and a second which has just been published in May by Oak Knoll Press, the history of Yale University Library, the subject—together with other colonial college libraries including Harvard, William & Mary, Princeton, and Columbia—of this program.

**Our next speaker will be on August 9; Tim Brunner, on "Extreme Ultraviolet Lithography: Making the Next Generation of Computer Chips."**

*The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at **10:40 AM** followed promptly by our presentation at **11:00 AM**. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 37 Lafayette Place in Greenwich. For additional information see [www.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org).*