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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

The streets of Norwich are once again bustling with cars, bikes and students walking to and from school. The evenings are getting cooler and the trees have a reddish hue. Fall is on its way! This fall the Library will be humming with energy as we launch two new and exciting events.

First Wednesdays, a program of the Vermont Humanities Council, begins Wednesday October 1st. Co-hosted by the Library and the Norwich Historical Society, *First Wednesdays* is an eight-month series of free public lectures. Our first speaker is Dr. Alan Fern, director emeritus of the National Portrait Gallery. He will be discussing how Alfred Stieglitz (noted photographer, art dealer and husband of Georgia O'Keeffe), altered the course of 20th century art. November brings the former Iranian Ambassador to the U.N., Mansour Farhang who will consider U.S.- Iranian Relations. All lectures will take place at the Norwich Congregational Church beginning at 7:00PM. Program brochures are available at the Library and more info can be found on our website. We would like to thank The Byrne Foundation, the Friends of the Library, Harbor Mountain Press and Mascoma Savings Bank for their support in underwriting this series.

November sets the stage for our first-ever fundraising gala, *Uncovered: The Art of the Altered Book*. This unique fundraiser will kick off on Monday November 10th with a lecture by acclaimed author & illustrator, David Macaulay. Mr. Macaulay will discuss his new book, *The Way We Work: Getting to Know the Amazing Human Body*. Other events include an open studio for people interested in making their own altered book, an artist's panel, and on November 20th, the Gala Auction which will take place at the Library. Thirty-six artists are participating, including Mary Azarian, Chris Demerest and Antoinette Jacobson. More information can be found on the event website: <http://alteredbooks.ameridane.org>.

The Library is now subscribing to three new online databases, Heritage Quest (genealogical resources), WilsonWeb (biographical resources) and Global Road Warrior (country resources). All are available 24/7 via our website and both WilsonWeb and Global Road Warrior have specific databases appropriate for elementary and high school students.

Traditionally fall is a big season for book publishers and judging by the number of books being released in September, this year is no different. New books set to arrive this month include titles by Thomas Friedman, Alexander McCall Smith, Annie Proulx, Philip Roth, Curtis Sittenfeld, and Elizabeth Peters. Just what is needed to help us make the transition from summer to fall.

LIBRARY NEWS

As Lucinda noted in her column, *Ist Wednesdays*, will begin October 1. Hosted by the Library & Norwich Historical Society, the series of diverse lectures with nationally and regionally renowned speakers, draws large audiences. Please join us!

Congregational Church, 15 Church Street, Norwich
For further information, please call the Library: 802.649.1184
7:00PM on the first Wednesday of every month
Please note the schedule through December for NPL below:

October 1 ~ Alfred Stieglitz and the Rise of Modernism in America

In this illustrated talk, Dr. Alan Fern, director emeritus of the National Portrait Gallery, explores how Alfred Stieglitz (1864–1946) photographer, art dealer, and husband of painter Georgia O’Keeffe, dramatically altered the course of the arts. Sponsor: Norwich Bookstore

November 5 ~ The New President and U.S.-Iranian Relations

Former Iranian Ambassador to the U.N. Mansour Farhang considers the possibility and potential benefits of America’s new president attempting to transcend thirty years of tension between the U.S. and Iran.

December 3 ~ 27 Rue de Fleurus

Dartmouth professor Barbara Will describes the salon Gertrude Stein created on the Left Bank in Paris, which included many twentieth century artistic and literary luminaries.

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Lucinda
Beginner’s Greek by Jim Collins
Black Seconds by Karin Fossum
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer
Twilight by Stephanie Meyer

Lisa
American Savior by Roland Merullo
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer
The Boat by Nam Le
Girl with No Shadow by Joanne Harris
Made in the U.S.A. by Billie Letts
Assisted Loving by Bob Morris

Beth
Breathing Under Water by T. Greenwood
Nearer Than Sky by T. Greenwood
In the Woods by Tana French
The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

Wendy
The Search for Modern China by Jonathan Spence

Stephanie
Mission to America by Walter Kirn
Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides

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Lisa
The Monsters of Templeton by Lauren Groff

Beth
Traitor’s Gate by Avi

Stephanie
Blue Screen by Robert B. Parker
High Profile by Robert B. Parker
Pardonable Lies by Jacqueline Winspear

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Lisa
The Devil’s Playground (LUV DVD)

Beth
The Waterhorse
Shrek the Third
The Sword and the Stone

Welcome to Peggy

When you have a minute, stop by and say “Hi!” to our new **Children’s Room Assistant, Peggy Ramel**. She will be here Monday through Wednesday and Fridays helping out in the afternoons. We’re so excited to have her here shelving, cutting and pasting craft projects, photocopying, and helping kids to find the books they need. We’re sure that once you meet her, you will be too. This Fall is going to be an exciting one, and now we’re off to a great start.

Come Stay Up All Night and Read

In celebration of the release of *Brisings*, the third book by Christopher Paolini, we will be hosting a **Read-a-Thon** the night of **Friday, September 19th at 8PM**. Please order the book at The Norwich Bookstore and we will make sure they are passed out at *Midnight* so you can stay up all night reading, here at the Library. Not a dragon fan? Consider ordering a copy of *39 Clues* the first book in a series about a race for a real-life treasure. This one is written by Rick Riordan, author of the Percy Jackson books. The Library will also be raffling off card packs that are associated with the books throughout the night; perhaps that will help us on our way to solve at least one of these 39 clues. If you’re a fan of Cornelia Funke’s *Ink* series, take heart. Though *Inkdeath* won’t be published until October, staying up all night and rereading the first two books will get you ready for the release of the third book in that trilogy. Kids in grades 4-8 who are interested in participating in our Read-a-Thon should pick up a pledge form at the Library. Now is the time to ask members of the community to sponsor you for the number of pages that you read during that night. The more you read the more you’ll be helping the Library raise money for new books. Please note, the books mentioned here are merely suggestions; kids are asked to bring a book with them that they will be excited to read--something that is truly and totally un-put-down-able. For more information please call 802-649-1184.

Illustrator Evenings with Families in Mind

On **Thursday, October 16th, 6:30-8PM**, **illustrator Matt Phelan** will be at the Library to teach us a few tricks of his artistic trade. **First though, kids and their parents are invited to sign up for an introductory evening on Thursday, September 24th at 6:30PM**. We will pass out sketch books and spend the evening decorating and personalizing the covers. We will also discuss how to fill the blank books. Families will be asked to record events of the following weeks—anything from a typical day to a momentous occasion. Pages should be left blank throughout in the hope that spending time with Matt Phelan in October will allow us to sketch and illustrate the books. The Library will host a showing of everyone’s work in November. For more information on these two events, please call 802-649-1184. For more information on the amazing Matt Phelan and his books, please visit www.mattphelan.com.

Summer Reading Comes to a Close

At the time of this publication we are still tabulating numbers and raffling off prizes, but here are some things we do know:

- ❖ 80 kids attended our Summer Reading Kickoff Party.
- ❖ Over 160 kids signed a reading contract this summer.
- ❖ 45 kids and adults turned out to see Jungle Steve and his Amazing Arthropods.
- ❖ Our Creature Feature movie nights drew in close to 100 kids and adults over the course of six weeks.

Whew, what a summer! A Great Big Thank You to **King Arthur Flour** for providing us with cookie coupons for those kids who completed their reading contracts—talk about a sweet treat. Not to be thinking too far ahead, but next year’s theme promises to be a real masterpiece when we celebrate Art.

A New School Year in Which Knit Happens

During the last school year, kids in grades 3-6 met at the Library on **Friday afternoons, 3:30-5PM**, to work on their latest project-- hats for the **Afghans for Afghans** program. Right now our focus is trying to finish up anything yet-to-be-completed. Once that’s done, we’ll be getting started to knit little articles of clothing to donate to the **Vermont March of Dimes**. Spending Friday afternoons here at the Library is the perfect thing to do now that the weather has started to turn just a teensy bit cooler. We are looking forward to seeing you, knitting needles in hand.

NPL CALENDAR

Art ~ Daniel McGinley-Smith exhibits his photographs in a show entitled "Morning Light Together" opens on Sept 4-Oct 31 with an **opening reception on Friday, Sept 5th, from 5-7PM.**

"I grew up surrounded and inspired by my grandfather's watercolor paintings, paintings of natural and human landscapes in New Hampshire. When I was eight, I took a black and white darkroom course at my local community art center and became interested in photography. I continued to pursue black and white darkroom work on and off until I purchase my first digital SLR camera 4 years ago. Color has always seemed too complicated for me. With black and white, I can simplify my images more easily, focusing on the building blocks of lines and contrast. I have always believed that beautiful photographs do not require beautiful subjects. This is perhaps why I have struggled in my transition to photograph the beautiful place we live. In the city, I could see the lines and contrasting forms most easily. Now I am distracted by the beauty, but also inspired by the feelings that the natural world brings as a subject matter. Of note, nearly all of the photographs in this show were taken with at least one child, and sometime more than one with me. We saw these places and things together. I have to thank Sage, Mica and Ezra for the early morning light. Without them, I would have been fast asleep, unaware of the dawn light on Blood Brook."

CHILDREN'S EVENTS CALENDAR

Word Play


Stories, songs, rhymes & fingerplay for kids 0-3 & their caregivers. Wednesdays 10:30-11:00AM

September 3	Hello, Hello
September 10	Your ABC's
September 17	Backyard Lullaby
September 24	Leaves it to Me
October 1	The Princess and The Knight

Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-6 and their caregivers
Bring a lunch and make a craft. Fridays 12:00-12:45PM

September 5	Me and My Family
September 12	The Nicest of Numbers, 1-2-3
September 19	Camping Out
September 26	Fall, Leaves, Fall
October 3	Fun with Fairytales

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