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Holiday Events Scheduled for Roxbury Libraries  
Booksale at Hodge Library & Museum  
“A Child’s Christmas in Wales” Dramatic Reading at Minor Library

November 17, 2016, Roxbury, CT. The Roxbury Libraries present Holiday events at both the Hodge and the Minor Libraries in December. On Saturday, December 3, The Hodge Library will be open from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. Giftable books will be for sale and other treats will be available both during and after the Roxbury Holiday Tree Lighting. On Monday, December 5 at 6:30 PM, the Minor Memorial Library presents actor Doug Schlicher in a dramatic reading of the Dylan Thomas prose poem “A Child’s Christmas in Wales”, followed by holiday refreshments prepared by Library volunteer Renee David.

Originally developed from a piece he wrote for radio, *A Child’s Christmas in Wales* is an anecdotal and romanticized version of Christmases past, portraying a nostalgic and simpler time. Loosely structures stories are not so much about the festivities of Christmas as about the people in a Welsh sea-side town as seen with the directness of a child’s-eye view of the world. While Thomas made no direct claims to be writing an autobiographical piece, the nature of the story is clearly connected to his childhood experiences at his parent’s home on Cwmdonkin Drive in Swansea, where he was born in 1914.

Douglas Schlicher is known locally for his beloved annual reading at the Hurd House, in Woodbury, of Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”, now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year. Formerly a professional actor, Mr. Schlicher has performed onstage with the New York Shakespeare Festival, the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival, and has performed at Lincoln Center, Off-Broadway, and at the Public Theater in New York as well as in Central Park. In addition to his stage work, he has appeared in over 400 television and radio commercials and voice-over narrations. Locally he has lent his talent to the Gunn Memorial Museum in Washington where he has narrated exhibit-related videos.

The mission of the Minor Memorial Library is to promote and encourage and to serve the needs of the Roxbury Community by providing free access to ideas and information through a diversity of library materials, programs, services, and experiences. The library is handicapped-accessible. Call the library at 860-350-2181 or visit the website at [www.minormemoriallibrary.org](http://www.minormemoriallibrary.org) for information and directions.

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