



This Month at the Rowayton Library

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The Tao of the Defiant Woman—Meet Author C. J. Golden: Book Talk/Book Signing

WHO: C.J. Golden, successful career woman, student of Taoist philosophy, public speaker, author and proud woman over the age of 40.

WHAT: *The Tao of the Defiant Woman; A Guide to Life over 40*, a guide for women in which Golden fuses her own personal experiences

with the teachings of Taoist philosophy to help find inner peace, while boldly facing life's challenges.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 3 from 5:00—7:00 p.m. at the Library.

Five principles of a Tao-girl:

- A defiant woman recognizes that her body is changing *and* she is thankful that it continues working as well as it does.
- The defiant woman understands that her relationships are ever evolving *and* she accepts that, for she knows that



she is a work in progress.

- The defiant woman treasures her friends *and* draws strength from the community of women.
- The defiant woman seeks positive role models to help guide her *and* strives to be a like example for her daughters.
- The defiant woman knows the world around her continues to develop *and* is content because there is always something new and exciting to learn.

Written for those coping with life's changes, this book helps women look forward to the future while remembering the lessons of the past. With *The Tao of the Defiant Woman* in hand, readers can proudly face the challenges of life's journey with joy, grace, and humor.

Come join us for good talk, good company, good food, and a *great* book. Author C. J. Golden has graciously offered to donate half the proceeds from the sale of her book at this event to the Rowayton Library.

Marine Life Touch Tank—for Kids

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Cedar Island Marina Research Laboratory is known



for their amazing ability to "entrance" children of all ages with live marine creatures. This presentation will include detailed descriptions of these organisms and their native habitats. The geology of Long Island Sound and its ecosystems are also discussed. After the presentation, children are invited to "get up close and personal" with the animals and encouraged to hold, touch and observe these animals.

*A Special
"Thank You"
to all who
participated in
this year's
Annual Haiku
Contest
(see winning poems
inside)*

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.
Sundays
 Closed
*The Library will be closed on Monday,
 May 29
 for Memorial Day*
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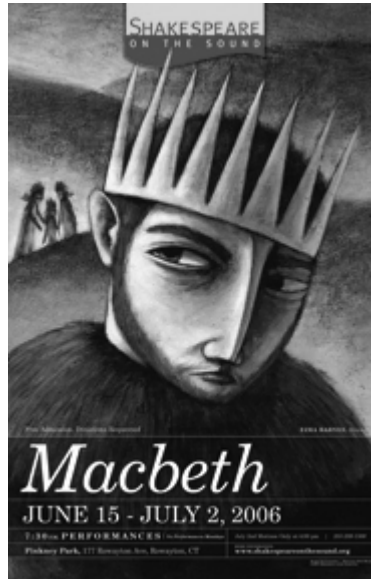
Shakespeare's *Macbeth*

In 1606 William Shakespeare, the Bard of Avon, wrote a play which would go down in history as the *cursed* Scottish play after numerous mishaps during production. It was written for his new patron, James I (James VI of Scotland), following the death of Queen Elizabeth. James was interested in witchcraft and Scotland, and hence the themes in the play. The play itself tells the story of a man, urged by his wife and foretold by prophecy, who commits regicide in order to gain power.

How shall we prepare for the *coming of Macbeth*? The Rowayton Library is proud to present programs to enhance your enjoyment of the upcoming production of Shakespeare on the Sound's *Macbeth* (June 15—July 2).

Join us this month

- Macbeth Trivia (with prizes courtesy of SOS),
- borrow a copy of the play (courtesy of the Con-



necticut Humanities Council),

- watch any of the many versions of the play on DVD or VHS,
- children can attend a special program on Macbeth with Tom Lee, a Master Teaching Artist with the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, as he entertains and interacts with children while telling the story of Macbeth, (co-sponsored by SOS) on June 2.
- and, for the adults — experience the play *first hand* with Mark Schenker, an associate dean of Yale University and lecturer in the English Department and a Shakespearean scholar — champagne and hors d'oeuvres and Macbeth (co-sponsored by SOS) on June 10.

What makes BookCrossing the *World's Biggest Book Club*?

bookcrossing

n. the practice of leaving a book in a public place to be picked up and read by others, who then do likewise. (Added to the Concise Oxford English Dictionary in August 2004)



The Rowayton Library has joined the *World's Biggest Book Club*. Come to the Library and take one of our traveling **BookCrossing** books. We have an entire section of paperbacks ready to be read and released into the wild. When you have finished reading the book, release it. Then, later, you can track where your book has traveled. Share the joy of reading with others.

Buggy Book Review Marathon (continues through May 31)

Everyone is Getting into Books - Buggy Book Review Marathon – Children of all ages are invited to read, read, read. With every book you borrow, you will get a **Buggy Book Review** bookmark.

On that bookmark, tell us what you thought of the book. Was the book fun? Was the book exciting? Did you like the book?

Return the book and the **Buggy Book Review**

bookmark (with your review) to the library and be rewarded with treasure from the treasure chest. For every book read and reviewed, you deserve a reward.

Buggy Book Reviews are posted in the library so everyone will know whether the books were good, bad, funny, sad. Spring into books with our **Buggy Book Review Marathon**.



Haiku Contest Winners—2006

Soft rolling mountains
With white fog hugging woodlands
Tall trees stretching high

— *Lisa Black*

(Pollen)

Tiny yellow worlds
rushing at me from brownness
Purple surroundings

— *Liza Epprecht*

(Summer)

It will run away
Have to be careful they say
Hold on tight to summer

— *Julianne Arcamane*

(Summer)

Days are getting long
Cool pool water splashes me.
Too bad it will end!

— *Samantha Steele*

Wildflowers sun gold
Springing upon grassy fields
Trees surrendering

— *Lisa Black*

The yellow hot sand
Goes into my face
How lovely it feels

— *Seeley Fancher*

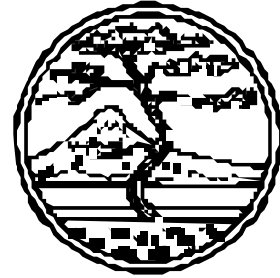
Crisp wisp of autumn
finds the skin hidden beneath
my woven sweater

— *Jessie Paul*

(Reach)

Stretching on tiptoe,
my breath clouds of frost, fingers
brush a burning star

— *Candice Hughes*



Pink dogwood petals
Spread across shaded pathway
Spring sunlight playful

— *Lisa Black*

Horse shoe crab lies dead
While the sea, his home, scatters
Sea shells around him

— *Cathy Babcock Torre*

Over the rainbow
Is where leprechauns live
And where their gold lies

— *Millie Cunningham*

Rain. Pouring down, fast.
What a surprise. Wow, the power.
Pass me my wine please

— *Pamela Mikus*

The water reaches
For the sand on the warm shore
Then the tide is found

— *Heather Gordon*

The swan in the swamp
Graceful, peacefully walking
Striding with great care

— *Zack Thompson*

(A Rainy Day)

Rain clouds drip and drop
Puddles spread wide on the ground
Splish splash jump and play

— *Finn Maloney*

Mother's Day Crafts for Kids

Mother's Day is a time of commemoration and celebration for Mom. It is a time of breakfast in bed, family gatherings, and crayons scribbling "I Love You."

So here, at the Library, for your entertainment are some fun Holiday things for kids, and moms... for the entire family. We've got stories to read, music to enjoy, pictures for the kids to color, and a activities for the children to make something special for MOM!



Children are invited to come to the Library and make a special gift for Mom.

So bring your kids and tell your friends — on **Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Library.**

The craft activity is limited to 20 children, so please call the Library (203) 838-5038 and reserve the date.

Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday May 14, 2006. (In the UK Mothering Sunday is celebrated on the 26th of March, 2006.)

Computer Series: Information Literacy

Wednesday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. — Information Literacy is defined as *the ability*

- *to know when there is a need for information,*
- *to be able to identify,*
- *to locate,*
- *to evaluate, and*
- *to effectively use that information for the issue or problem at hand.*

Here we have the Internet: so... what information is real and true? Which websites can you trust? Who is really putting information out there?

Come to the Library and learn about the 3 T's (tried, true, and traceable resources) of Information, and the 3 M's (meaningful, manageable, and measurable) of Research. Find your true path

through the Internet. Become information literate!



Join Us for Tea

at the Library

Every Tuesday Afternoon

at 2:00 p.m.

John Harney & Sons Teas

Pajama Night— Storytime for Kids



Thursday, May 25 — Pajama Night Storytime for Children 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m

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

Our storytellers will be telling tall tales that will fire our imagination.

Get comfy. Wear your snuggly jammies if you want, and don't forget to bring along your blanket and favorite bedtime stuffed animal for stories and family fun. Refreshments will be served.

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

May 2006

Macbeth Trivia Contest through June 10

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Tea @2 pm	3 C.J. Golden's <i>The Tao of the Defiant Woman</i> 5-7 pm	4 Storytime 10:30 am	5 Storytime 10:30 am	6 Chess 10 am
7	8	9 Tea @2 pm	10	11 Storytime 10:30 am	12 Storytime 10:30 am	13 Mother's Day Crafts for Kids 10:30 am
14	15	16 Tea @2 pm	17	18 Storytime 10:30 am	19 Storytime 10:30 am Marine Touch Tank 3:30 pm	20
21	22	23 Tea @2 pm	24 Information Literacy 10:30 am	25 Storytime 10:30 am Pajama Night 6:30 pm	26 Storytime 10:30 am	27
28	29 Library Closed	30 Tea @2 pm	31			

Buggy Book Review Marathon through May 31

Events at the Library

Now through May 31: Buggy Book Review Marathon – Children of all ages are invited to read, read, read. With every Buggy Book Review Bookmark you complete, you will be rewarded with *treasure from our Treasure Chest*.

Now through June 10: Macbeth Trivia Contest — What's your Shakespeare I.Q.? Know your Macbeth trivia — increase your chances in winning Macbeth *regalia* (T-shirt/hat donated by SOS).

Every Tuesday in May: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. "Afternoon Tea" 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 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? Our tea is generously donated to the Rowayton Library by Mr. John Harney of Harney & Sons Fine Teas.

May 3: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. "CT Author, C.J. Golden's *The Tao of the Defiant Woman*; *A Guide to Life over 40*" book

signing and book discussion.

Every Thursday in May: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. "Storytime with Music for Pre-3s every Thursday" -- Singer/songwriter Dre Towey performs both original and traditional music which inspires children to sing along, laugh and dance. As a former elementary school teacher she co-wrote and produced a CD for children, *Ants Wear Underpants*.

Every Friday in May: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. "Storytime with Song for Pre-3s every Friday": -- Come and listen as our Staff and Friends read our favorite stories. Storytellers will include Christine Smith and Surprise Storytellers.

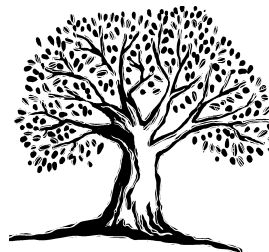
May 6: 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. "Chess Practice Rounds 1st Saturday of Every Month" -- Everyone is invited to join in at the Rowayton Library... whether you are a beginner, an expert, never played and want to learn, or just looking for a good

game... come to the Library. Play Chess, be with friends and make new friends.

May 6, 13, 20, 27 "Checkmate in 1 Move" puzzle each week. A new Chess puzzle will be displayed on Saturdays. Come solve it! Prizes!

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And Coming to the Rowayton Library in June...

- **Tell a Tale of Shakespeare** – for children ages 7 and up (Friday, June 2 at 3:30 p.m.) – Tom Lee, a Master Teaching Artist with the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, entertains and interacts with children as he tells the story of *Macbeth*.
- ***Macbeth* – an active book discussion** (Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m.) – Mark Schenker, an associate dean of Yale University and lecturer in the English Department is also a Shakespearean scholar. He will discuss *Macbeth*, Shakespeare on the Sound's 2006 project.
- **Father's Day Crafts at the Library** (Saturday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m.)

And, BEYOND...

- **SUMMER READING MADNESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- **Book Discussion Groups for Kids, Teens, and Adults**

If you don't find what you're looking for in the Library... reQUEST it!

Visit the Library's website at www.Rowayton.org and click on reQUEST for access to more than 3 million books, videos, DVDs, books on tape, ReQUEST what you like and it will be delivered to the Library and you will be called when it arrives.

If you need reliable information... search iCONN!

Visit the Library's website at www.Rowayton.org and click on iCONN for access to informative and reliable databases.

Sign up for our Library News by EMAIL

Put your email address on our mailing list at the Circulation desk and we will make sure you receive our *This Month at the Rowayton Library* by email. Don't miss out on what is happening at your community library.



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Macbeth Crossword

1. Macbeth's title before the battle.
2. An adjective used to describe Lady Macbeth.
3. Lady Macbeth can't kill the King because he looks like her _____.
4. The King's name.
5. Another name for the witches.
6. Macbeth hallucinates seeing this.
7. He dreamt of the witches.
8. Lady Macbeth says that Macbeth is full of the _____ of human kindness.
9. He discovers the King's dead body.

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