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From the Director

This past week I testified in front of a Legislature sub-committee about the need for state aid to libraries. Did you know Vermont is one of just eight states that do not provide state funding to their public libraries? The others are Colorado, Idaho, New Hampshire, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming and Washington. “We need help” was heard around the room from a variety of Vermont libraries. Library usage is way up across the state, yet most libraries are seeing their funding cut or at best, level funded. Brattleboro’s Brooks Memorial Library is facing a possible \$43,000 budget cut. The Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier was forced to *close* for two weeks last fall due to budget woes.

Vermont *does* fund the Department of Libraries, which is a state agency. The DOL uses this money to provide an array of services: it maintains the regional libraries, runs the Vermont Library Catalog, subsidizes vendor services such as the Vermont Online Library and makes available free of charge educational courses for Library staffs around the state. Given these valuable services, all libraries would still benefit from direct state aid. When asked by a committee member what would happen if this aid weren’t available, a librarian said ruefully, “It would be death by a thousand cuts.”

NPL just submitted petition signatures so that our appropriation request will appear on the town ballot. This year we are asking the residents of Norwich to support our request of \$141,000. This is a 4% increase over last year’s amount and accounts for 51% of our total operating budget. The remaining operating funds come from our annual appeal, library revenue (fines/fees), grants and endowment interest. As is true of my fellow librarians, we are facing an ever-increasing need to find new sources of funding.

We are grateful for the tremendous community support the Library receives. To date, our Annual Fund has received \$36,687. We have until June 30th to reach our goal of \$48,000. I have no doubt we’ll make it! I will be at the Norwich Town Meeting on Monday March 5th to answer any questions. Until then, as always my door is open!

Lucinda



Spring Book Discussion 2007

Vermont Writers

A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by
Friends of the Norwich Library
7:30pm Community Room Norwich Public Library
Leader: Suzanne Brown

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| Wednesday, March 21 | <i>A Stranger in the Kingdom</i>
H. Frank Mosher |
| Wednesday, April 4 | <i>A Mountain Township</i>
Walter Hard |
| Friday, April 20 | <i>The Homemaker</i>
Dorothy Canfield |
| Thursday, May 3 | <i>Like Lesser Gods</i>
Mari Tomasi |

Carrie Wheelock, Library Assistant, is leaving us to embark on her career as an environmental educator for the Santa Fe Audubon Society in New Mexico. In addition to her caring work with the kids, Carrie has added her skills to the knitting group, led storytime and has been an overall asset to the Library. We wish Carrie the best of success in all her endeavors! She has been a wonderful and supportive colleague at the Library and we will miss her very much!

Poetry at the Library

The next Poetry Roundtable will be on Sunday, February 11 @ 6:30 in the Community Room. Please bring a bag dinner, and drinks will be provided by the Library. Please also bring a short poem about "love" written by someone other than yourself.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found for missing items. It is overflowing!

WHAT THE STAFF IS READING

Lucinda

Dust: A Richard Jury Mystery by Martha Grimes
The United States of Arugula by David
Kamp
The Places in Between by Rory Stewart
The Shape Shifter by Tony Hillerman

Lisa

Firefly Cloak by Sheri Reynolds
Returning to Earth by Jim Harrison
Skinny Dipping in the Lake of the Dead by Alan
De Niro
Skylight Confessions by Alice Hoffman
Mad Sheep by Linda Faillace

Beth

Old School by Tobias Wolff
I Capture the Castle by Dodi Smith
The Loud Silence of Francine Green by Karen
Cushman

Stephanie

Imperial Life in the Emerald City by Rajiv
Chandrasekaran
African Queen: The Story of the Hottentot Venus by
Rachel Holmes
Irving Berlin: Songs from the Melting Pot by Charles

WHAT THE STAFF IS LISTENING TO

Lucinda

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Sissy Spacek's
narration is first-rate!
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Lisa

The Keep by Jennifer Egan
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Stephanie

Appalachian Waltz by Yo-Yo Ma and Mark
Connor
Dave Barry's Greatest Hits by Dave Barry
Nicked and Dimed, by Barbara Ehrenreich

Beth

French Lessons

WHAT THE STAFF IS WATCHING

Lucinda

Sopranos – the 6th Season

Beth

Cool Runnings

Craft Time

Kids, come to our **Annual Valentine Making Party** and make a few surprises for your classmates, friends and family! This event will be held in the Community Room on **Wednesday, February 7 from 2:30 to 4:00 PM**. All children ages 5 and up are welcome. Materials and refreshments provided. We'd LOVE to see you there.

Upcoming Events

Looking ahead we've got some great events on the horizon. In March we'll be contributing to **Norwich Unplugged with our Annual Book Character Party and Family Game Night**. Both activities should add a bit of fun to the month long celebration. And we've already started making plans for Summer. This year's theme is "Get a Clue at Your Library." Many puzzles, codes, ciphers and discoveries await. It's no mystery that we're all very excited about it and with a little something for everyone, we're sure you will be too.

Award Winners

The American Library Association recently announced their latest picks. "*Flotsam*" by David Wiesner won the Caldecott Medal and the Newbery Medal went to Susan Patron's "*The Higher Power of Lucky*." The Printz Award went to the graphic novel, "*American Born Chinese*." Stop down and visit the Children's Room to see the rest of the amazing list of winning books and then check them out for yourself.

Fight Cabin Fever with Friday Flicks!

- Free Admission (donations welcome) Homemade refreshments for sale
- Movie viewing in a community setting
- 7:30 – 9:30pm ~ Community Room ~ Free and Open to the Public

Feb. 9 **The Red Shoes** (1948)

"One of Powell and Pressburger's best-loved films, *The Red Shoes* . . . is perhaps the definitive ballet movie. The film interweaves the story of an ambitious young ballerina, Vicky (Maira Shearer), with that of *The Red Shoes* ballet (inspired by Hans Christian Andersen) which forms its centrepiece - the most dazzling flight of fantasy in Powell's career, and scarcely matched in British cinema." (Screen Online)

Feb. 16 **Since Otar Left** (2003)

"Documentary filmmaker Julie Bertucelli's impeccably shot first feature set in Tbilisi with a mixed cast of French, Russian, and Georgian actors-is a sweet, accomplished fable of loss and self-deception in the post-Soviet world. It's also an effective mother-daughter-granddaughter drama featuring the amazing Esther Gorintin." J. Hoberman, THE VILLAGE VOICE

Feb. 23 **Bulworth**

Warren Beaty, Halle Barry, Don Cheadle, Christine Baranski, Paul Sorvino

An "outrageous, over-the-top black comedy produced, directed, and cowritten by Warren Beatty. It is a frontal attack on two of the most egregious problems in U.S. politics — racism and campaign financing."



Art News

Douglas Lufkin, known as a designer and illustrator in Norwich, VT, has been a photographer for over 25 years. He especially enjoys working with the technically-challenging panoramic format. His photographic exhibit runs **through February 27**.

Using a Canon EOS 10D digital camera with a fish-eye lens and special tripod, he takes eight photographs to capture the full surroundings. The photographs are processed through four different computer programs. The results are spectacular, and convey a sense of space and place in a way that traditional photography cannot. A panoramic photograph shows us more of an environment in one view than we are accustomed to perceiving. This distorts our sense of perspective, and causes us to consider how we view our surroundings. What is the "correct" way of seeing and understanding our world? Are there other perspectives?

Display Cases

The **Marion Cross School** displays a variety of student work. Please stop at the display cases in the entrance to the Library and view what the children of Norwich are learning in reading, writing and arithmetic as well as in art and special projects. **Through February**.

Children's Events

All children's events take place in the Community Room.

Word Play

Stories, songs, rhymes & fingerplay for kids 0-3 & their caregivers

Wednesdays 10:30 -11:00am

February 7 Music Everywhere

February 14 I Love Everybody

February 21 Can You See the Sea?

February 28 What's for Breakfast?

March 7 Hug Your Teddy

Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-6 and their caregivers

Bring a lunch and make a craft. Fridays 11:30-12:15

February 9 Be Mine, Valentine

February 16 I've Got Rhythm

February 23 The Annual Beach Party

March 2 Pancakes, Flapjacks & Syrup

March 9 Bearly There

Bedtime Storytime

Kids, come to the Library in your jammies for Storytime, first Thursday of the month. Join us on March 1 & April 5 at 7pm for lots of fun!

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Carrie Wheelock, **Library Assistant**

Hours

Monday: 1pm-8pm

Tuesday: 10am-5:30pm

Wednesday: 10am-5:30pm

Thursday: 10am-8pm

Friday: 10am-5:30pm

Saturday: 10am-3pm

Due Dates

*4 weeks for many items

*2 weeks for new items with red dot, cassettes, interlibrary loans, and magazines

*1 week for videos and DVDs and Discovery Packs

Fines

*5¢ per day for most items

*50¢ per day for videos, DVDs, Discovery Packs & Inter-library Loans

Bookmark & New Acquisitions

Visit our website at www.norwichlibrary.org to read the current issue of *Bookmark* and see new acquisitions.

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