

# THE ROWAYTON LIBRARY

## February / March 2008

### For EVERYONE

**The Dogs of Rowayton:** The Rowayton Library will pay tribute to the "Dogs of Rowayton" this coming March on the library's website [www.Rowayton.org](http://www.Rowayton.org). So, let us honor your Rowayton pooch! Please send a JPG format picture of your Dog (no people), Your Dog's Name, Your Dog's Age, any funny anecdotes you want to include - or just tell us how special your dog is to you and your family. Include Your Name, Your Address, and Your Telephone number. Please email your pictures to [Dogs@Rowayton.org](mailto:Dogs@Rowayton.org) or bring them to the Library. We will be happy to post your pooch's pic on the Library's website. This is a free program and is open to all dogs in Rowayton, CT. **Deadline for submission in February 29, 2008.**

**Saturday, March 8 @ 3pm: Japanese Tea Ceremony with Kazuko Komatsu** (*chanoyu* 茶の湯, lit. "tea hot-water"; also called *chadō* or *sadō*, 茶道, "the way of tea") is a traditional ritual based on Taoism (Daoism) and influenced by Zen Buddhism in which powdered green tea, or matcha (抹茶), is ceremonially prepared by a skilled practitioner and served to a small group of guests in a tranquil setting. Since a tea practitioner must be familiar with the production and types of tea, with kimono, calligraphy, flower arranging, ceramics, incense and a wide range of other disciplines and traditional arts in addition to his or her school's tea practices, the study of the tea ceremony takes many years and often lasts a lifetime. Even to participate as a guest in a formal tea ceremony requires knowledge of the prescribed gestures and phrases, the proper way to take tea and sweets, and general deportment in the tea room. Kazuko Komatsu was born in Japan and came to America in 1990. She started to study the way of tea in the Urasenke family tradition after she graduated college. She teaches the way of tea and Yoga which also influenced and changed her way of life. She teaches at several places in New York City and Westchester including Keio Academy which is a Japanese private high school. She edited a book "To Our Neighbours and Friends"--100 messages by Japanese women who live in America. Now she is making another book "To Care For the Future."--messages by Japanese and American Women of today--.

**Wednesday, March 19 @ 7pm: Finding Your Hidden Energy with Feng Shui** with Ned Farrell, Certified Feng Shui Consultant. Feng Shui has been used all over the world for thousands of years because...it works! It is possible to shift your surroundings so you can reduce the stress in your life, be more focused, enrich your relationships, have more opportunity financially and creatively. But how does it work? Farrell, Certified Feng Shui Consultant, gives an eye-opening and entertaining look into what Feng Shui really is and how you can apply it for your own advantage. Using slides and real-life stories, Ned makes Feng Shui fun, valuable and accessible in making the best use of your environment.

**Haiku Contest: March 15 through April 15: Haiku Contest to Celebrate "April as Poetry Month"**  
You are invited to participate in the Rowayton Library Haiku Contest. The definition for Haiku for this contest is as follows: an original poem of 17 syllables in 3 lines written in the format: line 1 in 5 syllables, line 2 in 7 syllables, and line 3 in 5 syllables. Haikus should depict a season or describe an event of nature and without the use of violence. Each Haiku must be submitted on a separate sheet of paper and must contain the author's name, address, and telephone number on the reverse side of the poem. Each Haiku submitted must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please send your Haiku to the Library. The contest will end on April 15th. All winners will be notified by mail and the winning Haiku will be published in the next issue of the This Month at the Rowayton Library and on the Library's website at [www.Rowayton.org](http://www.Rowayton.org). Participants will receive a Rowayton Library pencil. P.S. You may also submit your Haiku via email (but still must submit a stamped envelope to receive the pencil) to [Haiku@Rowayton.org](mailto:Haiku@Rowayton.org). Everyone is invited to celebrate April as Poetry Month.

### For ADULTS

**Every Wednesday @10:00am: MoneyTalk for Women by Women**

**Wednesday, February 27 @ 7:00 pm: BookTalk — Scene of the Crime Series: White Butterfly by Walter Mosley; dessert and discussion**

**Thursday, March 6 @ 10:00 am: The Rowayton Gardeners' present author William Alexander and his \$64 Tomato.**

**Saturday, March 8 @ 3:00 pm: Japanese Tea Ceremony with Kazuko Komatsu (ceremony and lecture)**

**Wednesday, March 19 @ 7:00 pm: Feng Shui — An evening lecture of design, harmony, and fun — Finding Your Hidden Energy.**

**Wednesday, March 26 @ 7:00 pm: BookTalk — Scene of the Crime Series: Skinwalkers by Tony Hillerman; dessert and discussion.**

Kids

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### For KIDS

**Every Thursday & Friday @10:30am: StoryTime for Kids ages birth-3**

**First Friday February 1 @10:30am: Music StoryTime for Kids ages birth-3 with Dre Towey**

**First Saturday, February 2 @10:30am: DogTalk with Bean**

**Friday, February 8 @ 3:30 pm: MovieTime *The Brave Little Toaster***

**Saturday, February 16 @10:30am: CraftTime with Rose—*Snowman Wonderland***

**Tuesday, February 19-Friday, February 22: VacationTime @ the Library — *Crafts, Stories, Fun, Movies for Kids***

**Monday, March 3: Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss Celebration — All Day!**

**First Saturday, March 1 @10:30am: DogTalk with Bean**

**First Friday March 7 @10:30am: Music StoryTime for Kids ages birth-3 with Dre Towey**

**Friday, March 7 @ 3:30 pm: MovieTime *The Snow Buddies***

**Saturday, March 15 @10:30am: CraftTime with Rose—*Puppy Paperbag Puppets***

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