Participating Discussion Groups

Caldwell Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center  April 4
Oak Hill Elderly Housing  April 5
Ipswich Women’s Club  April 10
Ipswich High School Reading Club  April 11
Elizabeth Kilcoyne Group  April 12
Sisters of Notre Dame  April 20
Book Discussion at Library/Open to All  April 20
Book Discussion at Library with the Ipswich Public Library Book Club/Open to All  April 25
Ipswich Historical Society  June 5

Ipswich Reads
One book!

Bill Katz
April 2006
This is the 2nd year of our town-wide reading and discussion program
We encourage everyone to read Bill Bryson’s
A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail

All events are free
We hope you’ll participate … and enjoy!

Credits:

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www.billbrysonbooks.com
Bill Bryson was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1951. A backpacking expedition in 1973 brought him to England where he met his wife and decided to settle. He wrote for the English newspapers *The Times* and *The Independent* for many years, writing travel articles to supplement his income. He lived with his family in North Yorkshire before moving back to the States in 1995, to Hanover, New Hampshire, with his wife and four children. In 2003 he and his family moved back to England, where they currently reside.

“Bryson’s book is a marvelous description and history of the trail and the mountains... [His] great good humor makes this a journey worth taking.”

— *Booklist*

“A Walk in the Woods is an almost perfect travel book.”

— *The Boston Globe*

“Bryson is . . . great company right from the start—a lumbering, droll, neatnik intellectual who comes off as equal parts Garrison Keillor, Michael Kinsley, and . . . Dave Barry.”

— *The New York Times Book Review*

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**APRIL 3**

Kick Off Celebration

- Copies of *A Walk in the Woods* available for borrowing at the Main Desk
- Bibliography on Walking Experiences
- Display of books on hiking, woodland plants & animals
- Essex County Greenbelt Association exhibit on hiking in the Ipswich area
- Free maps & brochures from Trustees of Reservations, Essex County Greenbelt Association, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation

10 AM Main Room

**April 8**

Adventure & Fun Walk

- Nature walk (not too far away) for children 3-6 years old lead by staff.
  For registration call 978.356.6648

10 AM Children’s Room

**April 10**

Lecture: Essex County Greenbelt Association

- Ed Becker will talk about hiking trails and open spaces in our area maintained by the Essex County Greenbelt Association

7 PM Collins Room

**April 12**

Lecture: Visit to Papa Westry, Scotland

- John Nove, Ipswich resident & science educator, will present a slide lecture on the settlement of Papa Westry in the Orkney Islands, which happens to be Bill Bryson’s favorite travel destination.

7:30 PM Collins Room

**April 19**

Lecture: Bay Circuit Trail

- Barbara Ostberg, Ipswich resident & hiker extraordinaire, will give a brief history of the Bay Circuit Trail
- Bay Circuit Trail ‘Cabinet of Curiosities’ on view

2 PM Collins Room

**April 20**

Book Discussion: Open to General Public

- Carla Panciera will lead discussion of *A Walk in the Woods*

10 AM Collins Room

**April 21**

*A Walk in the (Ipswich) Woods with Barbara Ostberg*

- For Ipswich residents including elementary students accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Directions available at the Ipswich Public Library.

1:30 PM Willowdale State Forest

**April 22**

Stone Stories

- Tim Rayworth of the Bureau of Ranger Services will present a program on rocks & minerals, including a rock-cycle game. For children in Grades 3-5. Parents or guardians are encouraged to attend. Register at 978.356.6648

10 AM Collins Room

**April 25**

Book Discussion: Open to General Public

- Carla Panciera will lead discussion of *A Walk in the Woods*

7 PM Rogers Room

**April 26**

Lyme Disease: Informational Panel Discussion

- Speakers include Dr. Leo Shea, Psychologist; Dr. Lucas Wolfe, M.D.; Dr. Bela Matyas of MA Dept. of Public Health; and Bill Hayes. LIMITED SEATING. TICKETS REQUIRED. Tickets available at the Main Desk.

7 PM Collins Room

**April 29**

Family Hike with Barbara Ostberg

- Directions available at the Ipswich Public Library

10 AM Willowdale State Forest