



**William
Carlos
Williams**

**125th BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION**
Poetry Symposium

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On September 17, 2005, thousands of people attended a day-long Symposium honoring Rutherford's native son William Carlos Williams on the anniversary of his birth. Sponsored by the newly-formed William Carlos Williams Poetry Symposium (WCWPS), this was the first celebration of the Pulitzer Prize winning poet in his hometown in 22 years, and featured the premiere of a double-screen documentary on WCW and his family, an award-winning slide presentation and bus tour of historic WCW sites in Rutherford, and the first full-length performance of a Williams play in Rutherford.

ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

Since 2005, the non-profit WCWPS has held annual events honoring Williams. This year it will host a gala celebration of the poet's 125th birthday on September 20 and 21, 2008, at the Williams Center, with related activities at the Rutherford Library and Meadowlands Museum.

Two days are needed for all the events, which include:

- readings by nationally-known poets
- two panels: immediate family talking about life with WCW; WCW's poetic legacy
- three documentary presentations: Williams & his artistic family; WCW-influenced children's book illustrations; historic Rutherford WCW sites
- multi-media presentation by Pulitzer Prize winning Harvard professor Dr. Robert Coles (with Thomas Roma photos) — on making house calls with WCW and what he *did not* put in his books, *The Doctor Stories* and *House Calls*
- three talks: one on newly released letters between WCW & his brother Edgar
- bus tours of WCW's Rutherford
- readings by the 10-county high school poetry contest winners
- a piano concert of poem-inspired music on the Williams Piano



Mayor John Hipp has declared September WCW Month. The WCW Poetry Cooperative is sponsoring a special reading by The Red Wheelbarrow Poets on September 10. All Rutherford school children grades K to 8 participated in a town-wide art project, on display at the Rutherford Library where the Children's Birthday Party will take place on September 17.

SEPTEMBER 20TH AND 21ST 2008

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Where the Money Goes:

Rental & tech fees for program venues

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Printing & Promotion

- Event programs & posters
- WCW's Rutherford Bus Tour Guide
- 125th Birthday Souvenir Program
- WCW Poetry Collaborative Second Wednesday Poetry Anthology

Office supplies, postage & mailing

Banners

High School Poetry Contest prize money

Presenter, Poet, & Panelist Fees

(travel & hotel accommodations; food; honoraria)

Commemorative Stamp design & printing

Food, beverages, & serving supplies

Program documentation, archives,

& WCW Documentary:

(still photography, audio & video taping)

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Preparation of art & photo exhibits

WCW NJ Hall of Fame induction campaign

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