



P *The stories & poems of Edgar Allan* *Poe*

The Big Read and Attleboro's 1 ABC (1 Adventure, 1 Book, 1 Community) are pleased to offer the Attleboro community the poetry and short stories of Edgar Allan Poe for its 2009 community-wide read. In the third year of working with The Big Read, a nation-wide initiative funded by the National Endowment for the Arts to encourage reading, Attleboro's 1 ABC seeks to unite the community through the reading of great literature.

Beginning in September, The Big Read/Attleboro's 1 ABC will provide many opportunities to read, discuss, and celebrate the works of Edgar Allan Poe during the Bi-centennial year of Poe's birth. So read some Poe, discuss him and his works with your friends and family members, participate in the many activities offered and share your ideas and opinions with other Poe readers. Discover why Poe is one of America's great poets and fiction writers. Enjoy, evermore!

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SEPTEMBER 2009

Let the reading begin!

						
			EDGAR ALLAN POE Born: January 19, 1809 Boston, Massachusetts Died: October 7, 1849 Baltimore, Maryland			12 ORIGAMI WORKSHOP 10AM -12PM: Attleboro Library
20 SPIRIT OF POE 3PM: Attleboro Public Library			23  Book Discussion			26 POE WALKING TOUR 10:30AM: Providence, RI GRAPHIC ARTIST 2PM: Attleboro Library

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OCTOBER 2009

						3 POE UNRAVELED 6PM: Attleboro Arts Museum
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		20  Book Discussion	21  Book Discussion		23 SCARY STORIES 3PM: Attleboro Library HAUNTED MANSION 6-8:30PM: Literacy Center	24 HAUNTED MANSION 6-8:30PM: Literacy Center
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Book Discussions
are listed in detail
on page 4.



EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

SAT, SEPTEMBER 12, 10AM

Origami Workshop. Attleboro Public Library, 74 North Main Street, Attleboro.

Learn to make origami ravens in honor of Edgar Allan Poe's famous poem. This is an ongoing program starting at 10am and continuing until supplies hold out. Call Amy for more info: 508-222-7820.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 3PM

"The Spirit of Edgar Allan Poe" will thrill us with a personal take on Poe's life and works. Attleboro Public Library 74 North Main Street, Attleboro. Bill Hutchinson, former RIC Theatre Professor will re-create Poe, giving us a feel for the author. Registration recommended.

SAT, SEPTEMBER 26, 10:30AM

Activate Attleboro-Poe Walking Tour of Providence. Meet at Attleboro Commuter Line Train Station. 3-mile walk of the streets Poe & Sarah Whitman traversed. Including Poe's literary hangout, Sarah's house and garden, the architecture of Poe's time. Stop for lunch on Thayer St. Cost: train, approx. \$4.50 and lunch at establishment of your choosing. Call 508-222-7422 to reserve your space. Sponsored by the YMCA of Attleboro.

SAT, SEPTEMBER 26, 2PM

Visit with a Graphic Artist. Attleboro Public Library 74 North Main Street, Attleboro. Adam Cristaldi, illustrator and Attleboro Arts Museum instructor, will show students how art and literature work together. No experience needed to attend. Registration required: 508-222-7820.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6-8PM

Poe Unraveled: A Twilight Exposé of The Life and Work of Edgar Allen Poe Attleboro Arts Museum, 86 Park St, Attleboro. 6 - 7pm: Boston College Professor of English, Paul Lewis, will speak on Poe's accomplishments, the importance of his work, and Poe's irresistible content. 7 - 7:30pm: POEtry readings. 7:30 - 8pm: View artwork inspired by Poe. (Also on display: *The Art League of Rhode Island's 9th Annual Members' Exhibition*)

WED, OCTOBER 7, 7PM

Author Matthew Pearl Presents "Happy At Last" - the True Story Behind Poe's Death. Peter Thatcher Elementary School 7 James Street, Attleboro. Matthew Pearl is the author of the novels *The Dante Club*, *The Poe Shadow*, and *The Last Dickens*. His books have been *New York Times* bestsellers and international bestsellers translated into more than 30 languages. Matthew is a graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School and has taught literature and creative writing at Harvard University and Emerson College. He has been named one of the *Next Big Things* by *Details Magazine* and has been placed on Boston's annual "Hot List" of authors.

THURS, OCTOBER 15, 5:30PM

Poe's Cemetery Visit, Kirk Burial Ground behind 2nd Congregational Church, Park St., Attleboro. Readings and discussion of Poe's Poetry to and from Sarah Whitman as participants meander through one of the oldest cemeteries in Attleboro. Sponsored by the Attleboro Historic Preservation Society-monthly meeting.

FRI, OCTOBER 16, 8PM-12AM

Friday Fright Film Night, Bristol Community College. 11 Field Road, Attleboro. Join in the spine tingling masters of Poe: Vincent Price, Ray Milland, and Bella Lugosi star in the featured works. You can't watch these alone! Bring a friend or two.

SAT, OCTOBER 17, 10-11AM

Readings of Poe's Stories and Poems *The Breakfast Place*, 187 Pleasant Street, Attleboro. 508.226.5680; thebreakfastplacema.com. The D'Arconte Family and others will read from Poe's stories and poems. There may be a special Poe dish on the menu (Raven Omelette?).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 3PM

Scary Stories Book Share. Attleboro Public Library, 74 North Main Street, Attleboro Mrs. Rhlinger will share some of the creepiest books in the library with middle school students and the students will have a chance to scare the librarian! Snacks and prizes for the scariest tales. 508-222-7820

OCTOBER 23, 24 & 25, 6-8:30PM

Haunted Mansion. *The Literacy Center* 80 North Main Street, Attleboro. Fun for all ages, TLC's *Haunted Mansion* includes activities for young children and haunted house tours for older children and adults. See the *Poe Room* as part of the display. Admission charge - Family of 4-\$20; children under 10 \$5; adults \$8.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 10-1PM

"Your Tell Tale Heart" Rev. Larsen Senior Center-Council on Aging. 25 South Main Street, Attleboro. How healthy is your heart? Have your blood pressure and cholesterol screened. Sponsored by the Bristol-Norfolk Medical Reserve Corp.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1PM

"The Tell-Tale Heart" Movie Screening Rev. Larsen Senior Center- Council on Aging 25 South Main Street, Attleboro. Vic Bonneville will introduce Edgar Allan Poe prior to the viewing of the film.

**A WRITING CONTEST
FOR POE WANNABES**

Watch the *Sun Chronicle* for details on a Poe style writing contest!

THE WORKS OF EDGAR
ALLAN POE
(1809 - 1849)

Programming may focus on one or multiple types of literary media such as Poe's poems, short stories, essays or his novel.

NOVEL: The Narrative of Arthur
Gordon Pym of Nantucket

POEMS: *to consider*
The Raven
Annabel Lee
The Bells
Lenore
The City in the Sea
Ulalum
To Helen

SONNET: To Science

SHORT

STORIES: *to consider*
The Black Cat
Ms. Found in a Bottle
The Murders in the Rue
Morgue
The Gold-Bug
The Cask of Amontillado
Ligeia
The Fall of the House of Usher
The Pit and the Pendulum
The Masque of the Red Death
The Tell-Tale Heart
William Wilson
The Purloined Letter

ESSAYS: *to consider*
The Philosophy of Composition
The Rationale of Verse

These are available from the Library for checkout, online, local bookstores, and many of the partner agencies.



Book
Discussions

PUBLIC BOOK
DISCUSSIONS
OF POE (*partial list*)

Wed., Sept. 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

Parent's Book Group
Attleboro Public Library

Wed., Oct. 7th, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Book Group
Attleboro Public Library

Wed., Oct. 7th, 7p.m.

Matthew Pearl, author of
"The Poe Shadow" presents
*Happy at Last: The True Story
Behind Poe's Death*
Peter Thatcher School, Attleboro

Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 6:00 p.m.

TLC Book Group
The Literacy Center, Attleboro

Saturday, Oct. 17th, 10-11a.m.

Poe's Stories and Poems
The Breakfast Place,
187 Pleasant Street, Attleboro

Tuesday, Oct. 20th, 6:00 p.m.

Bi-Lingual Book Discussion
Poe's Work Only
The Literacy Center, Attleboro

Wed, Oct. 21st, noon

Readings and Discussion of Poe with
the Rotary Club of Attleboro
Call Joan at 508-222-0157 for
reservations. Sponsored by The
Rotary Club of Attleboro



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Attleboro's 1 Adventure 1 Book 1 Community

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