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THE VELVETEEN RABBIT BOOKSHOP & GUEST HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Poetry is thoughts that breathe, and words that burn.

*-Thomas Gray*



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## bookshop news:

♥ *Easter is Sunday, April 24!*

Tell the Easter Bunny to hop on over to The Velveteen Rabbit for some sweet reads to put in the Easter Basket!



♥ Anyone with literary aspirations will love our "For Aspiring Writers & Illustrators" column with literary agent Anna Olswanger! This month's question: *What are some common mistakes first-time authors and illustrators make?* See the answer at our website, [velveteenrabbitbookshop.com!](http://velveteenrabbitbookshop.com!)



## BOOK BUZZ

**Clare** snuck in some stealth reading with the young adult book *Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy* by Ally Carter. **Beth** explored a little-known slice of American history, the Great Migration, with *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. Visit our blog for more great staff picks: [velveteenrabbitbookshop.blogspot.com](http://velveteenrabbitbookshop.blogspot.com)

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## National Poetry Month


Reading a book of poems is a beautiful experience. To help you get your celebration started for National Poetry Month, here are some of our staff's favorite poems, and the fantastic collections they are in!



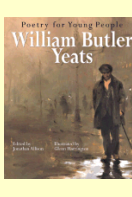
**beth**  
**you are tired (i think)**  
by  
e. e. cummings



**marie**  
**What is Brown?**  
by  
Mary O'Neill



**kerry**  
**Dead Gallop**  
by  
Pablo Neruda

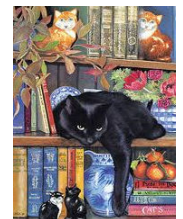
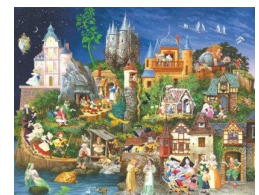


**clare**  
**The Fiddler of Dooney**  
by  
William B. Yeats

*other poets we love...* Jack Prelutsky, Shel Silverstein, Lorine Niedecker, Anne Sexton, Emily Dickinson, William Shakespeare and more!

# Puzzles!

Looking for a way to spend the afternoon when April Showers keep you indoors? The Velveteen Rabbit Bookshop can help you puzzle out a solution! With recent additions to our selection of jigsaw puzzles, you can find the perfect puzzle for any age and any interest. You can spend a few hours in the deep blue ocean, in the land of classic fairytales, or even in an enchanted castle. The choice is up to you!



# April Storytime

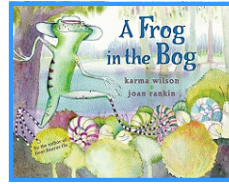


Saturday, April 9 10:30-11am



In honor of National Frog Month, the theme for April Storytime is **FROG FUN!**

Children of all ages are invited to hop on in and listen to Mrs. Smith read some fantastic, froggy favorites, including "A Frog in the Bog" by Karma Wilson.



Can't make it to this month's Storytime? Don't fret! Storytime is always the second Saturday of the month. Be sure to mark your calendars!

## Happy Birthday, William Shakespeare!



April 23, 2011 will be the Bard's 447th birthday! Why not celebrate by reading one of his famous plays? The Velveteen Rabbit Bookshop has all of your favorites including: *Romeo & Juliet*, *Julius Caesar*, *Hamlet*, and many others!

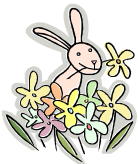
**Grace's Pick: The Taming of the Shrew**

## A relaxing retreat... The Guest House

Looking for the perfect accommodations for your Easter guests, an unforgettable retreat for book lovers, or just an escape from the usual? The Guest House will suit your needs perfectly! Browse the bookshop after hours, relax with a cup of tea and a book from our well-stocked library, or just enjoy the Guest House's unique Victorian charm. Be warm, be welcome, be at home!



*As a special thank you...*



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