



This Month at the Rowayton Library

March 2006

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reQuest Your Favorite Book

Yes, the Rowayton Library used to be a cozy, **little** library – but now, the library is a cozy, **BIG** library. We have joined the Connecticut State Library and can now offer you, our patrons, almost ANY book... through **reQuest**.

ReQuest is the statewide library catalog of Connecticut. It contains over 3.9 million records from over 300 public, academic, and special libraries in the State. And, through the Internet, or by asking one of our staff, you can reQuest any book. Yes, any book*!

Unfortunately, we don't have the space to hold everything you need, but now, lending libraries from all over the state will gladly ship to our library the books you seek. Please ask our staff for help on how to reQuest a book online. We are here to get you that book.

*Delivery times via reQuest may vary. Please let our staff know if there are time constraints on your book request.

Talk of the Town — Tuesday Afternoon Tea at 2pm

Join the staff at the Library on Tuesday afternoons for Tea at 2pm for a little *Talk of the Town*.

Where else can you come into a cozy room, have a cup of Bigelow Tea, a cookie or two, and read one of the 30,000 books on the shelves of this historic building?

Or find a neighbor or two and discuss the latest best seller?

Or chat with the Library Staff on what's new in the literary scene?

No where else, but at the Rowayton Library.

Join us every Tuesday from 2-3pm!



Pajama Storytime at the Library

March 30: Pajama Night Storytime for Children - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to come to the library in their pajamas and listen to rollicking bedtime stories.

Ms. Sharon Shmanda will be telling tall tales that will fire our imagination.

Get comfy. Wear your snugly jammies if you want, and don't forget to bring along your blanket and favorite bedtime stuffed animal for stories, crafts and family fun.

Refreshments will be served.

This event is co-sponsored with the Rowayton Parents Exchange — a Rowayton Library partnership.

Special points of interest:

- The Library will now be receiving the daily New York Times for your reading pleasure.
- Storytime for Pre3s every Thursday and Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
- Storytime for 4s & 5s every Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m.
- For the poet in each of us: The Rowayton Library Haiku Contest.
- Now: Music CDs at the Library

Library Hours

Weekdays

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesdays

10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturdays

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Haiku Contest to Celebrate *April as Poetry Month*

You are invited to participate in the Rowayton Library Haiku Contest which begins on March 15 and ends on April 15.

The definition of Haiku for this contest is as follows:

- An original poem of 17 syllables in 3 lines written in the format of
 - First line has 5 syllables,
 - Second line has 7 syllables, and
 - Third line has 5 syllables;
- Depicting a season;
- Describing an event of nature;
- Without violence;

Each Haiku must be submitted on a separate sheet of paper. The reverse side of the sheet must contain the author's name, address, and telephone number.

Each Haiku submitted must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please send your Haiku to:

Haiku Contest
The Rowayton Library
 33 Highland Avenue
 Rowayton, CT 06853

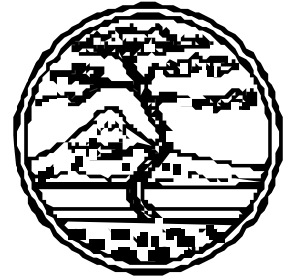
The contest will end on April 15th. All winners will be notified by mail and the winning Haiku will be published in the May issue of the *This Month at the Rowayton Library* and on the Library's website at www.RowaytonLibrary.org.

All participants will receive a Rowayton Library pencil.

P.S. You may submit your Haiku via email (but still must submit a stamped envelope to receive the pencil). Send to

Haiku@RowaytonLibrary.org

Everyone is invited to celebrate April as Poetry Month.



Getting Ready for College — The Middle School Years [for parenting adults]

Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library/Community Center.

Presenting Your Child to Colleges: How You Can Prepare NOW!

Learn about the easy steps you can take now (while your child is in Middle School) in gathering the information colleges will be interested in... years down the line. Take the time now to organize a life-time's activities into a format just right for adapting into the "College Application Process." Get a head start. Prepare now. Program presented by Cynthia Johnson, Library Director .

iCONN at Home: New Heritage Database

If you are researching your family history, you might be using a search engine but don't really know what kind of information you might find, or if that information is really from a reliable source. You usually start with a name and, possibly, a date.

To help you in your heritage research, the iCONN Connecticut State databases (via the Internet) have added HeritageQuest Online.

HeritageQuest Online is a research resource for family history and Ameri-

can culture. It includes verified U.S. federal census records and UMI's Genealogy and Local History collection. The audience for this database is Middle School and up... so you can share your search for family history with every member of the family.

Go to the library's website at www.RowaytonLibrary.org and choose iCONN, or go to the State's website at www.iconn.org. Enter your 14 digit library barcode and then you will have access to a variety of databases. You can choose HeritageQuest Online and

view images of handwritten census documents that just might list your family. There is information on family history regarding the Revolutionary War. There is family history in periodicals, books, and an assortment of media.

Take a look.

Visit
www.iCONN.org
for all your
research needs!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Read Across America—Dr. Seuss' Birthday-2pm	3 Storytime—10:30am	4 Chess—10am
5	6	7 Talk of the Town Tea—2pm	8	9 Storytime—10:30am & 2pm	10 Storytime—10:30am	11
12	13	14 Talk of the Town Tea—2pm	15 Preparing for College—6:30pm	16 Storytime—10:30am & 2pm	17 Storytime—10:30am	18
19	20	21 Talk of the Town Tea—2pm	22 Ask the Computer Expert—10:30am	23 Storytime—10:30am & 2pm	24 Storytime—10:30am	25
26	27	28 Talk of the Town Tea—2pm	29	30 Storytime—10:30am & 2pm Pajama Night—6:30pm	31 Storytime—10:30am	

Events at the Library

March 2: Read Across America with Dr. Seuss & Friends - 2:00 p.m. -- For children of all ages. Mrs. Sharon Shmanda will be sharing the magic of childhood classic read-aloud stories.

March 4: Chess Practice Rounds first Saturdays of every month: 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. -- Everyone is invited to play chess, be with friends and make new friends.

March 4, 11, 18, 25: "Checkmate in 1 Move" puzzle each week. A new Chess puzzle will be displayed on Saturdays. Come solve it! Prizes!

March 7, 14, 21, 28: "Talk of the Town" Tea every Tuesday: 2 p.m. Come have tea, talk books and meet your fellow Rowaytonites.

March 9, 16, 23, 30: Storytime for 4s & 5s every Thursday 2:00 p.m. -- Mrs. Sharon Shmanda reads her favorite stories.

March 9, 16, 23, 30: Storytime with Music for Pre-3s every Thursday

10:30 a.m. -- Singer/songwriter Dre Towey performs both original and traditional music which inspires children to sing along, laugh and dance.

March 10, 17, 24, 31: Storytime with Song for Pre-3s every Friday 10:30 a.m. -- Come and listen as our Staff and Friends read our favorite stories. Storytellers will include Christine Smith and Surprise Storytellers.

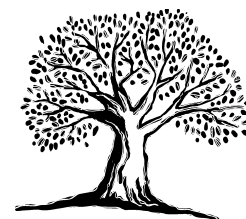
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March 15 through April 15: Haiku Contest to Celebrate "April as Poetry Month" You are invited to participate in

the Rowayton Library Haiku Contest. See feature article for more details.

March 22: Everything You Wanted to Know About Computers But Were Afraid To Ask, for Adults - 10:30 a.m. -- This program affords everyone the opportunity to "Ask the Expert" about your computer, your printer, the Internet, the software programs you use... Expert help... right here are your Library and to see inside the computer — how it really works.

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Programs at the Rowayton Library

Look for these upcoming special events in April

- 4/1: Chess Practice Rounds... and in honor of April Fools' Day — Loser's Chess
4/15: Internet Safety for Your Children [For Parenting Adults]
4/27: Poetry and Pizza – A World at War: Today and Yesterday — World War I Poetry and book discussion group
4/30: Garden Club Pre-plant Sale Lecture

We're on the web
at
www.RowaytonLibrary.org

Poetry & Pizza

A World at War: Today and Yesterday — World War I Poetry and Book Discussion Group

Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. Books available at the Circulation Desk

More than any other conflict, the "Great War" inspired writers of many generations especially notable are the works that have been left behind by combatants. This book discussion using *The Penguin Book of First World War Poetry* (edited by Jon Silkin) will cover a selection of poetry that traces the changing mood of the people of the times and of the soldiers themselves — from patriotism, through anger and compassion, to an active desire for social change... not unlike the changing mood of our modern time at war.

In the introduction to this collection, editor John Silkin remarks "Our humanity must never be outwitted by systems, and this is why we are at our most vital when our intelligence is in full and active cooperation with feeling. We shall never not be political again, and the best way to be this, among other things is to think and to feel: and if this cooperative impulsion is permeated with values we can decently share, we stand a chance, as a species, of surviving." As we consider his words and the words of the poets contained within the text, does this still make sense to us a century later? Do the lessons that we learn from the poems of another war help us to understand and come to grips with the current wartime situation?

Dr. Vinni Marie D'Ambrosio, professor emerita and award-winning poet, will be leading the group along several themes that are threads through many of the poems. These include: compassion, courage, self-sacrifice, enterprise, endurance, unselfish dedication to comrades, and patriotism. She will help us draw comparisons between the various poems and how these characteristics were portrayed.

Please join us for pizza and poetry on Thursday, April 27th. Pick up a copy of *The Penguin Book of First World War Poetry* at the circulation desk. We have 20 copies of the book for patron participation. This program has been brought to the Rowayton Library through a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council.

Poets included in this collection are: Thomas Hardy, Rupert Brooke, Julian Grenfell, John McCrae, Alan Seeger, Charles Hamilton Sorley, Edward Thomas, Edmund Blunden Siegfried Sassoon, Rudyard Kipling, Edgell Rickword, E.E. Cummings, Richard Aldington, Ford Madox Ford, F.S. Flint, Alice Meynell, May Wedderburn Cannan, Charlotte Mew, Margaret Postgate Cole, Mina Loy, T.E. Hulme, Herbert Read, David Jones, Harold Munro, John Peale Bishop, Frederick Manning, Wilfred Owen, D.H. Lawrence, Isaac Rosenberg, Archibald MacLeish, Carl Sandburg, Edna St Vincent Millay, Georg Heym, Georg Trakl, Alfred Lichtenstein, Ernst Stadler, Wilhelm Klemm, August Stramm, Albert Ehrenstein, Anton Schnack, Yvan Goll, Guillaume Apollinaire, Charles Vildrac, Bejain Beret, Rene Arcos, Guisepppe Ungaretti, Eugenio Montale, Aleksandr Blok, Anna Akhmatova, Osip Mandelstam, Uri Zvi Greenberg, and Marina Tsvetayeva.



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