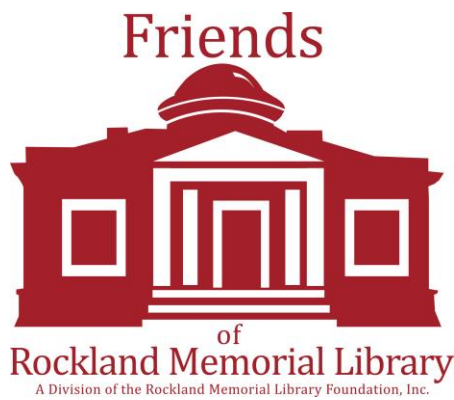




Winter Events! Spring will Come! 2024!

Don't forget: **RENEW** your **MEMBERSHIP** for 2024
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Poetry, 5 Minute Prose, Storytelling Live and on Zoom



POETRY, 5 MINUTE PROSE and STORYTELLING

Rockland Memorial Library, corner of Union and Belmont Streets
AND on Zoom; contact Karen for Zoom link at haffnerk@hotmail.com or 617-875-2047
Monday, February 12, 2024 - 6:30 to 7:45 PM

Featured Poet: Chris Zaremba



We are happy to welcome back poet Chris Zaremba as our featured poet for the evening; we'll start with her set. Chris' work is full of sensitivity and wonder. In addition to her writing, Chris is the host of "Scituate Poetry Circle" and a performance artist. Her book "Angel of the Harbor" is available on Amazon.

After Chris' set, there will be plenty of time for anyone else who wishes to read/recite their own work or the work of other writers or tell a story. Stories may be fiction or actual events from real life. We love audience!

**Note – Upcoming 2024 dates: Tues Apr 23 Amy Woodward;
Mon Jun 3 TBA; Fall Date TBA**

Extended through February-Art in the Rotunda

Ice Dyeing Textile Exhibit by Cannizzaro Creations



Guest Speaker Series – Wednesday, March 6 - 6:00 PM

“Harry Potter” - a presentation by Rockland High School

English Teacher, Kristen Walsh



This presentation is suitable for audiences from 15 up. Kristen is the Advisor for the “Harry Potter Club” at RHS. Join us as Kristen explores insights about the writing and the characters and reveals hidden meanings in the Harry Potter series.



Suggestion: read or watch some Harry Potter before the presentation!



Theatrical Program - Rita Parisi (Waterfall Productions) in “I am Zelda” (wife of F. Scott Fitzgerald) – Monday, Apr 8, 6:00 PM

65 minute one-act play about Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald, who was not just the wife and muse of F. Scott Fitzgerald, but also the epitome of the 1920's woman.

Waterfall Productions is the brainchild of Massachusetts based performer, Rita Parisi. She founded her little production company in 2005 in order to create original theatrical presentations that entertain and inspire her audiences. Her unique shows highlight her passion for storytelling, theatre, history, costuming, and literature.



"Team Tomatoes" Update

Tomato Day May 18 (if the plants are ready)

We now have 5 volunteers signed up to grow tomato plants! Organizer (and tomato nerd) Karen Haffner has already purchased some of the tomato seeds and expects to round out the portfolio with an order to Burpee. We expect to be sowing seeds the first week in April.

There's still time to join us! Do you have an East, South or West facing window? Karen has a few extra 4 ft grow lights that really help boost the light, containers ("flats"), soil and tips on growing tomato plants! Contact Karen at haffnerk@hotmail.com or 617-875-2047 to sign up or discuss.

Poetry, 5 Minute Prose, Storytelling

Live and on Zoom – Tues. Apr 23 6:30 PM

Featured Poet: Amy Woodward

Sign up at the door to read or recite your original poetry or 5 minute prose or read or recite the poetry or prose of another writer or tell a story, real or imagined. We'll start with a short set by Amy Woodward. Amy is a former English teacher at Rockland High School, adviser to the High School's Poetry Club and organizer for RHS's participation in the Poetry Out Loud recitation contest. After Amy's set, we'll split the remaining time among those who signed up.



Save the Date! Saturday, May 11, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Spring Book and Bake Sale



Rockland's Graveyards Revealed – Monday, May 20, 6:00 PM



Join us for a presentation by "The Gravestone Girls". Learn about graveyard history, art and symbolism.

Specific information about Rockland graveyards will be included.

The Gravestone Girls endeavor to help preserve a rich folk-art tradition unique to our nation. We hope you are intrigued our activities to investigate and expand on the special history which lives in everyone's backyards.

Here's a Rockland Cultural Event You Might Like – Rockland Rec's Amateur Adult Poetry Slam - "Our Town" Friday, March 8, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Rockland Rec is celebrating Rockland's 150th anniversary with a Poetry Slam.

- *Contestants will read or recite 2 poems. ONE MUST BE ABOUT ROCKLAND.
- *Original poems or poems by other writers are allowed.
- *Contestants must register online at least one week before the Slam, \$15.00
- *To register: rocklandrec.org, Programs, Special Event. Need to create an account.
- *Judging will be based on "Slam Poetry Rubric"
- *Cash prizes
- *Questions? Call Rockland Rec at 781-871-1730
- *Audience \$5 at the door. Cash, check, credit card OK.

Note: The Friends helped get this program started by providing prize money for last year's Slam which was a great success. We are so glad that The Slam is returning this year.

Sign up to present, or plan to attend! Some of The Friends have already signed up!



Rockland Recreation
presents

**AMATEUR
ADULT
POETRY SLAM**
"Our Town"

A Celebration of Rockland's 150th Anniversary
*One poem must be about Rockland

Date:
March 8th

Ages:
18+

Time:
6PM

Cost:
\$15

Location:
**394 Union St.
Rockland**



Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Register online
www.rocklandrec.org

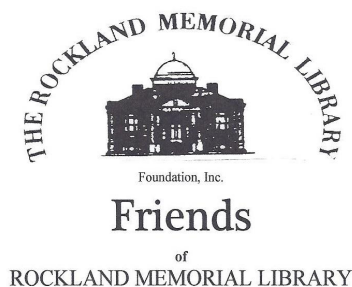
 SLAM POETRY RUBRIC			
POEM (5)	EXCELLENT	MODERATE	BELOW AVERAGE
POETIC LANGUAGE AND FLUENCY	The poem uses figurative language and/or interesting vocabulary to attract the listener. The poem has structure that makes sense audibly and flows well, with some form of sense and rhythm. (2)	The poem uses some poetic language through moderate use of figurative language or vocabulary. The structure has some audible flaws and does not flow perfectly. (1)	The poem is lacking in most or all poetic language. The poem is difficult to listen to due to structural errors. (0)
IDEAS AND THEMES	This poem has clear idea and purpose, showing a coherent theme throughout the piece. (2)	The poem somewhat has an idea or purpose, with some clarity in their theme. (1)	The poem fails to meet the requirements for ideas or theme, lacking story or purpose. (0)
TONE AND MOOD	The poem portrays a clear emotion from the writer's words/attitude. The poem creates a mood through vocabulary choices and phrasing. (1)	The poem partially creates a set emotion from the writer. The poem creates a mood that is understandable, but not as clear. (0.5)	The poem is lacking emotion and tone. The poem has little to no set mood. (0)
PERFORMANCE(5)	EXCELLENT	MODERATE	BELOW AVERAGE
BODY/FACIAL MOVEMENT	The poet shows clear emotions through their bodily movements and their facial expressions. These emotions enhance the mood and tone of the poem.(2)	The poet shows some emotion with their body. The emotions may be unclear at times or contradictory to the poem, but are relevant for the majority of the time. (1)	The poet shows little to no emotion. The poet's emotions contradict the poem.(0)
VOCAL STRENGTH/ EMOTION	The poet has articulate emotion in their voice, reflecting the poem well. The poet projects loudly toward the microphone. The poet uses their voice to help convey the message of the poem.(2)	The poem somewhat has an idea or purpose, with some clarity in their theme. (1)	The poem fails to meet the requirements for ideas or theme, lacking story or purpose. (0)
FLUENCY	The poet performs their poem with little to no stammers. The poet's voice is articulate and easy to understand.(1)	The poet stammers more than a few times. The poet's voice is unsteady at times and may be unclear at some points.(0.5)	The poet stammers profusely. The poet's voice is undecipherable at many points. (0)

SCORE: ____/10

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Be sure to check out our 2024 list on the next page!



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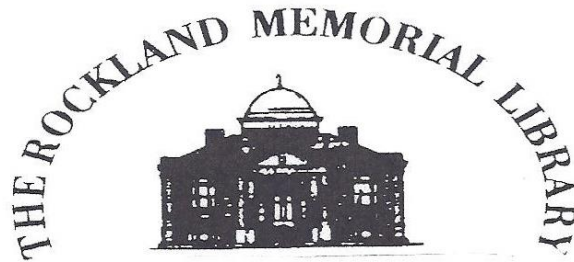
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Foundation funds are used to enhance, not replace, funding by the town.

New Members are always welcome

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