



# September... at the Rowayton Library

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### ***Book Signing: Elizabeth Birkelund Oberbeck***

**Friday, September 15 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – Reading/Book Signing: Elizabeth Birkelund Oberbeck and her debut novel, “The Dressmaker”.** In this romantic debut novel, a reserved provincial French dressmaker falls head over heels in love—with a woman who's hired him to create her wedding dress.... *The Dressmaker* is a perfect gem of a novel, an enchanting portrait of another world, and, above all, a sly and irresistible love story.



Elizabeth Birkelund Oberbeck has worked in book and magazine publishing, contributed a regular column to *Cosmopolitan*, and written for *Glamour*, and *Working Woman*, among other publications. She lives in Greenwich, Connecticut, with her husband and four sons.

Come meet the author at the Rowayton Library. Ms. Oberbeck will read from her novel and will autograph first editions for our patrons. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact the Rowayton Library at 203-838-5038 or visit us on the web at [www.Rowayton.org](http://www.Rowayton.org). All programs are free and open to the public.



### **BookTalk**

#### ***Murder on the Menu***

**Wednesday, September 13 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) – *Murder on the Menu: BookTalk – with Murder in Mind... the 13 of each month... September through December.*** Please join us for a series of mystery book talks this Fall.

Test your hidden sleuth as you read these culinary mysteries that promise to be deadly to the last bite! All of the selections have some connection to food and food preparation, but each has its own unique flavor. The diverse settings for the action ... *continued page 2*

### **Musical Fun for Kids**

#### ***Moving to the Beat***

**Friday, September 8 (3:30 - 4:15 pm) – *Moving to the Beat for Kids.*** This program is a musical experience brought to the Rowayton Library community by Robert Markowitz. Mr. Markowitz has taught music & movement to young children for ten years, during which he developed a method of musical play that incorporates ... *continued page 2*



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| <b>Library Hours</b>   |
| Weekdays: 10 am to 5 pm — Wednesdays: 10 am to 7 pm - Saturdays: 10 am to 1 pm |
| Sundays: & Labor Day Closed  |
| 203-838-5038   |

## Murder on the Menu — BookTalk

... *with Murder in Mind*

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as well as the different personalities create a perfect recipe for discussion. The main characters make unappetizing discoveries and we are challenged to spot the villains in these thrillers along with them. Taste victory as you solve the crimes! Please join us for *deliciously deadly desserts, coffee, & discussions* each 13<sup>th</sup> of the month (September through December) at 7:00 pm this Fall. Gary Storhoff from the University of Connecticut - Stamford will be the discussion leader.

Featured for September: *A Catered Murder* by Isis Crawford; October: *Fudge Cupcake Murder* by Joanne Fluke; November: *Prime Cut* by Diane Mott Davidson; and December: *Assault & Pepper* by Tamar Myers. Copies of the four mysteries are available at the Rowayton Library. This series is co-sponsored by Tibbetts Keating & Butler, LLC and the Rowayton Civic Association and is made possible in part through a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council. For more information, please call the Library at (203) 838-5038 or visit us on the web at [www.Rowayton.org](http://www.Rowayton.org). All programs are free and open to the public.

### Banned Books Week September 23—30

Catcher in the Rye . . . Of Mice and Men . . . Harry Potter . . . Captain Underpants . . . What's your favorite book? Chances are good that someone has tried to ban it. Every year, there are hundreds of attempts to remove books from schools and libraries. Celebrate YOUR freedom to read and the right to choose your book during **Banned Books Week**. The Rowayton Library has a display of the top 100 banned books for you to select from. Come and read a *Banned Book*

## Moving to the Beat

*Musical Fun For Kids*

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music rhythm, movement, humor, role-playing and puppets. Robert's repertoire includes over 75 children's songs and he has recorded three CD's, one of which won the 2004 iParenting Media Award. He has performed extensively in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and now Connecticut. His style is to get on eye-level with your child and convey his delight in musical expression.

*Moving to the Beat* offers a playful, developmentally appropriate, non-performance-oriented musical experience that is immediately accessible and welcomes the child's participation. Musicianship, language and moral education, togetherness, and wonder are also goals of this program. Additional benefits include improved focus, concentration and comprehension.

This program is designed to help children develop rapid connections between the ears that listen, the brain that analyzes, and the body that acts to interpret the messages encoded in the music. Come join the children of Rowayton as we all start *Moving to the Beat* at the Rowayton Library, Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm For more information, please call the Library at (203) 838-5038 or visit us on the web at [www.Rowayton.org](http://www.Rowayton.org). All programs are free and open to the public.

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| SUN | MON                 | TUE            | WED                         | THU                    | FRI   | SAT |
|-----|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|-----|
|     |                     |                |                             |                        | 1 *StoryTime @10:30am   | 2   |
| 3   | 4<br>Library Closed | 5 *Tea at Two  | 6                           | 7 *StoryTime @10:30am  | 8 *StoryTime @10:30am<br>*Moving to the Beat for Kids @3:30pm | 9   |
| 10  | 11                  | 12 *Tea at Two | 13 *Murder on the Menu @7pm | 14 *StoryTime @10:30am | 15 *StoryTime @10:30am<br>*Book Signing @7pm                  | 16  |
| 17  | 18                  | 19 *Tea at Two | 20                          | 21 *StoryTime @10:30am | 22 *StoryTime @10:30am  | 23  |
| 24  | 25                  | 26 *Tea at Two | 27                          | 28 *StoryTime @10:30am | 29 *StoryTime @10:30am<br>*MovieTime @3:30pm                  | 30  |

## Staff Favorites

### Non-Fiction

*Monkey Dancing* by Daniel Glick — Follow this father and his two children on an incredible journey. It's part memoir, part environmental warning, and all engrossing.

*Bobos in Paradise* by David Brooks — A birds' eye look at modern consumption and our justification for it. Very well written, often funny and still relevant a few years after publication.

### Mystery

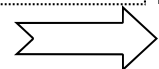
*A Taint in the Blood* by Dana Stabenow — Atmospheric and literally chilling (set in Alaska). She is a great author and Kate Shugack is a terrific heroine.

*The Tarnished Eye* by Judith Guest — An interesting departure for this author. Very taut pacing and suspenseful storyline.

### Fiction

*Kitchen* by Banana Yoshimoto — A great read translated from the Japanese. Our *Brien McMahon* staff member says this novella is a fascinating peek at Japanese family life, with a unique cast of characters.

*Straight Man* by Richard Russo — A fine academic comedy/send-up by one of our great American novelists. He was a professor for years so knows what he is talking about. Another engaging title in this genre is *Truth and Consequences* by Alison Lurie.



## InfoAnytime

at [www.Rowayton.org](http://www.Rowayton.org)



*InfoAnytime* is a real-time, web-based reference service that provides access to live librarians who assist the public (children, students, adults, researchers, etc.) in finding information.

*InfoAnytime* allows students and patrons of the Rowayton Library to connect to a professional librarian 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Sessions are conducted via online chat, using *pushing* and *co-browsing* technology to display information found on the web and in the iCONN databases. Anyone with a web browser can access the service - there is no special software required. Access *InfoAnytime* on our website at [www.Rowayton.org](http://www.Rowayton.org).

## MovieTime @ the Library

### *Show Me The Monkey*

**Friday, September 29 (3:30—5:00 pm)** — Come see the newly released *Curious George* movie *Show Me The Monkey* rated G at the Library. Enjoy the movie and, as always, our collection of *Curious George* books. Fun for everyone!



## The Four Elements

### *The Rowayton Arts Center Display*

In celebration of and collaboration with the Rowayton Arts Center, the Rowayton Library has put on display examples of the Four Elements as two artists have exhibited them. The originals are being shown at the Arts Center in the Earth, Air, Fire, Water exhibition. A brochure on the artists is available at the Circulation Desk.

### Staff Favorites—continued

*Intuition* by Allegra Goodman — Great character study set in the pressured world of a cancer research lab. Gripping plot right off the first pages, and excellent writing.

*The Marching Season* by Daniel Silva — An early work with a strong sense of place. The author makes the Northern Ireland conflict fresh and fascinating.



*At Weddings and Wakes* by Alice

McDermott — Elegantly written novel with memorable voices. The children are particularly well drawn and the drama of ordinary lives is really touching.

*Wild Designs* by Katie Fforde — Charming, Anglophile “chick lit” with real verve. Perfect for gardeners!

*The Dancer Upstairs* by Nicholas Shakespeare — Suspenseful, unique and powerful. This is a glimpse of the world of the Shining Path guerilla group in Peru and the policeman

who hunts their leader. Read this, then watch the very well done movie adaptation.

*Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson — Wonderfully written, at times funny and always poignant, this novel/detective story of interlocking lives is deservedly popular. Read this before the next in the series comes out this October.

*The Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood — Very fine historical fiction with a twist. Multi-faceted and detailed; it’s a very rewarding read.

## The Rowayton Library