

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOMS CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

[Willimantic, CT, April 2, 2009] – The Christian Science Reading Room in Willimantic will join with other Christian Science Reading Rooms around the world for an **International Open House** on **April 16-18**. During this Open House, participating Reading Rooms will encourage their local communities to visit and learn what these stores have to offer.

The first Christian Science Reading Room was established in 1888 by Mary Baker Eddy to make her book, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, more widely available. This seminal book on the Bible and spiritual healing established her as the leader of the worldwide Christian Science movement, which today includes church members, lecturers, teachers, and practitioners of healing. Mary Baker Eddy is also the founder of the newspaper, *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Today, there are more than 1,500 Christian Science Reading Rooms in over 80 countries serving their communities by offering books, publications, and other materials for the exploration of spirituality, prayer, and health. These stores are open to the public and welcome people of all faiths, backgrounds, and ways of life.

This special Open House weekend is enhanced by the launch of the new weekly edition of *The Christian Science Monitor*. This new edition will continue to deliver the thoughtful, in depth, global news that has characterized the Pulitzer Prize–winning news organization over the last 100 years. Each issue will help readers connect the dots on pivotal events and emerging trends around the world, and include special coverage of key topics such as the environment, innovations that improve lives, and global financial trends.

The *Monitor's* new weekly edition will complement daily coverage on the *Monitor's* enhanced website, www.CSMonitor.com. The new web edition will feature continuously updated, original reporting seven days a week. The date of the first issue of the *Monitor's* new weekly edition will be April 12, 2009. It will be available for purchase in Christian Science Reading Rooms.

Guests during the April Open House weekend are invited to find out more about *The Christian Science Monitor*, browse, ask questions, and take advantage of the spiritual resources available in the Christian Science Reading Room.

The Christian Science Reading Room in Willimantic is located at **870 Main Street** and will be open **(April 16-18 from 10 am to 1:30 pm. Contact us at 860-456-3230.** . For more information, visit <http://www.christiansciencect.org/willimantic/index.php>