



This Month at the Rowayton Library

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Da Vinci – the Man -- Decoded!

Slides/Lecture/Discussion

Saturday, June 17 — 6:30

p.m. "Da Vinci – the Man -- decoded!" – Leonardo Da Vinci was an extraordinary man who epitomized the Renaissance ideal: he was an artist, scientist, musician, mathematician, and engineer -- a man with an insatiable curiosity and thirst for



knowledge. He experimented with his painting techniques and often utilized formulas and ideas from classical sources. Leonardo also painted himself into many of his paintings and communicated messages in them, which have recently been used as

motifs in Dan Brown's best-selling novel the "Da Vinci Code." The Rowayton Library is proud to present a slide/lecture on Leonardo's life, his associations with the famous families of Northern Italy, his rivalry with Michelangelo, and his work for the French king, Francois I. Of particular interest will be a special segment devoted to an analysis of the four major paintings that are featured in the "Da Vinci Code" book and movie.

Vesna Mison, award winning international artist and lecturer, will be leading this slide presentation. A selection of Da Vinci wines and cheese will be served to enhance the "Renaissance experience." This program is made possible through the generosity of **David Reynolds, Private Mortgage Banker -- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage**. The wine is brought to you by **Darien Liquor Shop**. Please call the Library for a courtesy reservation.

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

BookTalk for Kids — Lemony Snicket's *The Bad Beginning* Talk/Friends/Pizza

Thursday, June 15 — 6:00 p.m. "Pizza and Lemony Snicket's *The Bad Beginning* (A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 1)" -- Make no mistake. *The Bad Beginning* begins badly for the three Baudelaire children, and then gets worse.... The Rowayton Library presents host, Annie Schenker, as she leads children ages 8 – 12 through the world of *Fantasy* introducing children to the first book of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* -- the critically-acclaimed

fantasy series. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. This event is being brought to you through a grant from the **Connecticut Humanities Council**, and through the generosity of **Tibbetts, Keating, & Butler, LLC**. Pizza is brought to you by **Rowayton Pizza and Pasta**. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. Please call the Library for a courtesy reservation.

Read more about the BookTalk programs for Kids coming this summer at the Rowayton Library on page 4.

Tell a Tale of Shakespeare — *Macbeth* for Kids

Friday, June 2 — 3:30

p.m. “Tell a Tale of Shakespeare for Kids” -- 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*. This program is appropriate for children ages 7 and up to participate (but children of all ages are welcome to

attend). This event is co-sponsored by **Shakespeare on the Sound** and the Rowayton Library. For more information, and a courtesy reservation, please call the Library.

Macbeth Revealed! — for Adults

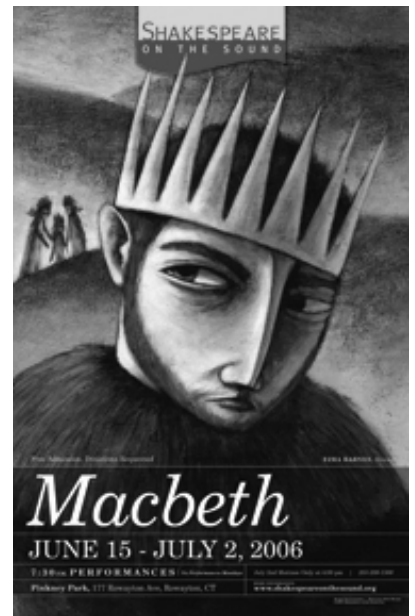
Saturday, June 10 —

6:30 p.m. “Macbeth Revealed” – Yale University’s Dr. Mark Schenker has an uncanny ability to heighten understanding of literature of any kind, and is never better than when talking about Shakespeare. Delve into the dark depths of *Macbeth* as Dr. Schenker leads us through an “action-packed” discussion of this play – at the Rowayton Library.

Mark Schenker, Associate Dean and Dean of Academic Affairs of Yale University, was born and raised in New York City and received his Ph.D. in English Literature from Columbia University. He has taught at Yale University, Columbia, New

York University, and Trinity College in Hartford. Dr. Schenker has led book discussion series in public libraries in Connecticut for nearly 20 years and has taught a range of works including Shakespeare’s comedies and tragedies, Shakespeare’s sonnets, and Joyce’s *Ulysses*.

Macbeth is this year’s Shakespeare on the Sound’s 2006 season production running June 15 through July 2 at Pinkney Park. Champagne and hors d’ouvres, good company, good conversation, and a great play will be *served* at the Library for this event. For more information, and a courtesy reservation, please call the Library. This event is co-sponsored by **Shake-**



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Father’s Day Crafts for Kids

Saturday, June 10 —

10:30 a.m. "Father's Day Crafts for Kids" - Father's Day is a time of commemoration and celebration for Dad. It is a time for showing Dad how much you appreciate him, for family gatherings, and for crayons scribbling "I Love You." So here

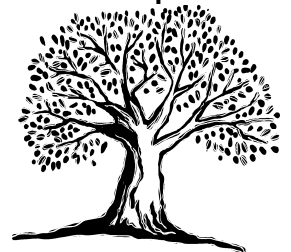
at the Library for your entertainment are some fun Holiday things for kids and dads... for the entire family. We've got stories to read, music to



enjoy, pictures for the kids to color, and a chance for children to come to the Library and make a special gift for *Dad*. So bring your kids and tell your friends. The craft activity is limited to 30 children, so please call the Library for a courtesy reservation.

June 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 <i>Storytime</i> @10:30 am	2 <i>Storytime</i> @10:30 am <i>Shakespeare for Kids</i> @3:30 pm	3 <i>Chess</i> @10 am
4	5	6 <i>Tea @2 pm</i>	7	8 <i>Storytime</i> @10:30 am	9 <i>Storytime</i> @10:30 am	10 <i>Father's Day Crafts</i> @10:30 am <i>Shakespeare for Adults</i> @6:30 pm
11	12	13 <i>Tea @2 pm</i>	14	15 <i>Storytime</i> @10:30 am <i>BookTalk for Kids</i> @6 pm	16 <i>Storytime</i> @10:30 am	17 <i>Da Vinci Decoded</i> @6:30 pm
18	19	20 <i>Tea @2 pm</i>	21	22 <i>Storytime</i> @10:30 am	23 <i>Storytime</i> @10:30 am	24
25	26	27 <i>Tea @2 pm</i>	28	29 <i>Storytime</i> @10:30 am <i>BookTalk for Kids</i> @6 pm	30 <i>Storytime</i> @10:30 am	



Events at the Library

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

Every Tuesday in June: 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. Our tea is generously donated to the Rowayton Library by Mr. John Harney of Harney & Sons Fine Teas.

Every Thursday in June: 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.

Every Friday in June: 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.

Every Saturday in June "Checkmate in 1 Move" puzzle each week. A new Chess puzzle will be displayed on Saturdays. Come solve it! Prizes!

June 2: 3:30—4:30 p.m. "Tell a Tale of Shakespeare" for Kids. This program is appropriate for children ages 7 and up to participate (but children of all ages are welcome to attend). Please call the Library for a courtesy reservation.

June 3: 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. "Chess Practice Rounds 1st Saturday of Every Month" -- Everyone is invited to play Chess, be with friends and make new friends.

June 10: 10:30—11:30 a.m. "Father's Day Crafts" for Kids. This program is

appropriate for children of all ages. Please call the Library for a courtesy reservation.

June 10: 6:30—8:00 p.m. "Macbeth Revealed." Champagne and hors d'ouvres, good company, good conversation, and a great play will be *servé* at the Library for this event. For a courtesy reservation, please call the Library.

June 15: 6:00—7:30 p.m. "BookTalk—Pizza & Lemony Snicket" This program is appropriate for children 8–12. Please call the Library for a courtesy reservation.

June 17: 6:30—8:00 p.m. "Da Vinci Decoded!. Da Vinci the man, the artist, the inventor, and Da Vinci wine. Please call the Library for a courtesy reservation.

June 29: 6:00—7:30 p.m. "BookTalk—Pizza & Artemis Fowl" This program is appropriate for children 8–12. Please call the Library for a courtesy reservation.

BookTalk—Book Voyagers — for Kids *Dinner & Discussion*

Fantasy has always been one of the most popular genres of children's fiction. The overwhelming success of the *Harry Potter* books proves that children will flock to well-written fantasy over and over again. With its unique mix of the surreal and the real, fantasy stimulates imagination and simultaneously addresses real-life issues that children can relate to their own lives.

This dinner and discussion series (June 15, 29, July 13, 27) will introduce children to the world of fantasy. Two of the books are classic series which have been read by generations of fantasy lovers: *The Time Quartet* by Madeleine L'Engle and *The Prydain Chronicles* by Lloyd Alexander. The other two book series are fast-becoming contemporary fantasy favorites: *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer and *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket.

This is a 4-session dinner and book discussion program. Children may attend one or more of the sessions (attending all four sessions is **not** required). Each session will focus on one series' first installment. Themes covered will include the universal struggle between good and evil, courage, loyalty, and love. *For children ages 8 through 12.* So bring your kids and tell your friends — on two Thursdays in June (15 & 29) and two Thursdays in July (13 & 27) at 6:00 p.m. at the Library. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. This event is being brought to the Rowayton Community through a grant from the **Connecticut Humanities Council**, and through the generosity of **Tibbetts, Keating, & Butler, LLC**. Pizza is brought to you by **Rowayton Pizza and Pasta**. The sessions are limited to 20 children each, so please call the Library (203) 838-5038 for a courtesy reservation. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the Circulation Desk at the Rowayton Library.



BookTalk Dates & Events

Book One of Each Series:

Thursday, June 15 @6:00 p.m. Pizza and *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket.

Thursday, June 29 @6:00 p.m. Pizza and *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

Thursday, July 13 @6:00 p.m. Pizza and *Prydain Chronicles* by Lloyd Alexander

Thursday, July 27 @6:00 p.m. Pizza and *The Time Quartet* by Madeleine L'Engle

Green Dot Books

Thanks to the community's generous response to our fund raising drive we are ordering many more new books. In order to make room for the collection we have accelerated the transition from "new" to "green dot" status. The green dot section, which is on your left as you walk in, contains books that are between 3 months and 1 year old. Consider green dots the nearly new of the library collection and look there for recent titles such as Michael Connelly's *The Lincoln Lawyer*, Philippa Gregory's *The Constant Princess* and Lisa See's *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* to name but a few.



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