



# October... at the Rowayton Library

## *UnderGround*

### MoneyTalk for Women

2007

– *By Women*



**Tuesdays, October 9, 16 & 23 (10:00 – 11:00 am) MoneyTalk for Women by Women.** There will be an easy-to-follow discussion on what has been going on in the financial markets. Julia Strayer and Cathy Tanzilli each have over 20 years of experience in breaking down complex financial strategies in an interactive and relaxed manner. You will come away feeling confident and able to ask the questions you didn't know to ask. Although each seminar is "stand alone," it is advisable to attend all three.

**October 9: Market Update.** Julia and Cathy will reveal what's been moving the markets and why, then take a look ahead to see what will happen for the remainder of 2007 and what to expect for 2008. Best of all, they will share some secrets for positioning your portfolio in these uncertain times.

**October 16: Why Do Smart People Make Bad Investment Choices?**  
When it comes to investing, people aren't always as rational as you

*continued inside* →

### **Pajama BookTalk & Pizza Party – Family Book Voyage II (grades K-3)**

**Thursdays, October 11, 18, 25 and November 8 (6:00 – 7:00 pm) Pajama BookTalk & Pizza Party – Family Book Voyage II.** A library-based reading program serving families (targeting children ages 6-10 and a parent or caregiver) by teaching them how to talk about picture books and by encouraging voluntary reading. Each session highlights a theme significant to this age group, drawing upon outstanding selections of traditional and contemporary children's

*continued inside* →

### **Halloween CraftTime for Kids**

**Saturday**

### **Pumpkin**



**Saturday, October 20 (10:30 am) Halloween Pumpkin CraftTime for Kids.** Join our staff for fun crafts and stories. Fun for everyone. This month we have a craft just perfect for Halloween. Come design and decorate a pumpkin. For more information and a **required courtesy reservation**, please call the Library at (203) 838-5038 or visit us on the web at [www.Rowayton.org](http://www.Rowayton.org). This program is free and open to the public.

#### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

MoneyTalk for Women	2
BookTalk—Pilgrim at Tinker Creek	2
BookTalk for Kids— <i>Half &amp; Half</i>	3
BookTalk— <i>Shadows in My House of Sunshine</i>	3
Ongoing Events at the Library	3
SecurityTalk for Adults	4
BusinessTalk for Adults	4
Staff Recommendations	4
Pajama BookTalk for Kids	6

#### Library Hours

**Weekdays:** 10 am to 5 pm — **Wednesdays:** 10 am to 7 pm — **Saturdays:** 10 am to 1 pm

**Sundays & Columbus Day:** Closed

203-838-5038

## MoneyTalk for Women

– *By Women*

*Continued from Page 1*

would think. Behavioral finance experts have been studying the not-so-smart decisions that people make. Julia and Cathy will reveal the fears, misperceptions and emotional needs people have that sabotage their investment returns. They will show you how to avoid the mistakes and give you some tips to invest like the pros.

**October 23: Retiring Successfully.** Retiring successfully takes planning. Ensuring that your money will outlast you can be tricky. Julia and Cathy will discuss how much money you'll need to save, how much you can spend, how to account for unforeseen expenses, and how to invest to minimize risk and maximize return. Also, they will share several successful strategies you can implement to give you peace of mind – whether you're already retired or you're still planning for a future retirement.



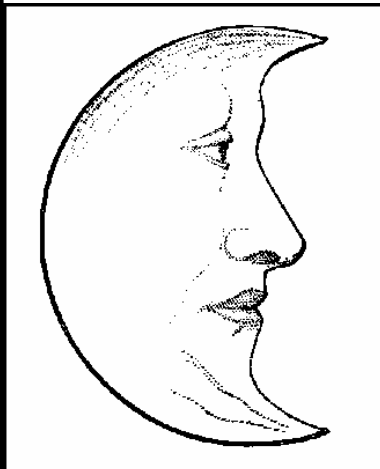
Julia Strayer is a Vice President, Wealth Management Advisor with Merrill Lynch. She is a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor and a Certified Investment Management Analyst. Cathy Tanzilli is a Vice President with Merrill Lynch. She is a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor, a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor and an Accredited Estate Planner.

Please join us for coffee and Danish. Bring your young ones. For more information, please call the Library

## BookTalk for Adults

– *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, by Annie Dillard*

**Wednesday, October 17 (12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm) – BookTalk for Adults – *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, by Annie Dillard.** In this Pulitzer Prize-winning commentary on nature, and the nature of the universe, Dillard as a young woman undertakes a pilgrimage in the woods at Virginia's Tinker Creek, walking slowly and looking carefully. An amateur naturalist and seeker of universal truths in the manner of Thoreau, Dillard's perception—angling from earth to the heavens—deepens as the seasons vary. Her quest to understand nature results in a spiritual understanding of herself and the universe, as well, which she shares in this lyrical meditation. Our discussion leader for this journey is Gary Storhoff, from the university of CT/Stamford. A light lunch will be served. Multiple copies of the book are available at the Library. This series is co-sponsored by the **Rowayton Civic Association** and **Business Connections** and is made possible in part through a grant from the **Connecticut Humanities Council**. For more information and a courtesy reservation, please call the Rowayton Library at (203) 838-5038 or visit us on the web at [www.Rowayton.org](http://www.Rowayton.org). This program is free and open to the public.



## BookTalk & Pizza Party for Kids (grades 4-6) – *Half and Half* by Lensey Namioka

Wednesday, October 17, (6:00 – 7:00 pm) Book-Talk & Pizza Party – *Half and Half* by Lensey Namioka. Fiona is half and half: her father is Chinese and her mother is Scottish. Since Fiona looks more like her father, people expect her to be more interested in her Chinese heritage. But what about her Scottish half? When Fiona's grandparents from both sides visit at the same time, things get even more complicated. And when she must choose between dancing the Highland Reel or appearing with her father as the Chinese heroine of one of his children's books, Fiona becomes confused about who she really is. How do you balance being "half and half" and still feel like yourself? Come celebrate the diversity of cultures that blend together to make each of us so special. (For grades 4-6). Christopher Brown, teacher, is our discussion Leader. 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). Multiple copies of the books are available at the library. This program is co-sponsored by the Rowayton Civic Association, Rowayton Pasta & Pizza, and Business Connections and is made possible in part through a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council. This program is free and open to the public.



Multiple copies of the books are available at the library. This program is co-sponsored by the Rowayton Civic Association, Rowayton Pasta & Pizza, and Business Connections and

is made possible in part through a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council. This program is free and open to the public.

## Ongoing Events at the Library

**Tuesdays "TeaTime" every Tuesday: 2 pm.** Come have tea, talk books and meet your fellow Rowayton-ites.

**Thursdays StoryTime with Music for Pre-3s every Thursday 10:30 am.** -- Singer/songwriter Dre Towey performs both original and traditional music which inspires children to sing along, laugh and dance.

**Fridays StoryTime with Song for Pre-3s every Friday 10:30 am.** -- Come and listen as our Staff and Friends read our favorite stories. Storytellers will include Christine Smith and Surprise Storytellers.

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

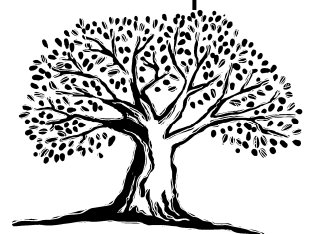
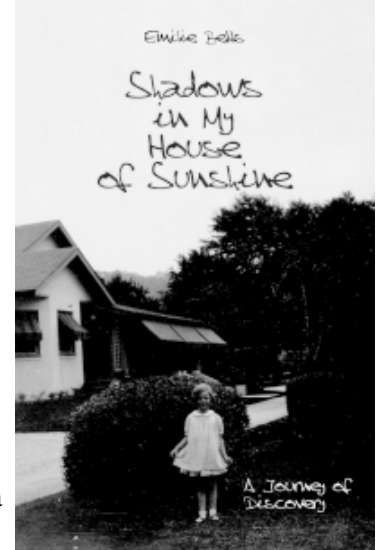
## BookTalk for Adults – *Shadows in My House of Sunshine*, with local author Emilie Betts

Wednesday, October 24 (7:00 – 8:30 pm) BookTalk for Adults – *Shadows in My House of Sunshine*, by Emilie Betts. Here is a unique experience... a book talk – a book discussion with the author. Please join local author Emilie Betts in a book discussion about her new book *Shadows in My House of Sunshine*.

*"With Shadows in My House of Sunshine, Emmie Betts has written more than a beautifully articulate memoir. She has written a compelling account of a lifelong search for home—that place that tells us who we are and where we're meant to be. And in the course of 80 years, she discovers that the soul finds many homes and that the journey into self never truly ends. Honest, brave, funny and thoughtful, this book is good company—just like the author herself."*

– Janet Hess, Emmy Award winning writer, series editor of *Nature* on PBS.

Multiple copies of the book are available at the library to borrow. Dessert and coffee will be served as we share our reading experience with the author – no holes barred. 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). This program is free and open to the public.



## SecurityTalk for Adults – *Identity Theft Prevention*

**Wednesday, October 17 (7:30 - 8:30 pm) – SecurityTalk for Adults – Identity Theft Prevention.** *What is Identity Theft... Identity Cloning... How ID Thieves Get Your Info... How to Reduce Your Risks... How to Protect Yourself!* Come learn about the crime of the century... from the experts: Wendy Delson, Jeff Helfand and Teddi Berkowitz. This seminar defines the different types of identity theft

(criminal, financial, business record, medical record and credit



card theft) and steps you can take to try to safeguard our identity, as well as the steps that can be taken to attempt to remedy the situation if you should encounter this crime. Coffee and dessert will be served. 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). This program is free and open to the public.

## BusinessTalk for Adults – *Business & Bagels – Business Information via the Internet*

**Thursday, October 18 (7:30 - 8:30 am) BusinessTalk – Business & Bagels.** The Rowayton Library and Fairfield County SCORE are co-sponsoring this small business information series....**BUSINESS & BAGELS.** This quarter's session in this series will be held at the Rowayton Library on Thursday, October 18, at 7:30 a.m. – yes, *business and bagels!*

7:30 am to 7:45 am: meet and greet — bagels and coffee — bring a lot of business cards (a great opportunity to network)

7:45 am to 8:45 am: SCORE & Library experts share with you – the *tips and tricks* on finding *reliable* business information via the Internet.

*Places to go on the Internet to find RELIABLE business information!*

Do give us a call at Fairfield SCORE

(203) 966-1200 or the Rowayton Library at (203) 838-5038 or drop us an email at [BandB@Rowayton.org](mailto:BandB@Rowayton.org) letting us know you are coming so we can be sure to have enough

handouts and, of course, enough bagels and coffee.

SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business, is a resource partner with the U. S. Small Business Administration. Members are professional and business men and women who volunteer their time to provide business workshops and expert, free one-on-one counseling.

This series is free and open to the public. The Rowayton Library is located at 33 Highland Avenue, Rowayton, CT 06853.

## New Non-Fiction Staff Recommendations

**By Ruth Freeman**

Many of us associate only novels with reading for pleasure. In this column we're introducing some of the library's newer non fiction to encourage readers to experiment with this genre. Among other things, well written non fiction allows you to learn, be an armchair traveler, or explore the life of a famous person. Let's look at a few of our favorites:

## New Non-Fiction Staff Recommendations

*Continued from Page 4*

The 'City Secrets' books are a unique collection of travel guides. The library has the books for London, New York City, Rome and Florence/Venice. These are insiders' guides that collate input from local authors, designers, artists and museum curators. The tips, which cover sights, dining, walking and of course secret spots, are very individual and provide an "on the ground" perspective that the larger, more famous guidebooks cannot. They are great fun to read whether you are planning a trip, or just enjoy traveling! Check out all our new travel books to help you plan your next trip. If you'd like to stay close to home 'Consummate Connecticut, Day Trips with Panache', by Susan Maxwell will provide hundreds of ideas for terrific local trips – all within two hours of Rowayton.



'Family Life', a memoir by Elisabeth Luard, is tailor made for anyone who enjoys food and family stories. It is written with great wit, humor and style. Loaded with recipes, the book also perfectly captures the spirit of an adventurous family life. Have fun with this one!

Another food centered memoir we like is Paula Deen's 'It Ain't All About the Cookin'. The Food Network diva lays bare her life story and surprises us with the details of some bleak times. It's her "show and tell – warts and all" and must reading for her fans. We have a number of her cookbooks too, all loaded with recipes for fine Southern cooking.

It's probably safe to assume all the dog lovers out there read the bestseller 'Marley and Me'. How many of you knew John Grogan wrote a young adult version called 'Marley, a Dog Like No Other'? The book is heart warming and Marley's irrepressible personality shines through the writing and photographs. Check this out for the younger readers in your family.

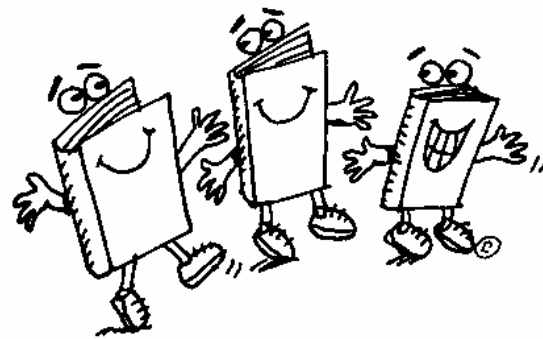
Bill Clinton has just published 'Giving', an inspiring look at what people have done to improve the lives of the less fortunate. You don't need to run a foundation or have all the time in the world to make a difference; this may be the most important message in the book. He profiles select individuals (including Dr. Paul Farmer, the hero of Tracy Kidder's marvelous book 'Mountains Beyond Mountains') and reinforces how critical it is to give – of our time and resources. You cannot help but be moved by these examples and motivated to do something to make a difference in our community or the wider world.

'Mockingbird' is a window into the life of Harper Lee, the reclusive author who wrote 'To Kill a Mockingbird', one of the best loved books in American literature. The book is a fascinating look at a strong character rebelling against the expectations of a "Southern" girlhood. Overwhelmed by the success of her only novel she never wrote again, finding fulfillment in her friendships with other authors and her work with Truman Capote on 'In Cold Blood'. This is a great pairing with the movie 'Capote' – Harper Lee is quite different in the movie and you can draw your own conclusions about whether Hollywood "got the picture".

'The World without Us' by Alan Weisman is currently a NY Times bestseller. Described as a thought experiment, it imagines what happens to the world without humans. For example, our huge, complicated infrastructure will disappear without our constant attention – everything is imagined from vines growing through buildings to the Panama and Suez Canals filling in. It is also a cautionary tale of the havoc we have caused in the environment by our endless manipulation and hubris. It challenges us to take better care of the earth so our delicate spaceship can survive to support future populations. This is engrossing science at its most readable.

# Pajama BookTalk & Pizza Party

Continued from Page 1



literature. Families are to read the books prior to each discussion session. Please join us for pizza and discussion. Children are invited to come in pajamas and bring a blanket and/or favorite toy to share in the fun.

**Session 1—Dreams: Dare to Dream** with *Fanny's Dream*, by Caralyn Buehner; *Amazing Grace*, by Mary Hoffman; and *Wagon Wheels*, by Barbara Brenner.

**Session 2—Cleverness: Find A Way** with *Flossie and the Fox*, by Pat McKissack; *Wiley and the Hairy Man*, by Molly Bang, and *Doctor De Soto*, by William Steig.

**Session 3—Coping: Deal With It** with *Ira Sleeps Over*, by Bernard Waber; *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein, and *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*, by Mem Fox.

**Session 4—Determination: Just Do It** with *Follow the Drinking Gourd*, by Jeanette Winter; *The Dancing Man*, by Ruth Lercher Bornstein, and *The Very Best of Friends*, By Margaret Wild.

Lot Therrio, Storyteller will be our discussion leader. 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). Multiple copies of the books are available at the library. This program is co-sponsored by the **Rowayton Civic Association, Rowayton Pasta & Pizza**, and **Business Connections** and is made possible in part through a grant from the **Connecticut Humanities Council**. This program is free and open to the public.

## New Non-Fiction Staff Recommendations

Continued from Page 5

'F5' by Mark Levine is a thriller about tornadoes. It's about an unprecedented tornado outbreak in 1974 and the cast of characters involved in one day's turmoil. It's a story of disaster and survival, and very hard to put down.

We highly recommend 'Lost', by Daniel Mendelsohn. It is the story of the ultimate search for family swallowed up in the WWII Holocaust. The author travels all over the world in a n effort to piece together the truth of what happened to his relatives. It is a compelling book because it makes the scale of the Holocaust so individual. The heartbreaking subtitle is 'The Search for Six of Six Million'.

How many of you know the Smithsonian Institution is the result of a bequest from the illegitimate son of the Duke of Northumberland? In the mid 1830's James Smithson left his fortune to the 'United States of America' to establish an institution for "the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men". Heather Ewing tells this fascinating story in 'The Lost World of James Smithson'. This is a highly readable biography you're sure to enjoy.

'When a Crocodile Eats the Sun' by Peter Godwin belongs on anyone's bedside table who enjoyed 'Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight'. It is the story of a family beginning in WWII through an unflinching look at present day Zimbabwe. This amazing book manages to straddle both very personal and global perspectives and revelations. It's hard to put down and full of surprises.

Finally, we recommend a writer's collection of favorite books. Roxanne Coady, the founder of the inestimable bookstore R.J. Julia, edited 'The Book that Changed My Life'. Check it out and find out what book mattered most to Elizabeth Berg, Nelson Demille, Kate Atkinson, Frank McCourt, Jacques Pepin and David Halberstam, among others. The answers are often intriguing. This is highly recommended for book groups – lively discussions tend to result!



# The Rowayton Library

**Come visit us and talk about any of our books; we are sure our collection will inspire you.**