

☞ **THE HOUSE WAS QUIET AND THE WORLD WAS CALM** ☞
(Wallace Stevens, 1879-1955)

*The house was quiet and the world was calm.
The reader became the book; and summer night*

*Was like the conscious being of the book.
The house was quiet and the world was calm.*

*The words were spoken as if there was no book,
Except that the reader leaned above the page,*

*Wanted to lean, wanted much most to be
The scholar to whom his book is true, to whom*

*The summer night is like a perfection of thought.
The house was quiet because it had to be.*

*The quiet was part of the meaning, part of the mind:
The access of perfection to the page.*

*And the world was calm. The truth in a calm world,
In which there is no other meaning, itself*

*Is calm, itself is summer and night, itself
Is the reader leaning late and reading there.*



The Chapel Hill Public Library Foundation

Presents

Books and all that Jazz

April 19, 2009

In celebration of National Poetry Month

A special poetry reading and reception

To Benefit the Chapel Hill Public Library

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Lee Smith and Hal Crowther

🎵 *Poets and Guests of Honor* 🎵

Michael Chitwood Jaki Shelton Green Alan Shapiro

🎵 *Jazz Guitarist* 🎵

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All of you here today who help our Library grow and flourish

The many kind contributors who could not be at today's event

"Books and all that Jazz" Committee: Keebe Fitch, Katharine Walton, Melissa Cain

PROGRAM

Our Celebration Begins

Melissa Cain, Executive Director, Chapel Hill Public Library Foundation

"The House Was Quiet And the World Was Calm" by Wallace Stevens

Read by Brendan Cain, North Carolina School of the Arts alumnus

The Power of Precise Words: Reflections on Poetry

Novelist and fiction writer, Lee Smith

Essayist and journalist, Hal Crowther

Readings by Poets

Michael Chitwood

Jaki Shelton Green

Alan R. Shapiro

In Closing

Gene Pease, President, Chapel Hill Public Library Foundation

Sparkling wine reception will follow readings

with

Jazz guitarist Baron Tymas in performance

