

This Month at the Rowayton Library

April is Poetry Month

What is National Poetry Month? "National Poetry Month was established by the Academy of American Poets as a month-long, national celebration of poetry. The concept was to increase the attention paid by individuals and the media to the art of poetry, to living poets, to our poetic heritage, and to poetry books and magazines — with the hope of achieving an increase in the visibility, presence, and accessibility of poetry in our culture." [www.poets.org] Make poetry a part of your life this month. Check out our collection of poetry in the Library; write a poem; share your poem with a friend; write a Haiku and submit it to the Library's Haiku Contest.

Haiku Contest

What is a Haiku poem? "The haiku is a very structured poetry form. Initially introduced by the Japanese, haiku are three-lined poems containing five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third. Containing just seventeen syllables, the haiku cannot capture a "big picture." One depicts in them tiny images of incredible beauty, something glorious that might be missed if the writer had not taken the time to point it out. In a haiku one may depict a drop of water on a leaf reflecting early morning light, the smell of the evening dew, the answer of one bird to another's call, the persistence of a flower pushing its way through the cracks in the pavement to touch the sky. A haiku is about serenity and peace. It is getting in touch with nature; it feels like a walk in the woods." [Chaika, www.Education-World.com] For more information and contest rules, come to the Library. Contest ends April 15, 2006.

Poetry & Pizza — A World at War: Today and Yesterday — World War I Poetry and Book Discussion Group — Thursday, April 27 @ 7 pm

This discussion group will be reading **The Penguin Book of First World War Poetry** (edited by Jon Silkin).

It covers a selection of poetry that traces the changing mood of the people of the times and of the soldiers themselves during WWI — from patriotism,

through anger and compassion, to an active desire for social change... not unlike the changing mood of our modern time at war.

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.

Please join us for pizza and poetry: pizza, courtesy of Rowayton Pizza and Pasta; poetry courtesy of the Connecticut Humanities Council. For more information and a copy of the book, come to the Library.

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**National Library Week
April 2-8,
2006**

**Come Volunteer in
your
Community
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.

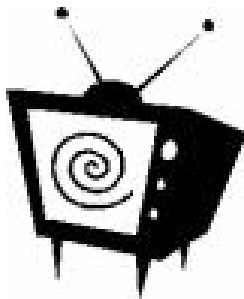
Sundays

Closed

203-838-5038

Turn Off TV Week—April 24-30

What would you do if there were no TV? Come to the Library? Start a garden? Write a Letter? Take a Walk, a Swim, or a Bicycle Ride? Ice-Skate, Roller-Skate or Roller-Blade? Get the news from the radio or Newspaper? Start a Journal or Diary? Make a Scrapbook or Photo Album? Cook a Meal with Family or Friends? Make paper bag costumes and have a parade? Play hopscotch, hide & seek, or freeze-tag? Learn about the native trees and flowers in your area? Play a Game? Watch the clouds? Look at the Stars? Attend Local Plays and Sports Events? Listen to Music? Do Yard work or Household Repairs? Sit Down for Coffee (or Tea) and Conversation (maybe on a Tuesday at 2 at the Library)? Make a friendship bracelet? Visit the zoo? Go to a museum? Study sign-language? Climb a tree?



Well, during the week of April 24 through April 29, come to the Library and find a different activity to ignite your imagination: there will be giant jigsaw puzzles, word search and hidden word puzzles to solve, games to play, coloring, mazes to navigate, think & draw creations, computer games and music CDs to borrow, and, of course, your favorite books.

Please Join Us for

Afternoon Tea every
Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at
the Rowayton Library

Sponsored by
Harney & Sons Fine Teas

Buggy Book Review Marathon (April 1-May 31)

Spring 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.

Your **Buggy Book Reviews** will be posted in the library so everyone will know whether the books

Museum Passes

Now your library card can get you more than books... the Rowayton Library has acquired ArtPASS and AquariumPASS for use by its patrons. Come check them out!

ArtPASS

Wadsworth Atheneum

600 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103
860.278.2670

www.wadsworthatheneum.org

Admits 2 adults & 2 children for free.
Additional Adults: \$10.00
Seniors: \$8.00
Students 13 & over: \$5.00
Children 12 & under: Free

AquariumPASS

Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk

10 N. Water Street
Norwalk, CT 06854
203.852.0700

www.maritimeaquarium.org

good for \$2 off a combination Aquarium & IMAX theater ticket for up to 6 people
Regular price for Aquarium/IMAX combo ticket:
Adults: \$14.50
Seniors: \$12.75
Children: \$10.75

were good,
bad,
funny,
sad.



Spring into books with our **Buggy Book Review Marathon.**

For more information, ask a Librarian!

April 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Haiku Contest through April 15						1 Chess @ 10
2	3	4 Tea @ 2 pm	5	6 Storytime @ 10:30 Storytime @2pm	7 Storytime @ 10:30	8
9	10	11 Tea @ 2 pm	12	13 Storytime @ 10:30 Storytime @2pm	14 Storytime @ 10:30	15 Haiku Contest Deadline
16	17	18 Tea @ 2 pm	19	20 Storytime @ 10:30 Storytime @2pm	21 Storytime @ 10:30	22 Earth Day Celebration
23	24	25 Tea @ 2 pm	26 Internet Safety @ 10:30	27 Storytime @ 10:30 Storytime @2pm Poetry & Pizza @7pm	28 Storytime @ 10:30	29
Turn Off TV Week April 24 through April 30						
30 Garden Symposium @3 pm	Buggy Book Review Marathon through May 31					

Events at the Library

Now through April 15: Haiku Contest — You are invited to participate in the Rowayton Library Haiku Contest. Come to the Library for more details.

April 1 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*.

April 1: 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. Also, as this is April Fool's Day – come learn and play *Loser's Chess*.

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: "Checkmate in 1 Move" puzzle each week. A new Chess puzzle will be displayed on Saturdays. Come solve it! Prizes!

April 3, 10, 17, 24: "Talk of the Town" Tea every Tuesday: 2 p.m. Come have tea, talk books and meet your fellow Rowaytonites.

April 6, 13: Storytime for 4s & 5s every Thursday 2:00 p.m. -- Mrs. Sharon Shmanda reads her favorite stories.

April 6, 13, 20, 27: Storytime with Music for Pre-3s every Thursday 10:30 a.m. -- Singer/songwriter Andrea Towey performs both original and traditional music which inspires children to sing along, laugh and dance.

April 7, 14, 21, 28: 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.

April 22: Earth Day Celebration -- Come into the library. Everyone who borrows a book, video, audio book, or magazine will be given a "Gift of Spring" – a packet of seeds courtesy of Reynolds Farm Nurseries.

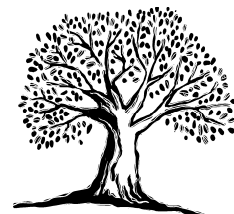
April 24 through April 30: Turn Off TV Week -- Take this opportunity to explore the world around you. Lots of

fun at the Library.

April 26: Internet Safety - Do You Know Where Your Kids Are? - for Parenting Adults 10:30 a.m. – Learn to identify and find the safest sites for your child. See where your child has visited on the web. Protect your child through email etiquette.

April 27: Poetry and Pizza: A World at War: Today and Yesterday — Dinner and Discussion at 7:00 p.m. Join Dr. Vinni Marie D'Ambrosio in a book discussion on WWI poetry. Dinner courtesy of Rowayton Pizza & Pasta. Borrow the book at the Library.

Garden Symposium 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (Sunday, April 30) – The Rowayton Garden Club symposium on summer gardening, with hands-on demonstrations, displays, reference materials, and experts covering the topics of gardening – just in time for you to prepare for the upcoming Plant Sale.



And Coming to the Rowayton Library in May...

- Connecticut Author C.J. Golden and her book *The Tao of the Defiant Woman - A Guide to Life over 40* (**Wednesday, May 3**)
- The Cedar Island Marina Research Lab will be bringing their *Marine Touch Tank for Kids* (**Friday, May 19**)

And, in June... Shakespeare's Macbeth!

- **Tell a Tale of Shakespeare – for children ages 7 and up (Friday, June 2)** – 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)** – 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.

And, BEYOND...

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

Celebrate Earth Day at the Library

Saturday, April 22

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Computer Series: *Internet Safety - Do You Know Where Your Kids Are?* - for Parenting Adults

Wednesday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Learn to identify and find the safest sites for your child. See where your child has visited on the web. Protect your child through email etiquette.

Gardening Symposium

Sunday, April 30 from 3:00—5:00 p.m. at the Library.

The Rowayton Garden Club and the Rowayton Library will be presenting a symposium on summer gardening. There will be hands-on demonstrations, displays, reference materials, and experts covering the topics of gardening techniques, shade and sun perennials, container gardening and organic (environmental) gardening – just in time for you to prepare for the upcoming Rowayton Garden Club Plant Sale.



The Rowayton Library

**Help buy supplies for the Library!
Donate your USED computer printer cartridges here at The Library**